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Fade called Otto to briefly talk about Teddie's affairs and advised Otto's family to pay more attention to his condition.

After that, Fade and Otto talked about the Chief Executive's previous invitation to participate in Jade City's medical reform. He wanted to hear from Otto about what he thought about it.

Upon hearing this, Otto unconditionally supported Fade. In fact, he hoped that Fade would immediately agree to the Chief Executive's invitation and become a part of Jade City's medical reform.

After all, Otto and his clinic had actually been secretly reforming the pharmaceutical industry for the past few years. This was exactly what the Chief Executive and Fade had previously discussed.

First of all, Otto's Clinic was an ordinary pharmacy. He barely earned any profit from treating patients and would charge them cheap for medicine. As soon as he encountered poor patients, he would even help to subsidize their treatment fees.

On the other hand, Otto's perseverance which lasted for so many years had been regarded as a huge movement towards the development of Jade City's Chinese Medicine practitioner career.

After hearing what Otto said, Fade finally made up his mind. After returning home and discussing with Lily, he was determined and finally understood the hidden meaning of the Sincere Medicine Center.

Then, Fade immediately called the Chief Executive to affirm his point of view.

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The Chief Executive, Mr. Alastair was very pleased with Fade's thoughts. He immediately began to make the necessary arrangements. Of course, Fade didn't forget to mention Otto Clinic during the phone call. He hoped that Mr. Alastair would let Otto join the movement of reforming the pharmaceutical industry together with him.

As such, everyone in the medical industry in Jade City was anticipating this grand announcement.

A week later, the Chief Executive released the latest medical reform outline for Jade City's pharmaceutical industry. In particular, the promotion of affordable medical care, as well as Chinese Medicine, were regarded as the two major highlights within the reform proposals.

Along with this, there was another important piece of news announced.

It was announced that the Sincere Medicine Center will be the first experimental pharmaceutical unit to cooperate with Jade City's government to carry out the medical reforms in the pharmaceutical industry. In the future, more experimental pharmaceutical units would be further developed, including Otto Clinic.

In reality, it was indeed not sufficient to solely rely on hospitals specializing in Chinese Medicine. Corresponding reforms would also be carried out at the same time at various hospitals specializing in modern western medicine.

Such pieces of news were probably uninteresting and even boring to ordinary citizens. However, it was a major announcement to the people involved in Jade City's medicinal and pharmaceutical industry, sending waves of shock and astonishment amongst them.

The major pharmaceutical companies that were initially secretly competing with each other were instantaneously confused. They initially thought that the Li family would've been the one to win the bid for this medical reform.

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After all, Sasha did personally step forward for the event.

Even if the Li family failed to win the bid, the winning bid should also be won by major medicinal giants. However, everyone was stunned since the bid was actually won by Fade's Sincere Medicine Center.

Fade was an outsider who'd only been in Jade City for less than two months. There was no way that he could compare to local businessmen, who had both the connections as well as the wealth.

Yet, Fade had managed to emerge victorious in this historical medical reform.

All of a sudden, representatives of the major bosses in the Jade City's pharmaceutical industries were all agitated.

They all gathered together at the Li family's mansion. They wanted to discuss with Sasha possible solutions to deal with Fade.

However, Sasha never showed up.

Their first assumption was that Sasha was just busy. However, none of them knew that she was instead resting at home. She didn't show up as she was frightened by Fade who empty-handedly took on the bullets from a few days ago.

Without the support of the Li family, the clamorous group of people could only return in anguish. Then, they tried every possible means to suppress Fade's Sincere Medicine Center.

Some directly wrote letters and personally called the Chief Executive, constantly telling him about the inadequacy and dangers of Sincere Medicine Center.

Meanwhile, some gritted their teeth and lowered the price of their own medicinal products, initiating a price war with Sincere Medicine Center.

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Others even directly bribed the media shamelessly to exaggerate various conspiracy theories about the retrogression and dangers of Chinese medicine on national television and the Internet.

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In short, they simply refused to see the rise of Fade and his Sincere Medicine Center. They wanted to snatch back their advantage in the market as well as the money that originally belonged to them.

However, Fade's Sincere Medicine Center managed to wring themselves free of these rumours and continued developing rapidly.

The number of patients who went to Fade's clinic increased exponentially, along with the amount of medicine sold daily.

The root cause of such changes were naturally Fade's superb medical skills and their affordable medicines.

For many common minor sicknesses, Fade had already prepared the corresponding prescriptions in advance and directly fused them into medicinal pills. These bottles would cost only a few yuan, and were guaranteed to cure the illnesses almost entirely.

For other slightly more complicated medical conditions, the patients could basically recover in a week's time. At most, it would only cost a few hundred yuan for complete recovery.

Such affordable and effective medical treatments were naturally popular amongst the public and rapidly spread throughout the entire Jade City.

With the successful development of the Sincere Medicine Center, it could be said that this first experimental pharmaceutical unit was a success. Next, the second batch of experimental pharmaceutical units, including Otto Clinic, continued to open as planned.

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This was already a good start to the medical reform in the city. From there onwards, its development only grew faster and better, seeing no signs of slowing down or regressing.

The stubborn bosses who tried to obstruct Fade before were also facing hardships now. The profits of their respective pharmaceutical factories plummeted, and those who were engaged in public opinion wars to discredit Sincere Medicine Center had also been arrested.

Under such circumstances, Sincere Medicine Center only grew better and bigger. Its developmental success was only growing.

As of then, Sasha looked at various relevant reports on the Internet in the Li family's villa. Her face turned pale with anger as she closed the laptop heavily. Then, she snorted and gritted her teeth in frustration, "Fade Chen... "

A middle-aged man was seated beside Sasha. He wore a tidy suit and looked quite prim and proper. The man gently placed down his teacup upon seeing her reaction and chuckled gently, asking, "Sasha, why are you so angry?"

Sasha looked at him and complained angrily: "Dad, don't you know? Just look at the news! Fade's medical center has already developed so quickly. Why aren't you worried about me at all?"

This middle-aged man was Martin. He was Sasha's father as well as the current head of the Li family.

Looking at his angry daughter, he just smiled and said, "It's just a small business, so there is no need to worry about it. At worst, we can just choose not to do it at all."

Indeed, the main assets of the Li family were always focused on real estate, energy, and other industries. As for the pharmaceutical industry, they just decided to enter it since they were here. Their main objective was to seize another piece of business territory in Jade City since Maritime Ocean Pharma had gone bankrupt.

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Even if they failed, it wasn't a major problem for the Li family. After all, this was just a small business worth billions of yuan. However, as soon as Sasha heard those words, she looked seriously concerned and asked, "Dad, why do you say this too? This is not a question of it being a small business at all; this is a matter related to me proving my own ability."

"I've boasted about what I can do in front of our relatives previously. If I fail this time, how will I be able to have a foothold in the family in the future? This is also a huge blow to your prestige, Dad."

"Therefore, I must succeed," Sasha said in determination.

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Looking at his daughter, who was putting on a serious face, Martin fell silent for a while.

He knew that although his daughter was a little anxious, the underlying meaning in her words was right.

Currently, Old Master Li's health condition was worsening day by day. He could pass away any time soon. Despite being the head of the family, there were still a lot of siblings and elders to face.

There were some things that even he could not control. For example, he was not able to have Sasha rise up to the position of head of the Li family and dominate the family. At least, not yet.

To achieve that, he had to first present Sasha's corresponding achievements and flaunt her skills. Otherwise, Sasha would be unable to convince the crowd to submit with merely Martin's words. There was no way she'd be able to become the head of the Li family.

It was precise because he wanted Sasha to gain some achievements that he provided her with the adequate resources to form a team right after the news of Jade City's medical reforms in the pharmaceutical industry broke out. Sasha wanted to win over this project in one swoop to prove that she was the rightful successor of the family.

Initially, she thought that with the support of the Li family's professional team and abundant funds coupled with the prestige and connections of the Li family, she would be able to achieve outstanding results.

She did not expect Fade to suddenly appear and defeat her in the bid for this project. She had expected to be the one to lead the family with such failures, she would definitely receive grave criticism. It would only make her road to becoming the rightful successor of the Li family even more difficult.

In this, Sasha was fuming when she saw all kinds of news about the Sincere Medicine Center. After all, the better the Sincere Medicine Center was, the more proof it was for Sasha's failure.

She talked to her father who was still silent. She tried pleading with him, "Dad, can you tell me what I should do next?"

Her father gave her some thought but still remained silent. Instead, he looked at Sasha and asked, "Tell me, what do you want to do?"

Sasha clenched her fists and gritted her teeth, saying, "I can't just admit defeat like this. I must fight against the Sincere Medicine Center and Fade, no matter what."

"Are you going to fight to the end?" Martin followed up.

Sasha was taken aback for a moment. She considered it for a while and finally said, "I will continue to invest more. As for the Sincere Medicine Center, I will try to find some connections and strive to win over the collaboration projects. After all, Sincere Medicine is just an experimental pharmaceutical unit. It doesn't represent the final results."

Martin shook his head in disappointment, sighing at the same time.

Sasha couldn't help but ask, "Dad, is my idea that bad? Then tell me, what should I do?"

Martin looked at his daughter dotingly and secretly sighed. Although his daughter was not young anymore, she had been busy enjoying herself for the past few years. She did not really get the chance to participate in the family business.

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Hence, she was still too naive when it came to making decisions regarding businesses. However, she was his own flesh and blood. He had to help her after all.

He got up and sat next to Sasha, advising her, "Sasha, before deciding what to do next, you must first figure out the current situation."

"The current situation?" Sasha pondered and told him, "The current situation is that Sincere Medicine Center is developing better each day. If I don't stop it and wait till it fully develops and grows, I will stand no chance at all."

Martin then continued, "This is just what it looks like on the surface. For people like us who are involved in business, we have to learn to read between the lines and discern the actual situation."

"Think carefully about the medical reforms. The Chief Executive personally interviewed Fade, subsequently adding in an entry to promote Chinese Medicine in related documents. He also talked about the achievements of the Sincere Medicine Centre on television programs many times. What does this indicate?"

"This..." Sasha vaguely thought of something. Her expression fell.

Martin continued, "This means that the Chief Executive has attached great importance to the Sincere Medicine Center, as well as the promotion of affordable medical care and Chinese medicine. This is the trend set by the Chief Executive, and it cannot be reversed."

Hearing this, Sasha couldn't help but felt anxious. She asked, "If it can't be reversed, then what should I do? Should I just admit defeat like this? How can I raise my head in front of the family in the future?"

Martin laughed, "Of course, we must not just concede defeat."

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"If I don't admit defeat, what should I do?" Sasha frowned.

Martin enlightened his daughter, "Since the trend cannot be reversed, why do you have to fight against the trend? It's better to change the direction and follow the trend!"

"Oh..." When reminded by her father, Sasha suddenly realized something. She looked at her father and said, "Dad, do you mean that since the Chief Executive wants to promote affordable medical care and Chinese Medicine, we should simply follow suit and provide affordable medical care and Chinese Medicine?"

Seeing that his daughter finally got the hang of it, Martin couldn't help but smile reassuringly. He nodded, "Yes, that's the way."

"Just think of the various reasons why Sincere Medicine Center is so popular. First, the price of medicine is cheap, and the second is that it has equally amazing effects. If that's the case, we should also set up a pharmacy, spend some money to hire famous doctors and subsidize the price of the medicine sold."

"Our family has a strong background. Do you think that Fade will be our opponent if we initiated a price war?" Martin asked.

When Sasha heard him, she smiled excitedly and twirled around in joy, "He definitely won't be our opponent! We are invincible here in Jade City."

"Dad, this is a good idea, I will arrange for someone to do it right away. This time, I must succeed and utterly defeat Fade. At the same time, I will prove to the family that I, Sasha, am not someone who can be easily taken lightly," Sasha said in determination.

Martin nodded in satisfaction, "Good. I will ask Secretary Liu to help you with this matter later."

"Thank you, Dad!" Sasha was overjoyed upon hearing this and quickly thanked him. After all, Secretary Liu was Martin's personal secretary. He had been with Martin for many years and had been in charge of countless business deals and projects.

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Now that Martin had asked Secretary Liu to help Sasha with this, it was definitely going to guarantee nothing but success. With this, Sasha, who had been dormant for a while, began to get busy again.

In the next few days, the Li family opened a new store in Jade City at an incredible speed. The new store wasn't a simple pharmacy like the Sincere Medicine Center. Instead, it was a five-story hospital with an area of several thousand square meters that specialized in Chinese Medicine.

The hospital scouted most of the most well-known Chinese medicine practitioners in Jade City, and even purchased all the best equipment. The Li family advertised their newly opened "The Li's Hospital " in various media outlets regardless of the cost needed.

With the strong advertising done by the Li family coupled with unbelievable subsidies that cost more than they earned, the price for medical treatment at The Li's Hospital eventually turned out to be at least 30% lower than that of the Sincere Medicine Center.

As a result, many patients rushed towards the Li's Hospital.

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In less than a week's time, The Li's Hospital's name spread throughout Jade City like wildfire.

There was an endless stream of people coming in for consultations, and the number was increasing each day. It was even more popular than when the Sincere Medicine Center opened.

With the fame of The Li's Hospital, the business of Sincere Medicine Center was gravely affected. The number of patients grew lesser each day. In a week, the number of patients that went to the Sincere Medicine Center was less than half of the previous week.

Moreover, amongst them, many patients only came to the Sincere Medicine Center because they were unable to obtain a booking at the Li's Hospital.

As soon as they arrived at the entrance of the pharmacy, they complained constantly.

Some huffed that the queue here was too long and they had to wait for a long time.

Some complained that the environment of Sincere Medicine Center was so bad. Patients didn't even have a place to lay down.

Some even said that the price of medicinal treatment in Sincere Medicine Center was much more expensive than the Li's Hospital.

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These complaints, as expected, brought some negative impacts on the reputation of Sincere Medicine Center. As the situation continued to worsen, Lily couldn't help but feel a little anxious. She asked, "Fade, do you not care about the Li's Hospital?"

Fade looked at the anxious Lily and poured her a glass of water. He smiled in response, "Sister Lily, how can I care about the affairs of some other hospital? Besides, you really don't have to worry about it at all."

Lily frowned, "Why should I not be worried? Sincere Medicine Center's business is deteriorating each day, and our public reputation is also badly affected. If this continues, the Li's Hospital will surpass us. I am worried that our qualifications to participate in the medical reforms may be revoked."

Fade patted Lily's shoulders to calm her anxiety down. He chuckled, "Sister Lily, this matter really isn't that bad."

"Just think about it. the Li's Hospital is clearly the result of Miss Sasha's work. She's trying to spend money mindlessly without taking the costs into account. Since this hospital is operating at a complete loss, it will not last for long."

"But the Li family is wealthy. What if they..." Lily was still worried.

Fade smirked, "If the Li family keeps subsidizing their hospital to support its development, then that doesn't matter. After all, the Li's Hospital has indeed lowered down the price of medical care, and this has benefited more ordinary people."

"Isn't the purpose of Jade City's medical reform is to allow ordinary people to enjoy affordable medical care? Now that the Li family is willing to spend money to make medical treatments affordable, its original purpose is no longer important. After all, look at what the results have been!"

Listening to Fade's words, Lily couldn't help but feel startled. Her expression looked strange.

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She was viewing this matter from the perspective of a businesswoman and treated the Li's Hospital as a competitor to Sincere Medicine Center. The growth of the other party naturally caused the rise of Lily's anxiety and tension.

However, Fade was looking at this matter from a doctor's point of view. It didn't matter to him whether The Li's Hospital or Sincere Medicine Center outshone their competitor as long as it would bring more benefits to normal citizens.

Although Lily understood Fade's thoughts, her instinct as a businesswoman still put a frown on her face. She voiced her concerns, "Even so, don't we need to do something about it? Should we watch as the Li's Hospital continues to grow?"

Fade shook his head, "Of course not. I just mentioned that the development and growth of the Li's Hospital are good for ordinary people. However, it has to be based on the fact that the Li's Hospital is always willing to invest so much money into the hospital's costs."

"However, this possibility is not high. Once the Li's Hospital has attracted enough patients and managed to bring down its competitors, they will raise their prices. All their previous efforts in promoting their cheap Chinese medicine will only backfire on them. Also, it may bring about an adverse effect on the consumers' confidence towards Chinese Medicine."

"Such a result is definitely not something I want to see," Fade was very sure that this situation was likely to happen.

After all, a similar situation had already occurred in Sincere Medicine Center.

Sincere Medicine Center was highly praised for its extremely cheap medicine prices when it first launched. When the price of medicines at the Li's Hospital was lowered, many patients began to grow dissatisfied with the service of Sincere Medicine Center.

After all, humans were selfish. This instinct would remain unchanged since it was deeply rooted in human nature.

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In order to prevent such a situation from happening, Fade would obviously not sit still.

"What are you going to do?" Lily looked at Fade curiously.

Fade smiled mysteriously at Lily, "I'll keep it a secret for now. When the time comes, you will definitely know."

"Hey, you are still keeping secrets from me!" Lily glared at Fade but didn't pry further. She stood up and said, "I won't ask anymore since you already have a plan ready. I will go over to Fei Enterprises Holdings, while you can continue to work here."

"Okay. Goodbye, Sister Lily," Fade bid farewell to Lily.

The next day, Sincere Medicine Center was operating as usual, but the number of patients at the entrance of the pharmacy seemed to be lesser than the day before.

Fade wasn't bothered about this. He greeted the shop assistants and drove out.

The car drove all the way to the airport. Fade was going there to pick up a friend, who was also going to play a large and important part in his next plan.

When he arrived at the airport, Fade quickly met with his friend.

It was a foreigner who looked about twenty-six or twenty-seven years old. She had short brown hair and a pair of sunglasses on. She was slim, but her skin was tanned. In addition, she also had toned muscles, a sign that she was someone who worked out pretty often.

"Fade, I'm so happy to see you again," The woman was passionate and greeted Fade with a smile as soon as she saw him. She quickly pulled him into a friendly hug.

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Feeling the woman's soft but powerful muscles, Fade smiled and patted her on the back. He laughed, "Liza, it's been a long time." The woman was no one else but Liza, the well-known gourmet and journalist from Micovia.

When Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc first launched the Life Elixir Wine in Bay City, Fade and Liza had met because of a misunderstanding. Later, Liza was convinced by the magical taste and medical effects of the Life Elixir Wine introduced by Fade. Later on, Fade even managed to cure Liza's teacher, Douglas, who was also a well-known gourmet.

As such, Liza felt very grateful towards Fade. After hearing that Fade needed her help, she immediately rushed to Jade City. Fade escorted Liza into the car. Then, he got into the car as well and started the engine.

In the car, Liza asked, "Fade, where are we going now? Shall we go directly to your pharmacy?"

Fade grinned, "Don't worry about the pharmacy. Liza, you are my precious and noble guest, so how can I neglect you? First of all, I'll have to bring you around for some lunch."

Liza smiled while patting her stomach, "That's true. The meal on the plane was so unpalatable that I was about to throw up."

"I'm afraid there's no such airplane meal in the world that can satisfy your tastebuds yet," Fade joked. He asked her, "By the way, Liza, do you have any preferences or diet restrictions? I'm asking someone to look for a suitable restaurant in Jade City."

Upon mentioning this, Liza seemed to have thought of something. She clapped her hands together and said, "Speaking of which, I know of a pretty nice restaurant here, so let's go there!"

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"What restaurant is it? Liza, do you also know about Jade City's restaurants?" Fade was a little curious.

Liza smirked, "Actually, besides being a gourmet, I still have other identities."

"What is it?" Fade asked.

Liza said, "I am one of the specially invited reviewers from the Michelin restaurant headquarters. Sometimes, when I am outside, I will receive a message from the headquarters, asking me to go to a local Michelin restaurant for a meal. I'll be asked to give my review and score for the restaurant's service that will serve as a reference for the headquarters' final rating."

"This time, the headquarters knew that I was coming to Jade City, so they sent some information about the local Michelin restaurants here in advance. They asked me to try them out when I'm free. Anyways, I need to eat, so it is better for us to eat at the restaurant I was asked to try out. I'll be able to work and eat at the same time, killing two birds with one stone!"

After listening to Liza's explanation, Fade immediately understood. After all, it was normal for a world-renowned gourmet like Liza to be invited as a judge by the Michelin restaurant headquarters.

Now that Liza had made up her mind, Fade naturally wouldn't refuse her. He asked Liza for the address of the restaurant and drove over.

"Moulin Rouge Restaurant!" Fade drove to the entrance of the restaurant and they got out of the car. Looking at the huge

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restaurant about three stories tall that was coupled with exquisite and luxurious decorations, Fade instantly knew that this restaurant was definitely a top-tier restaurant.

Liza also took out a small camera and took a shot of the entrance of the restaurant, recording it as evidence of her own review. She then started reciting from her research done, "Jade City Moulin Rouge Restaurant. It's a two-Michelin star restaurant. In 2008, it was one of the first restaurants in Jade City that was selected to be certified by the Michelin board. So far, their quality is still great. Recently, the restaurant submitted a request to the Michelin headquarters for promotion in class, hoping to achieve the highest Michelin three-star rating for a restaurant."

Liza talked quickly, recording it as an evidence for her review, while also explaining it to Fade.

Fade listened carefully. Then, he went into the restaurant with Liza.

The staff immediately greeted them upon their arrival. Liza deliberately chose a table on the first floor with the most traffic around them. They were seated in the most common seats in the middle of the restaurant.

After all, she had to do a review of the restaurant. It was necessary to choose the seat location according to the public's needs. It was not logical for her to choose the most upscale location according to her own wishes since she would not be able to judge the true standard of the restaurant.

After choosing their seats, Liza immediately began to start ordering. Since she was a professional, Fade decided not to interfere.

Liza skillfully and quickly ordered some classic Michelin dishes and local specialties.

The waiter smiled and put away the menu before leaving.

While waiting, they drank some water. Liza turned on her phone and clicked on a symbol that looked like two forks in a blank,

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white space.

Seeing as Fade was curious, Liza explained, "Michelin restaurants generally use the number of forks as the unit of measurement for scores. The lowest is one and the highest is five."

"One fork represents basic comfort, two represents comfort, three represents high comfort, four represents supreme comfort, and five forks represent luxurious enjoyment."

"Just now, the attitude of the waiter and the environment of the restaurant isn't that bad, so I'm giving them a rating of two forks."

"I see," Fade nodded as he listened to Liza's words.

Later, the dishes were served. Fade and Liza started to delve into their meal.

Fade was not particularly picky about his food. After a bite, he felt that it tasted good, and immediately began to devour the food.

Liza, on the other hand, was the complete opposite of Fade. She took a small bite from each dish. After tasting them, she would drink a sip of water to wash away the taste of the previous dish before she continued to taste another dish.

At the same time, she quickly recorded the scores for each dish.

While Fade and Liza were having their meal in a weird way, on the second floor diagonally above them sat a few people dressed in designer clothes. The young men and women who were well-dressed were chatting enthusiastically while they enjoyed the food.

A man in a white suit smashed a glass heavily on the table after downing the whole glass of wine. His face was flushed red and he huffed, "D*mn, it's all that Fade guy's fault! He disrupted my family's business and humiliated me in front of my family."

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Someone next to him heard this and immediately agreed, "Coby, I originally thought that the Li family could win the bid for this medical reform, or at least be able to participate in it. I did not expect that Fade would be the exclusive winner!"

"That's right, I really don't understand what the Chief Executive was thinking. Such a huge business and market opportunity were actually handed over to a young man who isn't even from our town. He's completely disregarded the people in the local pharmaceutical industry!"

"Although my family was not in the pharmaceutical business, most of my family's cosmetics business market has also been seized by Fade's company. D*mn it."

The more they talked about it, the angrier they grew and the more wine they drank.

Coby, who was wearing a white suit, became more pissed off. However, there was nothing they could do. He grumbled, "We don't have any choice. After all, even Miss Sasha had failed this time. We're just small businessmen, we can't even compare to the Li family, can we?"

Speaking of Sasha, their discussion rose again, "During the dinner banquet, I thought that the results were fixed the moment I saw Sasha appear. I thought that the Li family would definitely win the bidding! However, I didn't expect that even Sasha would fail."

"Although Sasha was defeated in the first round, I can say that there's still hope for us, judging by the current situation! The Li's Hospital opened by Sasha is now growing faster each day. It has already suppressed Sincere Medicine Center in terms of patient flow."

"Hmph, it's all done with the power of money. I heard from someone that just this week alone, The Li's Hospital had already spent

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two billion yuan. They still continue to pour money into the hospital every day. If I were to spend money like this, I could also be the victor!"

"Hey, what can we do? She is Sasha Li, the eldest daughter of the Li family! People like us can't even be compared with her."

Upon mentioning this, they looked even more sullen. After another glass of wine, their cheeks were red. They were already a little drunk and tipsy.

At this very moment, someone suddenly glanced downstairs and was taken aback. He put down the wine glass and exclaimed, "Guys, look at that! Quick, have a look."

"What? What's there to see?"

"Is it a beautiful lady?"

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"Oh, it's really a beautiful lady."

"She looks quite hot."

"Brother Liu, why don't you try flirting with her? Some girls are quite open-minded. When you succeed in hooking up with her, we can have some fun together."

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Their gazes were immediately captivated by the short-haired Liza. Immediately, they started chatting about her blatantly.

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The person that had called out suddenly frowned and corrected them, "It's not her. I'm asking you guys to look at the person sitting opposite her. Y'know, that man."

"What's there to look at?"

"Mason, could it be that you actually prefer men? If that's the case, we will have to stay away from you in the future."

"Mason, your taste is a little unusual!"

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Everyone was just joking around, but Mason grew anxious and huffed, "Look carefully! Who is that man sitting opposite the pretty woman?"

The group then looked at Fade carefully after being reminded by Mason.

Someone immediately exclaimed, "That guy is Fade Chen, that insolent man!"

Coby's gaze sharpened when he heard Fade's name. He fixed his gaze and confirmed that the person below was really Fade. Immediately, his eyes narrowed as he cursed, "D*mn, it's really him."

The others also grew serious.

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"Coby, what do you think? Let's go down and teach that dumb*ss a lesson."

"D*mn it! This is the guy who made us so miserable. I really want to beat him up badly."

"I can't believe that that beauty ended up with this f*cker."

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The group of children from wealthy families had a look of eagerness on their faces, as if they were ready to go down and beat Fade up.

However, there was still a rational person that glanced at a young man in a red suit next to him and said, "This is Young Master Cui's family restaurant. Let's not do anything rash here. After all, it would be bad if we disrupted Young Master Cui's business."

With that being said, everyone's gaze shifted to the young man in the red suit.

Seeing this, Carson Cui rolled his eyes and smirked, patting his chest confidently as he said, "Don't worry about it guys, just go ahead. You don't have to care about anything that happens. This is my family's restaurant, so I still hold some power over what happens. It's not a big deal."

Carson's decisive conclusion was built on personal considerations.

Although making trouble and beating people up in his own restaurant would definitely have a negative impact on their reputation, it was not worth mentioning when compared to the connections of the wealthy friends in front of him.

After all, there was still a certain gap between Carson's status and the group before him. If he wanted to integrate into their little club, he had to first do something to convince them of his status.

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It was an opportunity for Carson now.

With that in mind, Carson stared at Fade below and whispered to himself, "Kid, although you and I have nothing against each other, don't blame me for what's going to happen next since you have stepped into this place."

Since Carson had agreed readily, the others naturally had no concerns.

"Let's go down and greet that *sshole!"

"D*mn it, I will make him suffer."

"Let's gather our men and beat him up right away."

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The group of people started staggering their way downstairs in a half-drunken state.

Seeing this, Carson rushed to the front and said with an apologetic smile, "Young Master Liu, everyone, don't be impulsive. I heard that Fade is quite agile. If we start a fight directly with him, I'm afraid we will be the ones to suffer."

After Carson's reminder, they recalled that Fade was a rumoured martial arts practitioner.

The pampered sons and daughters of the wealthy and influential family would at most know a bit of taekwondo. If they were to fight with a real martial arts practitioner, they would be beaten to a pulp.

"What should we do then? Do we just let that dumb*ss off the hook?"

"Such a good opportunity may not necessarily come by again the next time."

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The few wealthy kids, in particular Coby, had an ugly expression on.

Carson naturally didn't want to offend them. He quickly assured with a smile, "Everyone, of course, we can't just let Fade off the hook. It's just that we don't have to do it ourselves. We can use another way."

"What way?" Someone asked.

Carson winked at them and lowered his volume as he explained his plan. The other rich kids nodded after hearing the gist of the idea.

Then, Carson took out his phone and said, "Moreover, my dad has some connection with Master Habib, who is the Guardian of the Tiger Gang. I can call Master Habib to send someone over to help!"

Hearing what Carson said, everyone's eyes brightened with excitement.

"Master Habib is a Yellow Level warrior. He's a true master!"

"Carson, I did not expect your family to have this kind of connection! I didn't know that you would actually know someone from the martial arts sector!"

"Quickly contact Master Habib. This time, I must teach Fade a lesson."

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The group of rich youngsters was extremely excited. They glared at Fade downstairs with a vengeful look in their eyes.

Soon after Carson finished the call, he gestured to everyone and nodded, "It's settled. Master Habib has agreed and he will send someone over immediately. Moreover, Master Habib will come personally."

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Hearing the arrival of Master Habib in person, the group could not help but feel even more intrigued.

"Great! If Master Habib comes personally, that kid dumb*ss is dead for sure."

"Carson, I didn't expect you to have so many connections! You could actually invite Master Habib to come personally."

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"Carson, let's hang out together in the future. Everyone here is good friends!" Coby chimed while patting Carson on the shoulder.

"Sure, thank you, Young Mr. Liu! Thank you so much!" When Carson heard this, he couldn't help but smile and nod repeatedly. Coby's remarks meant that Carson could officially become part of Coby's small group.

Looking at Carson's excited face, Coby smiled, "You don't have to be so polite with us since we're all good pals!"

"Let's get started! then"

Carson nodded quickly and winked at everyone. Then, he walked downstairs by himself.

At this moment, Fade and Liza were still dining.

It was undeniable that the dishes of a two-star Michelin restaurant tasted really good. Fade's mouth never stopped chewing as he continued to gobble down the food.

Meanwhile, Liza continued to savor the dishes bit by bit. At the same time, she recorded numerous ratings on her phone.

Just as the two continued to feast, several waiters suddenly walked towards their table.

Perceiving the figure next to him, Fade and Liza raised their heads at the same time. They looked at the waiters and asked, "What's the matter?"

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The supervisor looked serious as he said, "Esteemed guests, I'm sorry. A customer in our restaurant lost his wallet. We would like to ask the two of you to cooperate with us."

"Lost a wallet?" Fade's expression sank as his gaze froze, "It's someone else who lost their wallet, so why do you need us to cooperate?"

The supervisor continued indifferently, "Please cooperate with us so we can conduct a body search."

Hearing this, Liza immediately burst out in anger, "Impossible. You are violating our rights, so we'll never agree to this. Besides, whoever lost their wallet has nothing to do with us."

Fade glared at the supervisor and asked, "Someone lost their wallet in the restaurant, and there are so many people here. However, you're only asking us to conduct a body search. May I know what you're trying to imply here?"

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The supervisor looked like he was completely in the right. He explained rigidly, "Nothing. We are just doing this according to the rules."

"Rules? What kind of rules are these? Who set the rules?" Fade immediately banged his cutlery down on the table and growled coldly.

The supervisor's tone was still calm and firm. He didn't show signs of fear of retreat at all. Instead, he continued, "Dear guests, if you don't cooperate with us, we have all the rights to suspect that you have stolen the wallet. Tough measures are to be taken against the two of you."

"Tough measures?" Fade snorted heavily. He glared at the supervisor and scoffed, "I would like to see what sort of tough measures you're prepared to take!"

For a moment, the atmosphere in the restaurant became tense.

The supervisor waved his hand and signaled the waiters around him to come forward together. They forcefully grabbed Fade and Liza by the arms to forcefully conduct a body search.

Liza had never suffered such absurd demands before. She immediately shouted sternly, "If you dare to take another step, I will call the police right away."

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However, with the support of the young master of the restaurant, Carson, they ignored Liza's words. They were about to forcefully place their hands on her.

Just when they were about to start, a glint of fury appeared in Fade's eyes as he made his move. He swatted his arms at the waiters. With loud cracks and snaps, they all fell to the ground, grunting and moaning in pain.

The surrounding guests were frightened at the sight of a fight breaking out and immediately hid.

As soon as the waiters fell to the ground, Carson, who was dressed in a red suit, brought a group of people over and surrounded Fade and Liza.

"Who are you guys and what do you guys want to do?" Fade looked at Carson and his group with a cold gaze.

Before Carson could speak, someone in the group spoke up, "This is the son of Moulin Rouge Restaurant's owner, Young Master Cui."

Fade narrowed his eyes when he heard that it was the owner's son. Meanwhile, Liza was complaining about what had just happened, "You are the owner's son? Just now, the staff in your restaurant..."

However, even before Liza could finish speaking, Carson interrupted her coldly and questioned her, "Dear customers, you have hurt our staff in my restaurant. You should give us an explanation about this!"

Hearing that, Liza immediately flew into a rage and roared back, "That's because your staff framed us just now. We were just..."

However, Carson completely dismissed Liza's complaint. Instead, he glanced at Fade, a smirk forming on his face.

Looking at the smile hidden in the corner of Carson's mouth, Fade was vaguely aware of something. He asked, "You were the one

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who ordered the waiter to do that just now, am I right?"

"If I remember correctly, we do not know each other. I don't quite understand why you're targeting me."

"What can you possibly mean? Kind sir, don't just spout nonsense!" Carson pretended not to understand anything and claimed, "Our waiter was just doing what he was told to do."

"Unfortunately, you and the young lady have been extremely uncooperative with us. Could it be that you have a guilty conscience? Maybe the two of you really stole the wallet!" Carson accused them.

Fade stared at Carson. He looked at Carson's smug smile and had a guess about what was happening. The so-called theft seemed to be an excuse for the other party to create trouble and find fault with him.

Since this was the case, Fade was not in the mood to beat around the bushes with him, "Let's be honest, who ordered you to do this?"

Carson's eyes flickered, but he didn't respond. Instead, he continued to insist that it was about the wallet, "Sir, I don't understand what your suspicions are. However, please cooperate with us regarding the stolen wallet."

As he said, Carson waved his hand. A group of burly security guards rushed over and attempted to force them to submit.

Fade's expression fell and Liza's cheeks flushed with anger. She burst out rapidly in English, "Such behaviour is really too much, this is a barbaric and brutal act! As a two-star Michelin restaurant, this attitude is simply intolerable. I must report this behaviour and revoke the Michelin title belonging to your restaurant."

However, Liza had spoken too fast, and their opponents didn't really pay attention to her.

In the meantime, the security guards were approaching Fade and Liza closer as per Carson's orders. They were about to resort

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to physical force.

Fade gave a cold snort and smashed his palm on the table. With great force, he made a huge crack the thickness of a pinky finger on the tabletop made of solid wood and warned, "Don't you dare mess with us!"

His showcase of strength made Carson and the others hesitate for a while. Their gazes flickered with uncertainty.

Eventually, Carson still did not back down and continued to confront Fade. The security guards continued to move towards Fade and Liza.

Just when things were about to escalate, a middle-aged man around his forties or fifties came in and bellowed, "What's going on? Why the commotion?"

Everyone noticed the man walking in and bowed respectfully, greeting, "Mr. Cui!"

Carson also nodded and called out, "Dad."

Ashton glanced at the messy situation. He couldn't help but frown, "What on earth is going on?"

Liza was infuriated and roared at Ashton, "Are you the boss here? Your staff is really rude. They have suspected customers with no valid reason, forcefully attempted to conduct a body search on us, and now they're even planning to resort to physical violence. With such a behavior on display, your restaurant does not deserve the Michelin title."

Hearing this, Ashton couldn't help but feel surprised. With a look of shock on his face, he looked at Carson and asked sharply, "What's going on?"

After all, his restaurant was now at a critical juncture in the selection of Michelin three-star restaurants. There were no more than ten Michelin three-star restaurants in the country. If his Moulin Rouge Restaurant could be promoted, it would be great for the

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restaurant's future development.

At times like this, Ashton didn't want to make any mistakes.

Carson understood his father's thoughts but didn't give much thought to it. He said blandly, "Dad, it's not a big deal. Let me handle this!"

Liza looked stern when she heard him and raised her voice, "This isn't a big deal? If your restaurant has this kind of attitude towards customers, I must report this back to the Michelin headquarters. We will formally include your restaurant in the Michelin restaurant global blacklist."

"You...!" Ashton felt a little nervous when he heard this. After all, as the owner of the restaurant, he knew very well that if things went viral, what Liza said was likely to come true.

Looking at his father's nervous face, Carson waved his hand and smiled, "Dad, don't be so nervous. They are just spitting nonsense, who do they think they are? They even want to include our restaurant on the blacklist! Do they really think that they can represent the officials from the Michelin headquarters?"

Carson's words manage to calm Ashton down.

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Ashton nodded and said to Carson, "Then you can take over this issue!"

After that, Ashton turned around to leave. Obviously, he still trusted his own son.

Seeing this, Carson's expression grew more arrogant. He looked at Fade and Liza and snickered, "Now, will you do it yourself, or should we do it for you?"

"I don't mind if we have to do it though. After all, this lady here looks pretty. I'll do the search on her myself. I think it should feel good," While talking, Carson licked his lips and scanned Liza's body from top to bottom lustfully.

His words and filthy gaze pissed Liza off.

She grabbed her work identification documents and announced loudly, "Are you saying that I can't represent the Michelin headquarters? If so, you're gravely mistaken, because I can."

Carson took a look at Liza's work identification documents, which were written fully in English. He stared at it intently but still did not understand it. He laughed it off, "What is that? Can you really represent the Michelin headquarters? Don't even think about lying to me!"

"Lying to you?" Liza sneered. Then, she took out her phone and started making calls, "Recently, your restaurant is applying to upgrade to a Michelin three-star restaurant, am I right?"

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"With this sort of service attitude and behaviour towards customers, don't even think of a three-star Michelin title! You will be stripped of your own two-star Michelin qualifications now," Liza said coldly.

Ashton, who was about to leave, halted his footsteps when he heard these words. He turned back and looked sternly at Liza, "You... Who are you? How did you know about our restaurant's application for an upgrade?"

Carson was also slightly stunned. After all, not many people knew about their application for an upgrade.

Liza smirked while waving her work identification documents in her hand, "Look at what I'm holding closely. This is my identity card as an appointed reviewer that was issued by Michelin headquarters. In other words, I am the reviewer who was asked to come to give a rating to your restaurant on behalf of the Michelin headquarters."

Upon hearing this, Ashton was really taken aback. His expression changed drastically.

After all, he knew very well that the Michelin headquarters would indeed send reviewers for unannounced visits to give ratings to restaurants as a major basis for their reviews.

If Liza was really a reviewer from the Michelin headquarters, the upgrade of their Moulin Rouge Restaurant would have gone to waste. It was even possible for their current qualifications to be revoked.

Thinking of this, Ashton couldn't help but feel anxious. He glared at his son fiercely and reprimanded, "What's the matter with you?"

Carson was also panicking slightly. He desperately tried to defend himself, "Dad, don't be nervous. This woman said that she is a reviewer from the Michelin headquarters, but that may not be true. I think she is just trying to scare us."

"Scare you?" Liza scoffed and said to Ashton, "As the owner of the restaurant, can't you even recognize the identification

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documents issued by the Michelin headquarters?"

"This..." Ashton paid close attention to the card in Liza's hand. The more he looked at it, the more he realized that it was real. He started to panic.

At this moment, other guests were looking at their phones. Then, they pointed at Liza and exclaimed, "Liza! You are the well-known gourmet Liza!"

With this, more people recognized Liza and they rushed over excitedly.

"Miss Liza, you have come to Jade City!"

"Miss Liza, I am your fan, can you take a photo with me?"

"Liza, can you recommend a good restaurant to me?"

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Despite never meeting Liza in person before, Ashton and Carson both heard of Liza's legacy as a world-famous gourmet.

They were all dumbfounded at the turn of events. A world-class gourmet like Liza would hold utmost authority in the food industry. Setting aside the authenticity of the documents, a single post by her on the Internet would be able to send their restaurant's reputation down the drain.

In addition, an Internet celebrity gourmet like Liza was really likely to be a special reviewer from the Michelin headquarters.

The thought of this left Ashton fuming with anger. After running the restaurant for ten to twenty years, he had spent a huge amount of money to upgrade the restaurant and train the staff. He finally prepared everything with great effort and was ready to

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upgrade the restaurant to a three-star Michelin restaurant.

He never thought that they would end up disrespecting a reviewer from the Michelin headquarters.

With that, the plan to promote the restaurant into a three-star Michelin restaurant was shattered.

Instantly, Ashton was furious. He glared at his son fiercely and yelled, "You did this? You don't do anything serious all day long, and you're only playing around here and there. Now, you've even disrupted my business, you...!"

Ashton angrily raised his palm, wanting to slap his son in the face.

Carson also knew that he was in trouble. His expression soured, and he quickly turned around to look at Coby and the others for help.

At the same time, he quickly explained to his father, "Dad, don't be impulsive. In fact, this may not necessarily be a bad thing."

"You're still trying to argue with me? You little brat," Ashton was infuriated. He had an urge to beat up his useless son.

Carson quickly explained, "Dad, I did this after discussing it with Young Master Liu and the others since Young Master Liu asked for my help. If I manage to settle this matter well, I will be able to join their social circle. Just think about it, what benefits will it bring to our restaurant?"

Upon hearing this, Ashton's palm froze in mid-air. He looked at his son and asked for affirmation, "Do you mean Coby Liu, from Liu Pharma?"

"Exactly. Apart from Young Master Liu, Young Master Xie, Miss Wang and Young Master Lin are all here too. They all have a good relationship with Young Master Liu. I was just drinking with them just now!"

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At that moment, Coby walked over with a confident smile. A group of gorgeously dressed young men and women were following behind him.

"Uncle Cui, you can't blame Carson wholly for this incident. We are also responsible for this. If you want to punish him, include us as well," Coby said lightly.

When Ashton heard him, he immediately said with an apologetic smile, "Young Master Liu, you are flattering me. This is really not a major issue. I won't be punishing anyone here."

"You came to my restaurant, and that is a great honour for me," Ashton's attitude was very respectful, and his expression was flattering.

Coby nodded. Then, he looked at Fade and smirked, "Since we have settled that, Carson, please continue!"

Carson nodded and ordered the security guards, "Come here. Be prepared to conduct the body search."

They already knew Liza's identity, but it was clear that they were not going to stop there. They still wanted to conduct the body search forcefully.

When Ashton saw this, the muscles on his face trembled fiercely. He was in a dilemma and tried to express his concerns, "But this..."

Carson understood his father's concerns. He quickly comforted him, "Dad, don't worry. Isn't she just a reviewer? It's not a big deal. Even if our restaurant is no longer a Michelin restaurant, we will still have a bright future ahead of us as long as we have a good relationship with Young Master Liu and the others."

"Moreover, I have already contacted Master Habib. He will be here personally soon," Carson added.

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Hearing this, Ashton sighed and nodded. Now that things had escalated, the issue relating to Michelin's rating was now a lost cause. It was better for him to attempt other ways to fame and choose another pathway. By getting on Coby's good side, their restaurant would be able to grow larger and more renowned too.

Fade pulled Liza behind him. He glared at Coby and asked, "Do I know you? Why are you doing this?"

Coby snorted coldly and looked at Fade, mocking, "Well, Mr. Chen, you're only recently popular in Jade City, so it's natural for you to not know me. It's just that I happen to know you, Mr. Chen."

"As for why I am against you and doing this, you must know that my family is in the pharmaceutical business," Coby narrowed his eyes and continued.

Needless to say, Fade had understood what was going on when he heard this.

It had to be the recent medical reforms that impacted the Liu family's pharmaceutical business. Coby held a grudge towards him and seized this opportunity to humiliate Fade.

"What do you want to do next?" Now that Fade knew Coby came with evil intentions, Fade didn't say anything to defend himself. He just looked at Coby coldly while asking his next move.

Hearing this, Coby slowly smirked eerily, "I didn't expect Mr. Chen to be such a wise person. We have not even started doing

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anything yet, but you've already admitted defeat."

"I might as well tell you my simple demands. Transfer your Sincere Medicine Center to the Liu family now! Also, you have to..." Coby narrowed his eyes while making several nonsensical demands.

However, Fade waved his hand and interrupted him halfway through, saying, "I think you've misunderstood what I meant."

"Wh-what?" Coby's expression sank and glanced at Fade.

The corner of Fade's mouth twitched as he looked down upon Cody, asking, "When I asked you what you wanted to do next, I was asking if you'd realize the consequences of going against me. It's not that I've surrendered to you."

"You..." Coby didn't expect Fade to be so arrogant. He snorted heavily, "Do you really think that you can have your way in Jade City just by opening a pharmacy? This is not your domain, so don't be too proud about it."

"Oh really? You're the condescending one here," Fade curled his lips in disdain. He glanced at the security guards who surrounded them and sneered, "Since you said you know me, you should be pretty clear about what I'm capable of. To think that I'll be able to be defeated with your lousy henchmen is just part of your wishful thinking."

Everyone was immediately angered by what Fade said. They glared at him, a raging fire burning in their eyes as they bellowed.

"Fade, you *sshole! Don't be too arrogant."

"It's just a pharmacy. You're just lucky, so what are you proud of?"

"You are courting your own death for offending Young Master Liu."

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Meanwhile, Carson still had a smirk plastered on his face. He stepped forward with his hands crossed confidently as he said, "The only reason why you're so arrogant now is that you know little martial arts, don't you?"

"Hah! With your amateurish skills, you'll never be able to defeat us," Carson mocked gleefully.

Fade merely waved his hand and lashed out. Suddenly, an angry whistling sound could be heard. A wave of energy that was released barely missed Carson's ears before it landed fiercely on the pillar behind him, a thunderous crack immediately heard after that.

With such mighty strength, Carson's expression instantly changed. He couldn't help but fear how he barely scraped past death.

Fade remarked lightly, "Unfortunately for you, my amateurish skills are still more than enough to kill you."

Carson's face sank. A touch of anger appeared in his eyes, but after the close encounter he had just now, he did not dare to move forward. After all, Fade's strength was not something he could compare with.

Just then, Carson's phone rang. He was overjoyed when he saw who was calling and quickly answered the phone, saying, "Master Habib, you have arrived? All right, I will send someone to pick you up right away."

After that, Carson hung up the phone. He gritted his teeth and looked at Fade, his confidence arising once more as he challenged Fade, "Don't think that you're the only strong person in martial arts. I have already invited Master Habib, the Guardian of Tiger Gang over. He will be here soon, and when he comes, it'll be too late for you to try to beg for forgiveness."

Similarly, Coby and the group of wealthy kids had a triumphant expression on their faces. They were looking forward to seeing Fade humiliated.

As for Fade, after he heard about Master Habib and the Tiger Gang, he was taken aback. There was a strange expression on his

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face.

Carson and the others noticed Fade's expression, and assumed he was finally feeling afraid and intimidated.

Instantly, they felt even more delighted and continued mocking Fade.

Amidst the chaos, a burly man walked in with his head slightly raised. Behind him followed more than a dozen strong young men. Just the sight of his buff figure would show that he was definitely a strong fighter.

Seeing as the group of people were walking in, the wealthy kids present immediately surrounded them and greeted them one after another.

Amongst them, Carson and Ashton were the most passionate. They welcomed Master Habib with smiles on their faces, saying, "Master Habib, you are here. Sorry to trouble you for such a trivial matter and to specially invite you over for this."

Master Habib waved his hand with a laugh, "It's nothing. I haven't tasted your dishes for a long time. I wanted to try some anyway, so I came over."

"Master Habib is here to dine in. I will immediately ask the chef to all prepare your favourite dishes," Carson said quickly.

Master Habib chuckled, "Don't worry about it. Carson, didn't you say that you needed my help with something? Tell me, what's the matter? Let's resolve it first."

"Yes. Master Habib, see, just now, Coby and I were..." Immediately, Carson pulled Coby along and started adding fuel to the fire, reciting everything that had happened exaggeratedly.

Finally, he said, "Master Habib, he is someone who knows martial arts. We can't deal with him, so I can only trouble you."

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"A little brat who knows martial arts? That's easy to deal with. I will take care of him now to let him know how actual powerful people in martial arts are," Master Habib's face was full of confidence. He gestured to two of his men and ordered, "You guys, go and deal with that kid."

"Yes!" Two of his underlings nodded and walked out.

Carson and Coby hurriedly pointed to Fade and Liza and shouted, "It's them! The two of them! Thank you for your hard work."

Seeing as the two burly men were walking towards Fade, Ashton, Carson and Coby had vindictive smiles on their faces. They couldn't wait to see the tragic scene of Fade being beaten up.

Just when the two burly men were about to make their move, Fade crossed his arms and said sharply, "Habib, I haven't seen you in a few days. Your injury has healed pretty quickly! It seemed that the previous lesson was still not heavy enough for you, hmm?"

As soon as he said that, the two men suddenly became furious. Their faces sank and they rushed towards Fade, determined to injure him.

Carson and the others were also taken aback. They all frowned and shouted sharply.

"F*cking b*stard, how can you talk to Master Habib like that?"

"Dumb*ss, how dare you be so disrespectful to Master Habib! Are you looking for death?"

"Slap him! Silence him for good since he's a good-for-nothing."

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Upon hearing that, Habib's expression sank. He was about to burst in anger.

However, when Habib took a good look at Fade, all of his anger immediately dissipated. The expression on his face changed drastically and he exclaimed in surprise, "It's you!"

Carson and the others didn't notice Habib's odd reaction. They were still adding fuel to the fire.

"Master Habib, so you know this kid too. This time, you must teach him a lesson! How dare he be so rude to you? The nerve of him to..."

In the midst of talking excitedly, Carson failed to notice that Master Habib's expression had started falling.

Master Habib roared at Carson, "Shut up."

"Master Habib, I..." Carson was startled. He panicked and looked over at Master Habib worriedly, trying to explain himself, "I..."

However, Master Habib couldn't really care more about him at this moment.

He hurriedly shouted to the men that he had just sent out, "Stop it! Everyone stop."

The two men who were about to do something were suddenly yelled at to stop. They turned around and asked Master Habib in confusion, "Guardian, what..."

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Master Habib was extremely anxious. He quickly stepped forward and shouted, "If you dare to do anything to Mr. Chen, you'll face the consequences."

The two men were confused, not understanding why their boss had suddenly changed his attitude.

However, before they could find out, Master Habib leaned over to Fade and said with a sheepish smile on his face, "Mr. Chen, I didn't know that it was you. So..."

Fade snorted, "You didn't know it was me?! Are you trying to say that if it were others, you'd have gone after them?"

Master Habib quickly denied, "Mr. Chen, I didn't mean that, I just..."

Master Habib was struggling to explain himself. At the same time, Ashton, Carson, Coby and the others looked at the both of them in surprise. They did not understand what was going on.

"Master Habib, w-what's going on?"

"Master Habib, do you know him?"

"Master Habib, he is the one who we have to deal with. You... Are you..."

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"What the f*ck are you even talking about!" Master Habib cursed at them, "To make me fight Mr. Chen, are you guys thinking of dying by my hands?"

"Uh, we..." Everyone didn't expect Master Habib to have such an attitude. They were all dumbfounded.

Among them, the most puzzled were Ashton and Carson Cui.

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The two asked cautiously, "Master Habib, is there a misunderstanding? H-he is just an owner of a small pharmacy!"

"A misunderstanding?!" Master Habib was angered. He bellowed at Ashton and Carson, "Is this a misunderstanding? The two of you nearly got me into huge trouble!"

"Master Habib, it's nothing serious, we swear. We definitely did not mean that. We were just trying to settle a small matter," The two explained quickly.

"A small matter? Don't you know who Mr. Chen is? Do you idiots think it's a small matter trying to go against him?" Master Habib shouted angrily.

"Mr. Chen, he... Besides being the owner of the pharmacy, he has no other special identity, right?" Carson asked cautiously. The others also seemed to agree to his words.

However, Master Habib was on the verge of exploding in anger. He glared at them, scoffing, "No special identity? You are truly ignorant about who you're trying to deal with! If you can't realize who Mr. Chen is, don't drag me down with you."

"Don't all of you not know that Mr. Chen is an expert in martial arts?"

Carson quickly explained himself, "Uh, w-we all knew about this. That was precisely why we had asked for your help. Everyone knows that you're an expert in martial arts. With you here, we can surely..." He did not forget to praise Master Habib in his words.

However, Master Habib ignored his words and shouted, "My strength is nothing compared to Mr. Chen's."

"T-this is impossible! Master Habib, you are a Yellow Level master," Carson, Coby and the others were all taken aback.

Master Habib gritted his teeth, wanting nothing more than to beat them up. He grumbled, "There's no such thing as

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impossible. Just a while ago, Mr. Chen managed to defeat many masters in martial arts."

"These include Sebastian from the Ko family, Hulk Wan, the Guardian of the Flaming Clan, and Maxwell from the Titan Studio. Moreover, Brayden Chiu, aka Young Master Chiu from Titan Studio was also injured by Mr. Chen."

Upon hearing these names, everyone present was shocked. Their expressions immediately fell.

Sebastian Ko and Hulk Wan were all famous figures in the world of martial arts in Jade City. They were all Black Level experts. Aside from them, Maxwell Song from Titan Studio, was once a disciple of Master Chiu. As such, he was even stronger and more powerful, his strength recognized and respected by many.

As for Young Master Chiu, he was a remarkable figure in Jade City. Both he and his master, Titan Chiu, were prominent figures here. Even elite, wealthy families such as the Li Family held utter respect for Brayden.

Members from the wealthy younger generation such as Carson and Coby could only look at these figures. They were respectable seniors whose statuses the younger generation could never dream of achieving. In fact, they were even the admired figures even amongst the elderly. None of the members from the wealthy younger generation could compare to them.

Yet, all of these honorable people had been defeated by Fade.

The truth had shocked everyone present to the core.

Everyone stared blankly at Fade in complete disbelief. They never would've imagined that Fade was at the very top of the martial arts world.

However, they were forced to believe that fact upon looking at Master Habib, who was currently begging for mercy before Fade.

As a result, everyone who had offended Fade and acted arrogantly in front of him immediately followed suit. They knelt beside

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Master Habib and started begging for forgiveness.

Fade glanced at them and didn't even bother to punish these people. He just waved his hand and said coldly, "I'm not interested in arguing with the lot of you. Habib, deal with this for me!"

Fade then proceeded to look at Liza and say, "Liza, this is an unsuitable place to eat. Let's change locations."

Liza nodded. She then went out with Fade.

Behind them, a group of people watched as Fade and Liza's figure grew smaller and smaller until they disappeared into the distance. It was only then that they stood up.

Carson got up and rubbed his sore knees. He looked at Master Habib and tried to flatter him, "Master Habib, about this, I'm..."

Before he could even finish talking, Master Habib's expression was grim. He replied coldly, "Did you hear what Mr. Chen said just now? Just give up on resisting and close down the restaurant. Don't force me to do something."

Upon hearing that their restaurant was to be closed down permanently, Carson and Ashton immediately grew anxious. They exclaimed in disbelief, "Close the restaurant? How can we..."

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Ashton tried to bargain with Master Habib nicely, "Master Habib, this really isn't that serious! Anyways, M-Mr. Chen has already left. If you could just turn a blind eye, I'll..."

Master Habib snorted coldly, "You guys were looking for trouble yourselves. I didn't want to be involved in the first place. However, if you drag me down, then I won't sit idly by."

After speaking, Master Habib clenched his fists. The expression on his face was serious and somber as he glared at them. Everyone trembled in fright and didn't dare to say anything further.

"Clean up after your own mess. I will send someone over to check on it later," Master Habib scoffed. Then, he left.

After that, Coby and the others also left in silence.

Only Ashton and Carson were left in the restaurant alone.

The two stood frozen for a while. Soon, Ashton's expression darkened. He looked at his son, trembling in fury. The anger that was brewing within him could no longer be restrained as he burst in rage, "Look now! What kind of mess have you gotten us into?!"

"What have you done! That's it, I'm going to give you a good beating," Ashton picked up a chair angrily and started using it to hit Carson.

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"Dad, this was never my intention! I didn't know it would turn out like this!"

"Dad, stop hitting me, I can't take it anymore."

"Dad, I'm going to die if you hit me again."

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Wails and howls echoed in the restaurant.

At the same time, Fade took Liza to find another reputable restaurant. They had a good meal before returning back to the hotel.

Fade didn't talk about work right away. Instead, he allowed Liza to have a good rest for the entire afternoon. The next day, he brought Liza and Lily to Sincere Medicine Center together to tell them about his plans.

The Li's Hospital had been developing rapidly recently, and the amount of subsidies provided by the Li family to The Li's Hospital was an amount that could not be comparable to that of Sincere Medicine Center. Therefore, to start a price war against The Li's Hospital was definitely not a good idea, since there was a good chance that Fade would never be able to cash out enough funds to do so.

With this in mind, Fade simply took a different approach and thought of a new idea.

His idea was very simple. He planned to highlight the specialty of Sincere Medicine Center, which was something that could never be replaced nor found anywhere else. With that, the pharmacy would become a unique existence that could not be erased in the city.

It was the same principle behind why most restaurants had their own signature dishes. It was only when they could create dishes that could not be copied or imitated by other restaurants that they would become an irreplaceable part of the local food

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industry.

Now, Fade's idea was to create Sincere Medicine's Center's "signature dish" that couldn't be replaced.

Fade was already determined on what 'signature dish' he was going to present. It was going to be the Fei's Life Elixir Wine from Fei Enterprises Holding Inc that managed to achieve quite impressive sales.

Previously, Fei's Life Elixir Wine had been all the rage back at home. However, in Jade City, it was not that popular.

Therefore, Fade had decided to utilize the Life Elixir Wine once again. He would place it for sale in Sincere Medicine Center and promote it in his pharmacy. It would be introduced to the citizens of Jade City.

After all, the people who had come to the pharmacy were all sick and were particularly attentive towards maintaining their health. By utilizing the magical effects of Life Elixir Wine, they could definitely attract more people to visit the Sincere Medicine Center.

The formula of the Life Elixir Wine had been mastered by Fade alone. No matter how much money The Li's Hospital spent, they would never be able to imitate and reproduce it.

After hearing about Fade's idea, both Lily and Liza were in agreement.

Immediately after discussing with a few other people, they immediately began to make the necessary preparations.

Soon, arrangements were made, and several people immediately began to conduct the sales and promotion of the Life Elixir Wine.

Since Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc was already producing Life Elixir Wine in large batches, it was more convenient to just transfer a batch of the products directly to Jade City. The next point of focus was naturally the matter of promoting it to the

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public.

Liza was the main key to this promotion. This was why Fade had invited Liza to come over.

Moreover, after Nita had learned of the situation, she also agreed to come over and help with the promotion.

Just like that, all the work preparations were proceeding in an orderly manner. Now, all they had to do was to wait for the release and promotion of the Life Elixir Wine.

At the same time, in The Li's Hospital, Sasha was sitting in the director's office, scanning through various reports prepared by her subordinates. She said with a confident smile on her face, "In just half a months' time, our hospital's patient volume and income have surpassed Sincere Medicine Center. We are now the top Traditional Chinese Medicine pharmacy in Jade City."

"That's true, Miss!" Secretary Liu nodded. However, his expression was a bit hesitant as he said, "It's just that..."

"Just what? Uncle Liu, if you have something to say, just say it," Secretary Liu was Martin's personal secretary. He held a certain level of power in the Li family, so Sasha also respected him.

However, Secretary Liu did not act arrogantly just because he had their respect. He lowered his head and replied, "Miss, the result and performance of our hospital during this period is indeed very good. However, there are some differences in opinions within the family."

"Have those elders and crazy relatives made up some sort of rumor again?" Sasha said in disdain.

Secretary Liu immediately handed a document over to Sasha and reported, "Miss, during this period, the family's investment in the hospital has already exceeded five billion yuan. Our daily loss has already exceeded five hundred million yuan. Moreover, with the increasing number of patients daily, our losses keep stacking up. In regards to this, some people in the family are quite

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dissatisfied about this."

When Sasha heard about the amount of money that was lost, she was also surprised. However, she pursed her lips and snorted, "Are those people dumb? How could there not be any losses at the start of any business?"

"Furthermore, I am not losing money from doing this. I just need to use this money to monopolize the market in the early stage. A lot of online shops do this anyway. Moreover, our development has been so successful that it has already suppressed the Sincere Medicine Center. Once we have obtained the Chief Executive's support, there will be infinite possibilities for our enterprise."

"Yes!" Secretary Liu nodded in agreement. However, he still reminded Sasha, "Miss, Mr. Li has temporarily silenced the concerns raised by the other family members. However, he has asked me to pass on these words to you."

"What does my dad want to tell me?" Sasha asked.

Secretary Liu said, "Mr. Li said that he will be unable to silence them for so long. There's also no way that he can continue allowing the hospital to continue making losses any longer. He will give you a months' time at most: the loss must be reduced to below one million yuan in one months' time. With this, we can continue to run the hospital."

"But..." Sasha was a little dissatisfied when she heard this. However, she didn't complain any further. After all, this was an opportunity that her father had given her. She could only say, "We'll have to think of something to reduce our losses."