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Even Egbert, who was initially undecided, changed his expression .

Somoset, Lyla, and Zarriah had also changed their stance abruptly, and directed their muzzle at Fade.

"Father, Valko's identity is extraordinary, and he is very strong too. We must support Valko!"

"Exactly! The Tianwu Clan has Heaven Level powers. We really can't afford to offend them!"

"Grandpa, We can't get along with Fade anyway. I don't think there would be a problem if we support Valko now!"

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Momo was enraged when she saw the attitude of her family. "How can you do this? Just a few moments ago, all of you were still supporting Fade!"

"That was just now. Since Valko is taking action now, Fade will definitely lose. Why should we still support him?" Zarriah scoffed.

Somoset also added solemnly, "Momo, this does not only concern you, but it affects our Soo family too. Stop messing around."

Lyla added immediately, "Momo, we are doing all these for you and the family, You will understand in future."

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After a few rounds of debate, Momo was smoldering in anger and disappointment. She glanced at Egbert inadvertently.

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Egbert had been silent for a long while. His eyes fixed on Valko and Fade. After a while, he finally said, "Fade had injured the disciple of East Deer Academy and destroyed Larson in public. It is only reasonable for Mr. Valko to avenge his people. We should never intervene in this matter."

"Grandpa..." Momo called out with a tear-streaked face.

However, with a serious look on his face, Egbert said coldly, "I have already decided. There is nothing more to discuss."

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"In the end, the Soo family is still being rational!"

"Master Soo made the right move."

"Egbert is really a sly fox. He does not get emotional at critical moments."

"With the Soo family, Yao family and Valko joining forces, even if he is Master Chen, he can do nothing now!"

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Valko and Fade heard the arguments around them.

"Now, if you break both of your arms and kneel down to beg for mercy, perhaps, I will spare you your life," Valko said to Fade proudly while a smile crept up the corners of his mouth.

Fade looked at Valko, shook his head, and replied flatly, "I should be the one telling you that."

"Do you have a death wish? Do you know who you are talking to?" Valko asked sternly, "I am ranked forty-two on the Dragon List. Who are you?"

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"Forty-two only. No big deal at all," Fade replied indifferently.

"You are seriously courting death!" Valko yelled angrily. "I gave you a chance. But since you don't know how to appreciate it, I will put an end to you now."

Right at this moment, the turbulent energy inside him burst out suddenly, shattering a number of antics in the hall.

Valko's robe fluttered and his long hair danced in the wind. A layer of cyan light enveloped his entire body, making him appear godly. He dashed toward Fade and sent an impactful blow at him. "Go to hell!" he bellowed.

Swoosh!

Along with Valko's attack, wind swooshed and howled in the hall, creating an intimidating atmosphere.

The others in the hall could barely open their eyes under such powerful oppression.

They squinted and could only see Valko's aggressive attacks hovering above Fade.

As for Fade, his final move was just a slap of his palm forward with no fancy move.

Most of the people there closed their eyes when they witnessed that, shaking their heads and sighing.

"Master Chen is going to lose. Everything is going to end here."

"He should not have left Jade City and come to South Bay City in the first place."

"After all, Valko is a master on the Dragon List. He cannot be defeated easily."

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While everyone was sighing, a sudden strong force burst across the hall. Then, there was a loud slap followed by a scream. A heavy object was heard hitting hard on the ground.

"It's over. Defeated in just one move!"

"Valko is stronger than we've thought!"

"Master Chen is after all, just a misnomer!"

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Everyone was overwhelmed with emotions. They opened their eyes slowly and they looked toward the center of the hall.

Almost instantaneously, everyone's jaw dropped. They were shocked to the core by what they saw.

"What... what's going on? Why is Valko lying on the ground while Master Chen is completely fine."

"Valko looks really pale. To have coughed up so much blood, he must've been badly injured!"

"So Fade wasn't the one who was defeated from the blow just now. It was Valko?"

"But Valko is a master of the Dragon List. How could Fade...?"

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Not only were the guests stunned, but even the Soo family who were sitting at the main table, had a strange look on their faces. Everyone was dumbfounded.

Besides Momo and Lyla who were smiling, the rest of the Soo family were absolutely astounded. 

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"How could this happen? Was Mr. Valko defeated?"

"We supported Valko just now. But this is the result? Did we make the wrong choice again?"

"What actually happened?"

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Everyone was extremely bewildered, including Valko. He was lying on the ground and vomiting blood at the moment. He supported himself with difficulty and raised his head to look at Fade. He gritted his teeth and asked with a mouthful of blood, "Why, why? How could you beat me? I am ranked forty-two on the Dragon List. How could you..."

Fade looked at Valko condescendingly, with his hands behind his back, he replied lightly, "There is nothing impossible. I could defeat you because I am ranked first on the Dragon List."

"What, you, ranked first on the Dragon List? How could it be..." Valko was utterly shocked.

The guests were extremely shocked too.

"Master Chen is ranked number one on the Dragon List? Is this true?"

"It cannot be. There is no such thing."

"Quick, check the ranking list!"

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Soon, someone began to check the ranking list. Suddenly, someone exclaimed, "It's true! Master Chen is indeed ranked number one on the Dragon List."

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"You can click in to see the details. There is a photo of Master Chen. It was indeed Fade Chen!"

"This, this is actually true. Master Chen is ranked first on the Dragon List."

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"Read the introduction. It says Master Chen, 23 years old."

"Half a year ago, he killed the assassins of the Blood Blade Killer Organization, they were Kenny and Davina who were at the early stage of Earth Level. A month ago, he killed Titan Chiu, the master of Titan Studio in Jade City, who was at the middle stage of Earth Level. Half a month ago, he killed Song Khan, who was the head of Blood Blade Killer Organization for the Asian region. Song Khan was at the final stage of Earth Level. Fade's power is immeasurable."

"Kenny, Davina, Titan and Song Khan. All of them were Earth Level masters. However, they had all been defeated by Master Chen. No wonder he is ranked first on the Dragon List!"

"This, this is absolutely unbelievable."

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"Also, look. There are comments from renowned people below. It says that Fade's future is limitless. In less than 20 years, Fade will definitely be one of the top ten on the Divine Dragon List."

"The top ten of the Divine Dragon List. That is the top-ranking for warriors in the country. The top ten are all Heaven Level masters!"

"This assumption is a little too high!"

"High? Read the comment carefully. Can you see who wrote it?"

"It's Galeno Zhu. The comment was actually written by Galeno Zhu himself!"

"Galeno is an esteemed figure in the Martial Arts League. Not only that, but he is also one of the top 16 masters on the Divine Dragon list!"

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The hall was drowned by exclamations and discussions. Everyone was deeply stunned.

Even Valko was extremely shocked at that moment. His used to be arrogant and angry gaze was then replaced by remorse. "Master Chen, I was wrong," he said as he bowed regrettably.

Fade glanced at Valko and said faintly, "I will not abolish your cultivation since you had trained hard. Instead, break your own

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arm and live well in the future!"

"No problem!" Valko replied. He channeled his inner energy into his fingertips and ripped off his left arm without hesitation. Then he staggered out of the Soo family's hall and left.

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The members of the Soo family, who were once proud of their rational choices, were all dumbfounded at that moment.

Everyone in the Soo family lowered their heads immediately when Fade made a sweeping gaze at them. They did not dare meet Fade's eyes.

It was especially hard for Somoset, Lyla, and Zariah who had ridiculed Fade earlier on. They held their breath, not daring to make a sound.

Egbert was also looking very shocked at the moment. His eyes were full of complex emotions as he looked at Fade in utter disbelief.

Momo was the only one feeling immensely excited at the moment. She threw herself into Fade's arms and said with a laugh, "Fade, you are so powerful. I can't believe I was worried for you just now."

Fade smiled faintly and replied, "I have told you before that you don't need to worry because I am here. Do you believe it now?!"

"Yes, I do," Momo replied while nodding with a smile.

Fade then shifted his gaze to Master Soo and asked solemnly, "Master Soo, have you thought about what I said before?"

Master Soo sighed and got up. Bowing to Fade, he said in a deep voice, "Please forgive my ignorance as I have failed to

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recognize someone of great status. I was not aware that Master Chen, who was ranked first on the Dragon List, had arrived at the Soo family. Please forgive me if I have offended you previously. "

"From now on, the Soo family will obey your words and bow down to you."

Egbert, who had always been arrogant, had also admitted his mistake and apologized to Fade in public at the moment. He was even willing to bow his head down to Fade. That was a very rare sight.

Fade snorted coldly. He stared at Egbert for a while before waving his hand and said, "You don't need to bow down to me. I am not interested in the Soo family. The only thing I am interested in is Momo's marriage."

At the mention of Momo's marriage, Lyla said promptly while trying to please Fade, "Master Chen, please be rest assured that Momo will never marry Hector."

Somoset echoed immediately, "It is our family's blessing to have Master Chen's laying his eyes on Momo. We are willing to let Momo marry you."

"If you are willing, we can make a marriage agreement for Momo and you now, Master Chen," Master Soo said solemnly.

Fade felt disgusted with their greed. "There is no need for you to worry about my marriage with Momo. Momo's marriage is her personal choice, and you have no right to interfere. Understand?"

"Yes, yes!" Everyone nodded quickly.

Fade gave a cold snort. Ignoring the Soo family, he then turned his gaze to the Yao family and asked coldly, "Yao family, is there anything that you want to say?"

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The Yao family members suddenly changed their expressions when they heard Fade addressing them. They knelt down immediately.

Finnegan knelt on the ground, kowtowing to Fade and apologized, "Master Chen, we have done wrong. We are willing to accept any punishment from you."

Finnegan was trembling with fear at this moment. He did not dare put up any resistance.

After all, when Fade exposed his true identity just then, the Yao family did not have the ability to retaliate. At that time, they just wanted to ride on the strength of Valko of the East Deer Academy to fight against Fade.

However, he did not expect Fade to be more powerful than Valko. Not only that, he was ranked at the top of the Dragon List.

This had utterly shattered the Yao family's last hope. They could no longer resist. Their last chance of survival would be to admit their fault and apologize for their mistake.

Fade made a sweeping glance at the members of the Yao family. Without any warning, he gathered a burst of energy and struck it into the members of the Yao family's bodies.

Everyone in the Yao family let out a scream instantly. Cold sweat covered their foreheads as they spurted mouthfuls of blood. They knelt motionlessly before Fade as they tried to endure the extreme pain.

"I have injected a special energy into your body. If you dare to do any evil again, the energy will shatter your internal organs and you will eventually bleed to death from your seven orifices," Fade said coldly.

Everyone sensed a chill down their spines upon hearing such a gruesome way of dying.

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"From now on, the Yao family will only do good deeds every day. We will never do any evil again," Finnegan responded through gritted teeth.

"It's useless to tell me this. All of you should be telling yourself that," Fade reprimanded. "But of course, you can choose to disobey if you don't believe what I said. Just be prepared to bear the consequences."

Fade waved his hand after saying that.

The Yao family retreated immediately.

The remaining guests also left the Soo Manor one after another.

There were a lot of uncertainties and unforeseen circumstances at the Soo family annual banquet. Everyone was particularly shocked when Fade's terrifying identity was gradually revealed.

After everyone left the Soo family hall, those remaining were the Soo Family, Fade and Lucas.

Fade took a glance at the members of the Soo family, who were bowing respectfully at him. However, he was not interested in talking to them. He turned to Momo instead and said, "Momo, I'm leaving. If you need my help, please call me anytime."

"Okay!" Momo nodded and sent Fade and Lucas out.

With Fade's departure, the quiet Soo family hall gradually regained its lively vitality.

Everyone raised their heads slowly as they rubbed their sore necks and exchanged glances with each other. Although there were endless words in their eyes, they did not know what to say at that moment.

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After the annual banquet, news of what happened spread like wildfire in South Bay City.

Suddenly, countless citizens began to sing Master Chen's praises.

The businessmen were fascinated with Master Chen's business empire in Jade City. Meanwhile, the martial artists admired Master Chen for being the most powerful man on Dragon List. Whereas, ordinary women were envious as they gossiped about what Master Chen did for his beloved woman.

Not long after, there was even a saying among the single women in South Bay City. It was said that if one were to marry, one must marry Master Chen.

In short, Master Chen acquired instant fame in Jade City.

Soon after, people started using their connections to find Fade's residence and they flocked to his place. Some presented gifts to win his favor while others apologized for their mistakes. Some wished to learn from him while a few even confessed their love to him boldly.

Fade had no choice but to ask Andrew to arrange another residence for him and eventually, everything died down.

Despite that, countless people utilized their connections and continued to send word to Fade.

Fade was a little irritated with all the irksome messages. Suddenly, an idea occurred to him.

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The citizens of South Bay City were enthusiastic and many clans and families were eager to network with him. Hence, it would be better for Fade to make things clear. Moreover, it would prevent them from abusing their connections to curry favor with him secretly.

Therefore, Fade asked Andrew to make an announcement. During Fade's stay in South Bay City, he would collect various rare herbs and cultivation resources.

Fade would evaluate the items and he would exchange them for something of a similar value.

Fade wanted to collect herbs and cultivation resources because he learned his lesson. For example, when Quin had troubles with Ice Lotus, he was unable to cure her because he did not have the corresponding herbs.

Although Quin was cured, Jeremy was still paralyzed in Dragonville. Moreover, Sincere Medicine Center was growing and there would be no harm to collect more precious herbs.

On the other hand, Fade always needed cultivation resources. He was practicing Nine Sun Flaming Skill and he required nine Yin and cold resources to mediate the heat.

Previously, Fade went through a lot to acquire Nine Leaf Ice Flower. The plant matured and it helped improve his strength significantly.

Currently, Fade possessed the seeds of Ice Lotus but he would need a lot of precious resources to cultivate them. The most important resource he needed was the spring water from Hallow Ice Spring.

If he had the spring water from Hallow Ice Spring, the Ice Lotus' seeds will germinate rapidly.

As for the other cultivation resources, Fade knew that it would be better to have more.

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Fade considered everything carefully before coming up with the plan.

Immediately, the news circulated throughout South Bay City and it led to various heated discussions. Countless citizens were debating over it and the rich and powerful figures were especially concerned.

Naturally, different people had different takes on the news.

Some people believed Fade. Upon hearing the news, they searched for treasures in their homes frantically and they wanted to barter with Fade.

Of course, some were skeptical about Fade's proposal. Fade merely announced that he would be trading items but he did not specify what he would give in exchange.

They were doubtful and unconvinced because he was being vague. What if Fade abused his powers and exchanged their items at a low price? It would be worse if he robbed the items from them.

Therefore, they believed that Fade was up to no good. On the surface, Fade was offering a good deal but in fact, he was trying to rob the treasures in South Bay City.

Fade ignored the rumors and speculations. After someone set an example and traded some items with Fade, he believed that the rumors would disappear. Hence, all he needed to do was wait patiently.

Furthermore, Fade did not have the time to care about the rumors.

This was because Mr. Tu was currently rushing over here from Dragonville City.

With all the evil doings of Lamont, the Acupuncture King being revealed, the Cao family has now fallen to pieces. Mr. Tu rushed

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over and, together with Caesar, settled some important matters.

They purchased the Cao family's business at a low price. They planned to refurbish and reopen the Cao family's medical center. Ultimately, South Bay City was a huge city and there was a great demand for Chinese medicine practitioners. Furthermore, the Cao family had expanded their businesses for years, thus it would be beneficial for Jason to open a medical center in South Bay City.

However, Jason did not name the new medical center as "Tu Medicine Center". Instead, he chose a brand new name and named it "Southern Medical Center".

Jason chose that name to commemorate his late master who was buried on Southern Hill. Back then, Jason learned Chinese Medicine from his master on Southern Hill too.

Other than renaming the new medical center, Jason and Caesar were busy building a small local Chinese Medicine Academy too.

Firstly, they wanted to educate the public about Chinese medicine and encourage everyone to learn Chinese medicine. Secondly, they wanted to honor the various deeds of Jason's master. Nobody knew about the old master but he made great societal contributions. Thirdly, they wanted to provide training for youngsters who are interested in Chinese medicine.

Jason promoted Chinese Medicine Academy personally. He even showed the public his Bronze Acupuncture Manual and announced that he would be willing to teach Bronze Needle Spike to a suitable student.

A national Chinese medical doctor promoted the academy and promised personal guidance. Moreover, Bronze Acupuncture Manual was an antique medicine manual and there was an opportunity to learn Bronze Needle Spike as well.

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When the academy was established, everyone in South Bay City was eager to learn Chinese medicine. Countless youngsters poured into the academy to sign up for class.

In the end, after the interview and selection process, the academy had its first batch of students and there were a total of thirty-six students.

Needless to say, Jason took the first batch of students seriously. He did not only teach them personally but also invited Fade to the academy to educate the young students.

Naturally, Fade did not refuse and after making some preparations, he arrived at Chinese Medicine Academy.

The academy was built at the foot of Southern Hill. The surroundings were beautiful and the interior was elegant. In the academy, one could look up and spot a simple but huge tombstone sitting on the peak of Southern Hill.

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The tombstone that sat on the peak of Southern Hill was like a monument that inspired the students in the academy. It reminded them of the simple but great Chinese medicine practitioner.

In the academy, there was a statue that was inspired by Jason's late master. Jason also expressed his respect for his master by putting up various articles about the great doctor around the campus.

Fade arrived at the classroom. Amidst the warm applause of the students, he began his lecture.

There was only one class and most of the teenage students were beginners in Chinese medicine. Hence, Fade did not plan to cover difficult topics. He merely explained the development and history of Chinese medicine and gave some demonstrations.

The young students were impressed by Fade's amazing techniques and they applauded eagerly.

Shortly after, Fade finished his lecture. Although he did not manage to cover a lot in class, he knew that his effort was not in vain after noticing the excited looks on the students' faces.

He knew he got what he came for when he managed to pique their curiosity and love for Chinese medicine.

After the lecture, Fade and Jason had a brief conversation. Jason had other things to attend to, thus Fade left on his own.

As Fade strode out of the academy, he suddenly overheard something.

It was a conversation between two students.

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"Dallas, the class is so boring. Hurry up and light up my cigarette. I sat in class for ages but it's pointless."

"I know, right? Those old men were talking about the monarchs and something about observing the patients. Bah, it's so boring."

"It's just some old-fashioned superstitions. Why are those old men so superstitious? They should just throw it all away. Why are we still learning pointless stuff like this?"

"Oh, don't make me start. Remember that younger guy? Mr. Chen, was it? He's just hilarious. He kept on bragging about how good Chinese medicine is. He even used some stupid tricks but those idiots fell for it. What a joke."

"That's right. What age do we even live in? Western medicine is so much better than Chinese medicine but we're still learning old-fashioned stuff like this. They're so outdated."

"Never mind all that. The academy is always promoting that old Chinese medicine practitioner. They kept mentioning that he contributed selflessly and taught a lot of students. Bah, if he's that great, then why don't they just feature him on some documentaries?"

"Haha, they could only fool kids with all that. Who knows what that old man did? Besides, who in their right mind would still contribute selflessly?"

"Exactly! I didn't even want to come here but my parents forced me."

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Fade overheard the conversations and he approached the two students coldly.

The duo did not notice Fade. They lit each other's cigarettes and they were smoking scornfully.

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The long-haired young man on the left finished his cigarette and glanced around to find that no one was around. Suddenly, he climbed onto the statue of Jason's late master and scratched the cigarette butt across the face of the statue, leaving a long black stain.

He leaned against the statue and grinned. He made a peace sign and urged the other short-haired young man, "Dallas, hurry up! Take a picture of me."

"Those old men in the academy are praising this old doctor but I don't believe them! Bah!"

Dallas grabbed his mobile phone and took a few pictures. He chuckled and replied, "Pierre, change your pose. Draw a mustache and let's take another picture!"

"Yeah, that's not bad," Pierre replied smilingly and lit another cigarette. He took a deep breath before smearing it across the face of the statue.

"That's too high. You need to go lower. Yeah, yeah, that's right. You can do..." Dallas was giving out instructions.

The duo was thrilled and they laughed excitedly.

However, a stern voice roared, "Get down now!"

The duo was taken aback. They turned to the voice and realized that it was Fade.

Immediately, the duo's faces changed and they looked bewildered.

Dallas gave Pierre a warning look and shouted hurriedly, "Pierre, it's Mr. Chen! He just gave us a lecture just now. Come down!"

Pierre pouted and replied disdainfully, "He's just here to give a talk. Besides, he's not even our lecturer, so there's nothing to be

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worried about!"

On the contrary, he even continued to deface the statue.

Fade's face darkened and he snapped furiously, "I told you to get down! Did you hear me?"

"Who do you think you are? Why should I listen to you..." Pierre retorted arrogantly as he continued to vandalize the statue.

Initially, Fade did not intend to make a move on the students but he could no longer hold back. Fade scoffed and rushed to yank Pierre by the collar before slamming the latter on the ground. Fade yelled coldly, "Come down!"

Pierre gritted his teeth in pain as he landed on the ground. Anger crept onto his face and he glared at Fade. Pierre hissed in annoyance, "How dare you hit me?"

Dallas hurried over to help Pierre to his feet. Dallas shot a glare at Fade and asked seethingly, "Why did you attack us?"

Fade eyed the duo coldly and retorted, "Why did I attack you? What were you doing just now?"

The duo's faces stiffened.

Fade continued sternly, "You're in Chinese Medicine Academy but you belittled Chinese medicine and insulted the predecessors. Aren't you ashamed of what you did?"

"I... We were just joking," Dallas explained nervously.

"Joking?" Fade snorted and pointed at the statue. He asked sharply, "Then what is this? You're just joking?"

"You two, go and apologize to everyone in the academy and repent for what you did," Fade ordered as he pointed at them.

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Dallas was a little hesitant but Pierre was still contemptuous and he ignored Fade. Pierre held up his head and scoffed, "You must be kidding me. Who are you? Why should we listen to you and apologize?"

"You..." Fade was solemn. Meanwhile, the commotion had caught the others' attention.

Everyone flocked to the statue and Jason asked, "Fade, what happened?"

Fade pointed at Dallas and Pierre before explaining everything to Jason.

After listening to Fade, everyone was baffled and furious. Jason was upset and fuming as he glared at the duo. He snapped, "How could you say that? How could you do this? Apologize for what you did immediately!"

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Dallas lowered his head and his face darkened. He seemed a little hesitant.

However, Pierre stared at Mr. Tu defiantly and retorted, "I'll not apologize!"

"You... You crossed the line but you're not remorseful for what you did?" Jason shouted and glared at Pierre irritably.

Pierre scoffed and snapped, "I crossed the line? I just criticized Chinese medicine and touched the statue, so what's the big deal?"

"I just said that Chinese medicine is old-fashioned and useless, so what's wrong with that? The statue is just a pile of rock, so why are you so angry that I vandalized it?" Pierre replied loudly.

Upon hearing that, Jason and the other lecturers were flushing with anger. They were so furious that they could not speak.

Fade stared at Pierre and Dallas coldly and reprimanded, "I don't care what you think and I'm not in the mood to correct you. If you don't believe in Chinese medicine and you don't feel like learning, then leave. You shouldn't stay here!"

Jason added solemnly, "Dallas Han and Pierre Zhang will be expelled from Chinese Medicine Academy."

The other students were shocked when they heard that. It was a tedious selection process and it was challenging for them to enroll in the academy. Therefore, they knew that they were very lucky to be able to enter the academy.

Various influential figures in South Bay City tried to rely on their connections and enroll someone into the academy.

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Regardless, most of them were still rejected.

It was tough to secure a spot in the academy. Yet, after just a few days, Dallas and Pierre were expelled from the academy and they wasted a rare opportunity.

However, the duo did not seem to feel sorry for it.

Dallas seemed a little hesitant and his face fell.

On the other hand, Pierre was grinning broadly and he replied carefreely, "Go ahead and expel me. Do you think that I want to be in this horrible academy? If it weren't for my parents, I wouldn't even want to come. I'm not interested in learning all this rubbish."

He placed his hand around Dallas' shoulders and added smilingly, "Dallas, let's leave and go somewhere else. We should make way for these idiots to learn those rubbish."

Dallas seemed worried and replied hesitantly, "Pierre, my parents..."

Pierre smirked and chipped in, "Come on, why are you even worried? I know your parents are medical lecturers in the university and they just sent you here to get a golden ticket. After you get back, they'll make special arrangements for you to enter their university, right?"

"I..." Dallas was a little uncomfortable when Pierre revealed his family arrangement in public.

However, Pierre did not care. He waved his hand and continued, "Don't worry about it. My parents are officials in the Medical Association of South Bay City. They wanted me to study here so that it's more convenient for me to take over their places in the future. Besides, they're not interested in Chinese medicine."

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"Don't worry, I'll talk to my parents about your admission later. I'll ask them to enroll you into the university immediately, so you don't need to waste your time here."

Dallas was excited and he asked eagerly, "Really?"

Pierre patted his chest and reassured Dallas confidently, "Of course! Besides, you know that my dad is a permanent committee of the Medical Association, right?"

"Yeah, yeah, I know, of course!" Dallas smiled and nodded hurriedly. He was relieved upon hearing Pierre's assurance.

Meanwhile, the crowd was infuriated by the duo's arrogant attitude. Nevertheless, they felt a little helpless too. After all, Pierre and Dallas were not interested in Chinese medicine. Many wanted to enroll in the academy to get a golden ticket for a better future.

It was hard to tell whether there were any other students like Pierre and Dallas in the academy.

There was a moment of silence. Jason was miserable and he seemed to have aged drastically.

Pierre and Dallas were smug upon noticing that. They laughed arrogantly and concluded, "Expel us? Whatever! Let's leave and have fun!"

They placed their arms around each other and strode off without a care.

Meanwhile, Jason and the other students remained silent at the sight of that.

However, before Dallas and Pierre could walk out of the academy, Fade snapped coldly, "Stop right there!"

The duo stopped in their tracks and turned around.

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Pierre scowled at Fade and asked in annoyance, "What do you want? We're expelled, right? You're not letting us leave?"

Fade replied indifferently, "You're expelled because you violated the school rules. Yet, you have to compensate for vandalizing the academy's property."

Fade pointed at the statue of the late Chinese medicine practitioner and added, "You just vandalized the statue. Do you think that I'll let you go?"

Pierre and Dallas were taken aback.

Pierre immediately pouted and retorted disdainfully, "It's just a pile of stone! You just want some money, right? I don't have much but I have a lot of money."

"Here! This is ten thousand yuan. It'll be enough for you to get another pile of stone. Haha!" Pierre scoffed and threw a bank card at Fade.

However, Fade did not even bother to catch the bank card. On the contrary, he slapped the bank card back to Pierre and it landed on Pierre's feet. Fade snapped coldly, "Ten thousand yuan is not enough."

"Is this an extortion?" Pierre barked as he stared at Fade fiercely. Pierre was on the verge of getting into a fistfight with Fade.

Yet, Dallas grabbed Pierre and persuaded, "Pierre, it's just a small amount of money. There's no need to argue with them. We can just give them a little more money."

Dallas fished out a bank card and continued, "There's fifty thousand yuan in this card. That should be enough!"

After that, the duo turned to leave. Unexpectedly, Fade did not accept the bank card and he demanded coldly, "Fifty thousand

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yuan! That's not enough. You need to pay five million yuan for vandalizing the statue."

Although Pierre and Dallas were from wealthy families, they exclaimed in surprise upon hearing the amount.

"Five million yuan? Are you f*cking kidding?" Pierre went ballistic.

"That statue is not worth five million yuan!" Dallas added and shook his head in disbelief.

Fade replied coldly, "You said you don't have much but you have a lot of money, right? Why? You can't even afford to pay five million yuan?"

Pierre glared at Fade and hissed, "I've five million yuan but I don't want to waste it on that piece of junk. So what if I don't pay? What can you do to me?"

Dallas frowned and added, "You're extorting us."

Upon finishing that, the duo turned to leave.

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"Do you think you could leave without paying?" Fade snorted coldly and waved his arm. Suddenly, a gush of invisible energy seized Pierre and Dallas, rendering their leave impossible.

"You... What did you do to us?" Dallas asked in horror as his body would not move.

Pierre was baffled and furious as he exclaimed harshly, "You're detaining us against our will. Wait till my parents hear about this. I'll call the police and arrest all of you too. I'll shut down your academy!"

Dallas fished out his mobile phone and added, "I'll ask my parents to come too."

Fade stared at the duo and sneered, "Go ahead, call your parents. After all, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree and I wonder who gave birth to idiots like you."

"You..." Pierre and Dallas were enraged but they dared not fight Fade. In the end, they could only make phone calls and ask their parents to hurry over.

Meanwhile, after noticing the duo's arrogance, Jason and the others were engaged in a heated discussion.

"Will it go out of hand?"

"Dallas' parents are professors at South Bay University. Will Mr. Chen be in trouble?"

"Forget about Dallas' parents. Besides, we should be worried about Pierre's parents. His parents are permanent committees of

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the Medical Association of South Bay City. They know a lot of people in South Bay City, especially those involved in the medical field."

"But Mr. Tu founded this academy, right? He's the National Chinese Medical Doctor, so would they make a move on him?"

"Even though Mr. Tu is the National Chinese Medical Doctor, it's just an honorary title and he's not an official. Besides, Mr. Tu is not based in South Bay City, so Mr. Tu might be in trouble if Pierre's parents decided to abuse their power."

"In that case, Mr. Chen would be in danger too, right? His lectures are not bad and I don't want him to get into trouble!"

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As the crowd continued their discussions, many students began to worry about Fade, Jason and even the academy.

The students were worried because they were not unaware of Fade's true identity. Earlier, when Fade was giving a talk, he merely introduced himself as a Chinese medicine practitioner. Therefore, the students were distressed for Fade.

Shortly after, two cars pulled over at the entrance of the academy and two middle-aged couples alighted from the vehicles.

A kind-looking couple in spectacles rushed to Dallas and asked, "Dallas, what happened?"

On the other hand, the other couple looked poles apart. The stout man wore a suit and a pair of leather shoes. He raised his head as he strode into the academy and he seemed very proud. Meanwhile, the woman donned designer clothes and minced to Pierre dramatically.

"Pierre, who hit you? Tell us and we'll teach him a lesson!" The woman in traditional Chinese attire went over to Pierre and screamed.

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Immediately, Dallas and Pierre told their parents about what happened. After hearing their sons' explanation, the couples shifted their gaze to Jason and Fade.

Pierre's mother, Cecil Wang, took the lead and pointed her finger at Fade and Jason. She scolded, "What academy is this? How dare you hit my son? What is going on?"

Fade snorted coldly and snapped, "Hit your son? They were asking for it. Don't you know what they did?"

Upon hearing that, Pierre's father, Platon Zhang, proceeded to ask in an imposing manner, "You're Mr. Chen, right? They're just kids and they made a blunder, so how could you punish them like that? That's wrong!"

Cecil added sharply, "What kind of academy is this? Why are the teachers acting like that? You're violating the law and I hope they shut down your academy."

Dallas' parents chipped in and pointed out, "Mr. Chen, Mr. Tu, our son may have made a small mistake but your punishment is unacceptable. You did not only hit Dallas but you even demanded us to compensate five million yuan for damaging the statue. You're extorting us!"

"Exactly! We're talking about five million yuan and you're taking advantage of us. Believe it or not, I can get someone to shut down your academy immediately." Cecil added shrewishly as she continued to point at Fade and Jason.

Fade snorted, "A small mistake? This is Chinese Medicine Academy and Mr. Tu established this academy to teach students about Chinese medicine. The academy provides top-notch facilities and services. Yet, the tuition fees are cheap and it's not even enough to cover the expenses. In fact, we're not operating the academy to earn profit and it's a charitable cause."

"If your children are not interested in Chinese medicine, then they should not sign up for the academy. Countless kids who are

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interested in Chinese medicine and your children shouldn't rob those kids of their enrollment. Well, Dallas and Pierre managed to enroll in the academy but they have no respect for Chinese medicine. They even disrespected and insulted the predecessors repeatedly."

"You might think that it's something trivial but I think their behaviors are terrible," Fade continued sharply, "Moreover, they also mentioned that they only came here because you told them that an enrollment here would secure them golden tickets!"

Jason added darkly, "I plan to pass on my skills to people who are passionate about Chinese medicine and those who plan to promote it. I don't have any intentions of teaching ungrateful people like you."

Immediately, the parents' faces changed upon hearing that.

Dallas' parents lowered their heads and they seemed a little ashamed. They began to explain, "Mr. Tu, we just... We just wanted..."

Whereas, Pierre's parents were arrogant and had no intentions of admitting their mistakes. On the contrary, they hissed disdainfully, "Come on, everybody knows that Chinese medicine isn't thriving. Naturally, I enrolled Pierre in this academy because there's a National Chinese Medical Doctor here. Otherwise, why do you think I'll let Pierre learn rubbish like this!"

"You, you..." Jason was incensed. He pointed at Pierre's parents and shouted sternly, "Get lost! All of you should get lost!"

Jason was always very polite. Yet, he could not help but explode when he heard them.

Cecil retorted disdainfully, "Let's go. Do you think that we wanted to stay? So what if you're the National Chinese Medical Doctor? It's not difficult to find another National Chinese Medical Doctor to teach Pierre. You think too highly of yourself."


"Pay up before you go!" Fade yelled coldly and blocked the way.

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Cecil hissed pointedly, "You're still asking for money? Honey, your association manages medical institutions, right? Call someone from your association to shut down their academy now."

Pierre was smug as he added, "Dad, quick, ask someone to shut down this stupid academy. What could these people possibly do?"

The teachers and students were infuriated by the provocation and they glared at Pierre's family.

The crowd could not care less if Pierre was not interested in Chinese medicine. However, he was taking advantage of the situation to close down the academy. The students were finally able to learn Chinese medicine but Pierre wanted to ruin that opportunity. He was despicable as he tried to drag down others with him. 

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Upon hearing that, Fade strode to Pierre and his parents coldly. Fade stated curtly, "Earlier, I didn't want to make a move on you guys. Yet, I realized that scumbags like you will never learn if I don't teach you a lesson."

"You... What are you doing? If you lay a finger on us, I'll call the police and arrest all of you!" Pierre's parents shouted.

However, Fade did not hold back and beat the trio to a pulp. The trio suffered bruises and they collapsed on the ground.

After dealing with Pierre's family, Fade turned to Dallas' family coldly and asked, "What about you?"

Dallas and his parents were shuddering in fear. They gave in and replied hurriedly, "Of course, we know that we're at fault and we're willing to compensate."

Meanwhile, Pierre and his parents were injured but they were resentful. They glared at Fade and hissed, "We called the police. How dare you hit us? I'll make sure all of you rot in prison!"

Fade snorted coldly and retorted, "I won't be the one ending up in prison!"

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Shortly after, the crowd heard a siren. Several cars came to a screeching halt at the entrance of the academy.

Pierre's family were excited and they turned to look. They exclaimed, "Great, the people we contacted are here. The police and the members of the Medical Association are here too. Just wait and see!"

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As they spoke, the trio struggled to their feet and rushed to welcome the newcomers.

On the other hand, Dallas' family looked hesitant and worried.

Whereas, the students seemed nervous and agitated.

As Pierre's family approached the entrance, they were astonished to see the newcomers. They asked in surprise, "Mr. Huang, Mr. Zu, you... Why are you here?"

Pierre's family thought that they would be greeted by police officers and members of the Medical Association. However, they saw Priest Huang, the director of the South Bay Police Station and Irvin Zhu, the chairman of the Medical Association of South Bay City.

Immediately, Platon rushed over to Priest and Irvin obsequiously.

Cecil seemed pleased as she turned to Fade and sneered, "Mr. Huang and Mr. Zhu are here too. You can say goodbye to your academy and all of you're going to prison!"

Pierre's family put on a broad smile and welcomed, "Mr. Huang, Mr. Zhu, they're over there. Arrest them immediately. We..."

Nevertheless, Priest gave them a cold look before they could finish. Irvin shot a glare at Platon and shouted, "Platon Zhang, shut up!"

The trio was at a loss and asked in confusion, "Mr. Zhu, Mr. Huang, we are the victims!"

Yet, Priest and Irvin paid little attention to the trio. Priests and Irvin strode to Fade swiftly and bowed respectfully. They greeted politely, "Greetings, Master Chen."

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Fade nodded and replied placidly, "Since you're here, then clean up the mess!"

"Yes!" Priest and Irvin replied reverently and stomped to Pierre's family solemnly.

Priest exclaimed in a stern voice, "Tell me what you did!"

"Mr. Huang, you've made a mistake! We are the victims and he attacked us. You should arrest them..." Cecil explained as she pointed at Fade.

However, Irvin flashed a warning look at Pierre's family and cut Cecil off sharply, "Nonsense! Do you know who he is?"

"He's just a Chinese medicine lecturer, right?" Cecil replied disdainfully.

"Just a Chinese medicine lecturer? Idiots! Go and find fault somewhere else and don't drag our association with you," Irvin hissed through gritted teeth, "That is Master Chen."

"Huh? Master Chen?" Pierre's parents were confused.

Irvin wanted more than anything to beat the trio into a pulp. Irvin snapped, "A few days ago, Master Chen turned up for the Soo family's annual banquet."

Everyone was bewildered to hear that.

Naturally, Pierre's family was shocked beyond words. They could not believe their ears and they were as pale as a sheet.

"That... Master Chen from Jade City?"

"The most powerful man on Dragon List? That Master Chen who suppressed the Yao family, the Soo family, the Cao family and East Deer Academy in South Bay City?"

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"He... He's Master Chen! No, that can't be!"

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"What did you say? Go on and continue making a fuss! You have a death wish!" Irvin snorted coldly and added, "If you want to live, then apologize now. Otherwise, no one will be able to save you."

Pierre's family was frightened when they noticed the serious looks on Irvin and Priest.

Immediately, they rushed to Fade and begged for mercy on their knees. They cried, "Master Chen, we didn't know it's you! Please spare us! We know we are at fault and we'll never do it again. We..."

Fade waved his hand and interrupted them coldly, "I don't care whether you're sorry or not. Yet, judging from your performances, I don't think you're fit enough for your jobs."

Upon hearing that, Irvin announced immediately, "Platon Zhang, Cecil Wang, as the chairman, I officially dismiss your positions in the association."

"Mr. Zhu, no..." Pierre's parents were pale as they collapsed to the ground.

Pierre was as white as a sheet. Earlier, he was arrogant because of his parents' positions. Yet, his parents just lost their jobs and it was impossible for his parents to work in the medical field in South Bay City again. Pierre could imagine the bleak future waiting for him.

Pierre's family was at a loss for words. Suddenly, Fade recalled something and added, "Oh right, you still have to compensate five million yuan for the statue!"

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Pierre's family turned paler than ever.

The trio was rooted to their spot as Priest and Irvin dragged them away.

Fade's eyes fell on Dallas' family. Immediately, the trio shuddered and almost got on their knees. They muttered frantically, "Master Chen, it's our fault. We..."

Fade dismissed their explanation with a wave of his hand and stated, "I don't want to hear that. Earlier, your attitude was acceptable, so I'll let it slide. You two, go back to your university and resign."

"Yes, of course, we'll resign immediately!" Dallas' parents replied without hesitation.

After all, it was Master Chen. He was the man who shook South Bay City.

All the influential families in South Bay City were respectful to Fade. Dallas' parents knew that they were nobodies compared to those powerful families.

After witnessing what happened to Pierre's family, Dallas' family were considered fortunate that Fade only asked them to resign.

Following that, Dallas' family thanked Fade repeatedly before leaving in fear.

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After the troublemakers left, Fade turned to the students. They were very excited as they stood upright and stared at Fade feverishly.

The famous Master Chen was standing in front of them. It never occurred to them that Master Chen gave them a lecture earlier. Fade stared at the students and cleared his throat. He began solemnly, "Mr. Tu poured his heart and hopes into establishing Chinese Medicine Academy. We're doing our best to promote and contribute to Chinese medicine. "

"If any of you came here with any ulterior motives, I urge you to either change your mind and study hard or leave immediately. If anything similar ever happens again in the future, Pierre and Dallas will serve as a reminder. Do you understand?"

"Yes, sir!" The students replied in unison. They had a somber look and Fade's statement shocked them.

After that, Fade waved his hand to dismiss the students and concluded, "Go on, go back to your classes."

After resolving the conflict, the academy was peaceful again. Moreover, everyone heard the news that Master Chen was supporting the academy. Immediately, everyone had their eyes on Chinese Medicine Academy and many people tried to enroll in the academy.

Fade knew that many students had ulterior motives when enrolling in Chinese Medicine Academy. Yet, it would do them no harm to learn and promote Chinese medicine.

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Chinese Medicine Academy and Southern Medical Center were doing well. Meanwhile, it had been a few days since Andrew announced that Fade would be exchanging various rare herbs and cultivation resources but Fade made no progress.

Fade sought out Andrew and took a look at the valuables that were offered. Yet, Fade did not manage to find anything good as they were mostly Black Level items.

He did not even come across any Earth Level items, let alone any Heaven Level items.

Fade was a little taken aback and he could not help asking Andrew, "What's going on? South Bay City is such a huge city and there are countless influential figures. Yet, don't they have anything better than this?"

Andrew scratched his head and stuttered hesitantly, "Master Chen, well, it's not like that. It's just... Well..."

"What's going on? Tell me," Fade urged.

Andrew explained, "Master Chen, they have a lot of valuables but they're being cautious. They're worried that you won't be able to give them something similar in exchange, so they..."

Fade understood what Andrew meant. Ultimately, those people did not see the point in exchanging items with Fade. Therefore, no one was willing to take the initiative to present valuable items.

In the end, Fade came to a conclusion. His eyes darted across the roll and he clapped his hands together. He concluded, "Alright, I see. Since they don't believe that I can offer something good, then I just have to make them believe me."

"Master Chen, you mean..." Andrew asked.

There was a Black Level herb named Black Flame Flower among the pile of items. Fade grabbed it and scrutinized it before

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saying, "This will do. I have a Black Level martial arts manual called Thunder Palm. Go on, send the manual to whoever that offered this herb."

"A Black Level martial arts manual! That's too precious. It's just a Black Flame Flower and it's not worth it..." Andrew replied in astonishment.

Fade waved his hand to stop Andrew and replied flatly, "I think highly of precious items and the people in South Bay City will now know that I'm serious. Go on!"

"Yes!" Andrew took the martial art manual from Fade and went off to carry out Fade's instruction.

In less than a day, everyone in South Bay City heard that Master Chen exchanged a Black Level martial arts manual named Thunder Palm for a Black Flame Flower, which was a Black Level herb.

All the influential figures in South Bay City were bewildered.

After all, one did not have to be a martial artist to understand how precious a Black Level martial arts manual was. Although Black Flame Flower was a Black Level herb too, it was a tangible item and it would be useless after using it. However, a Black Level martial arts manual could be passed down for generations.

In general, one will not be able to exchange a Black Level martial arts manual for ten Black Level herbs. Nevertheless, Master Chen was generous and he exchanged a manual for a herb. Immediately, everyone in South Bay City went green with envy.

As a result, in the next few days, the influential figures in South Bay City were bought over by Fade. They started digging for real treasures in their homes to offer them to Fade.

Fade evaluated the items personally before exchanging the items. In just a few days, he received numerous valuable items.

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There were many Earth Level items and Fade was surprised to find a few Heaven Level items as well.

Naturally, Fade wanted Hallow Ice Spring but no one offered it. Yet, he saw it coming, hence he did not put his hopes up.

As Fade continued to count the items he exchanged, the influential figures in South Bay City were discussing what they exchanged with Master Chen excitedly.

Most of them chose to exchange martial arts manuals with Fade because improving martial arts would be the best way to protect their clans and families.

Meanwhile, some people requested Fade's help. Some asked him to deal with their enemies while others requested him to cure their friends and families who were ill.

After careful consideration, Fade agreed to solve their problems.

Therefore, for the past few days, Master Chen's popularity skyrocketed in South Bay City.

However, the Soo family was quiet as the citizens in South Bay City discussing about Master Chen enthusiastically.

After learning about Fade's identity at the annual banquet, the Soo family had been living in distress and fear. They were worried that Fade would seek revenge on them.

Nevertheless, Momo was probably the reason why Fade did not make a move on them.

For the past few days, even though Fade caused an uproar by exchanging items, the Soo family did not join in the bandwagon. On the contrary, they picked a few Earth Level items nonchalantly and exchanged them with Fade.

Yet, the younger members of the Soo family could not understand Egbert's decision and gathered at Egbert's room.

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Somoset suggested to Egbert, "Father, we still have a few Heaven Level items, so why don't we exchange them with Master Chen?"

"Father, I think we should prepare for Master Chen and Momo's wedding as soon as possible. We can't let a good son-in-law like him slip through our fingers!" Lyla added smilingly. Currently, she was more excited about Momo's marriage than Momo's father.

"Father, that's right. We should at least pay Master Chen a visit to apologize and clear up the misunderstanding we had at the annual banquet!" Ernest added.

Egbert was quiet as he heard the trio. Shortly after, Egbert raised his head and announced solemnly, "There's no need to rush. Let's wait."

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"Father, if we continue to wait, we'll miss our opportunity. Master Chen is..." Somoset replied anxiously.

Before Somoset could finish, Egbert slapped his palm on the armrest and roared, "Stop bring up Master Chen. He may be powerful but he's not invincible. Our family doesn't need to rely on him. Besides, I made a better arrangement for Momo."

"Father, what did you plan for Momo? Is it another arranged marriage?" Ernest asked nervously.

Egbert glared at him and concluded, "Stop asking. You'll know when it's time."

"But Momo..." Ernest began disapprovingly.

Egbert waved his hand coldly to dismiss his children. He snapped, "I've made up my mind and I don't want to hear another word on the subject. Run along now!"

Egbert proceeded to chase his three confused and anxious children out of the room. After they left, Egbert fished out his mobile phone to make a phone call. After the call was connected, he put on an obsequious smile and greeted respectfully, "Mr. Yang, do you still remember the arrangement I told you the other day? Well, will you be..."

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Meanwhile, Fade was surprised to find that enthusiasm was growing among the individuals that came to offer valuable items.

Fade was busy entertaining the guests when suddenly, Andrew rushed to him and announced, "Master Chen, someone is

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desperate to see you."

"Who is it? What's the matter?" Fade asked.

Andrew replied hurriedly, "Master Chen, a man came to barter items with you. He said he has what you need and he even mentioned that he has Hallow Ice Spring."

"What? Hallow Ice Spring!" Fade was bewildered and he asked delightedly, "Really? Which family is he from? Hurry, let him in!"

Andrew explained, "That man doesn't belong to any powerful family in South Bay City. He's just an ordinary man."

"An ordinary man?" Fade frowned. He was taken aback but he waved and instructed, "Anyway, let him in!"

"Yes!" Andrew responded hastily before striding off to invite the man in question.

Soon, a middle-aged man in his forties followed Andrew in.

The man in a gray robe was Dorias Zhao. He was smiling as he strode in with his head held high. Previously, all the individuals who came to exchange items with Fade were ingratiating and respectful. However, Dorias did not act like them and he seemed poised after spotting Fade.

Moreover, the aura around Dorias suggested that he was a Black Level martial artist.

Fade and Dorias were scrutinizing each other.

Before Fade could speak, the man took the initiative to ask, "You're Master Chen?"

Andrew frowned and snapped in annoyance, "Mr. Zhao, you should mind your manners around Master Chen."

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Dorias glanced at Andrew and snorted. He retorted disdainfully, "You're Master Chen's servant but I'm not."

"You..." Andrew's face darkened and he was about to explode.

However, Fade gave Andrew a knowing look and instructed the latter to back off.

Fade turned to Dorias and spoke, "I'm Master Chen. Mr. Zhao, you said you have Hallow Ice Spring and you're interested in exchanging it with me, right?"

Dorias did not answer Fade's question as he stated, "Well, that depends on you, Master Chen. Do you have something equivalent to offer?"

Dorias' arrogant attitude angered Andrew again and Fade's face fell.

Yet, Fade did not retort Dorias and asked, "Well, Mr. Zhao, what do you need?"

Dorias glanced at Fade and paused for a few seconds before replying proudly, "I want a Heaven Level martial arts manual."

"A Heaven Level martial arts manual!" Andrew and the others cried in surprise.

Thus far, Fade only exchanged Earth Level martial arts manuals with anyone who offered valuable items. Yet, Dorias demanded a Heaven Level martial arts manual and he was crossing the line!

Fade frowned and replied, "I have a Heaven Level martial arts manual but I need Hallow Ice Spring. Do you have it?"

Dorias seemed arrogant as he answered confidently, "Of course, I wouldn't come here if I don't have Hallow Ice Spring."

Fade announced, "In that case, show it to me and I'll give you a Heaven Level martial arts manual."

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As he spoke, he fished out a martial arts manual and placed it in front of him.

Dorias' eyes were glimmering. He seemed astonished and excited to see the martial arts manual. He pointed out, "I don't have Hallow Ice Spring with me."

"You... Do you have a death wish?" Andrew went ballistic and went up to glare at Dorias. Andrew snarled, "Dorias Zhao, how dare you lie to Master Chen? I..."

Fade's face darkened too and he seemed furious.

Nevertheless, Dorias was composed as he replied confidently, "I said I don't have it with me but that doesn't mean that I don't have Hallow Ice Spring."

"Well, I kept Hallow Ice Spring somewhere safe. Master Chen, you will need to go and fetch it with me," Dorias added as he stared at Fade.

Andrew was very gloomy. He shot Dorias a glare before turning to Fade. Andrew persuaded, "Master Chen, he's just fooling around. We should ignore him."

Dorias chuckled, "Master Chen, if you come with me, you'll know if I was being serious."

Dorias noticed Fade's hesitance and he added, "Master Chen, are you possibly afraid? You won't even come with me?"

"You..." Andrew was about to make a move.

Fade closed his eyes to ponder for a few seconds before raising his hand to stop Andrew. Fade stared at Dorias and concluded, "I've some spare time, so I'll tag along, Mr. Zhao."

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"Master Chen, he..." Andrew glared at Dorias anxiously.

Fade gave Andrew a look to reassure the latter before turning to Dorias. Fade added solemnly, "I don't mind going with you. Yet, if you ever lie to me, I'm sure you know the consequences."

Dorias' was composed when he heard Fade's warning. Dorias replied arrogantly, "Master Chen, don't worry. You just need to follow me and you'll know if I was being serious."

Fade stood up and announced, "Let's go!"


"Of course!" Dorias nodded smilingly before leading Fade out of the hall.

After that, Fade and Dorias drove away from the busy streets of South Bay City.

Fade went alone because Dorias insisted and the duo left together.

In the car, Fade glanced at Dorias and asked, "Mr. Zhao, you're a martial arts practitioner too. How did you obtain Hallow Ice Spring?"

Dorias merely glimpsed at Fade before replying, "It's a secret, so I can't tell you. I hope you understand, Master Chen."

Fade nodded and did not pester Dorias for answers. 

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After leaving the city center of South Bay City, Fade and Dorias continued to drive for another one and a half hours. In the end, they arrived at the outskirts of South Bay City.

South Bay City is located to the south of China, hence there were not a lot of mountains. Most of the hills in the suburbs were only two hundred meters tall.

Although the hills were not tall, the forests were lush. The suburb remained undeveloped, therefore nobody ever visited the place.

Eventually, the car pulled over at the foot of a hill. Dorias got out of the car and made his way up the hill. He explained, "Hallow Ice Spring is on the hill. Let's go."

Fade got out of the car and followed Dorias along the mountainous route.

They were martial arts practitioners, hence it would be effortless for them to climb up the hill. In less than ten minutes, they reached the peak of the hill.

After scanning the dense forest, Fade frowned because he did not spot any spring.

Suddenly, Dorias stopped under a huge tree and turned to Fade. Dorias announced, "We're here."

Dorias added, "Master Chen, you can give me the martial arts manual now!"

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Fade glanced at Dorias' smug look and pointed out, "Where is Hallow Ice Spring? Give it to me and I'll give you the martial arts manual."

Dorias roared into laughter upon hearing that. He pointed at a small puddle on the ground and chuckled, "Here, it's Hallow Ice Spring. Can't you see it, Master Chen?"

Fade's face stiffened and he snapped coldly, "You tricked me!"

Dorias chortled, "Master Chen, it took you so long to realize that? Hahaha!"

"What do you want?" Fade asked icily.

A greedy look flashed across Dorias' eyes. He stared at the martial arts manual that Fade was holding and pointed out, "Well, I heard that Master Chen is giving away a lot of good items, so I invited you here to get my hands on them!"

"Hand over the martial arts manual and everything you have. Do as I say and I'll spare your life," Dorias threatened as he revealed his true colors.

Upon hearing that, Fade snorted, "You're threatening me? How dare you threaten me?"

"I know you're powerful, Master Chen. You did not only defeat Titan Chu in Jade City but also come in first place on Dragon List. Besides, you caused an uproar in South Bay City too," Dorias replied smilingly and his voice darkened as he continued, "I'm not your opponent but what if I'm not the only one here?"

Dorias waved his hand and there was a commotion in the dense forest. Immediately, a group of people surrounded Fade. They were wearing grey robes like Dorias.

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Fade scanned his surroundings swiftly and he noticed that there were nearly twenty people around him.

Moreover, they were Black Level martial arts practitioners just like Dorias.

In a blink of an eye, Fade was surrounded by over twenty Black Level martial arts practitioners. Nevertheless, it was an impressive feat.

Dorias seemed pleased as he stared at Fade. He asked, "Master Chen, you're powerful but could you defeat all of us?"

Fade's eyes were cold as he replied gloomily, "You plan to fight me?"

Dorias shook his head smilingly and answered, "Of course not, Master Chen. If you hand over everything we want, we'll let you go."

As Dorias spoke, the group of martial arts practitioners released an intimidating aura and approached Fade threateningly.

Fade glanced at the menacing group and he suddenly relaxed. The corner of his lips curled into a sneer and he shook his head. He spoke, "I was serious about bartering items when we were in South Bay City. I did not want to fight you but you tried to play tricks on me. Well, I guess I don't have a choice."

Dorias' face darkened and he seemed alarmed. He waved his hand immediately and ordered sharply, "Go! Get him!"

Without warning, the group of martial arts practitioners rushed to Fade.

Furthermore, they were Black Level martial arts practitioners, hence they were quite powerful. As they made a move in unison, their aura was shocking.

The sudden surge of energy destroyed the trees and rocks on the peak of the hill. Immediately, debris flew in every direction and

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it was a disturbing sight.

If anyone were to stare at the peak of the hill, they would be astonished to see that the lush forest was disappearing swiftly.

"Be careful when you attack him. Don't damage the items on him!" Dorias ordered as he took the lead to attack Fade. A glaring surge of energy appeared on Dorias' palm and he directed it to Fade's lower abdomen.

Fade observed their fierce attacks quietly. He waved his hand to form a burst of energy and aimed it at the attackers.

The seemingly weak energy circulated and unexpectedly, blocked all the incoming attacks.

After witnessing what happened, Dorias and the others were shocked.

"He's stronger than what we expected!"

"He'll be troublesome!"

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Dorias' gaze sank as he shouted, "We need to go all out. Let's go!"

In a blink of an eye, the aura around the group of attackers exploded. They seemed stronger than other Black Level martial arts practitioners.

They waved their hands and gathered positive energy. They condensed it into crescent moons on their right hands and a series of stars on their left.

The stars and moons intertwined and it produced a glaring and intimidating light. They had yet to land their attack but their auras were frightening.

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Fade narrowed his eyes at their attacks and he seemed taken aback. He exclaimed, "Star Moon Skill! How did you know Wushuang Tower's Star Moon Skill?"

"You know about Wushuang Tower's Star Moon Skill? Well, I guess you're more powerful than we thought!" Dorias chuckled in surprise but he immediately waved his hand. His movement caused the positive energy on his palms to explode and it rushed to Fade.

Suddenly, all the stars and moons burst and they attacked Fade.

Dorias was gleeful as he announced triumphantly, "Initially, we intended to spare your life if you hand over what you have. Unfortunately, you're ungrateful and you brought this upon yourself!"

There was a loud explosion. Fade was standing in the center of the explosion and the dazzling light swallowed him.

The blast resulted in a huge crater on the peak of the hill.

Dorias and the others thought that Fade was dead. Yet, the smoke dissipated and Fade stepped out of the crater unscathed.

Dorias was shocked beyond words and he screamed, "You... How did you survive our Star Moon Skill?"