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Lucille pouted in dissatisfaction when she heard what Hollace said, but she dared not say anything else. After all, she had witnessed how powerful Fade was in the parking lot, and she knew very clearly she could not fight him.

Then, Fade got up and said, "If there's nothing else, then I'm leaving. You should return as well."

With that, Fade went out of the cafe.

Hollace and Lucille were stunned. They never expected Fade to be so decisive. There was no hint of hesitance in his face.

As Hollace watched Fade walking out, a realization suddenly dawned on him. He shouted, "Mr Chen, there is something else that I wanted to remind you!"

However, Lucille interrupted and hissed angrily, "Hollace, don't tell him. We came all the way to bring him this piece of good news. But, look at the way he treats us. Let him be!"

Hollace had already lost his chance since Fade was already far away. He let out a sigh and decided to let it pass.

He mused under his breath, "Let's hope that you will be more careful, Mr. Chen. After all, you now have a target on your back since you're at the top of the Martial Dragon List. I am afraid you will get into trouble very soon."

"Hmph, didn't he say that he is very skillful? If anything happens, he should be able to handle it on his own," Lucille remarked sarcastically.

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Hollace exhaled deeply. "If that's the case, then we are done here. Let's go back!"

Lucille pursed her lips when she heard that. "Hollace, we have just arrived in Jade City. Why are we going back so soon?"

"We've done what needed to, and our master is..."

Lucille immediately shook Hollace's arm and pleaded, "Hollace, since we're already here, can't you just bring me around? It's Jade City!" She pouted her lips like a spoiled, pampered princess.

"I want to visit Disneyland, Victoria Harbor, and many other places. Please bring me there!"

Hollace could only nod his head and said, "Okay, okay. Let's stay for two more days and enjoy ourselves in Jade City before we head back."

"Yeah! You are the best!" She hugged Hollace's arm in excitement.

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Fade left the cafe and returned to the hotel.

Quin quickly got up and walked towards Fade when she saw him entering the room. "You're back! Are you okay? What about those two fellas?"

Fade saw how anxious Quin was. He couldn't help but feel touched. He answered with a smile, "Don't worry, honey. I'm fine. They came in peace and wanted to convey a message."

Fade briefly explained what happened to Quin. Although Quin could not fully understand, she was relieved knowing that Fade was all right.

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The next day, the employees began to take their holidays for the new year, especially for those who were transferred from Dragonville. They had been busy for several months; they took this much-deserved break to spend time with their families.

Quin and Fade also planned to return to Dragonville after they wrapped up all the loose ends in Jade City.

At this moment, Momo pleaded with Fade, "Fade, can you do me a favor?"

"What's the matter, Momo?" Fade asked.

After moments of hesitation, Momo grabbed the hem of her clothes and told him, "Fade, I would like you to head back to South Bay City with me for the New Year."

"Huh? But..." Fade was taken aback at what Momo just asked. Quin was literally next to him!

Then, Momo saw what a difficult position she placed Fade in and quickly explained, "I didn't mean that. Actually, the Soo family is holding an annual banquet for the New Year."

"Well, as you know, my family has arranged for me to be engaged to Hector from the Yao family. The Yao family will probably come to propose at the annual banquet. I don't intend to say yes, so I am hoping you could come with me."

Her shoulders slumped as she added, "After all when we were in Bay City, you pretended to be my boyfriend in front of my aunt. So, this time, I think..." Momo was beseeching Fade.

Fade was in a dilemma. Well, it was definitely acceptable for him to pretend to be her boyfriend under normal circumstances. However, going back with her and especially during New Year was a totally different story. "Hmm, your sister..."

Momo interjected hastily, "Fade, I'll handle Quin as long as you agree to it."

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"Still, I don't think it's a good idea!" Fade felt torn.

Momo pouted angrily. "Fade, you have promised me that you will offer help when I need it. It's the first thing I asked for and you're already breaking your promise. Hmph, I'm going to show Quin those photos."

When Fade heard that, he could only nod his head. "Well, I can agree to it. However, you'll need to get your sister's approval first."

Tittering, Momo nodded and said, "Great. I'll discuss it with her now."

Then, Momo went to Quin's room. Fade wasn't sure of how the conversation went. About ten minutes later, they walked out of the room together.

Momo said gleefully, "Fade, Quin has agreed. You're following me back to South Bay City!"

"Well..." Fade looked at Quin in surprise.

Quin glanced at Fade and stated calmly, "Momo told me everything. I understand that you are just trying to help her. You will follow Momo back while I'll head back to Dragonville with Lily."

Quin looked rather composed; she even gave a faint smile to Fade.

However, Fade could tell that Quin was distancing herself from him. A pang of pain coursed through his vein at that moment.

Disappointed, he nodded and looked at her while promising, "I will head back immediately once Momo has managed to turn that boy down. I will try to get back to you before New Year Eve so we can celebrate it together."

"Okay," Quin responded calmly, nothing else.

"By the way, it's late. You guys should rest. You still need to pack before leaving tomorrow." With that, Quin headed back to the



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Fade felt something was wrong with Quin but he couldn't place his finger on it.

Fade sighed and went to rest after washing up.

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Quin locked the door as soon as she returned to her room.

She wept silently as a wave of loneliness crept in. Tears started rolling down her cheeks as her body clammed up to the rhythm of her sobs.

She wiped the tears and ripped a piece of paper out of her notebook from the cupboard just above her bed. She looked at it blankly as a thought flashed across her mind all of a sudden.

She let out a deep sigh and whispered to herself, "When we first got married, I never thought that we would become like this."

"I thought I would hate you, and get a divorce after our contract ended. However, I realized how much I've gotten used to this kind of life." Her tears wet the back of her hands.

"I've gotten used to you being by my side, and when I needed help, or when I was weak, even when I was hesitant."

"I have no idea how many times you have helped me over the past year. I'm unsure when I've made room for you in my heart." She took a piece of tissue paper and wiped off the tears on her cheeks.

"You are my savior, my lucky star, and my husband. I want to be with you forever."

"However, it seems that the chance has passed." Once again, she buried her head between her legs.

"You have done so much and risked too much for me. I am not worthy of you, and I don't want to see you live in such a life with

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me either."

"So, it's time for me to make a choice. I can't be so selfish. I can't continue to keep you by my side and let you continue to risk everything for me." She lifted her head and patted on her chest.

"From now on, I hope you can live your life well without me."

"It doesn't matter if it's Momo, Lily, Winnie, Yuri, Xenia, or Mindy. They are all good ladies and better choices than I am. I wish you absolute happiness."

An air of melancholy surrounded Quin as she sobbed silently.

She kept the paper in the notebook and tried to calm herself down, pretending as if nothing had happened.

Meanwhile, Fade had no idea what she was thinking at all.

The next day, Quin, Lily, and some of the executives of the company returned to Dragonville after wrapping up everything at work.

Fade and Momo, on the other hand, were preparing to return to South Bay City.

However, before leaving, Fade purposefully went to inquire about the latest situation of Harper, Sonia, and Abell was in.

Initially, Fade asked Falcon to take them away, teach them a lesson and send them away. However, what happened had shocked Fade.

Fade never expected Falcon to end up training them after taking them to the Stealth.

These three spoiled brats were throwing tantrums again like little kids soon after Fade left them.

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Besides being disobedient, they even retaliated at the Stealth. They also threatened that they would get someone to beat the members of the Stealth up and vanquish them eventually through their family connections.

As a result, the Stealth was furious, especially when the person in charge knew that Abell was part of them.

Therefore, the person in charge designed a set of special training for them and kept them at the Stealth Team base to shape their characters and force them to reflect upon their actions.

Fade thought that they had already gone back to Jade City long ago. Little did he know they were still training in the Stealth, albeit in much agony.

Fade was over the moon.

After all, a little training and lesson wouldn't hurt them.

After that, Fade and Momo briefly packed up their stuff and took a plane to South Bay City.

They arrived shortly as South Bay City was not far from Jade City.

After getting off the plane, Momo tried to call the Soo family to pick them up.

However, something caught her mind just as she was about to dial the phone. She hung up abruptly, "I almost forgot something important."

"What's the matter?" Fade looked at Momo curiously.

Momo answered, "I need to buy some gifts before going back to my house."

"Gifts?" Fade parroted.

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Momo explained, "I am bringing you back as their son-in-law; of course, I have to prepare some gifts for my family members. Otherwise, they are going to look down on you."

Fade was startled as he did not consider this at all.

"Well, as their son-in-law, I should indeed get some gifts for them." Fade chuckled.

Momo's face blushed at once. She glared at Fade and said, "Fade, you're teasing me again. Hmph!"

Fade tousled Momo's hair and replied, "You silly girl. How could you say that I'm teasing you when I'm actually helping you? Should I leave you to go back home alone?"

"Alright, Fade. I'll listen to you. Don't leave. Let's buy some gifts," Momo grabbed Fade's arm and begged him.

Fade nodded and responded, "Yeah. However, I don't know what they like. You'll have to give some suggestions."

Momo patted her chest. "Don't worry, I'll handle it."

Then, Momo hired a cab and told the driver, "Pentagon Street, please."

Then, the driver started driving.

Momo explained to Fade, "Pentagon Street is a famous antique street in South Bay City, with all kinds of antiques, calligraphies, paintings, jade, gems, and many more. It's really well-known."

"The Soo family has been around for very long. Some of our ancestors were top scholars in their respective times and eras. Hence, we are considered a family of scholars. In general, everyone in my family likes antiques, calligraphies, and paintings," told Momo.

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"Especially my grandfather, Egbert Soo. He collects calligraphies and paintings as his pastime. So, we have to get a piece of nice calligraphy to keep him happy."

Fade nodded as he listened to Momo.

Soon, they arrived at Pentagon Street. As soon as they got off the cab, Fade saw various goods being sold at the stalls. The stall owners were welcoming the guests warmly, attracting them to their stalls.

The customers were carefully inspecting the antiques with their magnifying glasses. They were trying to look for any flaws that could knock the price down for a couple of notches.

However, Momo did not stop by these stalls. She walked into the street instead. "Most of the goods at the stalls outside are fake. It's impossible to find a flaw. Those could only trick people who don't know the industry. We have to get into the well-known shops to get the real deal."

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After walking for a short while, they came across an old-looking building.

"This is Treasure Hall, the best antique shop in South Bay City," Momo introduced it. She then entered the shop with Fade.

The shop was gigantic. It was packed with people and was home to a vast selection of items.

Fade and Momo began browsing through the items sold. There were a lot of excellent products on display, but they were all pretty cheap with a price range of a few thousand to a few ten thousand yuan. There were a few exceptions that cost more than a hundred thousand yuan, however.

These products were obviously very rare and luxurious for the masses, but for someone like Fade and Momo, they were very common.

Therefore, Fade said to Momo after he took a quick glance around, "Let's go upstairs and see if there is anything better upstairs."

Momo thought for a while and shook her head, "Let's pick something out here first, something cheap. It's the thought that counts, right? We will get something better for Grandpa later."

After hearing what Momo said, Fade nodded in agreement. He then let Momo pick out around six to seven objects that cost about a hundred thousand yuan in total. Momo paid for them all.

They put all that away, and now it was time for the main event: they were going to choose a gift for Egbert.

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Egbert was the head of the Soo family and had a profound love for calligraphy. A common gift wouldn't be able to capture his attention.

Hence, Fade and Momo went to the second and third floor to browse for a better gift.

However, they were somewhat disappointed. The products on display on the second and third floors were miles better than the first floor, with their prices ranging from a hundred thousand yuan to more than a hundred million yuan.

However, Momo wasn't impressed. They weren't exclusive enough. If they got anything there for Egbert, he probably wouldn't like it. Egbert might even think that Fade was just trying to undermine him. After all, calligraphy was his passion.

Both of them talked to the owner and asked him to display his finest calligraphy products but ultimately, Momo did not fancy any of them.

However, it made sense.

Egbert was the head of the Soo family and a calligraphy enthusiast. Treasure Hall was also the best antique store in the area. Egbert must have been there countless times by now.

If there were anything here that caught Egbert's eyes, he must have purchased it already. Given the wealth of the Soo family, spending millions on antiques was probably normal.

They lingered around in the shop but still couldn't find anything suitable. Momo frowned and wanted to just simply get a gift for Egbert and be done with it.

At that moment, the owner came over and said, "Hello, there is an Antique Appreciation Conference going on right now in our backyard. Maybe you would find something you like there?"

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"Antique Appreciation Conference? What's that?" Momo asked.

The owner answered, "The Antique Appreciation Conference is an appreciation event held by several famous shops in Pentagon Street together with some of our regular customers. Everyone will bring in their prized antique collection and gather around to have a little exhibition."

"If you find anything you like, you could also purchase it straight from the owner."

Fade and Momo's eyes lit up instantly after they heard what he said.

It was because there were bound to be some rare antiques present at the conference. After all, the people attending were famous shop owners and crazed antique collectors.

"Could you please bring us there?" Momo asked.

After that, both of them went to the backyard of Treasure Hall under the owner's escort.

The backyard was quite spacious. It had been modelled into a small marketplace with rare antiques on display for onlookers to admire.

Fade and Momo immediately headed towards the calligraphy section and began to carefully go through all the antiques there. They wanted to find something for Egbert and also hope that the owner would be willing to part with it.

In the end, Momo did take a liking to some of the paintings and drawings, but the price was too high. Some of the owners weren't looking to sell their stuff too. Momo was distraught.

Just as they were about to call it a day and leave...

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A crowd of people were gathered and were making a large commotion about something in front.

"Mr. Liu, come and have a look. What do you think about this painting?"

"I think it's a counterfeit. This doesn't look like the work of Einstein Zheng!"

"However, judging by the markings on the paper, it seems to be from the same era."

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Upon hearing that, Fade and Momo shot each other a look and said, "Let's go take a look."

They squeezed through the crowd and saw an ancient calligraphy painting being displayed on a table. Everyone gathered around the table and were admiring and discussing it.

The owner of the painting was a sixty-year old man with grey hair and wrinkles. He stood at the side, silently watching everyone admire his painting. His name was Oberon.

At that point, a few collectors had already begun talking to him. They tried to get more information out of him about the painting.

"Mister, where is this painting from?"


"Einstein Zheng's paintings are a national treasure! If this is genuine, then it would be a priceless relic!"

"Mister, do you have a price in mind? How much are you asking for this painting?"

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Oberon gave them a simple reply. He had a straight face and said, "I'm not letting this painting go for less than twenty million

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yuan. For those that are skeptical about the authenticity of the painting, you can leave now." 

The price swayed a lot of buyers. A lot of them were hesitant.

After all, Oberon said that this was a genuine piece of Einstein Zheng's work. He wouldn't have sold it if it weren't for some family issues.

Now, if what he said was true, these collectors would battle it out even if it was two hundred million yuan.

However, there was a glaring problem. Everyone was scrutinising the painting, yet they couldn't verify its legitimacy.

That was because everyone knew Einstein's work too well. Everyone had memorized his every stroke and even his handwriting down to every last detail. Of course, there were a lot of imitators as well.

Hence, even when they saw some traces of Einstein's techniques on the painting, no one was able to discern if that piece of art was forged or not.

After all, modern counterfeiting technology was very advanced. Even professionals would commit the occasional blunder sometimes.

In addition, if these groups of collectors made the wrong judgment, two hundred million yuan was not a small sum of money.

It was precisely because of that that everyone seemed interested but were reluctant to put out an offer.

Momo also looked at the painting, but she wasn't very knowledgeable about it. She wasn't any better than these collectors.

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They couldn't verify the painting, and Momo obviously couldn't fork out two hundred million yuan on the spot.

So, after a short while, she lost hope and shook her head, sighing, "Fade, let's go."

Suddenly, Fade grabbed her and said, "Wait, let me take a look."

"Fade, do you know something about antique paintings?" Momo was curious.

Fade shook his head, "Of course not."

"Then, what are you..." Momo was speechless.

Fade then patted Momo on the head and smiled, "Trust me. I may not know a thing about paintings, but I can tell a fake and genuine painting apart."

After saying that, Momo looked at Fade in awe. He bowed down and said to Oberon, "Can I touch the painting?"

Oberon looked at Fade and hesitated, "Sure, but be careful, or else I..."

"Don't worry, sir, I won't ruin the painting," Fade smiled and placed his finger on the painting and gently touched it.

Fade then withdrew his hand and nodded at Momo before telling her, "This is genuine. Let's get it."

"Fade, how did you..." Momo was confused. She didn't know how he did that.

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Everyone else was totally bewildered.

"Young man, how do you know the painting is genuine?"

"You can tell just by touching it? Oh come on!"

"Dude, tell us how you did it."

Fade remained silent despite being bombarded by questions.

He didn't explain to them and simply said, "Oh it's nothing. I just think that the painting is genuine."

After that, he had already taken out his card and began negotiating with Oberon.

Everyone else heard that and were riled up. Some of the people that had the intention of buying it earlier started to get anxious.

"Sir, I want to buy it too. Wait."

"Count me in, I want to place a bid too."

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Some of them got excited and rushed up to bid.

However, there were still some calm minds among the crowd. They said something out loud.

"Everyone, don't be too impulsive. This old gentleman and this dude look so unfamiliar! It seems too much of a coincidence that they appeared on Pentagon Street in South Bay City out of nowhere!"

"It is indeed too much of a coincidence. Also, the way this dude judges the calligraphy painting is really unique!"

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Hearing this, everyone snapped back to their senses and put on a straight face.

Indeed, Fade's appearance was too sudden, and his way of judgment seemed too unimaginable. The whole thing looked like a scam, and the purpose was to induce people like them to bid and spend money on this painting.

With that thought in mind, the few people who were excited to bid just now shrank back and looked hesitant.

Fade didn't mind explaining anything to them. He looked at Oberon and said, "Sir, don't bother about them. I want to buy your painting, so please name your price."

Oberon looked a little worried too when he looked at the onlookers who had a skeptical look on their faces. Therefore, he didn't continue to drag on and said to Fade, "20 million yuan it is. Pay me 20 million yuan and I will sell it to you right away."

"Well, sir, 20 million yuan should be the starting price. I won't take advantage of you, so I'll pay you 25 million yuan," After that, Fade took out his credit card directly and swiped it on the spot.

Oberon didn't expect Fade to give him an extra five million yuan. He immediately bloomed into a smile. He settled the formalities with Fade quickly, collected the money, and handed Fade the calligraphy painting.

Fade put away the calligraphy painting and said to Momo, "That's done, I've bought a gift for your Grandpa. I think this antique calligraphy painting should be able to please him."

Momo still felt like everything was a little unbelievable at this moment. She nodded and responded, "Grandpa likes Einstein's paintings very much. If it's genuine, he will definitely like it."

"That's fine, I promise this calligraphy painting is genuine," Fade smiled confidently. He was about to leave with her.

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Just then, Momo hesitated, saying, "Fade, but..."

"What's wrong? Do you still want to buy anything else?" Fade asked.

Momo shook her head and answered, "Fade, it's not about that. It's just that this painting is too valuable to be a gift. Besides, it costs so much, it's..."

Momo's initial plan was to buy some gifts with her own money. Her budget was between a few hundred thousand yuan to a few million yuan.

She could afford this price herself. It was also appropriate for the Soo family to give it as a gift on such an occasion.

But now, Fade had spent 25 million yuan just to purchase Einstein's calligraphy painting, which was way too expensive. This made Momo feel that this was a little inappropriate. After all, she was the one who asked Fade to pretend to be her boyfriend. It didn't feel right to make him spend so much on her.

Looking at Momo's hesitant appearance, Fade understood her thoughts instantly. He patted her head and smiled, saying, "Have you forgotten my current status? It's only over 20 million yuan. This small sum of money is just a drop in the bucket for me, so you don't have to care about it."

Upon hearing this, Momo thought of Fade's net worth. After he became the famous Master Chen in Jade City and controlled 51% of the share in the Li family, his net worth had long exceeded tens of billions yuan.

25 million yuan was really just a drop in the bucket for him.

Thinking of this, Momo was relieved. She nodded and thanked him with a cheery smile, "Thank you so much for your gift this time. I will buy you a gift next time."

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"Okay, then I'll wait for your present!" Fade laughed. They were ready to leave.

After the people around listened to their conversation, they couldn't help sighing and erupted into another discussion.

"More than 20 million yuan is just a drop in the bucket for them? They're too wealthy!"

"This dude looks so unfamiliar. He's not a local here in South Bay City, isn't he?"

"Probably not. Who else can spend more than 20 million yuan easily in South Bay City? I can count off Zariah Soo, Hector Yao, and maybe a few more. Everyone knows them."

"Tsk tsk, it's so nice to be wealthy!"

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Fade and Momo walked away from the sighs and discussions.

However, after taking a few steps away, a man who looked around 27 to 28 years old stood in front of Fade and Momo, blocking their way.

This man was wearing a retro sky blue robe, looking handsome with his bright and clear eyes.

He walked over with a smile with his hands on his back, revealing a well demeanour. The gazes of the people around them, especially the women, couldn't help but be focused on his figure.

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Fade frowned as his way was being blocked. He looked at the man in front of him and asked, "Who are you?"

Momo frowned, equally displeased, "What do you want?"

The man smiled and then responded, "Don't get me wrong, I don't mean anything. I only have one thing to discuss with both of you."

"What's the matter?" Fade asked.

The man pointed to the calligraphy painting that Fade had put away and smiled faintly, answering, "It's nothing big. I just hope that you can give this calligraphy painting to me."

Hearing this, Fade couldn't help but raise an eyebrow in dissatisfaction. He paused for a moment and then shook his head, refusing, "I'm sorry, I don't want to sell this calligraphy painting. Please leave now!"

However, the man did not intend to get out of the way. Instead, he looked at Fade with a grin and continued to say, "Mister, I think it's better for you to give me this painting. There are some things that may not turn out to be a good thing if you have them."

Although he still had a smile on his face at the moment, it was a commanding and threatening one.

As soon as the man said this, the expressions of Fade and Momo froze.

Fade's expression became indifferent. He was not afraid of the man's threat at all. He warned, "I don't think so. I'm not interested

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in negotiating with you too. Get out of my way!"

When the other party saw this, a hint of anger flashed on his smiling cheeks. However, he still said, "Mister, I think you'd better think about what I said carefully again. This is South Bay City, and my name is Luther Chee. Maybe you can ask around about who I am."

"Luther?" Fade had no impression of hearing this name before.

Momo frowned and thought about it before saying, "After I returned home from school, I seemed to have heard someone mention this name before, but I can't remember the specific situation."

As they were still thinking about it, the onlookers beside them all looked extremely shocked when they heard Luther's name. A surprised discussion began to erupt in the crowd.

"Luther, someone from East Deer Academy in East City!"

"We can't afford to provoke someone from East Deer Academy. Young man, you'd better give him the calligraphy painting."

"That's right, Luther is a disciple of the Principal of the East Deer Academy. Don't mess with such a person."

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The people crowded around began to persuade Fade with a look of fear.

At this moment, Momo listened to the people around them and finally remembered who Luther was. She whispered in Fade's ear immediately and explained it to him.

"Fade, East Deer Academy is a force that has suddenly risen in South Bay City over the past six months."

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"In just over half a year, East Deer Academy has become one of the major forces in South Bay City. It was already on par with the Soo family and the Yao family before we could realise what was happening."

"The most important thing is that Valko Chu, the Principal of East Deer Academy, is a martial artist at the master level. I heard that he is a master on some kind of Martial Dragon List and many people serve him."

"Luther is one of Valko's personal disciples. He seems to be very highly skilled and has made a name for himself in the martial arts world of South Bay City."

Hearing this, Fade was a little surprised.

After all, he had just received the news that he had reached the top rank of the Martial Dragon List from Hollace and Lucille. Right now, he actually encountered master disciples on the Martial Dragon List being arrogant to him in South Bay City.

Feeling that such a coincidence was rather hilarious, Fade shook his head and said to Momo, "Don't worry. It doesn't matter if it's the East Deer Academy or the master of the Martial Dragon List, they're all nothing to me."

Fade didn't lower his voice when he said that, thus everyone present clearly heard it.

For a while, everyone fell silent.

Luther's expression, who looked proud at first, became a little callous. He wiped the smile off his face, looked at Fade and said coldly, "What did you say!"

Fade took a side glance at Luther and replied blandly, "I said, don't get in my way. You'd better get out of my way right now!"

Hearing this, Luther's expression completely turned livid. He stared at Fade ferociously and said, "Originally, I wanted to spend

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money to buy the calligraphy painting in your hand."

"But now, I won't spend even a single penny on the calligraphy painting."

After speaking, Luther roared sternly, waved his hand and commanded, "Go, snatch the calligraphy painting. Be careful, don't damage the valuables."

Hearing this, the two uniformed subordinates behind Luther dashed out immediately. They were about to attack Fade and snatch his calligraphy painting away.

Upon seeing this, Fade snorted indifferently and rebuked them sternly, "You guys actually rob others' belongings in broad daylight. Do you guys even know of the law?"

Luther snorted coldly and retorted, "Law? What a joke. It seems that you still don't understand the position of the East Deer Academy! Even the Soo family and Yao family have to send the things we want to us obediently. Who do you think you are? How dare you violate the order of our East Deer Academy? You're simply digging your own grave."

"Let's see who's the one really digging their own grave here," Fade was really infuriated. He squinted a little, lowered his voice and let out an angry roar from his throat.

At that moment, Luther's two subordinates also rushed up and were about to attack Fade.

However, Fade's movement was faster than them and he slapped them on their faces twice.

Fade's strength was so great that the two men were thrown into the air directly. They whirled in the air before and flew a distance away. Finally, they slammed on the ground and spat out a mouthful of blood from their mouths. Their cheeks were extremely red and swollen, and they could not move at all.

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With that, everyone at the scene was stunned.

"He actually defeated two people with just one move. T-t-this... This is just too awesome!"

"That's a disciple of East Deer Academy! Is this dude also a martial artist?"

"But, it will only irritate Luther even more in this case! Even if he's highly skilled, he can't possibly match up to East Deer Academy!"

"That's right. Young men tend to be too impulsive. Sheesh!"

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During the discussion, Luther looked very gloomy. He stared at Fade ferociously and gritted his teeth, cursing, "How dare you hurt my men! You're definitely risking your neck by hurting East Deer Academy's men!"


Fade frowned and looked at Luther, who was approaching with a gloomy expression. Fade let out a callous cry, "Get lost!" Then, he slapped Luther on his face in the same way.

"How dare you hit me! Die!" Luther was enraged and screamed. An ominous glow shined in his hand to reveal a small dagger. He then stabbed it towards Fade's heart.

Upon seeing this, Fade squinted as a hint of murderous intent appeared on his face as he warned, "You're too vicious. Your actions are so murderous."

While speaking, a red light flashed Fade's palm.

The light looked like flames, flickering and burning in the wind. Then, he headed directly towards Luther's dagger, the wind

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When Luther saw Fade use the flesh of his palm against his dagger, a smirk appeared at the corner of his mouth. He mocked, "You piece of sh*t, you are digging your own grave, haha!"

However, Luther stopped laughing abruptly when Fade caught the dagger with his palm.

The smile on Luther's face froze instantly and his expression changed into one of unbelievable consternation. After that, it turned into pain and finally into a shrill scream. Luther's whole body was sent flying.

It turned out that after Fade's palm met with Luther's dagger, it had snapped Luther's dagger in half along with his entire arm.

At this moment, Luther's right arm had been twisted like a braid and was completely deformed.

He fell to the ground and groaned due to the pain. His face was flushed and his forehead was dripping with sweat.

Fade glanced at Luther blandly and warned indifferently, "I'll teach you a lesson here by breaking off your hand this time. If such an incident happens again, I won't let you so easy again."

After that, he turned around, dragged Momo away and left.

It was not until Fade and Momo's figures disappeared in the sight that the shocked onlookers came back to their senses abruptly. In an instant, there was a burst of lively discussion.

"D*mn, did you see that just now? That dude is too awesome."

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"Exactly. He broke Luther's right arm with one palm. His strength is amazing!"

"Luther is a martial arts master in the early Black Level stages. Judging by the strength of that young man, he is at least in the middle stage of the Black Level."

"I think he's more than that!"

"Who is he? Why did he appear in South Bay City out of nowhere?"

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Hearing these discussions, Luther, who was lying on the ground, took on an even more ghastly expression with his face twisted in pain at this moment.

He called his subordinates to help him up. Once he got up, he looked in the direction where Fade was leaving, gritted his teeth and declared, "I'll remember you. How dare you lay a finger on me?! I will definitely not let you go."

"Go and find out the identity of that dude right away. I must have him pay the price," Luther said ferociously.

His subordinate nodded and went towards the crowd to inquire about the situation immediately.

Soon, he collected the information and returned. Almost none of the people present knew Fade or who he was. However, some of them recognized Momo, who was with him.

After all, Momo was the daughter of the Soo family. Although she went to study abroad, she still had a certain reputation in South Bay City.

After listening to the information, Luther gritted his teeth and said, "Miss Soo from the Soo family, right? Contact the Academy

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immediately. I want to know when the Soo Family decided to go against our East Deer Academy."

The subordinate nodded and went to deal with it.

Luther thought of something again and ordered, "Also, you must get the calligraphy painting. That painting is genuine and the Principal likes these antique calligraphy paintings the most. Therefore, that calligraphy painting cannot fall into the hands of others. Understand?"

"Understood!" The subordinates responded, nodded and then started to make the necessary arrangements.

Luther, who was injured, was also supported by his subordinates and left the place.

After hearing Luther's words, the onlookers couldn't help but whisper again.

"That girl is Miss Soo from the Soo family, while Luther is from East Deer Academy. Now that the two forces have bared their fangs at each other, there should be a good show to see this time!"

"The Soo family is a wealthy and powerful family in South Bay City. It has a long history and profound heritage, which should not be underestimated. On the other side, East Deer Academy has risen strongly, and its Principal is the famous master on the Martial Dragon List, who has also shown very strong signs of moving up the ranks. It is so difficult to predict who will win!"

"I am afraid that a storm will soon descend over South Bay City."

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"By the way, did you hear Luther say that the calligraphy painting is genuine?"

"If it is genuine, Einstein's calligraphy paintings are worth at least hundreds of millions of yuan. That dude only spent 20 million

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yuan to but it just now. He has really made a large profit this time."

"Hundreds of millions of yuan? That's just for the most ordinary pieces of Einstein's calligraphy painting. Be it the scroll size, preservation and degree of rarity, I can tell that the painting just now is very rare. If it is auctioned, I estimate that it is worth at least 500 million yuan."

"Five hundred million yuan! Well, that dude is really lucky. Why didn't I make up my mind to bid for it just now?"

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Many people sighed in annoyance and slapped their thighs in regret. After all, they could almost guarantee that they would make a great fortune if they bought the painting just now.

In the face of such benefits, it was reasonable for everyone to regret and get annoyed.

Looking at the regretful crowd, someone snorted and said, "I think you are all dazzled by the benefits. Didn't you hear what Luther said just now? Luther has taken a fancy to the painting. As long as East Deer Academy takes action, do you think that dude can get the painting no matter how much it's worth?"

Hearing what that person said, the regretful crowd was immediately enlightened. The regretful look on their faces at the moment turned into rejoicing and fear.

On the other side, Fade and Momo, who left Pentagon Street, drove to Soo Manor together.

In the car, Momo was still a little worried when she thought about what happened just now, "Fade, that East Deer Academy behind Luther has risen rapidly in South Bay City. Even the Soo family has been a little afraid of them recently. You crushed Luther's arm this time, so I'm afraid..."

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Fade patted Momo's head gently and comforted her, "Don't worry, I'm not afraid of Luther or East Deer Academy."

Momo looked at his confident behavior and was relieved instantly. She flashed him a smile and changed the subject, asking, "Fade, since Luther is fighting for this painting, doesn't that mean that this painting is genuine?"

"Of course it's genuine. Do you think I am so silly to buy a counterfeit painting?" Fade laughed.

Momo asked with a puzzled look, "Fade, didn't you say that you don't understand antique calligraphy and paintings? How can you tell if that calligraphy painting is genuine or fake?"

Fade smiled and answered, "Actually, it's very simple. I don't have the knowledge regarding antiques nor the awareness of the characteristics of Einstein's calligraphy painting. However, I am a martial artist and I can tell the age of the energy flowing within the painting. The energy contained in that calligraphy painting is obviously not recent, but one from a long time ago. After confirming this, I can judge that this calligraphy painting is an ancient artifact. With that, I am sure that it is genuine."

"So that's what happened!" Momo responded in surprise. Her eyes lit up as she looked at Fade, her eyes gleaming with cheekiness as she asked, "Fade, if this calligraphy painting is genuine, it is extremely valuable. It is worth at least about two hundred million yuan!"

Fade didn't understand much about this, so he nodded lightly and replied, "It should be about that price."

Momo clutched her chest instantly and said, "Fade, I already thought that it cost you too much to spend 25 million yuan to buy this. Now that its value has doubled tenfold, wouldn't it be too valuable to give this calligraphy painting as a gift? How about we pick out another present for Grandpa?"

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Fade smiled upon hearing Momo's words and responded, "It's all right, it's just a painting."

"But, Fade, this is worth more than 200 million yuan! It's really too valuable, I..." Momo still couldn't let go of the fact that the painting was worth so many.

Fade smiled and stroked her head. Then, he asked, "Isn't it just right that I can please your grandpa with such an exorbitant gift? Later, he'll be able to allow me to marry a beauty like you!"

When Fade brought this up, Momo couldn't help but blush. She glanced at him and snorted, "Fade, you're making fun of me again. Hmph, I'll remember this and tell Quin later."

Fade burst out laughing in an instant. He was almost used to Momo threatening him by threatening to tell on him to Quin, thus it was no surprise for him anymore.

They chatted all the way and soon reached the entrance gate of the Soo Manor.

The Soo family was a well-known and powerful family in South Bay City. It had a long history of more than one hundred years and a profound cultural background.

Soo Manor was built near the lake on the Second Ring Road of South Bay City. The manor was built on the lakeside, boasting a strategic location and stunning scenery. It was renowned as a treasured geomantic omen in the city.

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The Soo Manor's architectural style resembled that of a Chinese garden - it was exquisite and elegant. Every step they took would take them to different scenery, looking like a hidden gem in the bustling city. It was quite an eye-opener to Fade.

"Momo, your house is so beautiful. It's even more beautiful than those 5-star scenery spots!" Fade praised with a look of amazement plastered on his face.

Seeing that Fade liked it, Momo's face was full of smiles too. She chimed, "Fade, you can stay at my house a little longer if you like it. Which part of the manor do you want to stay in? I will arrange it for you."

While they were chatting, the servants greeted them excitedly, "Miss Momo, you're back!"

Momo looked at the elder who'd greeted her, Pearson Wang, and responded with a smile, "C'mon, Pearson, you don't have to be so courteous to me. Could you please tell Grandpa that I'm back and that I brought... a friend with me?"

With that, Momo glanced at Fade.

When Pearson saw this, a slight surprise flashed in his gaze. Then, he cupped his hand before his chest, turned around and went in to make a report.

Fade sighed softly when he saw this. "As expected of a century-old well-known and powerful family. The people here are so well-mannered!" He sighed thoughtfully.

Upon hearing this, Momo was vaguely aware of the different tone in Fade's words. Thus, she explained, "Our Soo family has been a family of scholars for generations. In the new era, we transformed the family model into a business model gradually. However, the tradition of scholars is still retained in the family, so they pay more attention to manners."

"That's especially true for my uncle, Somoset Soo. What he values most is manners. Therefore, he may be a bit stubborn in

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dealing with problems. Fade, I'm sorry in advance since you have to endure him for a while if you are not used to his antics," Momo said as she looked at Fade with some anxiety.

Fade smiled and stroked Momo's head. He replied with a smile, "Don't worry about that, I was just amazed a while ago. Besides, since I've already come with you, I've mentally prepared myself since a while ago. It's okay, don't worry!"

"Okay!" Momo nodded with a smile on her face.

Just then, they heard a somewhat shrill female voice calling out, "Momo, look at you, flirting with a man in the crowd. It seems that you had a great time outside!"

Hearing the voice, Fade and Momo were stunned. They looked towards the source of the voice.

Fade noticed a young woman about twenty-four to twenty-five years old with long hair, wearing a modified cheongsam.

This cheongsam was designed with an elegant ancient charm in mind. However, the woman looked exceptionally disdainful and unkind at this moment, tainting the initially elegance of the cheongsam.

"Momo, who is she?" Fade frowned upon seeing this and asked her immediately.

Momo's face fell. She explained to Fade in a low voice quickly, "This is my cousin, Yuki Soo. Her father married into the Soo family and has lived with us, so she is not considered as the direct descendant of the Soo family."

"Due to her family status, she hasn't had a good relationship with me since she was a child. And now, she's become like this..."

"I see," Fade nodded. Then, he looked at Yuki and asked calmly, "Miss Yuki, right? Let me introduce myself. My name is Fade Chen, and I'm Momo's boyfriend. Since we are lovers, it's normal for us to be intimate with each other. Miss Yuki, it's not like you

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can control us, am I right?"

Yuki couldn't help feeling a little surprised when she heard this. After all, she didn't expect that this outsider would dare to pick a fight with her.

Her face fell in an instant. Then, she gave a cold snort. With a mocking smile forming at the corners of her mouth, she asked, "Boyfriend? I don't think that you're aware that Momo is already engaged to Hector Yao, the young master of the great and powerful Yao family in South Bay City. I really wonder how did you, the so-called boyfriend, appear out of nowhere? Or, is it because Momo didn't clarify it to you at all?"

Speaking of the engagement, Momo couldn't help but clench her fist in frustration.

Fade held Momo's hand gently, pinched it hard and then said to her, "Momo, don't worry, I'm here."

After that, he looked at Yuki immediately and raised his head to declare confidently, "I know of the engagement and that Hector Yao of whom you mentioned. However, I can guarantee that none of this will happen. I'm Momo's boyfriend, and the one who will be with her will definitely be me."

Hearing this, Yuki was taken aback for a moment before laughing out loud. She looked at Fade strangely as if she was looking at a fool and asked, "You said you will guarantee that the engagement won't happen. Haha! Who do you think you are?"

"It was the elders of the Soo family and Yao family who made the engagement between Momo and Hector. Do you think it will not happen just because you say it won't? Who do you think you are? A big shot?"

Fade replied blandly, "It doesn't matter if I am a big shot, but what I can guarantee is that this engagement will definitely not take place."

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"Haha, you're full of nonsense," Yuki shook her head, feeling that she couldn't communicate with Fade anymore. She turned to Momo straight away and asked her in a mocking tone, "Momo, is the so-called boyfriend you are seeing such a psycho who brags a lot? Do you think such a man can make Uncle and Grandpa change their minds?"

When it came to this, Momo's expression changed a little. However, she still answered firmly, "That's my business, you don't have to worry about it."

After speaking, she took Fade by the hand and strode towards the interior of Soo Manor.

Yuki was watching from behind with a flickering gaze. Finally, she let out a cold snort and followed them in.

When they arrived in the hall, Fade saw a lot of people sitting there just as he stepped in. Obviously, the Soo family still valued Momo's marriage very seriously.

As the two of them entered, the gaze of everyone in the manor was all focused on them at once.

These gazes were like sharp swords, piercing them ferociously in an oppressive manner.

Momo was stunned by this for a while. She stood still and didn't know what to say for a while.

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At this moment, an elegant middle-aged man about 45 to 46 years old who was sitting on the left of the main seat in the hall coughed softly and asked, "Momo, why don't you introduce the friend you brought back home to us?"

Hearing this, Momo came back to her senses abruptly and nodded to the man, "Yes, Dad. I'll introduce him to you guys right away."

The man who spoke was Ernest Soo, Momo's father. He was also the second son of Egbert, the old master of the Soo family.

Momo's gaze swept over the people in the living hall.

Among them, there was a middle-aged man in his fifties sitting on the main seat. The man looked somewhat alike to Ernest, but his expression was way more serious. Compared to Ernest's calm demeanor, he could be said to be more majestic.

That man was Ernest's eldest brother and Egbert's eldest son, Somoset Soo. Although Egbert was still the head of the Soo family, he was old and did not have much strength to manage many affairs in the family. Therefore, he basically left everything to Somoset.

Hence, it could be said that Somoset was now the head of the Soo family in managing family affairs. Therefore, he was sitting on the main seat at this moment.

A middle-aged woman about 41 to 42 years old was sitting on to the right of Somoset's seat. She had short hair and a straight

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face, which gave people a sense of hostility.

Fade felt that she looked familiar. That woman was Lyla Soo, Momo's aunt and Egbert's youngest daughter, who he had met back in Bay City before.

Due to the incident that happened in Bay City last time, it was obvious that Lyla had no good expressions of Fade. When she saw Fade's gaze at her, she gave a cold snort, looking very displeased.

The people in the other seats were all relatives of the Soo family. However, they were not the direct descendants of the family, so Fade didn't bother to try to know all of them.

At this moment, after looking around, Momo took a deep breath, then looked at Somoset, who was sitting in the main seat, and introduced, "This is Fade, my boy..."

Momo wanted to say that Fade was her boyfriend.

Right then, Ernest interrupted her, "I know Fade. Momo, he's your friend! You mentioned him to me before and told me that he is a nice young man."

"Dad, this..." Momo's expression was a bit stunned, surprised at his interruption.

Ernest winked at Momo and worded something. He did not make a sound, but Momo and Fade both understood his meaning. "Don't rush!" He mouthed to them.

Momo understood what Ernest meant. He wanted Momo to announce their relationship gradually after Fade was acquainted with everyone instead of announcing his identity as her boyfriend right from the beginning. This would also help to facilitate the problem of her arranged marriage later on.

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Therefore, Momo re-introduced Fade to them, "Fade is a good friend of mine. I invited him to our house as a guest this time. I hope that..."

Before Momo could finish speaking, she was interrupted again.

However, it was not Ernest who interrupted this time, but Yuki who walked in.

Yuki asked in a taunting manner, "Momo, didn't you say that Fade was your boyfriend when we were outside just now? Why don't you admit it now?"

"Woah!"

Hearing the word "boyfriend", there was an uproar at the scene as all the Soo family members erupted into heated discussion.

As of then, Yuki continued to add oil to the fire by saying, "By the way, Momo's boyfriend also just said that he will definitely not let Momo and Master Yao's engagement take effect. He wants to be with Momo forever!"

Suddenly, the uproar in the scene became more obvious.

Somoset, who was sitting on the main seat, yelled sternly at Momo with a serious and ghastly expression, "Momo, explain yourself. What's going on?"

Momo was a little panicked at this time and didn't know what to do for a while. She stammered, "F-f-f-Fa.. Fade is my..."

Upon seeing this, Ernest stood up to smooth things over for Momo, "Somoset, Momo just came back and she's a little tired. Let's talk about it again after she and her friend have rested up!"

However, just after Ernest finished speaking, Lyla got up immediately and said, "Ernest, Fade is not an ordinary friend of hers!

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When I went to Bay City last time, he and Momo were very close! He even claimed himself to be Momo's boyfriend."

"Somoset and Grandpa have already arranged the marriage between Momo and Hector. Apart from that, everyone in South Bay City already knows about it."

"If the rumor of Momo having another boyfriend spreads out, I think you clearly know what kind of impact we will be facing too, right, Ernest?"

"I..." Ernest didn't know how to explain things to them.

When Lyla saw this, she snorted softly and said, "This matter is very important, so it's best to let Momo clarify it. Besides, it won't take much time for her to explain herself."

When Somoset on the main seat heard this, he nodded and agreed, "What Lyla said makes sense. Ernest, let Momo explain herself."

At this time, Ernest was in a dilemma. His expression changed. Finally, he looked at Momo and raised the corners of his mouth a little, revealing an encouraging smile.

Obviously, Ernest still chose to support Momo and wanted her to make a choice according to her own will.

Tears welled up Momo's eyes when she saw this.

After that, her gaze became very firm instantly. She glanced at everyone on the scene and announced loudly, "If that is the case, then I will introduce him to all of you once again."

"This is Fade Chen, my, Momo Soo's, boyfriend."

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"Oh my god!" Everyone was baffled to hear this and exclaimed loudly.

Somoset's expression grew even frostier. He slapped the armrest of the seat and rebuked Momo sternly, "Momo, do you know what you are talking about? You are engaged to Hector, so how can you...."

At this time, Momo decided to completely risk it all. She interrupted Somerset and said, "You were the one who arranged the marriage between me and Hector without my consent. I never agreed to it."

"I have someone I like, and I want to decide on my own marriage by myself. Therefore, I choose to be with Fade."

Her loud voice echoed in the hall, sounding a bit shocking to the honorable and traditional family like the Soo family.

Somoset was even more enraged and shot up from his seat. He stared at Momo ferociously, his face looking extremely gloomy as he rebuked, "Nonsense! How can you treat your parents' orders and your arranged marriage like child's play?"

"The parents of both families have arranged your marriage with Hector. You have no other choice but to accept the marriage."

Momo flushed with anger when she heard his words. She shot back, "It's the 21st century now. We're not living in a feudal society. I want to fall in love freely and I don't want to sacrifice my marriage to be your business tool."

"How dare you! What nonsense are you talking about!" Somerset was furious. He stared at Momo ferociously and shouted at her harshly.

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In the face of her uncle, Somoset's opposition, Momo was on the verge of tears and looked very determined. She said, "Whatever. When it comes to my own marriage, I will be in charge of it. At most, I just decide not to come back to this household."

After speaking, she turned around and was about to leave straight away.

Such an attitude infuriated Somoset and Lyla even more and they harshly scolded both Momo and Ernest.

"Momo, how can you talk to your elders in this way? Where are your manners!" Lyla rebuked Momo.

Somoset also criticized Ernest, saying, "Ernest, so this is how you educate your daughter? Our Soo family has been an honorable family for a century, we can't lose our traditions and rules here!"

Ernest's expression was a little ghastly at this moment. He was at a loss how to answer Somoset for a while, so he could only try to gloss over the topic, "Somoset, Momo is just saying things out of anger. We might as well just give this matter further thought and discuss it later."

Somoset snorted coldly, "We are only three days away from the annual meeting of the Soo family before the Yao family comes to take Momo's hand in marriage. Do you think we have the time to give this matter a further thought?"

"This..." Ernest didn't know how to refute that.

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Upon seeing this, Momo looked at Ernest and said, "Dad, there is no need to talk to them anymore. I won't agree to this marriage arrangement. If you guys insist on forcing me to agree with it, then I will leave now."

With that said, Momo was about to step out of the hall.

Upon seeing this, Somoset snorted heavily, "Momo, you are too reckless. You're not allowed to act like a spoiled kid just because of our Soo family's hundred-year-old rule."

"Guys, go retain Momo," Somoset waved his hand to call his men over. He actually wanted to force her to comply.

Upon seeing this, Momo's expression couldn't help but change. She looked shocked and frustrated.

Ernest was shocked too and spoke immediately, trying to defend Momo, "Somoset, this is too much, isn't it? I will talk to her..."

As a result, before Ernest could finish speaking, Somoset scoffed and interrupted him, "There is nothing to talk about. Ernest, the reason why Momo is so capricious is that you spoil her too much. She's not young anymore now. It's time to restrain her a little and teach her some manners."

While they were speaking, the Soo family's security guards had already rushed over. They were about to detain Momo forcibly.

Such a large force made her nervous.

However, Fade pinched Momo's hand and comforted her softly, "I'm here, so no one can hurt you."

After speaking, he stepped out and looked at several security guards. Then, he declared solemnly, "You'll have to get past me if you want to take Momo away."

Seeing this, Somoset, who was sitting on the main seat, frowned and warned Fade, "Hey you, these are the affairs of the Soo

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family. It has nothing to do with you. Get out of the way right away, or don't blame me for being rude to you."

Fade did not back down and replied, "Momo is my girlfriend, so I'm related to this matter. You can detain her, but only over my dead body."

"What an ungrateful brat!" Somoset snorted and ordered, "Get him!"

The four security guards rushed over together. It was indeed true that the Soo family did have a profound family background. These security guards had the strength belonging to masters of the early stage of the Black Level, which was not bad at all.

However, they were still not good enough, as the person they were facing was Fade.

Two of the four security guards rushed towards Fade, trying to control him and pull him away, while the other two walked towards Momo, preparing to take her away.

However, when the four of them had just moved, Fade waved his arms and created a burst of energy. With a loud whirr, he blew the four of them backwards, causing them to stagger and almost fall to the ground.

When Somoset saw this, he squinted his eyes then slapped the armrest, reproaching furiously, "How dare you to start a fight in the Soo family! Are you suicidal?! Take him down for me, I must teach him a good lesson."

When Fade saw this, his expression became serious and he squared himself up to get ready for a fight. The imposing aura exuding from his body increased greatly too.

It seemed that a battle was inevitable.

Ernest couldn't help but grow anxious when he saw such a situation. He wanted to prevent a fight from breaking out, but he was

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just an ordinary person without any shred of martial arts. He really had no way to solve this situation.

Just when the atmosphere became tense and the few people on the scene were about to fight...

An old voice rang through the hall, asking, "What's the matter? Isn't the New Year coming soon? Why is the house so noisy?"

Hearing this voice, everyone on the scene was shocked. After that, they turned their heads and looked over. Then, they bowed respectfully and greeted the person, "Master Egbert!"

The person who walked out was an elder in his seventies and was wearing a Chinese tunic suit. He had grey hair and a ruddy complexion. Although he was not young, he was in good spirits.

Obviously, this was Egbert Soo, the old master of the Soo family.

When Somoset saw Egbert walk out, he got out of the main seat immediately. He walked over rapidly and helped the old master into the seat.

After the old master sat down, he looked down and saw Momo. A smile appeared on his face instantly as he said happily, "Momo, you're back!"

Tears welled up in Momo's eyes instantly when she saw Egbert. She nodded and answered, "Grandpa, I'm back. I don't want to marry Hector, I..."

Hearing this, Somoset couldn't help but frown. He interrupted Momo harshly straight away, "Momo, what nonsense are you telling Grandpa!"

"I'm just..." Momo defended herself with watery eyes.

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Somoset and Lyla wanted to speak again.

Before they could resume quarrelling, Egbert stopped them, "Stop quarrelling."

Everyone fell silent in an instant and looked at the old master.

Egbert swept his gaze around the people and finally fell on Momo, saying, "I know about everything. However, Momo is tired from coming all the way back home, so let's not talk about these things for now."

Upon hearing this, Ernest and Momo looked joyfully relieved. On the other hand, Somoset and Lyla looked a little displeased.

At this moment, Egbert's gaze fell on Fade again. He asked aloud, "This is..."

"Grandpa, this is Fade, my..." Momo was about to introduce Fade to her grandfather. When she was about to tell him who he was, Ernest interrupted, "Dad, this is Fade, Momo's friend. He took care of Momo back when they were in Bay City. Therefore, she invited him over to have fun."

After speaking, Ernest winked at Momo. She understood what he was thinking instantly.

Obviously, Ernest didn't want Momo to mention Fade's identity as her boyfriend at this time since Egbert wasn't bringing up the engagement. He was worried that this would infuriate Egbert and he would oppose it directly. If that was the case, there would be no room for turning back on this issue anymore.

Now that the old master hadn't made a specific statement, they could take their time to persuade him slowly. Perhaps they would still have a chance.

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After understanding her father's meaning, Momo played along with him immediately and said, "Grandpa, Fade is a good friend of mine. You wouldn't mind if I brought him here to have some fun, right?"

Lyla and Yuki wanted to say something at this time, but Egbert spoke up right then so that they had no chance to interrupt.

He chuckled and said, "Of course, your friend can come and hang out any time."

Momo's expression became more excited when she heard what Egbert was saying as she felt a glimmer of hope. She glanced at Fade and then smiled, saying, "Grandpa, Fade brought some gifts along too."

With that said, Fade came out with gifts, "It's really nothing."

With that, he handed the gifts. When the Soo family members saw the gifts, they let out cries of surprise instantly.

"This jade pendant is made of glass. It's worth more than 100,000 yuan at least!"

"This ancient sword is my most favorite type. Well, not bad!"

"This jade finger is an ancient gadget. It's worth at least 200,000 yuan!"

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Suddenly, the surprised discussion turned into one of curiosity and astonishment for Fade. Of course, voices of doubt were

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indispensable too.

"Fade is quite wealthy, isn't he? He is so generous."

"Haha, is this called wealthy? Does he think that we, the Soo family, are short of this sum of money?"

"This dude has put in a lot of effort. He has chosen everything we like."

"These things were chosen by Momo, obviously. Perhaps it is Momo who paid for it, what's so exciting about that?"

"It looks like this dude is not bad!"

"Did he buy you off with just a gift? Don't be so cheap!"

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Seeing the discussion of the Soo family members on the scene, Somoset became a little discontented. He coughed and said sternly, "Don't accept others' gifts casually. Otherwise, outsiders might think that we are greedy for money!"

After he said this, many Soo family members, who were playing with the gifts excitedly, put the gifts down hurriedly. Their expressions were solemn. Some of them even did not dare to accept the gifts.

However, Egbert waved his hand and said lightly, "Somoset, it's fine since the gifts are Fade's token of goodwill. Let them accept it!"

Since he had already said so, Somoset naturally stopped saying anything.

Momo was even more content. She gestured to Fade, who took out a few important gifts and gave them to important figures like Ernest and Somoset.

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Compared with the gifts just now, these gifts were obviously more valuable.

Ernest accepted the gift with a smile on his face, while Somoset and Lyla had on a straight face, looking extremely discontent. After receiving the gifts, they put it aside and looked scornful.

However, Fade didn't expect them to like it, and neither did he care. Instead, he focused on the last and most important gift - he took out Einstein Zheng's calligraphy painting.

At this time, Momo showed the painting to Egbert with a smile on her face, "Grandpa, Fade heard that you like antique calligraphy painting, so he specially got you a calligraphy painting in hopes that you like it."

After speaking, Fade presented the calligraphy painting to him. Egbert did not receive it personally. Instead, he ordered his servant to take it and display it directly on the spot.

When the servant displayed the calligraphy painting in front of everyone, there was a burst of exclamation on the scene.

"This... This is Einstein Zheng's calligraphy painting."

"Looking at the markings on the painting, it seems to be real!"

"This is a big splurge. The genuine Einstein's calligraphy paintings are worth at least hundreds of millions of yuan!"

"Master Egbert likes Einstein Zheng very much. This dude has really put in a lot of effort this time!"

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With such a big splurge, even Somoset and Ernest, who did not think kindly of Fade, had a look of surprise on their faces at this moment.

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"Is this really Einstein's calligraphy painting?"

"It's worth hundreds of millions of yuan. Is this brat really that wealthy?"

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Yuki murmured in a displeased manner, "Why are all of you so surprised? Who knows if it's genuine or not?"

Momo and Fade ignored all these strange words and gazes at this time and only looked at Egbert.

Momo beamed and said, "Grandpa, you like antique calligraphy painting the most. Please accept this gift!"

Egbert, who had always had a smile at the corners of his mouth before, found his expression falling a little when he laid eyes on the painting. He did not accept the painting and said, "I can't accept this, this calligraphy painting is too valuable. Fade, you should take it back."

Fade was a little startled. Momo explained hurriedly, "Grandpa, Fade picked up this calligraphy painting during a great sale. It only cost 25 million yuan. It's not too expensive, so just accept it."

Before Egbert could say another word, the people around were riled up again when they heard this.

"It turns out that it was on bargain. No wonder! And here I thought how generous he would be to spend billions on such a valuable painting!"

"Truthfully speaking though, 25 million yuan is not a small sum of money either!"

"Hah, they say they got this painting with 25 million yuan and you believe it just like that? Perhaps he only spent two thousand and five hundred yuan to get it. Besides, Einstein's calligraphy painting is worth hundreds of millions of yuan only if it's genuine.

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But now, I can't be sure if this painting is the actual thing or not!"

"True! How can this dude have such the luck to pick up such a big bargain anyways!"

"What about the gifts that he gave us before? Won't they be..."

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For a while, the good impression created by giving the gifts just now turned into doubt and speculation about Fade.

Momo didn't expect a single sentence she said would overturn the situation like this. She became a little anxious in an instant and explained, "Grandpa, this calligraphy painting is genuine. When we found it, everyone at the scene said..."

Egbert waved his hand and interrupted Momo, "Momo, I believe this calligraphy painting is genuine. It's just that we can't accept such a valuable gift!"

As he said, he yawned and said, "I'm exhausted, I'm going to rest."

With that, Somoset helped him walk down from his seat immediately.

Although Momo felt it was a pity, she still walked over and helped Egbert into his room.

Although the act of giving a valuable gift to please the old master eventually failed, things were going quite well. Momo wanted Fade to stay in the manor for the coming few days so that he could get along with the Soo family members and make them change their attitude towards him.

Therefore, she sent someone to arrange a place for him to stay.

Just when Momo was about to arrange somewhere for Fade to stay in the Soo Manor, Lyla walked out and stopped them. She

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shot Fade a cold face and said, "You can't stay here, please leave now!"

Upon hearing this, Fade frowned and immediately grew displeased.

Momo asked instantly, "Aunt Lyla, what are you doing? Fade is my friend and our guest. How can you drive him away?"

Lyla curled her lips and replied, "Momo, you're an adult. There are some things you should be aware of. The Soo family has been an honoured family for as long as a century. There are some rules and customs that cannot be violated."