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The waitress was stunned for a moment and then came to her senses. She apologized to the man and said, "I'm sorry, sir. There is a limited number of Life Elixir Wine in our store and it has been sold out. This is the last bottle."

"What, the last bottle?" The man in the private room frowned with dissatisfaction.

At this time, Yuri Zhang saw the waiter's movement and couldn't help shouting, "Waitress, our wine!"

The waitress was about to come over with the wine. The man in the private room looked in the direction of the voice and saw Fade Chen's clothing. His eyes lit up. Then he stopped the waitress and said, "Wait a minute!"

"Sir?" The waitress turned around and looked at the young man in a suit and leather shoes in front of him.

The man pointed to the Life Elixir Wine and said, "Give me this bottle of wine!"

"But, another guest has..." The waitress was a little embarrassed.

The man looked at Fade Chen disdainfully again and said in a scornful tone, "Did they order it? It doesn't matter. Give me the wine. How much do they want? I'll

buy it from them instead."

While speaking, the man reached out to get the Life Elixir Wine.

Yuri Zhang had paid attention to the situation here. Seeing this, her pretty face darkened and she said coldly, "What do you want to do?"

When the man saw Yuri Zhang's face, he couldn't help but be surprised. But then he smiled and said, "Babe, I just ordered a few bottles of wine. I didn't do anything! Do you want to drink it with me? In my private room, the seats are very big, and we can play together!"

"You are disgusting!" Yuri Zhang blushed with anger. "We ordered the Life Elixir Wine first. Give it back to us."

The man smiled and glanced at Fade Chen. Then, he shook his hand disdainfully and said, "Isn't it about money? Give me this wine, and I'll pay you."

While speaking, the man directly took out a stack of red banknotes and threw them over. He sneered and said, "This is 10,000 yuan. I'll buy your bottle of wine and you can earn more than 3,000 yuan. That's me being generous!"

Yuri Zhang said angrily, "I don't want the money. This is the wine we ordered. We want to drink it. It's not for sale!"

The man frowned and snorted. "Do you think that



money is not enough?"

Then, he took out a stack of banknotes and threw it over again. He said coldly, "We'll add another ten thousand yuan. This should be enough for you!"

Seeing this, Yuri Zhang was so angry that she couldn't help rushing out to fight with the man.

At this time, Fade Chen stood up and patted on Yuri Zhang's shoulder gently. He said softly, "Yuri, leave them to me!"

"Brother Chen, I..." Yuri Zhang's eyes were filled with tears.

Fade Chen looked at the two piles of notes on the ground and put his hands in his trouser pocket. With a faint evil smile on his mouth, he walked over to the man and said, "Do you want to buy our wine?"

The man glanced at Fade Chen with disdain and said, "Yes."

"You may not be able to earn 20,000 yuan in half a year, right?" The man said.

Fade Chen shook his head lightly and said, "We will not sell our wine, and I don't lack this little money. Now pick up the money and apologize to us. Then I'll let you go."

"Apologize?" The man curled his lip and said with a disdainful smile, "Are you kidding? Do you know who I, Lincoln Xie, am? No one has ever dared to ask me to

apologize to him, let alone a loser like you!"

Fade Chen said, "Apologize when you do something wrong. It has nothing to do with your identity."

"Woah, you're teaching me a lesson now." Lincoln Xie sneered and took out another stack of money. Holding it in his hand, he directly slapped Fade Chen on the face with the money. "Believe it or not, I will smash you to death with money."

Seeing this, Fade Chen's eyes turned cold and he showed a hint of anger. He raised his arm and slapped Lincoln Xie in the face.

Suddenly, Lincoln Xie's cheeks were red and swollen. He covered his cheeks with a shocked expression and shouted angrily, "How dare you! I'll kill you. I..."

"F\*\*k, you deserve this beating!" Fade Chen slapped Lincoln Xie again, which made his other cheek swollen.

"You..." Lincoln Xie still wanted to curse, but when he saw Fade Chen raise his arm, he was so scared that he swallowed back his scolding words.

At this time, Fade Chen picked up the Life Elixir Wine in the waitress's hand and was about to go back to his seat.

Seeing this, Lincoln Xie's eyes showed a hint of anger. He suddenly shouted, "Wait!"

"Er..." Fade Chen turned around, looked at Lincoln Xie



with a frown, and said coldly, "Why? Is the beating not enough for you?"

Lincoln Xie instinctively took a few steps back, with fear in his eyes. But he still shouted, "I ordered this bottle of wine. You can't take it away."

After that, Lincoln Xie looked at the waitress.

"You?" Fade Chen glared at Lincoln Xie and then looked at the waiter.

The waitress was nervous at the moment. She did not expect that things would happen to her. Facing a rich man and the other man with a violent look in his eyes, she trembled and felt a little scared.

"I think you should be clear about who ordered this wine!" Fade Chen stared at the waitress and said.

"I..." The waitress moved her mouth.

Before she could finish, Lincoln Xie, who was next to her, took the stack of notes in his hand and glanced at the waitress. He blinked his eyes and said, "Think. Who ordered this bottle of wine"

Looking at the red banknotes, the waitress's eyes suddenly lit up. Thinking that she could get 10,000 yuan by changing her words, she suddenly felt excited and couldn't care about anything else. She nodded directly and said, "This wine is ordered by this customer in the private room."

Hearing this, Lincoln Xie smiled proudly. He looked at

Fade Chen and said, "Did you hear that? I ordered the wine."

After that, Lincoln Xie reached out to get the health-preserving wine.

Lincoln Xie didn't care about the Life Elixir Wine. After all, which expensive wine hadn't he taste before. He cared about his own dignity. Therefore, even if he smashed tens of thousands of yuan to the waitress, he would get this Life Elixir Wine to save his dignity.

At this moment, Fade Chen couldn't help but change his expression when he looked at the waitress. Before, the waitress disliked serving the poor and loved the rich. Because they ordered cheap dishes, the waitress secretly sneered at them.

At that time, although she was dissatisfied, at least the service wasn't bad. So Fade Chen didn't care much about it.

But now, she went too far and completely reversed the truth for money, which made Fade Chen angry.

Fade Chen stared at the waiter coldly and said in a cold voice, "Are you sure this wine was ordered by him?"

Looking at Fade Chen's fiery eyes, the waitress trembled with fear. But when she saw the red banknotes in Lincoln Xie's hand, she suddenly felt excited. She nodded firmly and said, "The wine was ordered by this guest in the private room."



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Hearing this, Lincoln Xie showed a proud expression on his face. Then, he turned to look at Fade Chen and snorted, "Did you hear that? I said that this wine is mine, so it must be mine."

Fade Chen's eyes darkened and he grunted, "Ask your boss to come over now. I'd like to see how your shop does business. How can they turn the truth upside down."

When the waitress heard that Fade Chen wanted to meet with her boss, she was so scared that her whole body trembled and her face showed concern.

Seeing this, Lincoln Xie comforted the waitress and said, "Don't worry, let your boss come over. I'm sure that your boss will know what to say when he sees me."

The waitress looked hesitant, but at this point, she had no choice but to call the boss over.

The owner was a middle-aged man in his forties. He walked over with a smile on his face and handed a cigarette to Fade Chen and Lincoln Xie with a smile.

Fade Chen snorted. Instead of taking the boss's cigarette, he looked at him coldly and said, "Boss, I want to know how your restaurant educate your staff."

She sent the things we ordered to other customers. Is this the rule of your restaurant?"

When the waitress went to call her boss over just now, the boss had already roughly understood the whole story. Hence, he naturally understood the meaning of Fade Chen's words, but at this moment, he purposefully pretended to be silly and said, "Sir, please calm down. We will investigate the matter thoroughly and give you a satisfactory answer."

"A satisfactory answer?" Fade Chen said, "Bring us the wine now!"

Seeing this, Lincoln Xie immediately said, "This is the wine that I ordered."

The boss suddenly looked embarrassed and said, "Dear guests, you all said that the wine was ordered by yourself. This is really..."

Fade Chen said coldly, "Who ordered the wine? Sir, you may replay the CCTV of the restaurant and see it yourself."

Hearing that he wanted to watch the surveillance video, the waitress suddenly turned pale and looked worried. Then, she looked at Lincoln Xie for help.

Lincoln Xie's face also changed slightly, but then he showed a look of disdain. He winked at the boss and said in a low voice, "Sir, my name is Lincoln Xie, from the Bay City."



Hearing this, the boss's eyes lit up immediately. With an ingratiating look, he approached Lincoln Xie and said, "It's Young Master Xie from the Xie Family in Bay City. It's my honor to have you here."

"It's indeed your honor!" Lincoln Xie's face was full of pride. Then he pointed to the Life Elixir Wine and said, "This wine..."

How could the boss not understand Lincoln Xie's meaning? He quickly handed over the wine and said, "We, of course, serve the wine that Young Master Xie wants. In order to thank you for coming, this bottle of wine will be free for you."

Lincoln Xie picked up the Life Elixir Wine and looked at Fade Chen provocatively. Then he nodded and said proudly, "Yes, I don't care about tens of millions of yuan. What I care about is dignity. If someone shows me respect, I will certainly do the same."

With this, Lincoln Xie handed the boss a business card and said, "Call this person later and tell him my name, tell him that I asked the company to cooperate with your restaurant."

The boss immediately became ecstatic, holding the business card with both hands, and the smile on his face was wide. He didn't expect that he would win Young Master Xie's favor by sending him a bottle of wine and get the opportunity to cooperate with the Xie family. This was a great opportunity!



The boss, who was smiling, winked at the waitress and said in a low voice, "Wendy, I'll raise your salary and give you a bonus later. You did a good job this time!"

The waitress burst into laughter and was overjoyed. She was so lucky this time. First, she got 10,000 yuan, and now she was rewarded by the boss. How lucky she was!

The two were overjoyed and flattered Lincoln Xie, completely ignoring Fade Chen.

Seeing this, Fade Chen lowered his voice and said coldly, "Boss, are you doing business like this?"

The boss made up his mind at the moment, so he was not polite to Fade Chen. He directly said in an official tone, "Dear guest, if you have any dissatisfaction, you can mention it to us. We will take it into consideration. If our restaurant can't satisfy you, you can call the department. We welcome the supervisors to come and check on us."

Obviously, he had nothing to fear. The boss did not care about offending such poor guests as Fade Chen. After all, compared with the benefits of pleasing Young Master Xie, losing these two guests was not a big deal.

"Good, very good, so this is the way your restaurant runs!" Fade Chen's voice was extremely gloomy. Then he took out his mobile phone and said coldly, "Didn't



you say that you welcome supervision? Then let's have them here!"

"Boss, he seems to be calling to complain!" The waitress said carefully.

The boss curled his lip scornfully and said, "Let him do it. I have already taken care of the business there. Besides, the standard of our restaurant is high. There is no problem with the real examination."

As soon as the boss finished speaking, his mobile phone rang.

He looked at the caller ID and immediately picked up the phone. With a smile on his face, he said, "Mr. Qi, your Life Elixir Wine really sold out well in our restaurant. We had just received it and it sold out in the blink of an eye. If you can give us more wine, we..."

Before the boss could finish, there was a deep roar from the other side, "Mr. Wang, we will no longer supply the Life Elixir Wine to your restaurant. Don't you think about getting goods from us in the future."

The boss was a little stunned. He didn't understand what had happened. How did the Life Elixir Wine's contract that he had just signed suddenly get canceled? He wanted to explain, but the other party hung up the phone.

"What's going on?" The boss asked in a low voice, frowning as he put away his phone.

But before he could put the phone back in his pocket, it rang again. The boss touched the phone and before he could speak, there was a roar from the other end of the phone. "Wang, is this how you do business?! I warned you not to play any tricks. You can't afford to offend some people. From now on, the cooperation between our company and your restaurant will be suspended, and there will be no more contact!"

"Ah!" The boss was dumbfounded.

But then, the clerk rushed over in a panic and shouted, "Boss, bad news, bad news!"

"What's wrong? Is the sky falling down?" the boss shouted, resisting his anger.

The clerk said, "Boss, the businessmen are here to check. Moreover, the inspection seems to be very strict this time. We have violated several rules and they are going to temporarily close down our restaurant."

"What? How, how is this possible?" The store owner was stunned and did not understand what had happened.



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One day later, a luxury suite on the top floor of a high-end hotel in Bay City.

Lincoln Xie sat on the sofa with a man in his forties, reading a pile of documents on the table.

"Uncle, what did I say. This Life Elixir Wine is definitely a big business!" Lincoln Xie said to the man sitting opposite him.

The man was dressed in a working suit and leather shoes, wearing a pair of glasses with his hair neatly combed. He looked very professional.

After hearing from Lincoln Xie, he nodded and continued, "After my investigation, this elixir is indeed good. But the market value of the wine is not as exaggerated as what Howard Zhang and Leonard Zhu had told you. It can even be said that the market share of health elixir in Bay City is almost negligible."

Lincoln Xie waved his hand indifferently and said, "Uncle, these are beside the point. The most important thing is that this elixir is indeed good stuff. If mass-produced, it will definitely dominate the market immediately."

Lincoln Xie's uncle, however, was relatively calm. He shook his head and said, "According to the



information gathered, the Life Elixir Wine is not so easy to produce on a large scale. Otherwise, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc would have already entered the wine industry on a massive scale, instead of having only a small workshop like now."

Lincoln Xie begged to defer, "That's because they can't do it on a large scale. Xie Family is in the wine business. There's no problem for us to do it on a large scale."

"Besides, even if mass production is difficult, we can still reap benefits from a small-scale production. Firstly, we can leverage on this health elixir to make friends with the rich and powerful and build valuable interpersonal relationships; Secondly, we can brand this health elixir as the high-end wine of Xie Family's wine business, enhance our brand value and penetrate the domestic and even the international market."

Lincoln Xie's inception had convinced Third Uncle. He nodded and said, "Your analysis is correct. The health elixir is really good. Now the problem is how to make it ours!"

"How? With money. I don't believe that anyone can refuse the temptation of money." Lincoln Xie said nonchalantly.

However, Third Uncle disagreed. "According to information, Fade Chen's current wife is Quin Lin of



Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, and the Life Elixir Wine workshop is also under the company. The company has a market value of a few billions, they don't lack money."

Hearing this, Lincoln Xie couldn't help frowning and said with disapproval, "With Xie Family's reputation and status in the wine industry, as long as we request, I don't think they can refuse?"

Uncle said, "According to previous data, Xie Family's success rate for acquiring similar wine companies is eighty- seven percent. But there are still some unsuccessful cases, therefore I can't judge this matter."

Lincoln Xie said, "Since we can't judge, let's give it a try. Tomorrow, I will visit the company. I want to see the look on Fade Chen's face when I buy his business. Let's see how he can still be arrogant in front of me when he lost his wine business!"

At this point, Lincoln Xie gnashed his teeth in resentment.

The next day, Fade Chen went to work in the medical room as usual. It was lunchtime. Fade Chen packed up the medicine in the pharmacy and was ready to go to the canteen for lunch.

But just then, Fade Chen received a call from the president's office to inform him that President Lin was asking for him.



"Does my darling miss me too much and wants to have lunch together? Otherwise, she won't call for me at this hour right?" Fade Chen thought. He whistled gently and went to the president's office.

Fade Chen knocked at the door and said on top of his voice, "Dear, I'm here." Then he pushed the door open.

However, when he saw another person sitting in the office, Fade Chen narrowed his vision and put on his serious look. He said, "President Lin, I'm here!"

Quin Lin nodded at Fade Chen and then introduced, "Fade Chen, this is Manager Lincoln Xie of the Xie Family's wine business in the district capital of Long City."

"Manager Xie, this is Fade Chen, the head of our company's Life Exlixir Wine."

At this moment, Fade Chen finally saw the person clearly, he immediately frowned and looked displeased. "It's you?"

It was Lincoln Xie, the person he had a conflict with at the restaurant the other day.

Lincoln Xie's expression changed too when he saw Fade Chen. His eyes flashed with anger, but he was quick to suppress the emotion.

Quin Lin signaled for Fade Chen to sit down and then said to Lincoln Xie. "Manager Xie can discuss with Fade Chen about the Life Exlixir Wine. He is in full



charge of this matter."

"In full charge!" Lincoln Xie was slightly surprised, but then he resumed his confident and arrogant smile.

He scrutinized Fade Chen from head to toe, then cocked a brow and said, "Since Mr. Chen is the person in charge of the elixir, I won't beat around the bush."

"It's best to speak frankly," Fade Chen said flatly.

Lincoln Xie leaned forward slightly, looked at Fade Chen in the eyes and said, "Xie Family's wine industry wants to buy your Life Elixir Wine workshop and the formula. The offer price is two million yuan. Here is the agreement. Please sign it!"

Fade Chen looked at the agreement in front of Lincoln Xie and sneered, "Manager Xie, are you kidding me? Two million yuan, that's not even enough to build my workshop!"

Lincoln Xie curled his lips and said, "Isn't it just money? Xie family has plenty. I can forgo the workshop, I just want the formula, please name your price!"

"Don't want the workshop but just the formula. What a wishful thinking, Manager Xie!" Fade Chen mocked. "But Manager Xie seems to make a mistake. I've never said that I would sell my wine's formula."

Lincoln Xie's voice sank. He looked at Fade Chen and said, "How dare you not sell it to me? Mr. Chen, please

take a close look at this purchase agreement signed by Xie family, the Xie's Wine Enterprise in the district capital."

"Xie Family? Are they powerful? I've never heard of them." Fade Chen shot a glance at Lincoln Xie and leaned back on the sofa.

"Fade Chen!" Lincoln Xie's eyes turned cold and anger flashed in his eyes. He said in a low voice, "I urge you to think carefully, the consequences of going head-on with our family's wine business. I can tell you that without the support of my family, your Life Elixir Wine will be crushed."

"So what? I don't care!" Fade Chen said casually. He really didn't care about the wine. After all, it was just a fruity wine he had leisurely created. He still had thousands of similar wine ideas in his head.

Lincoln Xie didn't expect to see Fade Chen with this attitude. He was noticeably annoyed. He glanced at Quin Lin and then said to Fade Chen, "Mr. Chen, you don't care, but I don't know if President Lin will care. My family has some businesses in the cosmetic industry. It's a good opportunity."



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This was obviously a threat. Quin Lin's expression turned cold.

As for Fade Chen, his face darkened instantly. He glanced at Lincoln Xie coldly and said, "Are you threatening me?"

Fade Chen's cold eyes sent a shiver down Lincoln Xie's back.

However, at the thought of the huge benefits after getting the Life Elixir Wine's formula, Lincoln Xie let out a cough and said in a low voice, "I'm not threatening you. I just hope you can share the formula to my family. I think this is the best outcome. It's a win-win situation for both sides. I hope you can consider it carefully."

"Win-win?" Fade Chen snapped, "You're the only one winning!"

As the manager of Xie's Wine Enterprise, Lincoln Xie honestly didn't expect such an outcome. He was a little agitated and said, "President Lin, I'd like you to think about my offer."

Quin Lin replied lightly, "I will!"

Even though Quin Lin said yes, her expression showed that she had no interest to continue the discussion.

Instead, she stretched out her hand and gestured, "It's lunchtime time. Our company provides fixed meals to the employees, unfortunately, we did not prepare for you. Manager Xie, see you!"

She was chasing him away!

Anger rose as Lincoln Xie slammed his palm on the table, and stood up as if he was going to fight.

However, just as he stood up, Fade Chen slightly pinched a teacup with two fingers and crushed it. Then he looked at Lincoln Xie and expressed coldly, "Manager Xie, do you want me to see you to the door?"

Lincoln Xie trembled when he saw the fragments of the teacup on the ground. He held back his anger and turned around to leave.

The furious Lincoln Xie stormed out of the building of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. He took out his phone and called his third uncle, Watson Xie. "Uncle Watson, I just came out of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. Fade Chen and Quin Lin can't see what's good for them, they refused my offer."

"I had represented the Xie Family when making the offer but they had the guts to refuse me. It's..." Lincoln Xie gnashed his teeth and his face was full of anger.

However, Watson Xie on the other side of the phone seemed to be much calmer. "I know. According to the information, we have gathered, based on Fade Chen





and Quin Lin's personalities, the possibility of them rejecting the acquisition is 70 percent, this is expected."

Although he was accustomed to his uncle's calm demeanor, Lincoln Xie couldn't help but felt annoyed when he heard this. He continued to complain, "Uncle Watson, I was humiliated at Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc but you still have the mood to say such things."

Upon hearing his nephew's complaint, Watson Xie's tone changed slightly and said, "Lincoln, you don't have to be angry. Xie family has never failed to buy a company."

Lincoln Xie beamed. He recalled his third uncle's various achievements and dealings since he took office. He rejoiced and said, "Uncle Watson, do you have other plans?"

After all, his Uncle Watson had assisted his father, Gordon Xie, in all sorts of business dealings in the past ten years. Amongst them, there were several very complicated and troublesome negotiations, of which were on the verge of failing.

But in the end, his Uncle Watson, who was as calm as a computer, successfully held down these tough negotiations.

This time, Lincoln Xie still had the confidence in his uncle's ability to face a small health elixir company in Bay City.

Watson Xie did not explain in details, but said calmly, "When you had gone to negotiate, I had already launched a backup plan. It is about time. There will soon be news. Come back and wait for the good news!"

Lincoln Xie didn't expect that his uncle had already prepared other plans. He was instantly pleased and grinning from ear to ear.

Hanging up the phone, he looked up at the building of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. He gnashed his teeth and said coldly, "Fate Chen, Quin Lin. Just wait and see. By then, I will make you kneel in front of me and beg me to buy your company."

When Lincoln Xie left, Fate Chen remained in the president's office. He looked at his wife behind the desk and said with a smile, "Dear, you won't blame me for refusing this acquisition right! After all, this is the Xie family, the giant of the wine industry. I'm afraid my refusal will provoke them."

Quin Lin said coolly, "The value of the Life Elixir Wine is far more than two million yuan!"

"Moreover, ever since I took over the Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, I've encountered a lot of troubles. I've always been someone who deals with the trouble directly and not the other way around. The threat of the Xie family is not worth mentioning." Although Quin Lin said this casually, but there was a note of



pride and ferocity of a commander in her words. Fade Chen was surprised and stared fixedly at his wife.

Quin Lin noticed that Fade Chen had been staring at her. She furrowed her brows and asked, "What are you staring at?"

Fade Chen smiled and confessed, "Staring at a beautiful woman!"

Quin Lin blushed then immediately regained composure. "Boring!"

"It's time to get off work. I'm going to have lunch." Quin Lin got up.

Fade Chen immediately followed her and smiled, "Dear, I'll go with you!"

Quin Lin immediately stopped on her track and said, "I've told you that we're just colleagues in the company."

Fade Chen pouted and muttered, "Okay, I won't sit with you, dear."

They came into the canteen one after another. Quin Lin took her dishes and went to the dining hall to have her meal. On the other hand, Fade Chen found a seat where he could see Quin Lin, took a plate full of meat dishes, and was ready to devour them.

But just as Fade Chen was about to start eating, a call suddenly buzzed on Fade Chen's phone.

Fade Chen peered at the phone number. It was from a technical director of the Life Elixir Wine workshop. He was curious and answered the phone.

On the other side of the phone came the voice of the technical director. "Hello, President Chen. May I ask if Director Qi is in the head office?"

"Jordan Qi? He's not here! What's wrong?" Fade Chen asked, feeling a little uneasy.

The technical director was anxious. He said, "President Chen, here's the thing. At 10 o'clock this morning, Director Qi was patrolling the production situation in the workshop. But at that time, there was a person who said that he had something to discuss with Director Qi, so he was called out."

"We weren't too concerned in the beginning. But until noon, we went out but didn't see Director Qi. We called him but, no one answer the phone. I thought he went to the head office, so I called to ask President Chen."



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"Jordan Qi is missing!" Fade Chen's heart skipped a beat. He had a bad feeling, but he didn't say much. "Jordan Qi may have met something urgent. Let me contact him. Director Huang, please help take care of the workshop."

"Okay, President Chen!" The technical director hung up the phone.

Fade Chen had no time to finish his meal. He immediately dialled Jordan Qi's number, but no one answered. Then he dialled Housekeeper Wong's number. Again, Housekeeper Wong had no news about Jordan Qi.

After several calls, there was still no trace of Jordan Qi. Fade Chen felt a strong sense of uneasiness.

After thinking for a while, Fade Chen dialled Uncle Long's number and asked him to call his brothers in the gang to keep an eye on Jordan Qi's whereabouts.

At the same time, Fade Chen rushed straight into the dining hall towards Quin Lin.

Quin Lin frowned and wanted to remind Fade Chen. But when she saw Fade Chen's serious expression, her heart skipped a beat. She put down the bowl and chopsticks and asked, "What's wrong?"

Fade Chen said, "I couldn't reach Jordan Qi. He was called out from the workshop two hours ago, and then there was no news of him ever since."

Quin Lin searched in her mind quickly. She immediately took out her mobile phone and informed the HR department of the company to call the police and at the same time, retrieve the surveillance videos of the workshop and the roadside for investigation.

After arranging these things, Quin Lin looked at Fade Chen and asked, "Do you have any suspect in mind?"

In front of his smart wife, Fade Chen had no reason to hide anything. He nodded and said, "Yes, the Xie family."

Quin Lin's expression tweaked slightly, but she did not show too much surprise. Instead, she looked at Fade Chen and said, "I'll send someone to investigate the background of the Xie family!"

"Okay!" Fade Chen nodded, then turned around and said, "I'll go out and look for him. You take care."

"Okay!" Quin Lin replied. She looked at Fade Chen's back as he proceeded downstairs. She couldn't help but said softly, "You too, be careful."

Fade Chen drove away from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc and headed to the Life Elixir Wine workshop.

On the way, Quin Lin called and explained that she had found some information about the Xie family.



Lincoln Xie's third uncle, Watson Xie, the vice president of the Xie's Wine Enterprise, had come to Bay City yesterday.

Watson Xie had always been known for his calmness and boldness. He was usually rigorous and careful. He would do a lot of research and make the best final decision based on the data he collected.

Additionally, the great success of more than a decade made him somewhat stubborn. He would not allow himself to fail. Especially in recent years, in order to gain success in business negotiations, or more so to maintain his personal pride and honor, he would use unscrupulous means.

He even began to use illegal methods to assist the business negotiation, and was brought to court several times. However, because of the lack of evidence, these cases could not be established and were eventually dismissed.

Watson Xie's visit to Bay City this time probably had something to do with the acquisition of the wine.

After hearing the news, Fade Chen was even more convinced that this matter had something to do with the Xie family. He immediately contacted Uncle Long and sent Watson Xie's information to him, asking the gang brothers to pay more attention to this person.

Fade Chen arrived at the health elixir workshop. Director Huang and the others had received the news



long ago. They retrieved the surveillance video of Jordan Qi in the workshop, and handed it to Fade Chen.

Fade Chen checked the surveillance video and soon found that a man in his 30s was the one who asked Jordan Qi to go out. The man was wearing a loose windbreaker with a hat on his head, which covered most of his face. Fade Chen couldn't make out his face.

However, Fade Chen could tell from the man's movement and the gesture of his hands and feet, that he was a martial arts practitioner with good skills. He might be at the middle stage of Yellow Level.

A master of middle stage Yellow Level, disappeared with the powerless Jordan Qi. The situation needed no further explanation.

At this time, a message came from Uncle Long saying that a few of his fellows had found Watson Xie two hours ago, sitting inside a bakery van and was driving towards the Bay City's north suburbs areas.

That area used to be Bay City's old steel factories area. Later, many small factories closed down due to environmental pollution. The factories that were left behind were gradually abandoned and became home to the homeless people and illegal immigrants.

This news had absolutely ascertained Fade Chen's suspicion. He was sure that the Xie family, upon



failing the acquisition negotiation for the health elixir, had kidnapped Jordan Qi to grind him for the formula.

Fade Chen was furious just thinking of that. He said through gritted teeth, "Xie Family, you'd better make sure Jordan Qi is ok. Otherwise, I will make you pay a heavy price."

Then, Fade Chen quickly drove towards the direction of the suburbs at the northern part of Bay City.

Just as Fade Chen left the city center, in the hotel where Lincoln Xie was staying, he received a message from his subordinate. With a smug smile on his face, he looked at the stack of documents on the table and said, "Uncle Watson, you are really amazing. Uncle had predicted Fade Chen's whereabouts."

"Now, it's time for the next step," Lincoln Xie smiled to himself.

He took out his mobile phone and dialed a number. "Master Zhang, it's me, Lincoln Xie!"

"Master Zhang! I've been in Bay City these few days and I heard a piece of news. I heard that Master Zhang was engaged to President Lin of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. But now the Chen boy has become President Lin's husband, this..."

The person on the other end of the phone was Howard Zhang. He was a little surprised to receive a call from Lincoln Xie. He had wanted to pacify him, but didn't expect that Lincoln Xie would mention his

engagement with Quin Lin.

Suddenly, Howard Zhang was a little embarrassed. After all, his engagement with Quin Lin was known all over Bay City. However, it was ruined by Fade Chen who showed up halfway. Fade Chen not only had Quin Lin's hands but his presence was a huge slap in the face for Howard Zhang.

This matter almost made Howard Zhang a laughing stock in the whole of Bay City. Therefore, during this period, almost no one dared to mention anything about this engagement in front of Howard Zhang.

"Master Xie, I don't want to talk about this." Howard Zhang said glumly.

Lincoln Xie chuckled a little and said, "Don't be angry, Master Zhang. I don't mean to tease at you. On the contrary, I called you this time because I have a good news to tell you about your engagement."

"Good news?" Howard Zhang was somewhat confused yet curious.

Lincoln Xie said smiling, "I tell you, Fade Chen has just left Quin Lin's side. It's very likely that he won't come back this time!"



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"Won't come back!" Howard Zhang's heart raced. He was shocked and excited, "Master Xie, do you mean that your family had sent someone..."

Lincoln Xie interrupted Howard Zhang with a laugh, "My family didn't do anything. It's just some news I heard."

"Really?" Howard Zhang was still sceptical about this whole situation. "Fade Chen is not an ordinary person. He is a martial arts practitioner and he is very talented at it."

Lincoln Xie didn't care much about this. After all, this was his Uncle Watson's plan. He believed that his uncle would not give Fade Chen a chance to escape.

So he laughed and said, "No matter how powerful he is, he can't avoid this time! Moreover, my Uncle Watson made his move this time."

"Your uncle Watson Xie?" Howard Zhang was shocked and suddenly thought of something. "I..."

Lincoln Xie smiled confidently and said, "You know what to do the next, Master Zhang. I believe there's no need for me to say much. You will definitely understand it."

Howard Zhang was silent for a few seconds, unable to

hide his excitement, he said, "Thank you for telling me the news. I am very grateful."

Lincoln Xie smiled and said, "You don't have to thank me. Just remember to invite me to the wedding of you and President Lin!"

Howard Zhang seemed to have thought of the exciting things that were to happen and said excitedly, "Master Xie, it's my honour to have you at my wedding."

"Okay. I believe that you will be busy from now on." Lincoln Xie commented.

"Well, thank you so much!" Howard Zhang hung up the phone, and his whole face lit up with excitement. He immediately called his father, Leonard Zhu, Horace Wan, and other buddies.

In no time, the entire rich society in Bay City began to hype up with Howard Zhang's actions.

At this time, Fade Chen, who had already driven to the suburb, did not know the happenings in the city.

After parking the car in front of a steel factory, Fade Chen took out a pack of cigarettes and handed one to the old man nearby. Then he began to enquire the news about Watson Xie and Jordan Qi.

When the old man said he didn't know, Fade Chen decisively gave the whole pack of cigarettes to him and asked him to take him to the other steel factories



for questioning.

It didn't take long for the old man and Fade Chen to obtain the news when they reached the last steel factory. A woman who was scavenging nearby said that she saw them and saw that the van continued to head north.

Fade Chen was overjoyed. He took out a few hundreds of notes as a token of appreciation to the woman and the old man. Then he drove towards the north and continued to chase after them.

After passing the steel factory area, there were a few small villages along the road. After inquiring the folks at the road side of the village and confirming that the bakery van continued to head north, Fade Chen followed suit.

He continued to drive for three or four hours. Then Fade Chen arrived at the border of Bay City.

The area was a stretch of mountains. The mountains were not tall, but they stretched for several kilometres. The trees were also flourishing. Additionally, there was no proper road to the village. Fade Chen's car could not go further, so he had to get out of the car and go on foot.

After walking for another half an hour, Fade Chen had entered the mountain area.

Along the way, he found trails of footprints and vehicle.

Therefore, Fade Chen became more certain and chased after them. Arriving at a hill, Fade Chen found the alleged bakery van. No one was in the van. After examining the van, and judging from their traces, they couldn't be far.

It seemed that they had driven the van forcibly into the mountainous area, however, because the road conditions were really bad, the car finally broke down at the mountain pass.

And judging from the traces left behind, it was obvious that they had went into the mountain pass.

This time, Fade Chen was even angrier. Jordan Qi was taken to such an inaccessible place. It seemed that the man not only wanted to force Jordan to give away the formula of the elixir wine, but also wanted to kill him.

"If they really harm Jordan Qi, I want them all to die together." Fade Chen gritted his teeth and hastened his pace, but his footsteps were very light as he entered into the mountains.

By the time Fade Chen entered the mountains, the sky was already completely dark. To make the situation even more challenging, it began to rain heavily and the rain-drenched Fade Chen's clothes.

It was pitch dark all around, and with the drizzling rain, Fade Chen, who came out in a hurry, was instantly drenched. Moreover, the rain had easily



erased the traces of the other party, making it difficult for him to track them down.

However, these difficulties were nothing to Fade Chen. Fade Chen continued to track for more than half an hour. Looking at the time on his mobile phone, it was already eight o'clock in the evening.

Looking at the current situation, he knew that he couldn't return today. So Fade Chen decided to make a phone call to Quin Lin to report his safety and exchange the latest news.

But as soon as he called, he realized that there was no signal in the mountain area.

Fade Chen put the phone back into his pocket helplessly and continued to chase.

At the same time, night fell in the office building of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc in Bay City. Almost all the employees had gone off work. But Quin Lin's president's office was still well lit.

Quin Lin dialed Fade Chen's number again, but there was still no answer tone.

Quin Lin put down her phone and stared at the message on the computer screen. Her eyes flickered. She bit her lips and murmured, "Fade Chen, did, did they really catch you?"

Thinking of this, Quin Lin shook her head. She took out her mobile phone and called Lily Wei to contact

Jimmy Wei in order to help track down news of Fade Chen.

When Jimmy Wei got the news, he was also very surprised. He immediately told Quin Lin about his communications with Fade Chen and that Fade Chen had ventured north to track down the kidnapper. Later, when he tried to reach Fade Chen, he couldn't get in touch with him anymore.

Jimmy Wei mobilized his people, and the relevant news began to pour in.

Fade Chen had chased after them to the north. Someone had seen him in the steel factory, someone had seen him in the village, someone had seen him entering the mountains, someone had discovered his car. There was a bullet hole on the car, and there was blood in the car. Then, there was no more news.

These messages flooded into Quin Lin's mind one after another, and made the once calm Quin Lin now agitated.

Then one message made her was even more annoyed and angry. Her temper sparked and she smashed the cup on the floor.

Because the message on the computer said, "Fade Chen is in our hands. If you want him to live, then fulfil our engagement!" The signature was Howard Zhang's name.

"Howard Zhang, you..." Quin Lin gritted her teeth, and



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her expression twisted with anger.

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After nearly half an hour, Fade Chen summoned Watson Xie into the cabin, with an expression of dissatisfaction and annoyance. He seemed reluctant to speak but looked like he had no choice. "I agree to your requests. Let him go, and give me the antidote."

Watson Xie shook his head. "You are too impatient, Mr. Chen. Let us wait till later and we can contact President Lin to confirm the transfer of company shares."

Fade Chen acted as though he was infuriated and shouted, "You liar. My strength and skill will be lost without the antidote..."

Watson Xie laughed. He gestured to one of his subordinates, who handed Fade Chen a vial containing blue liquid. "Mr. Chen, don't panic, this vial contains a potion that can slow down the effects of the Violet Moon Herb. You won't lose all your skill and strength at once, I just need you to wait slightly longer."

"I don't want to wait any longer!" Fade Chen retorted.

Watson Xie merely said, "Unfortunately, the choice is not up to you, Mr. Chen."

A smile was etched on his face, but he was



implacable and decisive. Fade Chen realized he was up against a formidable adversary who had no scruples to do whatever he could to get what he wanted.

Fade Chen drank the potion, said, " I can stay here, but let Jordan Qi go."

"Your friend?" Watson Xie mused.

Fade Chen replied, " All you want is the formula for the Life Elixir Wine. If you let Jordan Qi go, I will give it to you instantly."

Hearing the word "formula", Watson Xie could not contain his glee. He discussed briefly with the elder beside him before agreeing, "Alright, deal."

Watson Xie then made a gesture for his henchmen to bring Jordan Qi over to him.

At the same time, he handed Fade Chen a pen and paper for him to write down the formula.

Jordan Qi was tied up, but apart from a few scratches, he did not seem to be harmed.

Seeing Fade Chen, Jordan seemed to become excited. Fade Chen gave him a look to silence him. He proceeded to write down the formula and passed it to Watson Xie.

Watson Xie took the paper, glanced at it, and then handed it to the elder beside him, saying, "Send this formula to the lab and begin experiments immediately."

"Yes, sir." The white-haired man took out his cell phone and began to dial numbers.

"I have given you the formula, now release him!" Fade Chen said.

Watson Xie gestured at his henchmen with a wink. Immediately, they knocked Jordan Qi unconscious and tossed him over to Fade Chen.

"You untrustworthy..." Fade Chen was agitated.

Watson Xie shook his head. "Without proof that the formula is effective, I think it would be best for your friend to accompany you here for now."

"You..." Fade Chen looked furious.

At the sight of Fade Chen's helpless and enraged face, Watson Xie felt smug and self-congratulatory.

Fade Chen silently checked on Jordan Qi. He was just unconscious but he seemed to be in no further danger. Fade Chen felt relieved.

Watson Xie was baffled. "Aren't you worried about your own self?"

Fade Chen did not reply to him and instead posed him a further question. "Kidnapping Jordan Qi, leaving evidence for me to track him down, having someone pretend to be him, attacking me in the cabin and then poisoning me, these are all part of your grand scheme, isn't it?"

Watson Xie felt a little bemused at his question



since it was pretty clear what he was up to. Anyhow, he still felt that he had gained the upper hand. "Of course it was, everything went according to my plans."

"Your plans?" Fade Chen interjected.

A fanatical expression crept over Watson Xie. " I spent days collecting information on you and the people around you. As long as my sources are reliable, I possess knowledge of all your strengths and weaknesses and can then plan accordingly. Since I know all your flaws, you can't escape from me."

"I applaud your strategic planning." Fade Chen said.

Watson Xie looked smug. The elder beside him nodded and spoke quietly, "Preliminary tests have verified the authenticity of the formula."

Watson Xie nodded instantly, looking towards Fade Chen. He gestured to his henchmen, "Kill them both. Be quick and leave no traces."

Fade Chen was shocked. "Weren't you also after the shares of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.?"

Watson Xie contemplated his words with a smile, " Fade Chen, you are a renowned martial artist and warrior. Your fame precedes you. Do you think it's wise on my part to just let you go, now that you have so much intelligence on me?"

"So you never wanted the shares. It was just a front

to try to swindle the formula from me?" Fade Chen replied.

Watson Xie shook his head. "You are too simple-minded. My plan, in all its intricacy, requires you to be eliminated. I will still be able to lay hands on the shares of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc."

"This can't be!" Fade Chen frowned, his heart almost stopping for a second. He felt a strong sense of dread.

Watson Xie's conceited and self-satisfied expression became even more pronounced. Hands clasped behind him, he gazed condescendingly at Fade Chen, gloating at him with eyes drunk with power.

In all his devious plotting and scheming to gain control, he had forgotten that all unscrupulous strategies would crumble in the face of courage and immense strength.

Seeing as a few henchmen approached him, Fade Chen stood up erect. He gazed at Watson Xie coldly. "I was just deciding if I should spare your life. Well, I guess I have made up my mind now."

"What?" Watson Xie frowned, gesturing to his men. "Kill him!"

He did not like it when people tried to provoke him. He preferred to be in control and for others to be under his dominion.



Nursing some serious injuries, the henchmen from just now nevertheless felt confident as they faced Fade Chen, who they thought was slowly succumbing to the poisonous Violet Moon Herb.

With a dagger in hand, one of them attempted to stab Fade Chen.

Fade Chen was emotionless, showing no trace of fear. He stood proud, saying, "You will all perish."

"Stupid b\*stard! " One of Watson Xie's subordinates pounced on him, aiming a knife straight at Fade Chen.

Just when it seemed like the knife would pierce straight through his heart, Fade Chen reacted. They had assumed he had no strength and was about to lose all his energy and skills to the poison, but Fade Chen's blow was powerful and instantly crushed his assailant.

"Kaboom!"

His attacker was propelled backward from the impact of the blow. His body slammed against the wall heavily before sliding down limply. His eyes stared blankly at nothingness as he was dead.

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Just one blow and he was gone.

The remaining henchmen were stunned at his strength. Watson Xie's smug expression faltered, visibly in shock. The elder beside him grabbed his arm. "Let's go!"

The remaining two thugs gritted their teeth and started attacking Fade Chen with grim determination.

They knew that even if they ran from Fade Chen, the Xie family would not take it lightly. Summoning whatever courage they had to fight him could at least ensure that their families would be generously compensated if they were to lose their lives.

Fade Chen did not react much to the attacks of the two henchmen. He held both fists up facing towards them and sent a blow with great force at both of them.

The blow struck them with such great impact that they fell over, blood spurting out from their crushed organs. They died almost instantly.

By then, the elder and Watson Xie were already a distance away, fleeing into the woods.

Fade Chen rushed to follow them. Stepping out the cabin, he turned and saw the thin man lying near the



bed, pretending to be unconscious. With a flick of his right hand, Fade Chen sent a gust of energy towards him and ended his life.

Fade Chen proceeded with the chase and ran into the rain.

The rain was heavy and would usually help to cover up their tracks. However, as Watson Xie and the elder had no time to hide and was caught by surprise, Fade Chen quickly found them.

The elder was apparently quite skilled and highly trained as he managed to shield Watson Xie and himself from the attack. Implementing the use of some magic to create hallucinations to distract their trackers, they managed to gain some ground making their way steadily through the woods.

"He is probably a martial artist of Peak Yellow Level. The Xie Family is lucky to have him in service." Fade Chen thought to himself.

The little distractions and hallucinations might have worked on a lesser opponent, but Fade Chen had already reached a level beyond that.

The elder led Watson Xie into the depths of the woods. He was obviously trying to move deeper into the thickets of the forest and prevent Fade Chen from tracking them down.

However, Fade Chen was not going to let them escape. Amidst the pouring rain, he leaped from

branch to branch, gliding through the woods effortlessly like a giant bird.

His internal energy even formed a barrier around him, shielding him from the rain.

"Boom, pow!"

Thunderstruck with a deafening sound. The dark sky was lit with the flash of lightning, illuminating the earth momentarily.

Watson Xie was panting and almost out of breath. Placing his hands on his knees, he asked the elder, "Did we lose him?"

The elder glanced around, Fade Chen was nowhere to be found. He frowned, "For now, but he may arrive any moment."

Watson Xie's eyes flashed in fury. Punching a tree trunk beside him, he spoke. "I have never felt so insulted in my life. He will pay for this."

The elder was still concerned. Peering back at the dark woods, he spoke. "Third Young Master, we need to go. He might appear any minute."

Watson Xie was exhausted and infuriated. "Uncle Whittaker, can't you defeat him? Is he really that strong?"

Uncle Whittaker shook his head. "In this short time, I am unable to ascertain all his strengths and weaknesses. It seems that he can single-handedly take on 4 mid-Yellow Level warriors, which means



he probably has reached late or peak Yellow level already."

"Uncle Whittaker, isn't he on the same level as you then? You are already a renowned master of the Peak Yellow Level. How can a young man be of such great strength?" Watson Xie mused in disbelief.

"I am not sure!" Uncle Whittaker responded sternly, his expression grave. "We might be of almost the same level, but if he can withstand the poison of the Violet Moon Herb, that would mean his strength and skill is higher. It might be that he has reached the Black level or even the Earth level."

"Black level? Earth Level? How could this be?" Watson Xie felt his self-assurance crumble as he tried to explain the odds. "At Long City, any Black level warrior would have great authority to the point that they could do whatever they liked. Not to mention an Earth level warrior! How can such an immature guy reach such a level?"

Uncle Whittaker shook his head. "I am not sure. That guy is an enigmatic character indeed. According to records, he appeared suddenly in Bay City and rose to prominence in just a few months. "

Hearing this, Watson Xie gnashed his teeth in anger. "Once we return, I will fully investigate the matter. If I find out his flaws, I will use them to his downfall."

"Third Young Master, let's go. We are still in danger." Uncle Whittaker advised. He grabbed onto Watson

Xie and prepared to continue their escape.

At this moment, the sound of thunder clapped and boomed in the sky. The bright light from lightning shone on an approaching dark figure.

A cold voice spoke. "Leaving? Do you think it'll be that easy?"

Watson Xie and Uncle Whittaker looked up in fear as Fade Chen descended from the skies like an eagle ready to catch its prey.

"Run, Third Young Master!" Uncle Whittaker pushed Watson Xie away. He concentrated and launched a great surge of energy towards Fade Chen, blasting away the small raindrops that hovered between them.

Fade Chen merely held his palm up and dispelled the force.

"Pow!"

The two forces collided with a sound that made the whole forest tremble. Uncle Whittaker felt the impact of it on his arms that were now trembling from the sheer strength.

Right after that, his arms crumbled beneath this massive pressure, the bones in his arms snapping and the flesh tearing open.

Uncle Whittaker groaned beneath the pain. He staggered, the expression of terror plastered firmly on his face. "Who are you, and why are you so



strong?"

"I come from Tianwu Mountain," Fade Chen replied emotionlessly. He stretched out his palm and launched another force of energy towards him.

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Hearing his words, Uncle Whittaker froze. He lost the will to fight back and could only mutter helplessly, "Tianwu Mountain... Are you saying you are a disciple of the Tianwu Clan which is of the Heaven Level?"

Even Watson Xie, who was no martial artist, was overcome by shock and disbelief when he heard the words "Tianwu Clan."

According to lore, the skills of the martial artists were divided according to levels. From highest to lower, they were the Heaven, Earth, Black, and Yellow levels.

Among these four levels, martial artists of the Heaven level were the rarest. Members of the Tianwu Clan, who situated at Tianwu Mountain, were amongst those few martial artists.

The Tianwu Clan had proven to be extraordinary in strength. Since it came into existence half a century ago, many powerful martial artists had emerged from the clan. They came to represent absolute power, and their members were seen to be able to rub shoulders with the elite and wealthy.

Every disciple coming from Tianwu Mountain would be immediately be given many offers by the elite



and those in power to be an ally or of service to them.

Watson Xie had never heard of someone from the Tianwu Clan in Dragonville of Long City, not to mention being in Bay City.

And yet, they had offended a disciple of the Tianwu Clan who was standing right in front of them now.

Uncle Whittaker did not defend himself from Fade Chen's blow. He had accepted his fate since there was no use fighting back now that he knew.

Fade Chen sent another blow towards Uncle Whittaker that caused his neck to snap. He died and fell over.

Watson Xie was completely distraught and dumbfounded. All traces of arrogance had long left him. Kneeling in front of Fade Chen, he begged, "Master of the Tianwu Clan, have mercy on me, I have offended you. Please, give me a chance and accept my humble apologies..."

Fade Chen shook his head. Silently, he gathered energy within.

Lifting his palm, he sent a surge of energy towards Watson Xie.

Seeing as death was descending upon him, Watson Xie was stricken by terror and tried to plead, "No, please, Quin Lin..."

"What..." Fade Chen frowned at the mention of Quin

Lin. However, the force of his blow landed directly on Watson Xie, killing him in an instant.

Fade Chen sighed with relief since Watson Xie and his men were all disposed of. "I am from Tianwu Mountain, but I never said I'm a disciple of the Tianwu Clan." He spoke, addressing their corpses.

Fade Chen began to generate energy from deep within. On his palm, bright red air started to appear and swirl around mysteriously.

This ball of energy seemed vibrant as it pulsed steadily, looking like it was on fire.

Fade Chen launched it onto the corpses in front of him. Instantly, they caught fire and started burning, the rain bearing no effect on it.

In a few minutes, only ashes remained, and they were washed away by the torrent, leaving nothing behind.

Returning to the cabin, Fade Chen dealt likewise with the remaining corpses.

Jordan Qi was still unconscious. It would have been inconvenient if he had regained consciousness while all these were happening.

Gazing at the dark skies stained with torrential downpour, Fade Chen felt unease creeping into his heart since Watson Xie's last words uttered were his wife's name. Also, he did not forget how assured Watson Xie was that he would be able to lay hands



on company shares of the Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. He wondered if Watson Xie had already some sinister plot in motion.

Fade Chen was a little worried as he was not sure how to proceed with Jordan Qi on his side. Being alone would have been easier.

Fade Chen lifted Jordan Qi, infused him with some of his inner energy and willed him to awaken from his coma.

However, just moments later, Jordan Qi started coughing up blood, his face turning an irregular shade of blue.

Fade Chen froze and inspected Jordan Qi carefully. Rage overcame him when he found out that Jordan Qi had been poisoned by the Lanyou Herb!

It was not considered a strong and immediate poison. It usually invaded the nervous system, taking around half a month for a grown man to succumb to its effect and die.

The Lanyou Herb, however, had a unique feature. Upon encounter with the inner energy of a martial artist, the effects of the poison would speed up. It was due to this specialty that it was commonly used against martial artists.

Fade Chen had inadvertently sped up the effects of the poison by injecting his inner energy in Jordan Qi.

"D\*mn it!" Fade Chen cursed in frustration. How he

longed to enact revenge against Watson Xie and his men once more.

Dealing with the poison from the Lanyou Herb was not a major issue for Fade Chen. However, trying to neutralize it quickly was not a viable option. Fade Chen could not utilize his inner energy in the healing process, so he had to find and brew an antidote for the poison.

Fade Chen's wish to return soon would have to be delayed for now.

Moving Jordan Qi to a more comfortable position, Fade Chen went back into the woods. Through the rain, he scoured the forest looking for the ingredients he needed for the antidote.

The forest was pitch black, and the rain poured down continuously, making this no easy task. Some of the required herbs were rare and difficult to find. He searched for hours until the sun rose before managing to gather all the materials that he needed.

Fade Chen began preparing the antidote in the cabin. After another hour, it was ready, and he poured it down Jordan Qi's throat.

Checking on Jordan Qi, Fade Chen saw that the antidote was effective and was instantly relieved. Anyhow, it would take another few hours for him to heal completely.

Jordan Qi became conscious around noon and woke





up groggily.

Without waiting for any questions from him, Fade Chen explained in simple terms the events that had transpired. They then made the move to leave the cabin immediately.

With Jordan Qi by his side, Fade Chen had to slow down. It took around two hours before they managed to leave the mountains behind them

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Carrying Jordan Qi, Fade Chen arrived at the place where Watson Xie had parked their cars. No cars were in sight.

Fade Chen couldn't help wondering if his opponents had secret assistance which he did not know of.

Fade Chen continued walking. He saw his car at a distance, and hurried towards it with Jordan Qi in tow.

Reaching his car, he had a shock. His brand new car was full of bullet holes, and there were even blood stains inside.

Inspecting the car, Fade Chen discovered that the engine had been destroyed. The car could not be started.

Faced with such a situation, Fade Chen frowned, thinking carefully.

There was no other option. He had to continue with Jordan Qi by foot.

Just as Fade Chen began his journey on foot, a celebration was being held on the top floor of Bay City's 5-star luxury hotel.

The whole floor had been reserved. Staff members could be seen decorating the place busily with milky



white drapes, assortments of fragrant flowers and shiny ornaments. It was clear that a wedding was about to take place.

On the ground floor, the Bay City's elite arrived in extravagant limousines and sports cars. The socialites, the rich and famous and the people in power, they were all here.

As they entered the hotel, they smiled and chatted with each other.

"Master Zhang's wedding announcement was so sudden!"

"That's right. We got the invitation yesterday, and today is the wedding ceremony. It is shocking!"

"Did you hear that Howard Zhang and Quin Lin was originally set to get married a long time ago, but due to some unknown circumstances, she decided to marry someone else? And now she is back with Howard Zhang? How utterly puzzling!"

"Speaking of Quin Lin's husband, I think his name is Fade Chen! I remember him looking really striking and handsome at Mr. Wu's banquet!"

"Well, his good looks aren't going to help him now, seems like his wife is going to give her hand of marriage to someone else. Where is he though? It looks like he just disappeared into thin air?"

"Have you heard, Fade Chen and Quin Lin's marriage was not real, it was just a front. Now that Master

Zhang and President Lin's marriage is official and authentic, he is definitely out of the picture."

"In my opinion, Master Zhang and President Lin are the perfect match. They are young, good-looking and have rising success with their careers. They are definitely the darlings of our Bay City society."

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There was chattering and much discourse, which livened up the atmosphere.

In the dressing room, however, Quin Lin was getting her hair done. She stared mutinously at Howard Zhang. "I've accepted your offer. Shouldn't you release Fade Chen?"

At the mention of Fade Chen's name, Howard Zhang's eyes flickered slightly with irritation. He replied coolly, "No worries, let's go through with the wedding ceremony first."

"After you become mine, Fade Chen will be released." Howard Zhang relished the words. His eyes burnt with lust as he stared at Quin Lin's beautiful and slender figure.

Quin Lin was such an exquisite beauty, and the thought of her being under his dominion filled Howard Zhang with overwhelming desire. He moved towards Quin Lin, unable to control his lust for her.

Quin Lin leaped back in shock. She grabbed a pair of scissors, placing them on her neck, and warned



him, "If you touch me now, I will kill myself in front of you."

Howard Zhang stopped, his passion cooling down. He sneered at her, "It's alright, you will belong to me soon."

"There is still some time before the wedding. Do be ready. I hope all will proceed as planned, otherwise..." Howard Zhang spoke and left.

Right after he left, Quin Lin collapsed in a heap on the ground, her delicate eyes filled with tears.

She had always been tough to put up a strong front. But confronted with this situation, she couldn't help sobbing.

She bit her lip, staring at the darkening skies outside her window. "Fade Chen, you saved me once. This time, it is my turn to return the favor. We may just be husband and wife in name, but I will not let another man near me. If Howard Zhang even dares to touch me, I will kill myself. Anyways, I would have been dead if not for you." She thought to herself.

With a grim smile, Quin Lin's determination seemed to falter as though signaling her defeat. Her expression became wooden and lifeless and she sat in her chair quietly, allowing the makeup artist and the hairdresser to do their jobs.

As the hustle and bustle continued at the hotel, Fade Chen and Jordan Qi finally was clear of the woods.

Fade Chen took out his cell phone. There was a slight signal. Overjoyed, he quickly dialed Quin Lin's number. However, the connection was not good. Fade Chen had to attempt a few times before the call finally went through.

Someone picked up and immediately hung up.

Fade Chen had a sense of foreboding. He looked through the contact numbers and called Lily Wei.

After a long interval, the call was picked up. Lily Wei started interrogating him without waiting for him to speak. "Where have you been, Fade Chen?"

Fade Chen was surprised. "Lily, what is it? Do you know where Quin is? Why isn't she picking up?"

Lily was astonished. "Haven't you heard?"

"Heard what?" Fade Chen became even more agitated.

Lily Wei hesitated and said. " Apparently Quin is getting married to Howard Zhang. The wedding ceremony is tonight at the 5-star hotel."

"What?" Fade Chen listened in shock. "What is going on?"

"You don't know what's going on? Me too!" Lily Wei retorted. "Yesterday Quin made this announcement. I tried to question her but she refused to explain anything. When I tried calling you, I couldn't get reach of you. Fade Chen, what on earth is going on?"



Fade Chen took a deep breath, willed himself to calm down, and tried to connect all the dots.

He started seeing the big picture.

Since Lincoln Xie was unsuccessful in procuring the formula to the Life Elixir Wine, he probably enlisted his uncle Watson Xie to help him. Watson Xie possibly saw the profit potential of the Life Elixir Wine and devised a series of plans to obtain the formula to it.

He first had Jordan Qi kidnapped, seemingly threatening for Fade Chen to hand over the formula of the Life Elixir Wine. However, he left clear clues on purpose so that Fade Chen would try to go in search of him.

In addition, Watson Xie deliberately brought Jordan Qi to a remote place, hidden in the mountainous forest. At first sight, it seemed that he wanted a good hiding place but in truth it was a plot to lure Fade Chen as far away as he could from town.