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"Master Chen, let's slow down!" Dacia sounded nervous as no one would be willing to risk their lives.

Fade smiled faintly and reassured them, "Don't worry. You guys won't be affected when I break the formation."

"But—"

Dacia wanted to persuade him further, but at that moment, Fade had already gathered his energy and slammed it toward the stone door.

At the sight of this, Callum immediately turned pale. He sprinted out of the cave without a second thought. He didn't want to die here along with Fade.

The other disciples also started running and followed Callum out of the cave. As for Dacia, he hesitated for a moment before he was ready to run for his life too.

However, just then, Fade's palm had already made contact with the formation on the stone door.

A dazzling light burst out the next second, followed closely by a thick and vast ripple of energy expanding from the stone door and filling the entire cave instantly.

Those who had fled from the scene felt the energy rushing at them from their backs, and they all blanched at once.

Callum looked especially petrified as he cried out, "I'm going to die!"

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The others wore expressions of helplessness as they slumped to the ground.

Dacia, the last one to turn tail, knew that it was futile for him to escape now. He simply collapsed to the ground, ready to face his fate.

Yet, the energy he felt only blasted through his back. Nothing else happened after that, leaving Dacia in bewilderment.

His body was not crushed to death by the impact, nor had a single hair on his head been moved by the great force.

Immediately, Dacia exclaimed in delight, "I'm fine, I'm fine! That energy doesn't harm us!"

Hearing this, only then the disciples who were running ahead calmed down. They were surprised to find out that they were indeed safe from the blast.

Callum, who had been the first to flee, also stopped running. After he felt the shockwave course through him, he turned around in surprise, unscathed. He asked in disbelief, "Are we really fine? Am I not injured at all?"

At this time, Dacia rushed toward Fade and inquired enthusiastically, "Master Chen, how did you do it? Why were we not affected at all?"

Fade answered blandly, "I told you it would be fine. I've found a way to break the formation."

"But, but—" Dacia stuttered as he recalled what Callum had said previously. He glanced back at Callum, who was still confused.

Callum was dumbstruck. He had never expected Fade to break the formation this easily. This proved that Fade was not only beyond him in terms of understanding formations by book, but also in the application of the positive energy. Fade had exceeded his expectations.

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However, there was one thing that Callum did not know.

Fade could have actually broken the formation forcefully using his Heaven Level skills.

Nevertheless, after taking into consideration the treasures hidden beyond the formation, Fade sought out an alternative that would not damage what's hidden on the other side of the stone door. Instead, he decided to take his time and use such a crude method.

Although it took him some effort to figure things out, he was still an exceptionally fast learner compared to the others.

Shaking off the confusion, Callum's expressions shifted with his thoughts. He pondered, "If Fade's true prowess is beyond my expectations, does this mean I should give up on negotiating with him? I couldn't possibly be of any use to him now... Would he just get rid of me by killing me?"

Callum grew increasingly worried as these thoughts lingered on his mind.

He stole a glance at the cave entrance not far away from them, and he started planning his escape.

He could no longer bear to stay here. He was tempted to flee.

Just as he was about to take the first step, Fade uttered coldly without looking back at him, "Those of you who want to escape, you'll regret your decision. If you step out of the cave, only one thing awaits you—death!"

A chill crept down Callum's spine at the warning. He withdrew his foot and then hastily turned around. With a fearful look on his face, he peered in Fade's direction.

Fade turned around and waved at them, ushering, "Come here!"

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The crowd's faces paled, but they dared not to disobey. Hence, they started walking stiffly toward him.

Fade was not going to let them leave this easily, especially when he had not gotten his hands on the treasure. If they were to leak any information after escaping, they would bring unnecessary trouble for him.

On the other hand, these people could still serve Fade by charting out the path ahead for him.

Therefore, Fade pointed to the large crack on the stone door and ordered, "You guys go ahead."

Hearing this, Callum and the others turned pale. They knew that Fade was using them to explore the way. However, unwilling they may be, they had no other choice. They could only enter carefully into the stone door.

There was barely any light inside. They turned on their lighting equipment and saw a slope running downwards before them.

As they continued further in, the surroundings became increasingly damp and cold. The sound of running water could be heard faintly.

After walking for approximately 15 minutes, Callum and the others were already shivering from the cold. Their faces had become extremely pallid, and every step forward became extremely difficult for them.

On the contrary, Fade appeared to be increasingly excited. The damp and cold surroundings must have meant that they were on the right path towards the Hallow Ice Spring.

They continued for another 5 minutes. Finally, they reached the end of the slope and a stone pit appeared before them.

In the stone pit was a shallow pool of water, which gave off a faint blue hue. The pool water ebbed slowly, emitting chill waves and causing the ambient temperature to drop even further.

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Fade's eyes lit up at the first sight of this pool. He was certain that this was the Hallow Ice Spring he had been searching for. He quickly walked up to the pool and observed carefully to make sure that nothing was amiss. As Fade turned his head around, he saw that Callum and the others were almost collapsing from the cold. So, he waved his hand at them and said, "Head outside and wait for me there!"

Upon hearing this, Callum and the others immediately rushed out as if they had been granted amnesty. As they finally returned to the cave, they felt comfortable once more.

Presently, Callum was shaken. He hadn't known that the Hallow Ice Spring could be this powerful. Even if he had managed to break past the formation without Fade, he still wouldn't have been able to retrieve anything from the Hallow Ice Spring. The cold emitting from it was not something he could withstand with his physical capabilities.

With this thought in mind, Callum no longer felt disappointed at the fact that Fade was snatching the Hallow Ice Spring from him.

In the depths of the cold cave, Fade, who was leaning beside the pool, gazed at the spring while his face gleamed with elation. He said to himself, "With the Hallow Ice Spring, I can finally bud and mature the Ice Lotus seed."

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After that, Fade took out a specially made wooden bottle. He had prepared the bottle in advance for the purpose of collecting water from the Hallow Ice Spring.

Normal porcelain bottles and metal bottles wouldn't have been able to withstand the extremely cold temperature of the Hallow Ice Spring. Thus, Fade had brought along this wooden bottle.

After filling up the large wooden bottle, there was barely enough water to cover the bottom of the pit.

However, upon closer inspection, one could still see that there was a tiny spring located right beneath the stone pit. Water was still flowing out from it slowly but regularly.

"It seems that this is still a live spring." Fade spoke, "That's good. Given enough time, the spring water can accumulate in the stone pit."

After putting away the wooden bottle, Fade waved his hands, constructing a formation around the stone pit to protect the spring.

Thereupon, Fade walked out with the bottle of spring water.

Callum and the others were waiting obediently in the cave. They did not dare to escape after receiving Fade's warning.

Seeing Fade carrying a large wooden bottle with him, Callum and the others couldn't help staring at him with curiosity. As soon as they met Fade's gaze, however, their eyes shied away as they dared not to cast another glance in his direction.

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Fade snorted lightly at their reaction and said, "Let's go."

Then, Fade led them out of the cave and back to the cabin.

Looking at the group of people, Fade uttered indifferently, "I'll let things slide this time. I'll spare the lot of you on the grounds of my relationship with Wushuang Tower. You are free to leave."

"However," Fade continued in a frigid tone. "You are not to tell anyone what has happened today. Do you understand?"

Their eyes brightened up upon hearing this, and they quickly nodded in response. "Yes, we understand. Our lips are sealed."

"Are you sure? You should know the consequences that await you if anyone gets wind of this," Fade continued icily.

The few people nodded in a hurry and replied solemnly, "You have our word. Don't worry, Master Chen. We will keep this under wraps."

"Fine. You may leave now," Fade said as he waved his hand dismissively.

Callum and others turned around and fled instantly.

Dacia was a little hesitant. He looked at Fade as he was reluctant to leave.

Noticing this, Fade couldn't help but raise his eyebrows and prompted, "Why, do you not want to leave?"

Dacia scratched his head and mumbled, "No. It's just... I-I don't dare to go back..."

This was because Dacia had been regarded as a traitor by Callum since he had chosen to follow by Fade's side. Besides, he more or less had a hand in Raymond's death.

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Although Callum hadn't said anything thanks to their predicament, it was hard for Dacia to guarantee his own safety should he return to the Clan. Moreover, he had lost an arm, and the Clan would never value him like before. He might even be downgraded from his status as an outer disciple to a factotum disciple.

It was only natural for Dacia to not want to go back.

Fade understood what he was thinking. Nonetheless, Dacia was still a martial artist of the late stage of Black Level. His skills weren't poor, and he would still be of use to Fade.

Tempted by the thought, Fade looked at Dacia and said, "In that case, I'll take you under my wing."

Dacia was overjoyed. He rushed to Fade's side to get on his knees and claimed, "It would be my honor to serve you, Master Chen."

"Alright, spare me the theatrics." Fade waved his hand and continued, "If you chose to follow me, that means you have turned your back on Wushuang Tower. Aren't you worried about them seeking revenge?"

Dacia's gaze flickered for a moment, but then he swore firmly, "I place my trust in you, Master Chen!"

Dacia had been observing Fade all this while, and this young man was way more powerful than he had imagined. Fade's skills and background were truly unfathomable.

Therefore, he chose to follow Fade instead of heading back to the Clan to face his sentence. Who knows, perhaps he might even have a bright future with Fade.

Fade admired Dacia's courage. A surge of energy appeared on his palm and he pressed it into Dacia's body.



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"Master Chen, what—" Dacia was shocked by the sudden gesture.

Fade explained, "It's just a little insurance in case you have second thoughts in the future. You should know what awaits you when that comes to pass."

Dacia cried out in panic and anxiety, "I wouldn't dare! Master Chen, I swear I definitely won't!"

Fade was well-versed in the carrot and stick approach.

Thus, he helped Dacia up and said, "Don't be so nervous. If you are loyal to me, nothing will happen to you. Moreover, if you serve me well, there may even be a chance for your arm to recover."

"My broken arm can be recovered?" Dacia gaped at Fade with pleasant surprise and elation.

Fade nodded and answered, "Of course."

Dacia was so over the moon that he could dance on the spot.

Fade waved his hand at him and said, "Enough. Let's go now."

Dacia quickly followed after him. Along the way, Dacia loosened up and he started asking, "Master Chen, did you really trust Callum and the others to uphold their promise when you let them go?"

Fade smiled and replied, "Of course not! How can those people, especially Callum, keep it a secret?"

"Then, why did you let them go?" Hearing this, Dacia was both shocked and puzzled. He frowned and said, "If they spill the beans after returning to the Clan, I fear that the Hallow Ice Spring and your safety will be—"

Fade clarified with a smirk, "They'd better not try their luck on the Hallow Ice Spring. Otherwise, there'll be a price to pay."

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"As for my personal safety, you don't have to worry about it. No one from Wushang Tower can hurt me!" Fade smiled as he spoke with great confidence.

Hearing Fade's words, Dacia looked at Fade in incredulity.

The Wushuang Tower was one of the four major forces of Heaven Level. The Clan housed a great number of Heaven Level masters. Especially the Guardian, who was considered one of the top martial arts masters and was also named among the top five masters on the Divine Dragon List.

For Fade to say that no one in the Wushuang Tower could hurt him, that simply meant that Fade's skills were at least on par with the top five masters on the Divine Dragon List...

No matter how highly Dacia thought of Fade's skills, he still didn't believe that Fade was on par with them. Hence, he just took those words as Fade's bragging.

"What? You don't believe me?" Fade looked at Dacia's doubtful expression and asked.

Dacia chuckled and quickly waved his hand, saying, "No, of course not. I trust you, Master Chen!"

Although he said so, Dacia's expression showed otherwise. Fade didn't explain any further as he believed Dacia would eventually come to understand the fact. 

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After returning to the town, Fade met up with Momo and Ernest. He recounted everything that had happened to the duo and gave them some time to think about their future plans.

Fade left Dacia behind to guard them after that. Then, he headed to Dragonville without cultivating the Ice Lotus seed.

Initially, when Fade first arrived in South Bay City from Jade City, he thought that he only had to temporarily be Momo's pretend boyfriend for the annual banquet. However, too many things had happened since then, and it took up way more of his time than he had expected.

Fade could only purchase the ticket for the next available flight since he didn't get to plan his travel. When he arrived in Dragonville, it was already 10 p.m.

Fade rushed out of the airport. The streets were well lit and the night scene was breathtaking, but Fade was too anxious to enjoy the night view. He looked at the time and thought to himself, "It's New Year's Eve today. I have to be back by midnight or else Quin would be mad at me."

At this thought, Fade hailed a cab impatiently and headed home in a rush.

As the cab passed by a toy shop along the way, Fade thought of Quin and her hobby. He glanced at the time again and noticed that he still had an hour left before midnight.

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So, Fade asked the driver to stop the cab. He went into the toy shop and quickly selected a couple of plush toys for Quin. He then also grabbed Quin's favorite plush character.

After that, Fade rushed home again with a cab full of plush toys.

The clock struck 11.40 p.m. as the cab arrived in front of the villa. Fade paid the cab fare before getting off with the plush toys in hand.

At this moment, Fade felt a little insecure as he stood in front of the entrance.

After all, he was at fault for taking so much time that he could only reach home on New Year's Eve.

After taking a deep breath, Fade walked into the villa.

As soon as he stepped in, Fade frowned slightly and muttered, "Why is it so quiet?"

There was only one room with lights on, and the rest of the mansion was pitch black. It was exceptionally quiet for New Year's Eve.

Was Quin spending New Year's Eve on her own without inviting anyone over? Thinking of this, Fade felt guilty and he sped up his steps into the villa.

Turning on the light in the living room, Fade called out, "Honey, I'm back. Come and take a look at the gifts I bought for you!"

Fade was about to head upstairs to Quin's room as he spoke.

However, right at that moment, someone walked out from a small room located on the ground floor and said to him, "Mr. Chen, you are back!"

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Fade stopped and looked back, only to find that it was Housekeeper Wong. He was surprised and asked, "Why are you here? Aren't you spending the new year in Bay City?"

Housekeeper Wong looked at Fade with a strange expression before saying, "I was asked to come back here. Besides, Jordan is still working overtime in the company. It's pointless for me to stay at home."

"Jordan is still working overtime today? That's too hard on him! Quin has gone too far. I'll lecture her on this." Fade smiled as he continued heading up the stairs and said, "I'll look for her now!"

Housekeeper Wong's expression was mixed with hesitation and surprise. She then stopped him, "Wait a second!"

"What's the matter? Is there anything else?" Fade asked. He looked at the time and found that it was already 11:50 p.m. It would soon be midnight. He had to find Quin immediately and apologize to her.

Housekeeper Wong took a deep breath as she looked at Fade and said, "She... she is not here."

"Not here? Where did she go? Is she at a friend's house? Or, is she at the company? No, today is New Year's Eve. Even if she's a workaholic, she'd still have to rest on this day!" Fade started talking to himself as he pondered.

Housekeeper Wong shook her head and replied in a low voice, "No. Madam Lin is not at her friend's or the company. She... she left."

"Left? To where? Where did she go? What do you mean?" Fade questioned in a hurry. He had a bad premonition about this.

Housekeeper Wong sighed and answered, "She has left Dragonville."


"What? Quin left Dragonville? Why? Where did she go? What joke is—" Fade was being carried away by his emotions.

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Housekeeper Wong shook her head again and said, "I don't know where she went. I don't know what's going on either. I just received a phone call from her yesterday. She asked me to come here and help look after the villa. She was already gone by the time I arrived."

"W-What exactly is going on? Why did Quin leave? Did she encounter anything? Why didn't she inform me, I—" Fade was extremely flustered and also a little anxious.

"Mr. Chen, don't worry. She should be fine. She has made a lot of arrangements before she left. She entrusted the company to Miss Lily. She made sure she didn't leave things unattended. Besides, she has always been thoughtful. She should be doing fine," assured Housekeeper Wong.

Only then did Fade feel a little relieved. 

Quin had everything planned in advance, implying that she didn't leave hastily. It was clear that she wasn't involved in any unforeseen incident.

However, Fade couldn't help but feel upset that Quin had planned all of this and chose to leave him behind at such a timing. Yet, he had no one else to blame but himself.

Fade simply stood frozen, not knowing what to do next.

He then took out his phone and tried to call Quin, but her phone was switched off. He sent her messages across all the social platforms, but there was no response.

Suddenly, Fade recalled that Housekeeper Wong mentioned Lily earlier, and he muttered to himself, "Yes, Lily, Sister Lily. Quin is close to her and has entrusted the company to her. She must know something, she must."

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With this in mind, Fade ran out of the villa, rushing to look for Lily.

Seeing this, Housekeeper Wong shouted after him, "Mr. Chen, wait a minute! Madam Lin left a letter behind for you. She said that in case you came back, you could find it in her room."

Hearing this, Fade's halted in his tracks. He immediately turned around and ran towards Quin's room.

The door was unlocked. Fade gave the knob a gentle twist and opened the door, stepping into the room.

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He switched on the lights in the room. The room was neat and tidy. It was decorated in a macaron palette and there were plush toys lying around. Everything looked the same as before.

However, the room looked so much colder now that it was unoccupied.

Fade glanced around and saw an envelope on the desk.

He walked over and picked up the envelope. On the envelope, it was written, "To Fade Chen."

Seeing this, Fade's heart jolted. He opened the envelope and pulled out three neatly folded letters from within.

He opened the letters and his hands started to tremble. It was as if the letters in his hands were even more terrifying than any of the enemies that Fade had encountered before.

Taking a deep breath, Fade steeled himself and focused on reading the contents of the letters.

"Fade, by the time you read this, I should have already left Dragonville. Don't worry about me. Also, don't look for me. I am in a place that suits me better. For the time we know each other, I..."

As Fade continued reading, the image of Quin sitting in front of the desk, writing to him while recalling the time they had spent together surfaced in his mind's eye.

The letters were brief. It was mostly about the memories they shared. The letters didn't mention anything Fade wanted to know,



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including the reason for Quin's departure as well as the place which she had headed to.

"Why, why did Quin do this?" Fade had a lot of questions in mind.

Just then, he caught sight of the last few lines of the letters. Trembling, he muttered breathlessly, "This is..."

Fade was puzzled for a moment as he drowned in disbelief.

At the end of the letters, it was written, "The divorce agreement is in the drawer. Although we shared many memories, we are simply not meant to be. If you sign on the paper, we will be officially divorced. Go and pursue your new life. Lily and Momo are both decent women. If you..."

Reading this, Fade felt hot under the collar. He opened the drawer and saw the divorce papers in it. Quin's signature was found on the signature column.

No words could express how Fade felt as he held the divorce papers in hand. "Why? Quin, why did you do this? I-I really don't understand what came over you. Why are you leaving me? Why didn't you tell me? Why..."

At that very moment, all Fade wanted to do was to rip those papers into pieces.

However, in that critical moment, he seemed to be struck with a thought. He did not rip the papers. Instead, he folded the divorce papers carefully and placed them in his chest pocket.

Gently patting the pocket, Fade whispered to himself, "Quin, I won't divorce you. I won't sign the agreement. I'll bring it with me and look for you."

Outside, the sounds of explosions filled the air, followed closely by colorful lights flickering across the night sky.

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Fade looked out of the window and gazed at the beautiful fireworks blooming in the night sky. The midnight bell tolled, and the entire city was blanketed in festive cheer.

Fade felt nothing but dejectedness and loneliness. The hustle and bustle around him had nothing to do with him. It was as if he was isolated from the world.

Fade didn't know how much time had passed, but when he came back to his senses, the fireworks had already ended. The city had returned to the silence of the night.

He looked up at the clock and realized he had already been standing there for more than an hour.

There was a knock on the door, and he could hear Housekeeper Wong asking, "Mr. Chen, you must be hungry from all the travelling. How about I fix you something to eat?"

"It's okay, I'm not hungry. You should get some rest. I will be turning in soon."

"Okay. Rest well," Housekeeper Wong responded and promptly went downstairs.

Fade sat on the bed and slowly lay down on the soft mattress. Quin's scent was still lingering faintly in the air.

Fade closed his eyes and gradually fell asleep.

The next day, when Fade woke up, the sun had risen and warm rays of sunlight streamed through the window. Fade got up from the bed and glanced at the envelope on the desk. His heart clenched tightly at the sight. Then, he folded the envelope and put it in his pocket.

After tidying up the room, Fade headed downstairs.

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"Mr. Chen, you're up!" Housekeeper Wong greeted him and asked, "Are you all right?"

Fade gave a small smile and replied, "Don't worry, I'm fine. I'm starving. I haven't had your cooking in a long time."

Hearing this, Housekeeper Wong hurriedly ran into the kitchen with a bright smile. "Please wait for a moment. Breakfast will be served shortly."

After having his breakfast, Fade said goodbye to Housekeeper Wong and drove out.

After a good night's sleep, Fade's emotions appeared to have stabilized.

He headed to Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. Quin had left behind the company she valued most in her life and entrusted Lily with it. Perhaps, Lily could tell him a thing or two.

As soon as he reached the company, Fade was surprised by what he saw before him.

The company was lively. It was not desolate even when it was the New Year holiday.

"It's the New Year holiday. Why are there so many people here at work? Are you all working overtime?" Fade asked the girl at the front desk.

The girl seemed a little confused as she didn't recognize him. She asked, "Sir, may I know who are you?"

Fade paused for a moment and immediately came to a realization. He had rarely visited the company, and huge companies like this have high turnover rates. It was only natural that the lower level employees did not know him.

Hence, Fade took out his ID card and showed it to her, saying, "Can you tell me now?"

"Oh, Mr. Chen! Y-You are..." The girl sounded a little nervous.

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Fade smiled gently and waved his hand. "Don't be nervous. Just answer my question."

"Yes, Mr. Chen. Miss Wei is holding a board meeting today, and many directors and high-level personnel are attending. That's why the company is bustling."

"I see." Fade nodded and then said, "Miss Wei is in her office, right? I'll go and meet her."

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Fade swiped his ID card at the access point, then he walked into the private elevator and headed for the top floor.

The receptionist saw this and became even more surprised. "Who on earth is this Mr. Chen? Why does he have direct access to the president's office when other vice presidents don't?" she thought.

At this moment, her colleague came back to the desk and saw her confused look. She could not help but tease her, "Janice, what are you looking at? Was it a handsome guy? We have many single and handsome men in our company. Do you want me to introduce you to someone?"

Hearing this, Janice Liew's face turned red. She quickly waved her hand and replied, "Rosa, don't make fun of me. It's not what you think."

"Then, what's the matter?" Rosa Wang asked.

Janice explained, "Someone came just now and his ID showed that he's a vice president of our company. He even has direct access to the president's office. But I've never seen him before and I don't recall we have him among our vice presidents."

Rosa's smile froze as she pondered aloud, "Vice president, direct access... What's his name and how old is he?"

Janice answered, "His ID name was Fade Chen. He's about 24 or 25 years old..."

"What? Fade Chen?" Rosa exclaimed in shock, "Mr. Chen is back?"

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"Rosa, do you know him?" Janice asked, dumbfounded.

Rosa was still worked up but she tried to remain calm as she answered, "Of course, I do. Mr. Chen is not just any vice president. He's President Lin's husband."

"What? President Lin's husband? No wonder he has direct access..." Janice gasped in astonishment.

Rosa continued to explain, "It's not what you think. Mr. Chen didn't get this position because of his relation to President Lin. He worked for it. Technically speaking, most of the assets of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc belong to him too."

"But, how come? Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc was founded by President Lin's parents, wasn't it? Why..." Janice was still puzzled.

Rosa said, "Janice, Mr. Chen is more than meets the eye. Not only is he the company's vice president, but he also has several other identities."

"Just to name a few, he's also a master practitioner of Chinese Medicine. The Sincere Medicine Center in Dragonville was founded by him."

"Also, Scott Huang, the boss of Scott Entertainment Company, is Mr. Chen's assistant. Mr. Chen even holds more than half of their shares," Rosa added.

"Are you familiar with the famous Sky Martial Arts Centre? The Chieftain, Tom Wei, is also Mr. Chen's sidekick."

"Mr. Chen is connected to basically all the companies and big families in Dragonville. Even the Sun family is under his influence. It isn't a long shot to say that he can easily stir up the whole Dragonville," Rosa wrapped up.

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"What? I can't believe Mr. Chen is this powerful. I-I..." Janice stiffened after hearing Rosa's words. She couldn't fathom the fact that the ordinary-looking man earlier was the face of such a powerful identity.

Rosa looked at Janice, who was lost in thought, and said, "Now, do you know how powerful Mr. Chen is?"

"Yes, I do." Janice nodded and a notion flashed across her mind. She then asked, "Now that Mr. Chen is back, those directors and managers who are against Miss Wei..."

Rosa interrupted her and said, "Let's see how things unfold now that President Chen is back."

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While the two receptionists downstairs were chatting, Fade had already arrived at the chairman's office on the top floor.

Fade pushed the door open and asked, "Is Miss Wei here?"

When the secretary saw Fade, she was stunned for a moment. She immediately came up to him and greeted him politely, "President Chen, welcome back. Please sit down. I will inform Miss Wei right away..."

"No need. Just tell me where she is. I'll seek her out myself," Fade said.

Hearing this, the secretary's expression changed. She stuttered, "President Chen, this, its... It's better for Miss Wei to come and meet you!"

"What's the matter? Did something happen?" Fade asked promptly upon noticing the change in her expression.

The secretary's expression became even more unnatural.

"Tell me, what exactly happened?" Fade asked sharply.

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The secretary dared not hide anything and hurriedly said, "Miss Wei is in the conference room, she's having a meeting with all the directors and managers."

"It's just a meeting. Why are you reacting this way?" Fade pressed on.

"President Chen, let me explain. President Lin announced that she will entrust the company to Miss Wei, and Miss Wei formally took over the company yesterday. However, some of the directors seemed to be opposed to this. They want to gather the board of directors and appoint a new acting president, hence..."

Fade didn't need the secretary to finish her explanation to figure out what was going on.

Quin had suddenly left and handed over her position to Lily. Although Lily had been working in the company for a long time, she was still young and was only a human resource manager prior to this. Her qualification was nothing compared to some of the older employees who had been working in the company for dozens of years.

Therefore, it was only natural for them to oppose this. After all, the company had recently experienced rapid growth. They even set up branches in Jade City. Their products were sold all over the country and they were planning to expand abroad.

The market value of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc had exceeded 50 billion yuan. In an enterprise of this scale, it was only natural that there was a sizable number of conceited people within the company.

Although he understood their intentions, it didn't mean that Fade agreed with them.

As soon as Quin had left, these so-called leaders started fighting for their own power and profit, rather than thinking of how to assist Lily on behalf of Quin and stabilize the company.

Fade would never agree to this. He snorted icily and ordered, "Take me to the conference room."



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"I..." The secretary hesitated, but then she met Fade's frigid gaze. She immediately took Fade to the conference room.

When he came to the door of the conference room, the secretary wanted to knock on the door.

However, Fade flung the door wide open and strode into the conference room.

The noise startled the occupants, and they all looked toward the door.

"What's going on?"

"Who dares to cause a ruckus?"

"Is this how poorly the company's staff behave?"

"Get the security guards to take him out!"

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Just as they were yelling and shouting, Lily noticed Fade at first glance. She smiled and said in a surprised tone, "Fade, you're back!"

Hearing the name "Fade", the directors and managers froze at once and they all looked over in shock.

Then, when they saw that it was really Fade, their faces fell. They immediately defended themselves.

"President Chen, I didn't see that it was you, so..."

"Master Chen, you're back. Sorry, I made an indiscreet remark."

"President Chen, please take a seat."

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Fade took a glance at these people and ignored them. He walked straight to Lily and asked, "Sister Lily, how is it going? Did they make things difficult for you?"

Upon hearing this, their expressions changed again and they quickly wanted to explain further.

However, Fade threw a cold look at them and uttered, "I wasn't asking any of you!"

Suddenly, no one dared to speak. They could only keep glancing at Lily and hinting at her.

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Lily was still processing her thoughts. She didn't expect Fade to return to the company at this timing. On the other hand, she also didn't expect Fade to be aware of what was going on in the company.

"Fade, about the company, Quin..." Lily couldn't help but pause at the mention of Quin. She tentatively peered at him.

Fade said, "I already learned about Quin's departure. As for the company, since she's entrusted it to you, you can deal with it as you like. If there is anyone who refuses to cooperate, you can always tell me and I'll take care of it."

While speaking, Fade's eyes swept over the directors and managers.

Lily felt a surge of warmth at his words, then she smiled for a split second before putting back on her stern expression. She looked at the crowd and said, " Since Mr. Chen is also part of our company, let's continue the meeting."

Then, Fade sat down next to Lily.

Lily continued solemnly, "There were personnel changes and corresponding changes made after President Lin's departure. If you have any opinion on this, please speak up."

When Lily had presented the same question earlier, she was faced with skeptical questions and opposing voices.

But now, with Fade sitting next to her, no one dared to speak up and they were all in silence.

Seeing this, Lily tapped her fingers on the table and added, "There doesn't seem to be anyone opposing this. Then, let's move forward. From today on, I'll be the acting chairman of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc."

At this point, a few of the participants finally couldn't sit still. They looked at each other and then their gazes all fell on a cultured-looking man in his 50s with gold-rimmed glasses.

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The man coughed lightly before looking at Lily and spoke, "Miss Wei, I am aware of the changes you mentioned. In general, I do agree with you. However, I have different views on certain personnel appointments."

"Mr. Hu, do share your opinion with us. " Lily raised her eyebrows to prompt the former, then pushed a document to Fade.

Fade took a glance at the document and studied up quickly on the man's information.

The man was Ryan Hu, who joined the company 15 years ago as a team leader of the marketing department. Over the years, he had slowly made his way to the position of the sales department's general manager.

Moreover, he held 5 percent of the company shares. Amongst all the shareholders present, Ryan held the largest portion of shares, and he also had the longest working experience with the company.

It was obvious that Ryan was not satisfied with the fact that Lily was being appointed.

Sure enough, after listening to Lily, Ryan got straight to the point. "My concern is mainly on the appointment of the acting chairman. I can understand why President Lin's entrusting you with this position; after all, you used to be her secretary and you two share a close personal relationship. It's only normal for President Lin to choose you."

His words didn't seem like he had a problem with this, but in fact, he was indirectly hinting that Lily was appointed as the acting chairman only because of her relationship with Quin, not because she was qualified for the position.

As expected, many directors and managers nodded in agreement and whispered among themselves.

Lily's eyes narrowed at this, but she didn't get angry. She simply looked at Ryan and asked, "Since you don't find me suitable for the position, may I ask who would you nominate?"

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Ryan smiled at her question. He quickly waved his hand and explained, "Miss Wei, I'm not saying that you're not fit for the position. It's just that we are aiming to expand our business, and we need someone who is more experienced to manage the company. After all, the company doesn't belong to one person, but to everyone. It's beneficial to have someone more experienced to manage the company."

Just as he finished speaking, some people among the crowd immediately agreed with his words.

"I agree with Mr. Hu."

"Mr. Hu's right, Miss Wei. You're capable, but you're still too young. You're not even in your 30's."

"Yes. It would be better for someone who is a little more experienced to take up this position."

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Watching them echoing after one another, Fade's face gradually darkened.

Lily didn't lose her temper and continued inquiring, "Since everyone has voiced out their opinion, I'd like to ask if you have any suitable candidate in mind?"

Ryan smirked and then glanced at the directors and managers who had concurred with his reasoning.

Immediately, someone stated, "Since you've asked, I think there's a suitable candidate."

"I think that Mr. Hu is a great candidate. He's been in the company for 15 years and has a lot of experience."

"Mr. Hu also has an outstanding performance in his job. He had been leading our company's sales department to continuously create new heights."

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"So, in terms of competence, personal qualifications, and character, Mr. Hu is the best candidate," that person concluded.

"Yes, you're right. I support Mr. Hu as well!"

"Indeed, Mr. Hu is the most suitable one."

"I support Mr. Hu too."

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Ryan's smile grew wider at the wave of compliments and support. Nonetheless, he still pretended to be humble as he gazed at Lily and said, "I didn't expect so many people to nominate me. I'm a bit surprised."

"Since everyone supports me this strongly, I gratefully accept it. I would also like to nominate myself as the acting chairman. Of course, if Miss Wei finds this nomination process inappropriate, we can always proceed to the voting session," Ryan said as he glanced sharply at Lily.

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Lily didn't respond directly, but instead. she glanced at Fade and then at Ryan. After a while, she responded in a clipped tone, "Mr. Hu, what if I don't think you're the right candidate and I don't agree to the voting?"

Ryan was startled for a split second and his gaze became even more piercing.

He didn't expect Lily to have such an unyielding attitude. She didn't even bother to find an excuse to reject him.

His face became sullen and his eyebrows raised. He then said in a somewhat threatening tone, "Miss Wei, you shouldn't be emotional when it comes to deciding this. After all, this affects the whole company and if any problem was to arise after the decision making, it will only cause great damage to the company."

"Are you threatening me?" Lily snorted as she glared at Ryan.

Ryan didn't want to put on a show anymore. He snorted and spoke honestly, "If a leader won't listen to their followers, how is the company supposed to operate smoothly? To say the very least, our sales department doesn't agree to have you as the acting chairman."

After saying that, Ryan glanced around at the people who had supported him just now. They immediately agreed in unison.

"Miss Wei, our production department also agrees with Mr. Hu."

"Miss Wei, I have contacted several suppliers and they're all concerned about who's going to be our chairman. They wouldn't

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trust the position with anyone ordinary."

"I'll get straight to the point, Miss Wei. If you become the acting chairman, the entire research department will resign." Ramsey Huang, a member of the company's research department, spoke up threateningly.

Concurrently, Lily's face had become grim and her eyes were burning with anger.

She looked like a volcano that was soon to erupt at any time.

Seeing this, Fade gently patted Lily's shoulder and cast a long glance around him before chuckling softly. He said, "Sister Lily, let me say something."

"Sure." Lily nodded and sat down. She watched Fade stand up from his seat and walk toward Ryan and the others.

Fade had not spoken much from the moment he had joined the meeting. Ryan and the others had almost forgotten about his existence. However, with Fade getting up and walking towards them now, they all started feeling apprehensive.

Nevertheless, with the large support he possessed, Ryan was at ease as he knew that the company would at least feel pressured by them. He did not fear Fade, and he was ready to face him head-on.

Fade ignored Ryan. Instead, he walked right up to Ramsey and said, "You're saying that once Lily is the chairman, you'll resign, right?"

Ramsey gritted his teeth despite his fear and replied firmly, "Not only me but also the whole research department."

Ramsey sounded confident. After all, the research department was one of the key departments in the company. Without them, new products couldn't be developed and old products couldn't be improved. The company's performance would only deteriorate




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in their absence.

To form a research team was not an easy task. It was a timely process to identify the research direction, to explore necessary methods and strategies, and not to mention to solidify the collaboration among the team members. It couldn't be done overnight.

Therefore, if the research department were to resign altogether, it would certainly have a tremendous impact on the company. Ramsey was confident that the company would never let go of the entire research department.

Fade noticed how confident Ramsey looked and he figured out what Ramsey was thinking. He then said to Ramsey with a sneer, "In that case, I will grant your wish. The research department will be dismissed effectively from now." 

"Sister Lily, you may announce the decision." Fade gestured at Lily after that.

Lily immediately called her secretary over and was ready to declare this official statement.

Ramsey, Ryan, and the rest were all stupefied by this. They didn't expect Fade would be this cruel to kick out the entire research department without second thoughts.

For a moment, Ramsey was flushed with anger and stuttered anxiously, "You... How can you do this? How dare you..."

Ryan and the others voiced their dissent too.

"Miss Wei, you've gone too far by doing this!"

"If we cut off the whole research department, what will we do with our company's products in the future?"

"President Chen, you rarely make your visit to the company and maybe you don't know the importance of the research

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department. It's the core department that determines the survival of our company. How can you make such a rash decision?" Ryan roared as he pointed his finger at Fade.

The words he uttered were not only against the decision but also hinted that Fade was merely a manager by name and didn't know better about the company's operation.

He thought that Fade would be affected by his words, but Fade was not bothered in the slightest. He glared at Ryan and others and said, "Are you implying that I don't know much about the research department? Who do you think developed the best selling products of the company? Was it Dr. Huang over here?"

"I..." Ramsey was flustered and he couldn't respond.

This was because the best selling products in the past two years were not developed by their department. This included the scar removal gel as well as Fei's Life Elixir Wine. President Lin had directly brought them over for production. They did not know who had developed these products.

Lily spoke up at this moment, "Both the scar removal gel and Fei's Life Elixir Wine were developed by President Chen alone. Moreover, the formulas of the products under the same series as well as the new products we sell in Jade City were all from President Chen."

"Now, do you still dare say that he doesn't know a thing about research and development?" Lily retorted.

"What? How could this be... Those best selling products were actually developed by him? I-I don't believe it!" Ramsey was in disbelief to hear the revelation. "Any new product requires thousands of experiments and constant trials. How could he have done that in such a short time?"

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"Nothing is impossible." Lily interrupted Ramsey as she continued saying, "Don't forget that President Chen is also the founder of the Sincere Medical Center. The Ephedra Syrup developed by him was acknowledged and even awarded by our country leaders."

"He developed the Ephedra Syrup, the medicine that could break the monopolization by foreign medicines in our country. Do you think he can't develop some ordinary makeup products?" she added.

Everyone was reminded of Fade's achievements and identities upon hearing Lily's words.

In that split second, everyone's expressions darkened. As for Ramsey, he had turned ashen pale.

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At that moment, Fade scribbled some formulas on a piece of paper and handed them to Lily. "I have a few new formulas. Let's focus on these for the next season."

"W-What..." Ramsey was completely dumbfounded. He could be spending days and nights developing a new formula but it might not even work. Yet, Fade could casually write down several formulas and present them. The difference between their capabilities was just too huge. Ramsey could only stand there in bewilderment.

Fade snorted at his reaction. "Why are you still doing here? You have been dismissed."

"President Chen, I—" Ramsey wanted to go back on his words.

But Fade did not give him the chance to repent. He instructed the security guard, "Come in and take him away."

"President Chen, I'm sorry! Lily, please give me a second chance. I was bewitched by others, and I wouldn't dare to do it again. I..." Ramsey cried out while he was dragged out.

When he was gone, Fade turned his gaze to the rest of Ryan's men. He walked past them one by one, held onto their chairs, and asked, "Are the rest of you going to resign too?"

"I happen to know the An family, the Qian family, and also the Dai family in Dragonville. They can provide me with some working partners. I also have some shares in the Li family's properties in Jade City. I can easily transfer some people over to replace you

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all," he said casually.

Upon hearing this, their faces turned even paler. They immediately volt-faced and tried to save themselves.

"President Chen, we don't intend to resign."

"Yes, that's right. We are not like Ramsey. We don't want to resign at all."

"That's right. We were just sharing our opinions."

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"Really? Then, do you have any other opinions now?" Fade asked.

They quickly waved their hands and answered, "Not at all. We totally agree with you and Miss Wei's decision. Whatever it is, you have our support."

"Well, that's good." Fade smiled and then approached Ryan.

Ryan saw that his allies were either dismissed or had changed their stance. At that moment, his face darkened and his expression was twisted.

He quickly evaluated the current situation, and finally realized he could never defeat Fade now. Hence, he could only surrender even though he was very unwilling to.

Ryan came to a decision in his heart. It would be better for him to surrender now. At the very least, he would be able to keep his job. Then, he could look for better timing in the future.

After all, Lily was still inexperienced. Fade, on the other hand, rarely visited the company or even Dragonville. Ryan could slowly

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carry out his plan once Fade left this place.

Ryan felt that this was the best solution at the moment. Therefore, he forced a smile and was ready to admit defeat to Fade. "President Chen, I also—"

However, before Ryan could finish his words, Fade said to him curtly, "Ryan, the company will repurchase the shares in your possession. You can resign after that. Considering that you are a long-time employee, I'll let you leave in dignity."

"What? No..." Ryan was utterly caught off guard. Soon, his shock turned into anger. He didn't want to leave the company, and he absolutely didn't expect that his shares would be repurchased.

Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc had developed rapidly in the past two years, and the company's value had increased greatly. The shares under his name were absolutely valuable. How could he be willing to let all of them go?

"President Chen, I know I was wrong. I promise I will never..." Ryan still wanted to change his stance.

Nonetheless, Fade didn't intend to negotiate with him at all. He slammed his palm on the table and then questioned in a sombre voice, "Do you want me to do it, or do you want me to have the Sky Martial Arts Centre or the Sun family to get involved?"

Hearing this, Ryan shivered in fear. The Sky Martial Arts Centre was a rising martial club in Dragonville for the past two years. Their martial artists were known to be skillful in their fights.

As for the Sun family, they were the most powerful family in Dragonville before Fade's arrival. Especially the head of the Sun family, Francesca. She was listed as the top among Black Level martial arts masters, and her capabilities were beyond Ryan's imagination.

Ryan was truly in fear. He knew that if he didn't agree with Fade, both his job and his life would ultimately be at risk.

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Being stuck in this situation, Ryan didn't dare to disobey. He nodded quickly and said, "I'll resign. I'll resign immediately."

"Wise choice." Fade nodded and patted Ryan on the shoulder. Then, he returned to his seat.

"Now that the matter has been resolved, you can move on with the procedures," Fade said and smiled at Lily.

Lily glanced at Fade with a grateful smile. Although Fade's method was slightly excessive, the effect was extraordinary. It left everyone in shock and no one dared to have second thoughts anymore.

Lily quickly wrapped up the remaining affairs left to address and then ended the meeting.

It was already approaching noon once the meeting was dismissed.

Lily returned to the office. She wanted to ask her secretary to deliver lunch, but Fade barged in and tugged on her arm. He said, "Sister Lily, let's have lunch together. I want to have a chat with you."

Lily's heart skipped a beat as she knew what Fade wanted to talk about. After a brief moment of silence, Lily nodded and said, "Let's go to the cafeteria then."

Soon after, the two came to the cafeteria and ordered a few dishes. They sat in a private booth and began to eat and chat.

Fade ate a few mouthfuls of food. Seeing that Lily hadn't touched her food, he couldn't help saying, "Sister Lily, you've worked hard for the whole morning. You should eat some."

Lily looked up at Fade and spoke in a low voice, "Fade, you want to talk about Quin. Am I right?"

Hearing this, Fade's smile gradually faded. He stopped eating and returned her gaze. "Yes. I really want to know why Quin decided to leave me so suddenly. I want to know where she went."

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Lily trembled slightly, then she shook her head and replied, "I-I don't know either. I'm also surprised that Quin left."

Fade said, "When Quin entrusted the company to you, she must have talked to you about this. I want to know how she was doing at that time. What happened during my absence?"

Looking at how upset Fade was getting, Lily shook her head again and sighed. "I don't know either. I asked her when she came to me to discuss the company's affairs, but she didn't explain further. She only said that this was a test for me."



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After chatting for a little while more, Fade realised Lily didn't know much about the situation as well. Or should he say, Quin didn't reveal much to Lily, probably knowing he would come to her for information.

Fade didn't know what to do at that moment.

Noticing Fade's silence, Lily wanted to comfort him, but she didn't know how to.

The two remained silent. After lunch, Fade bid farewell to Lily and prepared to leave.

At that point, Lily suddenly thought of something and stopped Fade as she said, "Fade, wait a minute. Perhaps there's still a way to find clues."

"What is it?" Fade turned his head and asked.

Lily said, "Quin's personal laptop should be still at home, right? You can check her laptop - perhaps she left behind some clues. I'll also get someone to check her company laptop."

"That's a good idea," Fade's eyes lit up at the suggestion, but it wasn't long before he returned to disappointment and said, "Quin's laptop is locked with a password, I can't log in."

Lily waved her hand and said, "The password is not a problem. I'll find someone to solve it."

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"Pablo Liang. Do you still remember him?"

Fade recalled immediately as he heard the name. Pablo was a technician in the company's technical department. He had some conflicts with his girlfriend at that time and wanted to jump off the building. Fortunately, he was rescued by Fade, and he was still working as a technician in the company.

"Pablo... I do remember him. He is great with computers and he knows basic hacking," Fade nodded and said.

"That's him," Lily replied. "I'll call him over right now to look into the company laptop."

"Sure!" Fade nodded his head.

Soon, Pablo came over. When he saw Fade, he immediately bowed respectfully and said, "Hello, Mr. Chen."

Fade looked at the handsome young man in front of him, who was tall and wearing a pair of black-framed glasses, and Fade was a little surprised. "Are you the same Pablo I know? As I recall, you used to weigh double your current size now!"

Pablo chuckled and said, "It's all thanks to you, President Chen. After that incident, I moved on, and decided to start working out, which results in this."

"Not bad, you're much more handsome now, I'm sure you're quite the ladies' man!" Fade patted Pablo on the shoulder.

Pablo chuckled. He looked a little embarrassed as he replied, "I'm already engaged."

"Wow, that's fast! Remember to invite me to your wedding!" Fade exclaimed with a smile.

"Sure, Mr. Chen, you saved my life. You'll definitely be the first to receive the invitation," Pablo immediately replied.

After chatting for a while, the three of them arrived at the president's office. They took out the company laptop previously used

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by Quin and let Pablo work on it.

It didn't take long for Pablo to break through the security and started searching through the data on the laptop.

Fade and Lily waited anxiously aside. A couple of minutes later, Pablo suddenly clicked on the Enter button and said, "I've got it."

"What is it? Tell me!" Fade said in a hurry.

Pablo showed them a webpage and said, "President Chen, this is the browser history on President Lin's last day in the office. Besides some work-related websites, there are several more unrelated ones, too. President Chen, take a look—"

Fade fixed his eyes on it and couldn't help but narrow his eyes.

Among the websites she browsed last, a number of them were enquiries concerning the divorcement procedure, and the other was a flight ticketing website.

Fade's heart skipped a beat, and he continued to ask, "Can you find out where the ticket is headed to?"

Pablo worked for a while, then shook his head and said to Fade, "President Chen, we can't find the specific ticket information. It's possible that President Lin only browsed through the website instead of purchasing a ticket."

Fade asked Pablo to continue with his hacking, but unfortunately, he didn't come up with any valuable information. This laptop was mainly used for work purposes only.

Therefore, Fade drove back home with Pablo, and asked Pablo to work on Quin's personal laptop.

After a round of hacking, he did find some clues.

Pablo found Quin's chat history. The recipient's ID was nicknamed "Moon Lin". At the beginning of their chat, they asked, "Have

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you made up your mind?"

Quin's response came later.

"I've made up my mind. Don't worry, I'll leave with you. However, since I've agreed with you, you can't interfere with my friends and relatives' lives," she replied.

"Don't worry, we're not interested in them. As long as you agree to our request," Moon Lin replied.

"Very well. Then, I'll go with you guys." This was Quin's final response.

Fade's heart clenched after reading this. He was worried that his wife would be in trouble. He asked Pablo to continue to search for relevant clues and at the same time track down the identity of Moon Lin.

After some searching, Pablo found Quin's purchase history. Her flight ticket was headed to Capital City.

As for "Moon Lin", the user's information indicated that their location was in Capital City. However, that was the only information they could get.

"Capital City!" Fade's eyes narrowed as he started to ponder, "Why did Quin suddenly go there? What's the connection between her and the Capital City?"

Fade suddenly thought of Quin's father, Daniel. The father-in-law he had never met. He seemed to be from Capital City. He'd moved here more than 20 years ago.

"Perhaps, one of her father's relatives is looking for Quin?" Fade guessed silently, "However, Quin could have headed there directly if it was something so ordinary. Why did she hide this from me and even entrust the company to Lily? Could it be that

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there's some inside story..."

Fade speculated, but as he couldn't find any clues, he could only let his imagination run wild.

In the end, he couldn't think of anything useful. That left him with only one solution: to search for his wife in the Capital City on his own.

Fade wished he could simply sprout wings and fly to Capital City that very moment.

With how anxious he was getting, Fade knew he needed to calm himself down.

After sending off Pablo, he logged onto the laptop and checked the messages left by his wife over and over again.

Fade took out the letter Quin left for him. Seeing that his wife told him not to go to her, his heart was in pain.

After taking a deep breath, Fade put away the letter and turned off the laptop to calm himself down. He found Housekeeper Wong in the house and told her, "Housekeeper Wong, I have to leave for a few days."

"Sir, are you..." Housekeeper Wong had concern written all over her face, clearly worried that Fade would be making reckless decisions.

Fade smiled and waved his hand, saying, "Housekeeper Wong, don't worry. I am not a reckless person. I won't get myself in trouble."

Hearing this, Housekeeper Wong was relieved. "Take care of yourself," she said.

"I will." Fade smiled and then went out.

## Chapter 1230

Fade rushed all the way to the mountain forest in the suburbs of Dragonville.

Looking at the viridian forest before him, Fade took a deep breath and whispered to himself, "Quin, no matter what happens, I will bring you back."

After that, Fade plunged into the woods. Soon, he came to a bush, where he'd cultivated the Nine Leaf Ice Flower previously.

After stepping in, Fade placed a simple formation to seal the entrance.

Then, Fade took out the ice lotus seed and the wooden bottle that was filled with the Hallow Ice Spring water.

After finding a suitable spot, Fade dug a small hole in the ground and buried the ice lotus seed. Then he carefully poured the Hallow Ice Spring water into the small hole.

The spring water seeped into the soil and the seeds. The lotus seeds also began to grow at a rate that was visible to the naked eye.

"The Hallow Ice Spring water is effective. According to the current speed, I'll be able to cultivate the Ice Lotus in a week's time." Fade felt slightly excited. He then blasted some positive energy into the lotus seed as he began to carefully cultivate the Ice Lotus.

Just like that, under the nourishment of the Hallow Ice Spring water and Fade's positive energy, the ice lotus seed rapidly

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sprouted and grew, growing bigger bit by bit.

Just as Fade was cultivating the ice lotus seed here, a few figures wearing Wushuang Tower's uniform walked out from Dragonville's airport, and headed straight to Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

Fade, who was in the mountains, was blissfully unaware. He had already devoted himself to the cultivation of the Ice Lotus.

With the passage of time, the Ice Lotus matured day by day. And then, the seventh day had finally arrived.

A beautiful lotus flower had grown out of the small water pit.

The lotus flower was not large, only the size of a fist. However, it was bright in color and brimming with vitality. The entire lotus had an icy blue tinge to it, as if it had been carved from ice.

If one got close to the lotus flower, one could even feel a chill emanating from the flower.

Fade's eyes lit up at the sight of the lotus flower, and a look of pleasant surprise appeared on his face as he muttered to himself, "This Ice Lotus is even better than I had imagined. After consuming this Ice Lotus, my cultivation will be one step closer to breaking through the pinnacle of Heaven Level."

Fade did not waste any time. He plucked the lotus immediately and swallowed it.

The lotus gave off a clear and cold feeling. However, it melted in Fade's mouth and turned into a cold stream. It flowed into Fade's stomach and then turned into a rich stream of positive energy that spread throughout his body.

"It's quite effective. It's time to begin cultivating!" Fade immediately sat in meditation and began cultivating.

After a period of time, when Fade opened his eyes again, a sudden chill emanated from his body. It froze the surrounding

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vegetation, turning them into powder as they scattered all over the place.

As Fade spread out his palm, a breath of positive energy burst out from it.

The energy surged and gradually condensed into the shape of a lotus. The lotus flickered and swayed like a cluster of flame.

"Go!" Fade's gaze focused. He pushed his palm forward and the dark blue lotus flame in his hand instantly flew out, freezing a mouse in its wake.

The agile mouse was flash frozen upon coming in contact with the blue lotus flame.

A few seconds later, Fade sliced through the air with his left arm, and a wave gushed forth, splitting the mouse in half. However, not a drop of blood was spilt.

As he took a closer look, he found that the internal organs of the mouse were covered in a layer of deep blue, as if they were frozen. When he lightly touched them, they crumbled into fine powder, scattering swiftly with the wind.

"Silent but deadly, like fire and ice!" Seeing this, Fade nodded with a smile. "This move is so powerful yet it's hidden. The target seemed to be frozen, but exhibited traits of being burnt to ashes. This will prove extremely effective, be it as a surprise attack or a sneak attack in a desperate situation. It's impossible to guard against."

Fade gave this move a name, "Since this move is mastered by absorbing and refining the Ice Lotus, let it be called the Ice Lotus Flame."

After naming his new move, Fade immediately got up and looked at the time. He found that ten days had passed since he bid farewell to Housekeeper Wong.



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"I hadn't expected to stay for so long. It's time to go back. And, Quin, I too..." Fade looked into the distance, his silhouette flickering as he rushed off, leaving afterimages in his wake.

Downtown, back in Dragonville, Fade rushed towards Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, ready to find Lily.

When he reached the company, Fade saw that the receptionist was still the young girl who didn't recognize him last time. He smiled at her, waved his hand and said, "Is Miss Wei up there?"

Fade walked towards the elevator as he spoke.

"President Chen, you... you are back." The beautiful receptionist was surprised to see Fade. When she saw Fade walking into the elevator, she immediately blocked his way and said, "President Chen, no, you can't go upstairs."

Fade was confused for a moment, then he joked, "Why, have you forgotten my face again? Do you want me to show you my ID again?"

The receptionist quickly shook her head. She waved her hand and explained, "Mr. Chen, I didn't mean that. I, I just—"

"What's the matter? Take your time," Fade said.

The receptionist glanced up and said, "President Chen, President Wei is not upstairs."

"She's not? Then where did she go? Didn't she come to work today? It's rare coming from Lily!" Fade said jokingly.

"It's not that she hasn't been to work. It's just..." the receptionist hesitated for a moment.

Fade was still puzzled when the door of the elevator suddenly opened in front of them. A middle-aged man in his fifties wearing gold-rimmed glasses came out with a smile on his face.

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At the sight of this man, Fade's gaze turned icy, because this guy was no other than Ryan. The same Ryan who planned to force Lily to step down and take the position himself.

"Why is he here? Didn't he resign?" Fade asked coldly.

The receptionist stuttered, "President Chen, Mr. Hu, he's back again. President, President Wei has resigned, so..."

"What? She resigned? What happened? I have only been gone for a few days. How did things turn out this way?" Fade was angry and confused.

The receptionist was terrified at how furious Fade looked.