



The atmosphere in the room instantly altered when everyone heard what the bald man said.

Their worries intensified

If Mr Chu had really run for it, then who was going to help save Jiangdong?

Everyone fell into silence instantly.

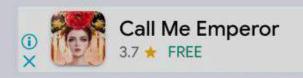
Only the bald man's sad and indignant voice could be heard echoing through the room.

"No way. Ye Fan isn't a selfish man. Even if he were going to run, he would have told us all. He wouldn't have run off and left everyone in the lurch," said Qiu Mu-Cheng as she shook her head. She didn't believe that Ye Fan could have taken off.

"Yes, I trust Mr Chu too. He isn't the heartless sort," Li Er chimed in.

Lei San and Chen Ao also chimed in and nodded.

"Yes, that's right. Mr Chu is a loyal man. There's no way he would desert his wife and run off on his own."





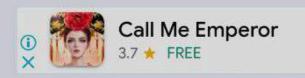
"Maybe he was held up by something."

But even as they defended Ye Fan, Wang Jie-Xi, who remained silent all this time, shook his head with a smile on his face instead. "Does loyalty still amount to anything in the face of death?"

# Hmm?

"Mr Wang, what do you mean by that?" Li Er frowned as he looked at Wang Jie-Xi. He could sense that Wang Jie-Xi was implying something else.

Wang Jie-Xi shook his head and smiled to say, "Master Li, don't mind me, I'm just making a casual remark. The important thing now is to come to a decision on who we should ask to help fight Mochizuki Kawa. Oh yes, what about the president of Jiangdong's Martial Arts Association? We wanted to seek his help when Wu He-Rong caused chaos. Sadly, he was abroad attending an international martial arts exchange, but he should be back by now. He is a publicly recognized martial arts expert and highly respected. If we can get him to help us, we might be able to survive it even without Mr Chu," said Wang Jie-Xi as he





looked at everyone else.

Everyone felt that it was an excellent idea.

"I agree!"

"Before Mr Chu made a name for himself, the best Chinese martial arts expert in Jiangdong was the president of the Martial Arts Association."

"He has made a name for himself abroad as well."

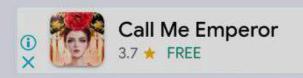
"Maybe he is stronger than Mr Chu even?"

Everyone excitedly agreed.

But Lei San shook his head and sighed.

"You're talking about Murong Feng, right? Sadly, it's too late. He was the first person Mochizuki Kawa maimed when he arrived at Jiangdong. Murong Feng is still lying in ICU, hanging onto his dear life. His disciples were the ones who told me about Mochizuki Kawa arriving in China."

What?





"Murong Feng has been maimed?"

Everyone was stunned by the news and the weight in their hearts became increasingly heavy.

"Oh yes. Master Li, didn't you hire a martial arts expert from Jiangbei to teach your little sister martial arts? I heard he reigned champion in the fighting ring ever since he came to Yunzhou. Why don't we ask him if he can handle Mochizuki Kawa?"

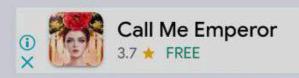
"A martial arts expert from Jiangbei?" said Lei San in slight surprise. "There are many good fighters in Jiangbei. Their martial arts development certainly surpasses Jiangdong."

"Maybe this guy can do it. Li Er, why don't you call him now?" persuaded Lei San.

Li Er contemplated for a moment before he said, "You must be talking about Master Zheng He, right? Okay, I'll call and ask."

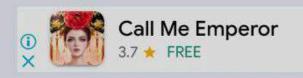
In all honesty, Li Er wasn't so sure about Zheng He.

After all, Mochizuki Kawa was capable of











changing the geography with a single sweep of his sword, whereas Zheng He certainly didn't look as powerful.

But since they were desperate, Li Er tried.

He took out his phone and unlocked it, and was about to hit dial.

Then came a sudden rumble.

After a thunderous crash, everyone saw the wall behind them shattering.

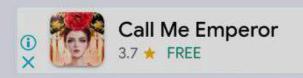
It tore into spider webs before spreading everywhere as quickly as the eye could see.

In the end, it blew up and left a cavernous hole in the wall.

It looked like the gaping jaws of death, and the raging wind instantly swept across the room.

The crockery on the table got caught by the wind and fell onto the ground with a crash and broke into smithereens.

"What the ... "





Everyone went into a daze with terror brimming from their eyes as they stared dead straight.

Then a silhouette emerged like a demon from the dark shadows and stood there.

Half his body was concealed in a shadow near the window.

And his other half was under the dim light.

He stood amid the shadows, where light and darkness overlapped.

He was like a demon from the pits of hell roaming the earth.

Lei San finally caught sight of his face.

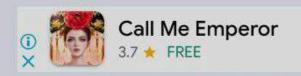
"It's you, Mochizuki Kawa!!!"

What?

It felt like a stone had been cast into the ocean, sending tsunamis in its wake.

Lei San's fearful cry left everyone petrified.

All of them turned to look at the aged





silhouette walking out of the shadows, with their faces ghastly pale while they trembled hard as though they had seen a ghost.

"He...he's the Sword God of Japan, Mochizuki...Kawa."

Everyone gaped and deeply inhaled as they shouted in disbelief

Even Chen Ao was so frightened that he jumped from his seat and stared at the man.

Li Er was so terrified that he felt as though his soul had departed from his body!

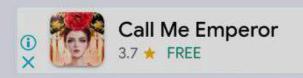
The moment the wall exploded, he had already slumped to the ground and squatted under the table.

Everyone was stunned.

They were utterly stupefied!

It felt as though a part of their souls were extinguished in the process.

They had gathered here tonight to discuss how to eliminate Mochizuki Kawa.





But they didn't expect Mochizuki Kawa to come charging at them before they even came up with a solution!

He made a shocking entrance no less and charged right through the wall without taking the door or going through the window.

They were on the ninth floor for crying out loud!

Heavens!

How did he get up here?

Did he fly all the way up here or something?

He punched right through the wall even!

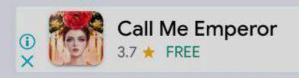
Crap!

What was he trying to do?

Did he plan on killing them all with one fell swoop?

Li Er and the others almost peed their pants.

They were even prepared to die.





Qiu Mu-Cheng and Xu Lei turned ghastly pale as terror filled their eyes.

Even people as worldly-wise as Chen Ao and the other leaders were incapable of staying calm, let alone women like Qiu Mu-Cheng and Xu Lei.



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In an instant, the entire restaurant fell into a deathly silence.

The silence that enshrouded made them feel as though they were standing in hell.

Only the old man dressed in a robe stood in the darkness and looked at everyone sinisterly. Then his evil voice quietly rang through the air.

"Tell Ye Fan. I'll wait for him at Dongchang Lake in ten days' time. If he doesn't turn up, then Jiangdong will end up like this table!"

#### CRASH!

The old man hit the table, and it exploded into pieces.

All that remained of it was powder scattering in the wind.

Even though he had hit the table, it was as good as hitting their hearts.

Chen Ao and the others shivered and felt even more fearful!

No one expected all these well-bred leaders



to be so petrified by Mochizuki Kawa that they didn't dare to utter a word.

Everyone looked on worriedly.

None of them dared to even breathe loudly, let alone say a word.

They just kept shivering nonstop uncontrollably!

After the table was destroyed, Qiu Mu-Cheng and Xu Lei both emerged before Mochizuki Kawa's eyes.

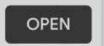
Their stunning looks under the dim light left Mochizuki Kawa astonished.

He raised his head to look at Qiu Mu-Cheng and Xu Lei and asked expressionlessly, "If I am not mistaken, one of you is Ye Fan's wife, right? Tell me, who is it?"

His deep powerful voice sounded as though it was capable of splitting stones.

The temperature in the room lowered yet again.

Qiu Mu-Cheng was born in a small family in



Yunzhou. She only recently became CEO of a multi-billion company with Ye Fan's help.

So Qiu Mu-Cheng had never experienced such a situation before.

Qiu Mu-Cheng was so terrified by Mochizuki Kawa's sinister voice that her face went deathly pale.

She didn't even dare to say a word.

"I will ask you this again. Which one of you is his wife?"

His thunderous voice exploded throughout the room.

This time, Mochizuki Kawa clearly sounded angrier.

If Qiu Mu-Cheng didn't admit that she was Ye Fan's wife, Mochizuki Kawa would undoubtedly start slaughtering them.

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Qiu Mu-Cheng was about to admit who she was, but she hung her head and trembled nonstop uncontrollably out of fear.



Then Xu Lei suddenly stepped forward.

"It's me. I'm Fan's wife!"

Xu Lei's words left everyone stunned.

Everyone turned to look in astonishment.

"Miss Xu...you..."

Qiu Mu-Cheng was dumbstruck. She didn't expect that Xu Lei would admit to being Ye Fan's wife.

However, Xu Lei ignored their astonishment and straightened her back with a dignified aura radiating from her cold and gorgeous face.

She looked straight ahead fearlessly.

"Mochizuki Kawa, you wreaked havoc in Jiangdong and went around slaughtering our people. Aren't you worried about incurring Fan's wrath?" asked Xu Lei coldly.

Mochizuki Kawa instantly laughed when he heard what Xu Lei said.

"It appears that you believe in his abilities a









lot. In that case, come with me. If he doesn't come in 10 days, then I will sacrifice you to Ying-Long and Ying-Tian!"

Mochizuki Kawa waved his hand after laughing coldly. An energy shot out from his hand and wrapped itself around Xu Lei and she ended up in Mochizuki Kawa's hands.

Everyone was shocked by this sight.

Qiu Mu-Cheng was startled. She suppressed her terror and gritted her teeth as she said, "No, she isn't his wife. I am. Don't drag her into this."

Qiu Mu-Cheng's words left Mochizuki Kawa confused.

Mochizuki Kawa turned to look at Xu Lei before turning his eyes to Qiu Mu-Cheng with her face pale and eyes red. Then he instantly laughed.

"Interesting. Both of you are scrambling to send yourself to your deaths. Young lady, you are a bad liar. Since Ye Fan is the selfproclaimed Mr Chu of Jiangdong, how can his wife be as ordinary as you? Regardless of grace and temperament, you can't



compare to her. She is clearly the real deal, and you are just an impostor," said Mochizuki Kawa calmly as he looked at Qiu Mu-Cheng.

Then he took Xu Lei and jumped into the darkness behind him without lingering.

Mochizuki Kawa came suddenly, and left just as suddenly.

Very quickly, peace was restored in the restaurant.

But no one said anything for a long time after Mochizuki Kawa left.

Only the raging cold wind gusting in from the dark hole was audible.

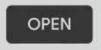
It was piercingly cold, and many people shivered uncontrollably.

Li Er finally climbed out from under his chair after suffering a huge shock previously.

He looked around and said with a bitter smile, "Am...am I...still alive?"

They had yet to recover from their fright.





Qiu Mu-Cheng stared outside the window into the darkness in a daze. Tears kept welling up in her eyes from the guilt, gratitude, and great concern in her heart.

Xu Lei had been taken away!

And she had been taken away because she wanted to protect Qiu Mu-Cheng.

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The night passed quickly.

However, the after-effects of the events that transpired last night were far from over.

Someone probably purposely spread the news secretly, since news of Mochizuki Kawa inviting Mr Chu to a fight ten days from now had swept through Jiangdong's martial arts circles like an unstoppable typhoon.

At the same time, news that Mr Chu's wife was taken by Mochizuki Kawa got out as well.

Both pieces of news spread like an unstoppable wildfire.

Li Er, Chen Ao, and the others didn't interfere.

They were even eager to see the news get out.

After all, Ye Fan would more likely catch wind of it if it spread more widely.

No one knew of Ye Fan's whereabouts, and he was completely uncontactable, so they could only resort to this.

They hoped that he would come back soon!

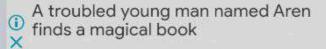
Everyone thought that this was nothing but local news.

But they underestimated the reputation of Japan's Sword God!

In a matter of days, news about Mochizuki Kawa challenging Mr Chu to a duel at Dongchang Lake had spread throughout the nation.

It caused a major sensation throughout the martial arts circles in Jiangbei, Jiangnan and even the Xinan.

"Oh my! Have you heard? The Sword God of





Japan, Mochizuki Kawa, has come to China again! Also, he challenged Mr Chu to a duel in ten days at Dongchang Lake!"

"What? Mochizuki Kawa is back?"

"30 years ago, the God of War managed to inflict critical damage on Mochizuki Kawa! Back in the day, he swore never to set foot in our country again, so the God of War let him go. After 30 years, he broke his promise and turned up here again! Does he want to fight with our martial artists?"

"But who is Mr Chu of Jiangdong? We have never heard of him. Is there such a person in the Chinese martial arts circles?"



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