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Fade looked at the receptionist coldly and said, "Go tell your boss that Fade Chen is looking for him. I'll give him ten minutes. If he doesn't come out to see me, he will regret it."

Looking at his serious expression and the invisible strength emanating from him, the receptionist couldn't help but be stunned for a moment. She didn't say anything and went inside immediately.

Eight minutes later, the receptionist and a middle-aged man in his forties with an air gun in his hands walked out

The receptionist pointed at Fade and White Claw and said, "Coach Hu, this gentleman wants to see Mr. Loh."

After looking at Fade, the man stretched out his hand and introduced himself with a smile, "My name is Yoshua Hu. I am the coach of the shooting club and I am also in charge of the operations here. Is there a reason why you're looking for Mr. Loh?"

Fade didn't want to shake hands with him. He raised his hand to look at the time and said coldly, "One and a half minutes. You can ask Havel to come out and see me. Otherwise, it will be too late when I go in to find him."

Hearing this, Yoshua's expression changed and he said, "Sir, Mr. Loh is not here. If you have something to say, you can talk to me."

"Of course, if you really don't want to talk about it, please leave. We don't welcome people who are looking for trouble." When he said this, he looked very serious, and there was a threatening tone in his voice. The air gun that was originally on his shoulder

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was now in his hand, and it was pointed in Fade's direction.

Seeing this, Fade snorted coldly and said, "I can tell you, at this distance, even if you use a real gun, you can't hit me, let alone with a rubber bullet."

"You..." Yoshua's expression changed, and his face was filled with surprise.

Fade moved his arm and shot twice in the direction of the first floor. Suddenly, with two loud bangs, the sound of two heavy objects falling to the ground could be heard. "If your people are like this, then you're looking for death."

"Who on earth are you?" Yoshua asked.

Fade looked at the time again and said, "Another forty seconds left. If Havel still doesn't come out, then I won't stand still."

Yoshua's face darkened. Without thinking about anything else, he turned around and walked into the room.

As time went by, the receptionist, who was still standing in the same place, looked at Fade nervously and she shivered. She seemed to be frozen in place and didn't dare to move.

"Three, two, one! Time's up!" Fade looked at his watch and began counting down.

When the last second came, his eyes flashed with a chilling look, and he stepped forward, about to go inside.

Just then, there was a burst of laughter coming from inside. "Mr. Chen, I didn't welcome you in time. I'm so sorry!"

As he laughed, a fat man with a greasy face walked out. With a big smile on his face, he looked more like a businessman. It was very difficult for him to match the title of Gun Emperor of the Underground World.

Fade looked coldly at Havel, who was smiling, and said, "You're three seconds late."

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Upon hearing this, Havel's face darkened, but it lit up again almost immediately.

However, several burly bodyguards behind him were obviously unhappy.

"I'm late. It's my fault. Please forgive me, Mr. Chen," Havel apologized. "Please come in. If you need anything, we can talk about it."

Fade said coldly, "No, let's talk here."

Immediately, he took a look at White Claw, who immediately showed the killer captured in the video.

Fade looked at Havel and said, "This man's gun was from you, right? I want to get his information."

"This..." Havel looked at the person in the video, and his expression changed. Then he smiled and said, "Mr. Chen, you're kidding me. This is a shooting club. We use air guns, and they're all registered. Why would there be a sniper rifle? I'm afraid you've misunderstood something!"

Fade frowned and said coldly, "There is a limit to my patience. You'd better not play any tricks. I want to know his information now!"

While speaking, he slapped his hand on the front desk. The thick and huge wooden table instantly shattered and turned into a pile of broken wood, scattering on the ground.

With such strength, Havel couldn't help but shudder, and his expression became even more strange.

He looked at Fade and hesitated for a moment. He lowered his voice and said, "Mr. Chen, it's our business. It's about credibility. We must keep it a secret for our customers. If I reveal our customer's details, I won't survive in the future."

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"Really?" Fade's face darkened and he said coldly, "If you don't reveal his information, you won't have to live any longer."

As he spoke, his desire to fight was very strong.

Feeling the strength of Fade's body, Havel's face sank. He took a step back and said coldly, "Mr. Chen, do you want to fight? Although I don't know martial arts, I have many martial arts masters."

As he spoke, several bodyguards walked out from behind Havel. Each one of them had an imposing presence and they were all martial arts masters. No wonder White Claw didn't have the confidence to charge into this place.

"Mr. Chen, please leave!" Havel said confidently.

Fade shook his head and said coldly, "I've given you a chance, but you don't know how to cherish it."

As he spoke, he moved.

Seeing this, Havel quickly ordered his men to take action.


However, he underestimated Fade's strength. When the bodyguards were ready to move, Fade flashed quickly. After a fit of muffled groans, the strong bodyguards fell to the ground, unconscious, and they couldn't move.

"This..." Seeing this, Havel couldn't help but feel shocked. His face was full of astonishment. He made a secret gesture and turned around in a hurry to escape.

Fade stepped forward and lifted him up.

"You, let me go!" Havel struggled, and at the same time, he looked around, waving his hands and feet to make a signal. However, it was quiet and there was no one around.

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"If you are looking for your gunmen, I can tell you, you don't have to wait for them. They can't get out," Fade said coldly. To Havel's surprise, Fade snapped his fingers. Suddenly, a group of fully armed men with loaded guns and ammunition rushed out from their positions. They pointed their guns at Havel. 

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The experienced Havel immediately recognized these people. They were members of the Stealth Team. He was shocked, and he looked at Fade, saying, "Who on earth are you? Why are you able to use the Stealth Team? You..."

Fade answered coldly, "I told you when I came in. I'm Fade Chen."

Havel thought for a moment and realized something. His expression changed, and he exclaimed, "Fade... Could you be that..."

However, now, it was too late. Fade did not give him any time to be surprised. He said coldly, "Now, you can talk!"

Fade's fame was the biggest threat to Havel. He dared not hide anything and quickly told him everything about the gunman.

The gunman's name was Black Flame. He came to Havel for a gun a week ago and then there was no more news of him. A few hours ago, the injured gunman came to him again and asked Havel to arrange for a shelter for him.

However, when Havel saw Black Flame, he knew that something must have gone wrong with the assassination. He was experienced and didn't want to get into trouble, so he refused to help him and wanted to drive him away. Despite this, at the critical moment, Black Flame took out the Chiang family's keepsake and asked him for help.

Havel did not dare to disobey the Chiang family, so he arranged a way for Black Flame to smuggle guns on his own, and let him escape to take refuge overseas.

According to the schedule, he was on the way to sea, ready to take a boat to leave.

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When Fade heard about these things, his eyes couldn't help but turn cold. "It's the Chiang family again."

He didn't waste any time. After getting the clue, he immediately followed the route arranged by Havel and began to chase after Black Flame.

Two hours later, Fade appeared in front of a station on the expressway.

When he looked at a huge freight car coming from ahead and confirmed that the license plate of the truck belonged to Black Flame, he gave the toll collector a look.

Then, the toll collector dropped the railings and stopped the truck.

The truck slowed down and paid the fee, but the bar in front of the truck did not rise up. The driver then honked and urged, "Hurry up, we are in a hurry!"

The toll collector showed an apologetic expression and said, "I'm sorry, there's something wrong with the machine. I'll send someone to repair it right away."

Then, a staff member came out and began to hit the bar.

At the same time, in the rearview mirror, the driver saw that there were staff members approaching to surround the truck from both sides. The driver immediately knew that he was in trouble. He stepped on the gas pedal.

The huge truck suddenly roared like a beast and rushed forward.

"Stop the vehicle right away!" The policeman disguised as a staff officer knew that the driver was aware of their presence, and he immediately shouted.

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However, the driver was obviously experienced and not threatened by the police. He continued to step on the accelerator, and the roaring giant rushed out, looking as if he was going to knock the policeman in front of him.

The policeman had to get out of the way.

As a result, the rumbling truck crashed into the bar and rushed out with a roar.

The driver's face was full of ferocity. Holding the steering wheel, he gritted his teeth and shouted, "Whoever dares to stop me, I will hit and kill him. You can't catch me. No one can."

The truck gradually sped up and rushed out of the toll station. Through the rearview mirror, the policeman could be seen rushing out in a hurry, his face full of anger.

Seeing this, the smile on the driver's face widened and he laughed. "Pile of rubbish. Are you still trying to catch me? When I get to the port and go to Micovia, I'll be free. Then, I can do whatever I want."

The driver suddenly saw a figure appear in front of the truck. The figure stood straight and showed no signs of dodging.

The driver violently honked a few times, but the figure standing in the middle of the road still had no intention of avoiding him. Instead, he stepped forward in the direction of the truck.

"Do you want to die?" The driver honked hard a few times and then saw that the person still hadn't moved. He gritted his teeth and said, "Since you want to die, then don't blame me for being rude. Go to hell!"

The truck roared like an extremely fierce beast. It thumped on the ground and slammed into the person in front of it.

The figure in front of him moved. A slight flicker of light condensed around his body and then gathered to his palms before it hit

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the vehicle.

Boom!

The huge truck collided with the man.

The contrast between something big and small was obvious. Almost everyone who saw the scene assumed that the man was dead. He would definitely be knocked out by the truck and even be crushed to death. There was no way he could have survived.

The driver believed it too. However, just as he glowered and gnashed his teeth, he suddenly felt a huge force, as if the head of the truck had hit something hard.

Then, the solid hood of the truck became deformed, and there was a series of squeaky noises.

"Ah!" The driver let out a scream. The front of the truck that had been hit dented inwards and his legs became trapped. His face was pale, and he almost fainted.

The truck, which had been gliding forward for more than ten meters, finally stopped. In front of the truck, a figure clapped his hands, walked out and headed in the direction of the back of the truck.

Seeing this scene, the driver, who was in extreme pain, was shocked, so much that he forgot about the pain. He stared at the figure and murmured, "How could this be possible? Is he human?"

The man who stopped the truck was, of course, Fade.

He glanced at the truck driver, ignored him, and went straight to the back of the truck.

He pushed open the steel door at the back of the truck, which was filled to the brim with cardboard boxes.

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Fade did not move. He said, "Come out!"

There was no movement, and no one responded to him.

He shook his head and said with a sigh, "It seems like you want me to do it!"

As he said that, he let out a force, and a burst of strong energy smashed the boxes to pieces.

The strong shock wave rushed into the truck, immediately causing groans and shouts to erupt from within.

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Finally, someone said, "Stop, stop, I'll come out."

Immediately, someone came from amidst the damaged boxes. There were about twelve people in total and all of them looked tough. Obviously, they were not easy to deal with.

After coming out, these people looked around. They thought that they were surrounded by the police and had to surrender. However, when they came out, they saw only Fade. Their expressions changed immediately. They looked at each other and slowly moved towards him.

How could he not notice their little actions? He said coldly, "I advise you not to act rashly. I am here to find someone. Except for the person I am looking for, I don't want to meddle in other people's business."

Although he said this, these people would not let go of this opportunity to escape. They didn't stop, but their eyes were sharp. After all, if they didn't leave now and waited for a large number of policemen to arrive, they would certainly have no chance to escape.

"Come on!" With a shout from a strong man, five men rushed towards Fade.

The man was holding a dagger in his hand. He aimed it at Fade's heart and stabbed towards him.

Seeing this, Fade's expression turned cold and he said frostily, "You're looking for death!"

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In an instant, he moved and rushed to the man. With a punch, he hit the man's wrist and broke it. With a scream, the dagger flew out of the man's hand.

However, Fade did not stop. He kicked out again, and the man suddenly flew up like a plastic bag. His body hit the truck behind him, and the tremendous force dented the front of the truck.

In less than three seconds, Fade killed the man.

Suddenly, the other men were scared silly. They stopped and stood in the same place, not daring to move.

Fade wasn't going to show them any mercy. With a few kicks, he sent them flying out, throwing them to the man's side, so that they were next to him.

After killing the five men so easily, the remaining seven men were so scared that they did not dare to move. All of them lowered their heads and did not dare to look at him.

Fade glanced at the seven people and said coldly, "Who is Black Flame? Reveal yourself."

No one responded. The seven people looked at each other and they all looked puzzled.

When Fade saw this, he narrowed his eyes and stared at them, his eyes scanning the place.

Suddenly, he reached out his hand and patted the waist of a thin man. It was just a pat, but the man reacted dramatically, letting out a scream, as if he was in pain. Sweat was dripping down his face.

Fade immediately grabbed the man and said coldly, "You are Black Flame, aren't you? The wound on your waist still hurts!"

The man's expression changed. He moved the sleeve of his right hand, and a small pistol appeared. The pistol was aimed at

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Fade, and he immediately pulled the trigger.

Seeing this, the remaining six people couldn't help but look surprised. When they saw that Fade seemed shocked but didn't dodge, they couldn't help but show fear in their eyes.

Soon, however, the look on their faces turned into one of shock and horror.

The man stood less than five meters away from Fade. He shot from a short distance, and the bullet almost hit him in an instant. However, just when they thought the bullet would hit him, Fade raised his right hand and grabbed forward. Then, he spread out his right hand, and a yellow bullet appeared in the center of his palm. His palm was not even hurt.

"Is he human?"

"A warrior. He must be a very powerful warrior."

"We won't try to escape anymore."

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The others were all scared out of their wits. Black Flame began shooting and sweat started to form on his forehead.

After the horror, he gritted his teeth and there was rage in his eyes. He pulled the trigger desperately, trying to shoot at Fade.

Before he could pull the trigger, Fade appeared in front of him as if he had teleported. He grabbed Black Flame by the neck and lifted him up.

"You were the assassin at the airport, weren't you?" Fade asked coldly.

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"I-I don't know what you are talking about." Black Flame was still denying it.

Fade replied, "It seems like if I don't teach you a lesson, you won't learn."

Immediately, he threw Black Flame to the ground, then took out a bunch of silver needles and walked towards him with a cold face.

Black Flame started howling in pain.

Fifteen minutes later, he told Fade everything. He was twitching on the ground like a fish that had been thrown ashore.


The remaining few people watched them from a distance, dumbfounded. Fortunately, they didn't offend this guy, or else they would definitely be dead.

Fade put away the silver needles. At this time, the police led a team over. He handed the people to them to deal with, and he drove back to Capital City.

In the car, Fade's face was cold, and there was a trace of anger in his eyes.

Black Flame's confession was not beyond his expectations. The Chiang family was the one behind it.

It turned out that the Chiang family oppressed the Luo family, leading to the decline of the Luo family, but it was not enough. In particular, the recent return of Joey and Moore triggered the Chiang family.

Originally, the purpose of the exploration of the Dragon Mausoleum that was arranged by the Chiang family was to lure and kill Moore to erase the past. However, in the end, not only did they not feel ashamed, but they also lost two warriors from the early stage of the Heaven Level, which made them even more ashamed. 

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Joey and Moore returned to the capital and began to openly carry out their activities. This was equivalent to publicly humiliating the Chiang family. The events that happened in the Dragon Mausoleum 20 years prior and not long ago were all exposed with their activities and discussed among the rich and powerful families of Capital City.

As for the Chiang family, who had been defeated by Moore twice, they suffered a lot of ridicule and criticism.

As one of the few great clans in the capital and a branch of the Hidden family, they had never been insulted like this before. The furious Chiang family could not wait to send people to kill Moore and Joey for revenge.

However, Moore was at the peak of the Earth Level in terms of martial arts skills, and he was strong. With a young master like Fade by his side, the Chiang family was unable to succeed for a while.

Therefore, they thought of a sniper assassination. Moreover, their target was not Fade and Moore, but Joey, whose martial arts was weak.

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Black Flame was a sniper whom the Chiang family paid a lot of money to hire. He had followed Joey for a few days, looking for an opportunity to assassinate her.

Over the past few days, she was constantly surrounded by either Fade or Moore. He couldn't find a suitable opportunity. It was only at the airport when Fade stepped away from Joey when he left her and Gentro alone to talk, that Black Flame had a chance.

That was when he decisively shot at her.

He didn't expect Gentro to block the deadly blow for Joey. Before he could run, he was discovered by Fade, who then injured him by sending him flying hundreds of meters away.

Black Flame knew that he had failed his mission this time, so he had no choice but to retreat.

For the sake of escaping, he asked for the Chiang family's help. He had spent quite a bit of effort trying to cross the seas. He was prepared to escape the country and take refuge abroad.

However, he didn't expect Fade to track him down so quickly and catch him.

After Fade returned to Capital City, he went to the hospital again and visited Gentro. He was still in a coma, and even Fade could not tell when he would wake up. He might even be like this for the rest of his life, and he would never wake up again.

Joey had been standing beside his bed. There were dark circles under her eyes, and she looked very gaunt.

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Gentro was her classmate who pursued her. Later, her identity was revealed and he became her relative. Just when he finally let go of the conflict in his heart, he suffered such a blow. It was really sad.


Fade comforted Joey and then told Moore and the Luo family what had happened.

After learning that the ones to blame were the Chiang family, the Luo family's faces were full of anger.

Leroy gritted his teeth and said, "The Chiang family, I want them to pay the price."

"I will go to them right away and ask them for an explanation!" Moore's eyes were blood-red as he sternly said.

"I'm going too!" Sandra was irritated as she clenched her fists.

"Please calm down, all of you. Do you think that you're a match for the Chiang family now? Will you be able to avenge Gentro by rushing to them like this? Or do you want an old man like me to have to watch you come out dead?" Dormer yelled at them. 

When Old Master Luo spoke, Leroy had nothing to say.

The Luo family were unable to contend against the Chiang family. Now that they had fallen, they were no match for the Chiang family. For a moment, everyone was silent. Their eyes were filled with anger, but there was nothing they could do.

At this point, Fade said in a low voice, "I'll go with you!"

Upon hearing this, Leroy's eyes lit up.

Sandra clenched her fist and said, "Brother Chen will definitely be able to do it."

Moore looked at Fade and nodded without saying anything.

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However, Dormer looked at him with a worried look. "Fade, I know that you are good at martial arts and you have reached the Heaven Level. However, the Chiang family, after all, is a branch of the hidden family. If you go like this, it's really..."

Fade cut him off and said, "Master Luo, don't worry. Forget the Chiang family of Capital City that is just a branch of the hidden family, I can even defeat the actual Chiang family."

"But, you..." Dormer thought that Fade was mad at him and didn't take his words seriously. He continued trying to persuade him.

However, Fade waved his hand and said, "Master Luo, you don't have to say anything more. I will avenge you."

As he spoke, he immediately stepped forward. Without any delay, he prepared to go to the Chiang family for revenge. Seeing this, Moore immediately followed.

They had just walked a short distance when two figures appeared in front of them. "Fade, where are you going?"

These two people were Romeo and Harmon, the father and son duo of the Hsing family

Fade stopped and looked at the two of them, saying, "I'm going to the Chiang family."

Hearing this, Romeo and Harmon's expressions changed. They blocked his way.

Romeo said, "Fade, are you going to take revenge on the Chiang family?"

Fade didn't say anything, but his speechless attitude had already indicated this.

Seeing this, Romeo quickly said, "Fade, don't be impulsive. You can't go!"

Harmon added, "Fade, calm down for a while."

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"I can't calm down over this matter," Fade replied in a low voice.

Dormer and the others also came over and greeted Romeo and Harmon.

Obviously, the Hsings knew that Gentro had been shot. They said to Dormer, "Master Luo, please try to persuade Fade."

Dormer wanted to say something.

However, Fade spoke up, "There's no need to say anything more about this matter. I've already made up my mind. I must definitely go to the Chiang family."

After he said that, he was about to move forward.

Seeing that he was unable to stop Fade, Harmon didn't try to stop him. He immediately moved aside and said, "Fade, if you go to the Chiang family, I won't stop you. However, I can tell you that even if you go and exterminate them now, you still won't be able to get revenge."

"Uh..." Fade frowned and looked at him.

Romeo explained, "Fade, the core members of the Chiang family are all gone and they are not in Capital City. If you rush over now, you can only kill some servants and distant relatives. This kind of revenge is meaningless."

Harmon also tried to persuade him, "Furthermore, Fade, think about it carefully. Not long ago, in the case of the heavy rain and severe attack, your destruction of the Ding family had already aroused the dissatisfaction of some of the high-level leaders. This time, if you were to go to the Chiang family to kill people, the Zhao family will definitely not sit idly by and do nothing. If they are to act, the high-level leaders will put pressure on you, and you'll be in trouble."

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"Even if you're skilled and have no need to worry about your safety, with so many people around you, under the pressure of the high-level officials, what should they do?"

Faced with Harmon's interrogation, Fade's eyes flickered for a moment. For the first time, he hesitated. After a moment of silence, he asked, "Where did the core members of the Chiang family go?"

Harmon lowered his voice and said. "All of them have gone to the hidden family, and they are preparing to participate in the election."

Hearing this, Fade recalled something. When he was exploring the Dragon Mausoleum, he had received the news. The various clans of the hidden families relied on the Elder Council to maintain the rules and order.

This time, the re-election of the Elder Council was an opportunity for the hidden families to refresh their cards. The Chiang family was a second-rate family of the hidden family, so they naturally wouldn't miss out on such an opportunity. Therefore, they had arranged for the core members to go over early to prepare.

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Fade was silent for a while, then he said, "Are we just going to let them go like this?"

Romeo squinted his eyes and said, "Of course not. Fade, the Hsing family will also return to the hidden family for the election. Are you coming with us?"

Without any hesitation, Fade nodded and said, "Of course."

"That's good. In two days, we'll leave together. You should make arrangements for the situation here in Capital City," Romeo said.

Fade nodded and finally calmed down.

In the next two days, he made arrangements for everything around him, then he went to the Hsing family, and they left Capital City together.

After about a three hour flight, Fade and the others finally landed in a provincial capital in the northwest. After getting off the plane, the three took another three hour train ride and finally arrived at a small town.

They were not in a rush to continue their journey. That night, the three of them settled down in the small town.

Sitting cross-legged on the bed of the inn, Fade's breathing was steady. He consumed the Frost Plum Blossom Fruit.

He found it when he explored the Dragon Mausoleum. However, he had encountered all kinds of things and did not have a chance to calm down and consume it.

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On the way from the capital to the hidden family, he became much calmer. As such, he took the opportunity to consume the Frost Plum Blossom Fruit.

It was an icy medicine of the same level as the Ice Lotus and the Nine Leaf Ice Flower. After he consumed it, he felt that his body had become much more comfortable, and the aura of true essence within his body seemed to have faintly grown a little stronger.

Moreover, after consuming the two herbs previously, he had mastered two unique skills, Ice Lotus Flame and Blazing Vision. After consuming the Frost Plum Blossom Fruit, he also mastered a new unique skill called the Frost Plum Blossom Mark.

He could condense his true essence and condense a faint plum blossom mark on his opponent's body like a snowflake. Then, this plum blossom mark could be silently left on the opponent's body like an imprint, and he could detect his opponent's location at any time.

Of course, if he wanted to, after he activated the aura of his true essence, the mark could generate an icy aura and attack the enemy.

"This Frost Plum Blossom Mark is quite a good way to track people." Fade was very satisfied with this unique skill. He nodded his head, stopped his cultivation, and began to rest.

Early the next morning, the three of them got up early, found a car, and drove out of the small town.

As the car drove further and further away, Fade also gradually noticed that the air around him seemed to be getting denser.

Although they were going to a more remote area, they'd met quite a few people along the way. It looked like they weren't too far from the hidden family.

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After driving in the mountain forest for about three hours, they finally stopped at the entrance of a valley.

Before Fade got out of the car, he saw, from a distance, that there were two high towers built at the entrance. On top of the towers, people on patrol could be seen. Between the two towers was a thick wall, and there was a small iron gate on it. People went in and out, one after another.

"Fade, we've arrived. This is where the hidden family is located." Romeo and Harmon got out of the car and called him over.

Fade nodded. He got out of the car with them. Immediately after, he followed Romeo and Harmon and proceeded to walk towards the iron gate.

This distance was not far, but it was obvious that there were more people on the road. Romeo and Harmon also met quite a number of familiar faces. They were either enthusiastic or neutral as they greeted them.

Meanwhile, these people constantly glanced at Fade, not even being subtle about the way they were looking at him.

Only after conversing with Romeo did he know that this time around, the election of the Chairman of the hidden family was definitely a chance for the various great families to display their abilities.

Therefore, not only did the members of the respective families come back, but they also invited a lot of martial artists to help them make a name for themselves in the election.

Fade felt the people walking around him. Almost 99% of them were martial artists, and 80% of them were above the Earth Level.

It was almost impossible to see so many experts gathering in the same place, but here, it was very normal.

When they arrived at the iron gate, Fade and the others lined up for inspection before they entered the valley.

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As soon as he went in, Fade's first impression was that the true essence of the valley was very rich, at least three times richer than the true essence outside. For a practitioner, this was definitely a paradise for them to cultivate.

Romeo saw Fade's confusion and curiosity and explained, "There is a magic circle that gathers auras everywhere in the valley. There are eighty-one of them in total. Moreover, the eighty-one circles can gather into a larger circle to become more powerful. They have the ability to gather magic and protect the valley. It has been the foundation of the hidden family for many years."

Fade nodded his head to show his understanding.

At this moment, they had already leaped over the narrow gorge at the entrance and officially entered the valley.

The valley was very large. At a glance, he was unable to see the end of the other side. The valley was also very prosperous. Fade discovered that numerous ancient-looking manors were built everywhere.

These mansions had their own signboards. They were likely the mansions of the various families of the hidden family.

Moreover, if one took a closer look, one would realize that the layout of the houses in the valley was very well-organized.

Almost all the houses were centered around the round point in the center of the valley and then spread out in circles, eventually forming a huge ring of circles.

If he looked down from the sky, he would see that the buildings in the valley were like a mosquito coil.

Romeo and Harmon led Fade past a few rows of buildings on the outside and walked towards the inner ring.

Romeo began explaining to him, "The Hsing family can only be considered a third-rate hidden family amongst the hidden families. We are not that strong and can only be considered middle-level. According to the rules, the more powerful the hidden

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family is, the more likely it will be placed next to the central point."

"The Hsing family's position is about six laps away from the center of the circle." While speaking, they arrived at the front of a manor built with black bricks and white tiles. The manor's layout was very exquisite.

Seeing this, Romeo could not help but smile and introduce, "This is the Hsing family's manor."

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Harmon nodded and smiled. "Fade, I'll take you to meet the elders of the Hsing family later, everyone can get to know each other. After that, we'll rest at the Hsing family manor tonight."

"Uncle Sander will be here soon," Fade said.

As they spoke, the three of them arrived at the manor's entrance. After Harmon showed his identification, the guards at the entrance immediately opened the door and let them in.

Upon entering the estate, Fade could feel the dense aura of true essence within, as well as all sorts of exquisite garden styles and decorations. To be able to create such an exquisite garden in the remote northwest forest, Fade could not imagine just how much energy was spent on it.

As for the entire hidden family's valley, how much effort did it take to build?

"Mr. Harmon, Mr. Romeo, you're back," the servant welcomed them respectfully.

Harmon nodded. Immediately after, he said. "Go and prepare the guest room. We have brought a guest over, he is going to rest here."

"Yes," the servant responded, but he didn't leave. He continued to stand in front of the three people.

"What's wrong? Is there anything else?" Harmon asked.

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The servant said, "Mr. Harmon, Mr. Romeo. Old Master knows that you're back, so he asked you to go to the living room to see him."

"Grandfather knows that I've returned," Harmon was slightly surprised. Immediately after, he said. "Let's go back and change our clothes. After that, we'll go and see Grandfather."

However, the servant said, "The Old Master is waiting in the living room. He said that as soon as you're back, you should go and see him immediately."

"It's that urgent?" Harmon was surprised. However, he immediately looked to Fade and said. "Fade, why don't we first go and see Grandfather, then go and rest?"

Fade nodded and said, "It's only right to visit Shergius Hsing."

Then, the three of them walked toward the living room of the manor together.

As soon as they entered the living room, Fade saw a lot of people sitting inside. As they entered, their eyes looked over at the same time. Fade, an outsider, undoubtedly became the focus of everyone's attention.

When Harmon and Romeo saw that the living room was filled with people, their faces were also filled with shock. It was evident that they were not expecting the family to pay so much attention to their return. Almost all of the family members were in the living room.

"Dad, I'm back."

"Grandpa, I'm back."

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Harmon and Romeo both clasped their hands and bowed to an old man sitting in the main hall.

The old man smiled and said, "You've worked hard. It's good that you're back. Get up!"

The two of them immediately got up. Harmon pointed at Fade and introduced him. "Dad, this time around, we brought a friend back with us. This is Fade Chen, a friend we met in Capital City."

Romeo added with a smile on his face, "Grandpa, Fade is very powerful."

Hearing this, the old man looked at Fade. His face, which had been full of smiles, suddenly sank, and he looked at Fade seriously.

Fade was slightly surprised, but he still cupped his hands and greeted, "I'm Fade. Nice to meet you, Master Hsing."

"Mm!" Mr. Hsing let out a grunt, which could be considered a reply. He did not have much of a reaction.

As for the other members of the Hsing family, their reaction had become even colder. They did not offer the slightest bit of warm hospitality.

It was something that Harmon and Romeo did not expect. Their expressions changed.

Harmon seemed to have thought of something. He said. "Dad, Mr. Chen and us have just arrived. We are all worn-out and tired. How about we go and wash up first, then we can gather with everyone."

Romeo said, "Grandpa, it's a few days until the election. Within these few days, Fade will stay with us. Everyone can properly get to know each other."

After that, the two of them led Fade out of the living room.

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But right at this moment, a voice said, "Romeo, from what you're saying, this friend of yours is going to stay with the Hsing family."

Upon hearing the voice, Romeo and Fade turned their heads and looked over at the same time. The speaker was a man in his thirties. The man looked at Fade like he was sizing him up.

Such an expression made Fade frown slightly.

Romeo told Fade in a low voice, "That's Jones, the son of my uncle, Lanzo. He's also the main member of the Hsing family. His status is rather high."

Fade immediately understood Jones' status.

Romeo responded, "Jones, Fade is my friend, a friend of my family. There should be no problem with him staying for a few days."

Jones lightly harrumphed and said, "If he's really a friend, the Hsing family would naturally welcome him warmly. Staying for a few days isn't a problem at all. It's just that, not simply anyone can be treated as the Hsing family's friend."

Hearing this, Romeo raised his eyebrows. He looked at Jones and said sharply, "Jones, what do you mean by this? Fade is a good friend of my father and I. Are you driving us away?"

"Romeo, I didn't say that. Why are you so agitated?" Jones said.

"Look at the way you're treating my friend. Jones, tell me clearly, what exactly do you mean? What are you trying to do?" Romeo glared at Jones and said sternly.

Jones' eyes flashed with anger, and he almost couldn't help but fight. His father, Lanzo, held him down and said, "Romeo, Jones

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also has good intentions."

"Good intentions? I want to know what kind of good intentions he has. He is purposely making things difficult for my friend. What kind of good intentions is this?" Romeo's face was full of dissatisfaction.

Lanzo narrowed his eyes. He then said in a low voice. "Romeo, Jones is doing this out of consideration for the family."

"What is the overall situation? I don't know what you guys are talking about!" Romeo said discontentedly.

At this moment, Harmon also spoke, "Lanzo, Fade is a friend of Romeo and I. What do you mean by your words?"

Lanzo snorted coldly and swept his gaze over Fade. He then said in a low voice, "If I'm not mistaken, this Mr. Chen was the one who killed Harold and Faxon when they explored the Dragon Mausoleum a few months ago."

As soon as these words were said, the atmosphere immediately became tense. Harmon and Romeo's expressions immediately changed. They also instantly understood what Jones and Lanzo meant.

Immediately, Romeo defended Fade, "The Chiang family deserved that. They provoked Fade, so Fade killed them. This—"

Not waiting for Romeo to finish, the Old Master sitting at the head of the table, Shergius, said, "The Hsing family's house is old. It is really inconvenient to entertain our distinguished guests. So, today, we can only trouble you, Mr. Chen, to find somewhere else to stay. In a few days, the Hsing family will tidy up the guest room and then welcome you."

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His words were polite, but the meaning behind them was cold. He didn't welcome Fade and wanted to drive him away.

How could Fade not understand what he meant? His face darkened, and he said, "In that case, I'll take my leave."

Romeo stopped Fade. As for Harmon, he had an anxious expression on his face. He looked at the Old Master and said, "Father, Mr. Chen is my friend. He's a very good person. He's also very accomplished in martial arts. Romeo trained with Mr. Chen for a period of time, and he has improved a lot. Now that he's reached the late stage of the Earth Level, he's not too far from the peak of the Earth Level."

Harmon was actually very clear. Fade's martial arts was extremely powerful. Furthermore, he was pretty useful to the Hsing family. He wanted the old man to change his mind.

But before the old master could say anything, Lanzo spoke, "Impressive martial arts? That's only for secular martial artists. What hidden family like us doesn't have impressive martial arts capabilities?"

"As for Romeo's strength, Harmon, you are quite confident in it. So, why don't you let Jones and Romeo train together, and we'll see his progress!"

As soon as Lanzo spoke, his son Jones immediately stood up and said with a smile, "That's a good idea. Romeo has been in the secular world for so long. I'm afraid that he has been praised by the people in the secular world so much that he forgot his own strength. Why don't we train hard now and treat it as a training exercise before the election?"

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For a moment, the father and the son looked at him, the intention to fight written all over their faces.

Romeo's eyes darkened, and he almost could not help fighting with Jones.

However, at the crucial moment, he was stopped by his father, Harmon. Harmon's face was gloomy as he said, "There is no need for all of you to worry about Romeo's martial arts strength. In any case, during the election, all of these younger generations will be there. When the time comes, we will see their strengths."

"Uncle, I'm looking forward to the performance of Romeo and Mr. Chen," Jones said in an unkind tone.

Romeo looked straight at him and said, "Then wait and see."

At this moment, Harmon looked at his dad, Shergius. He cupped his hands together and said. "Father, since it's not convenient for Fade to stay here, Romeo and I will stay with him."

Harmon turned around and prepared to leave.

The members of the Hsing family did not expect this.

Lanzo was startled for a moment. Immediately after, a smile appeared at the corner of his mouth. He said. "Harmon, the election is coming. If you leave now, then it will not be very convenient for the family's personnel to make arrangements."

Harmon turned around and looked at Lanzo. His gaze grew gloomy. He understood what Lanzo meant and directly said, "Since it's not convenient, then I shall be removed from the list."

Romeo also immediately said, "I'm with my father. Remove my name from the list too."

The two of them had made such a decision. It caused the members of the Hsing family to be shocked, and their faces were filled

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with surprise.

In this election, all the noble hidden families had the chance to participate. However, the number of people allowed to sign up was limited, so every family member was dying for a spot.

After all, no matter what the result was, they would have a chance to make a name for themselves.

In the Hsing family, the positions of Lanzo and Jones were stable. They did not need to be considered. Harmon and Romeo's candidate spots were difficult to obtain. However, the two of them had given it up. It naturally caused everyone to be shocked.

Even the Old Master could not help saying, "Harmon, Romeo, are you serious?"

Harmon said, "We have already made up our minds."

Upon seeing this, Shergius' eyes narrowed, then immediately returned to normal. In a low voice, he said. "Since that's the case, then I shall not force you. I am also tired!"

After that, the Old Master got up and left directly.

Harmon immediately turned around and left too.

After Fade and the other two left, in the main hall of the Hsing family, Lanzo and Jones could not control their smiles.

Jones could not help but say, "Dad, I don't know what's wrong with Harmon's family, but they voluntarily gave up this opportunity."

Lanzo laughed and said, "Who knows! Originally, your grandfather was quite optimistic about them, that's why the remaining quota for the election was given to them. In the end, because of one martial artist, they gave up this opportunity."

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"Speaking of that martial artist, I think he's called Fade. I really don't know why Harmon and Romeo have taken a fancy to him so much that they didn't even hesitate to provoke grandfather and make him unhappy," Jones said.

Lanzo said, "I heard that Fade's strength is not bad. Harold and Raleigh of the Chiang family died at his hands, so he has the title of a young Martial Arts Master. Harmon and Romeo value him so much."

"Martial Arts Master, he is so young, so how is it possible?" Jones said disdainfully.

The other members of the Hsing family could not help but say, "But, I heard that Harold and Raleigh really died at his hands."

Jones's expression turned ugly. He glared and said, "Just because they died at his hands does not mean that he's great. Harold had been injured for a long time, so that kid could've killed Harold and Raleigh amidst the chaos of the Dragon Mausoleum."

"What's more, even if the young man has reached the Heaven Level and become a Martial Arts Master, he can't compare to us."

"But, after all, he is a Martial Arts Master! Which is rare in a hidden family," the junior who just spoke could not help but say.

Jones glared at him as he prepared to say something.

However, Lanzo said, "There's no need to say so much, even if Fade really is a Martial Arts Master, he killed a member of the Chiang family and offended them. Do you think he will bring the Hsing family any benefits?"

When these words were said, the faces of many members of the Hsing family immediately changed. The junior who just spoke also did not speak at this moment.

Indeed, it was not advantageous taking in Fade, a Martial Arts master, and risk offending the Chiang family. At this time, everyone finally understood why Shergius did this.


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Thus, the people of the Hsing family no longer discussed this matter. They all left and busied themselves with their own matters.

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Meanwhile, Fade and the other two left the Hsing manor.

Harmon and Romeo both looked at Fade with their faces full of apologies. "Fade, I'm truly sorry. We did not expect things to turn out like this. In the end—"

Fade laughed and said, "Romeo, you don't have to apologize. It's okay, I don't take it to heart. It's getting late, so let's find a place to stay." 

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"That's right. We'd better find somewhere to stay first," Romeo said hurriedly.

Immediately, the three of them turned around and walked toward the outermost part of the valley, searching for a place to stay. After all, this wasn't a holiday destination, but a gathering place for the hidden family nobles. There weren't any hotels at all.

Therefore, if one wanted to find a place to stay now, one would have to rely on Harmon.

Fortunately, Harmon had a rather good relationship with the hidden families. Not long after, he found a hidden family of the surname Zhu, and ultimately they settled down in the Zhu family.

The Zhu family's house was almost located in the outermost portion of the valley. The house was also relatively old and could not compare to the exquisite manor of the Hsing family. From this, one could also see the Zhu family's status among the hidden families.

If the Hsing family could be considered a third-rate family amongst the hidden families, then the Zhu family was a fourth-rate family. Of all the hidden families, they could be considered a very weak family. It could even be said that the power of the Zhu family could not be considered top-notch.

After all, the hidden families had developed over so many years. Although many families were growing stronger, there were still declining families. The Zhu family was one of them.

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Moreover, the decline of the Zhu family still could not be seen. In this election, the Zhu family didn't even send any candidates with potential to participate. If this continued, the Zhu family might even get expelled from the hidden family.

However, the Zhu family was very enthusiastic about Fade and the others. They prepared guest rooms for Fade and the other two with smiles all over their faces. Then, they had dinner together. Finally, they personally sent Fade and the others back to the guest room to rest. It could be said that they were hospitable.

After being tired from the long journey, Fade lay down early that night to rest.

The next morning, Fade got up and came out. He saw that the Zhu family had already prepared breakfast. After everyone had breakfast, the head of the Zhu family, Keeran summoned his daughter Leena enthusiastically. He wanted to ask her to accompany Fade out and get familiar with the surroundings of the hidden family.

Leena was very young, only 18 or 19 years old. Her face was round with a pair of big black eyes. She looked like a doll and was very cute.

"Fade, let's go out!" The little girl was very lively. Fade heard her call him from the guest room.

"Okay, I'll be right out!" Fade smiled and then walked out. Then, the two of them walked out side by side.

But just as they walked into the living room of the Zhu family home, they suddenly heard a prideful shout from within, "Where's Leena? Tell her to come and see me."

Following that, Keeran's voice rang out, "Mr. Pei, why are you here? Please take a seat!"

"Don't mess with me. Keeran, there's a limit to my patience. Get Leena out right now, or else don't blame me for being impolite," Mr. Pei said in a haughty voice.

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Following which, the sound of footsteps could be heard. It was obvious that a group of people had entered the living room of the Zhu family's home.

Then, Keeran's tone suddenly changed, "Mr. Pei, wh-what are you doing?"

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When Fade heard these words, he was confused. Beside him, Leena's expression changed and she rushed out in a hurry.

Seeing this, Fade hurriedly followed her.

"Warron, what are you trying to do?" Leena shouted as she rushed out. She stared at a man in his thirties with her round eyes, and her cheeks turned red because of anger.

Seeing Leena come out, the man named Warron immediately smiled and said, "Leena, don't you know what I'm doing? I want you to become my woman, let me love you forever."

When he spoke, Warron looked very confident. He thought he was looking at Leena affectionately, but his expression almost made Fade vomit.

When Leena heard this, her expression became even angrier. She told the man, "Warron, I told you a long time ago that I won't marry you, and I definitely won't be your concubine! Give up on this idea!"

At this time, Keeran squeezed out a smile and said to Warron, "Mr. Pei, you are the eldest son of the Pei family. You are young and promising. Leena is still young, and she is not worthy of you, Mr. Pei. So, as for a concubine—"

Warron waved his hand and interrupted Keeran. He said proudly, "Keeran, don't play tricks on me. Let me tell you, I have a crush

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on Leena. I'm telling you, I must have her."

With this, Warron paused and snorted, "I have already given you, the Zhu family, a month. Now, it's time to make a decision."

"Mr. Pei, we'd better give this matter further thought, or—" Keeran said with a smile.

Warron snorted and said, "A month ago, you told me the same thing. You want to delay further? Let me tell you, that's impossible. Today, the Zhu family must give me an answer."

"Leena, come with me and be my concubine. Otherwise, the Zhu family will be the enemy of the Pei family! The Pei family has never been soft on our enemies. Zhu family, you have to think it over. What is the answer?"

In the face of the threats, Keeran's face suddenly sank. He was full of anxiety and helplessness.

Leena bit her lip and a thin line of blood oozed out. Her big round eyes were sparkling, and she could not help but shed a tear.

Beside Warron, several people who looked like housekeepers stood out.

"Zhu family, letting Leena marry into the Pei family is definitely a good thing. Why are you still hesitating?"

"Zhu family, I know that you worry that being a concubine is not a good reputation, but you must be aware that this is the concubine of Mr. Warron Pei. Many women would fight to be his concubine, but they won't have this opportunity!"

"By the way, I can reveal a piece of news to you. The Pei family has been on pretty good terms with the Chiang family recently. After this election, the two families will carry out even further cooperation. In that case, you should understand what I mean!"

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Hearing the persuasion and temptation, Keeran's expression became hesitant.

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Given the current situation of the Zhu family, it was simply impossible to fight against the Pei family. Moreover, the Pei family still had some sort of relationship with the Chiang family, so the Zhu family was even less likely to fight against them.

Based on rationality, it would be a wise choice to let his daughter marry Warron as a concubine.

But when he thought of his daughter's determined eyes and Warron's bad reputation when it came to women, Keeran couldn't bear to push his daughter into this deep pit.

"Mr. Pei, about th-this, I—" Keeran looked like he was in a dilemma. He wanted to find an excuse to delay this matter.

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But Warron, who was opposite him, was already a little impatient. He frowned and slammed his hand on the table, then said coldly, "Keeran, whether you agree or not today, Leena will be taken away." 

"If you agree, I will go back to prepare the dowry and marry your daughter. If you don't agree, then I will destroy the Zhu family and then take Leena away. Tell me, which option do you pick?"

"Roar!"

As Warron spoke, the people of the Pei family roared loudly and burst out into a strong breath of True Energy, pressing against Keeran.

Although Keeran was the master of the Zhu family, his martial arts strength was only average. He had the strength of the peak of the Earth Level. Moreover, he was the strongest in the Zhu family.

Meanwhile, more than a dozen of Warron's followers were at the late stage of the Earth Level. Along with Warron, who was at the peak of the Earth Level, their strength was even more terrifying. They could completely crush the whole Zhu family.

Keeran's face was so gloomy that it looked as if it was going to rain. He could not make a decision.

Seeing Keeran's hesitation, Warron snorted and said, "Since you can't make a decision, I'll choose for you."

Immediately, Warron waved his hand and said, "Go ahead and catch Leena!"

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Immediately, the servant of the Pei family moved. Keeran hurriedly protected his daughter and tried to stop the person from taking her away.

Seeing this, Warron frowned and shouted coldly, "You ungrateful b*stard! Beat him!"

All of a sudden, the group of people surrounded Keeran and Leena and started fighting.

Fade, who was there, saw this situation. How could he not understand what was going on? He immediately stepped out and shouted, "Stop it, all of you."

Powerful energy accompanied by a thunderous shout shocked the people of the Pei clan who were preparing to act, and then their gazes fell on Fade.

Warron sized Fade up and then said disdainfully, "Who do you think you are? How dare you spoil my plan? Do you want to die?"

Fade looked at Warron coldly and said in a cold voice, "If you dare to touch the Zhu family again, it definitely won't be me who is looking for death."

"D*mn, he's so arrogant! He's even putting on airs in front of me." Warron stood up and looked at Fade from head to toe. Then, he snorted coldly and said, "I'm going to take action. I'd like to see what you can do to me!"

While speaking, Warron reached out to grab Leena. He was going to act indecently in public.

Fade snorted, his gaze darkened, and his aura surged. He was about to make a move.

At this time, a cold snort sounded. "You are the eldest son of the Pei family. When did you become a street hooligan who preys on little girls?"

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Following the voice, Romeo and Harmon walked out.

Seeing these two people, Warron was shocked and narrowed his eyes. "Why are you here?"

Romeo said unceremoniously, "The Zhu family is a friend of the Hsing family. If you attack the Zhu family, that means you're attacking the Hsing family. Warron, you'd better think things through carefully."

Warron heard what he said and sneered. He looked at Romeo and said, "Are you trying to scare me? Romeo, don't you think your words are a little bit silly?"

"Yesterday, you and your father were kicked out of the Hsing family by Shergius. Do you think I don't know?"

Romeo's face sank. He had not expected the news to spread so quickly.

Warron's gaze darkened and he continued, "Besides, even if you father and son weren't kicked out of the Hsing family, do you think the Pei family would be afraid of the Hsing family? I can tell you, Leena, I'm going to have you today."

After that, Warron was going to take action by force.

Romeo's face darkened, and he clenched his fists, ready to have a big fight with Warron.

"Let me do it!" But at this time, Fade pulled Romeo back and then stepped out. He looked at Warron and said coldly, "If you want to fight, come at me!"

"Who do you think you are? You are not qualified to fight against me." Warron's face darkened and was full of disdain.

Fade was not angry. He just said lightly, "My name is Fade Chen. If I remember correctly, there is a man named Eamon in the Pei family. He was hurt by me."

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Hearing this, Warron's expression suddenly changed.

Some time ago, Eamon cooperated with the Chiang family and went to explore the Dragon Mausoleum. He was ready to catch all those explorers in one fell swoop and reap the benefits, while at the same time getting closer to the Chiang family.

However, he didn't expect the Pei family to fall in the Dragon Mausoleum. A lot of people had been injured, and Eamon was seriously injured too. He had not recovered yet until now.

After the news reached back here, the Pei family knew that the person who injured Eamon was called Fade, a Martial Arts Master in the secular world.

When the Pei family knew about this in the beginning, they were all furious and clamored to take revenge. But then, there came the news that Fade had killed Harold and Raleigh.

This time, the Pei family was shocked. They no longer cried out for revenge.

But now, he didn't expect Fade, the enemy of the Pei family, to show up on his own.

For a time, Warron's expression changed constantly. Hatred made him almost rush out to teach Fade a lesson. But he was aware that Fade killed two Martial Arts Masters, which made him a little uneasy.

Just as he was hesitating, Fade continued to move forward and looked at Warron, saying, "If you're not going to move, then get out of the Zhu family home right away."

"You—" Warron couldn't stand how arrogant Fade was in front of him. He ignored everything else. He waved his hand with a ferocious look and said, "Go ahead and kill him."

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Immediately, the servants of the Pei family rushed over and launched a fierce attack on Fade.

However, the attacks by these Earth Level masters were really a piece of cake to Fade. He casually waved his hand and blocked their attacks. Then, he struck out with some strength to send them flying.

In less than a minute, among the dozen of followers around Warron, he was the only one left standing.

Warron had an ugly expression on his face, and he looked at Fade with flashing eyes. "You, how dare you—"

Boom!

Fade didn't say much and he hit Warron's chest. Warron was instantly knocked out.

He flew about ten meters and landed on the ground. He stumbled to steady himself and his mouth was bleeding. He then looked at Fade coldly, "Y-you—"

"Why are you still here? Next time, I won't show you any mercy!" Fade shouted.

Warron's face was full of unwillingness, but at the thought of Fade's horrifying strength, he gritted his teeth and ran to the door.

"He offended the Chiang family, and soon he will be unable to protect himself. I will show the Zhu family how powerful I am during the election." As he left, he turned his head to threaten Keeran. In the end, he ran away from Fade's cold gaze.

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After driving Warron away, Fade turned around and looked at Keeran and Leena. "Keeran, Leena, are you alright?"

"We're alright. Thank you for your help, Mr. Chen." Keeran shook his head and bowed to Fade to thank him. But at this moment, his face was very pale. Obviously, he was in a bad mood.

Seeing this, Fade could not help but ask, "Keeran, is the Zhu family in trouble? If there is anything I can help you with, feel free to ask."

"This—" Keeran hesitated.

Harmon said, "Brother Zhu, given our relationship, you can tell us anything. If there's something that needs to be said, then just say it. Let's all think of a way together. Perhaps we might be able to solve it."

Keeran sighed, nodded, and began to tell the story.

Fade and the others listened and soon figured out the problem.

The Zhu family was a weak family of the hidden family. Three years ago, after the death of the Zhu family's Martial Grand Master, Old Master Zhu, the Zhu family's strength had been greatly reduced. They went from being a weak family to among the last in the hidden family.

The Zhu family was weak, so it was naturally coveted by other families. They tried their best to occupy the Zhu family's

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properties and resources. Over the past three years, although Keeran had tried his best to maintain it, the Zhu family's properties had been reduced by about half.

This was still the result of having the Council of Elders. If not for the presence of the Council of Elders, the Zhu family would have been split up by the other families when the grandfather died of illness.

Although they managed to maintain their strength, the situation of the Zhu family could be said to have reached the edge of danger. This was especially the case for the election.

A new rule had been set up for this election. On top of participating in the selection of the chairman, there was also a new tournament for the younger generation. Each family from a secret sect had to select two young disciples under thirty years old to participate in the tournament.

In the battle, the results were determined according to the outcome of the match. But after the two competitors of each family are both eliminated, the score put together would be the final score of that family.

In the end, when all the juniors finish competing in the ring, they would list out all the scores of the various families and calculate the percentage of their score. In the end, the profit distribution of the hidden families would be according to this percentage.

For instance, if the Zhu family was able to obtain two points, out of a total score of two hundred, the Zhu family's total score would be 1%. Of the hidden family's overall assets, the Zhu family would get 1%.

But in reality, given the Zhu family's current situation, it was almost impossible for them to obtain a 1% share of the profit. In the end, the Zhu family would most likely have zero points. They would not be able to gain any benefit from the hidden family.

It must be known that although the benefits of the hidden aristocratic families were basically divided based on their strength, as

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a whole, the Council of Elders would still be partial and support the small families.

But according to this brand new rule, if the benefits were to be reallocated, the result would be that the stronger get stronger, and the weaker get weaker. A small family like the Zhu family might not be able to gain any profit and ultimately be eliminated.

Taking advantage of the Zhu family's worries, Warron took the initiative to come to the Zhu family and proposed a cooperation with Keeran.

His suggestion was that the Pei family send a member to join the younger generation of the Zhu family in the tournament to help the Zhu family obtain points. Their request was for Leena to marry Warron as a concubine.

Keeran only had one daughter, Leena. Of course, he didn't want to wrong his daughter, but he didn't dare to refuse the Pei family directly, so he had been looking for an excuse to delay it.

The Pei family could not wait any longer. Warron came to them on his own initiative, and that was what led to the scene that just happened.

If it weren't for Fade's help, the Zhu family would probably have been destroyed by the Pei clan before the election.

However, although the family had been temporarily preserved, once the election was over, the fate of the Zhu family would still be hard to change, and it would ultimately lead to their destruction.

This was also the reason why Keeran's face was clouded with worry.

Romeo and Harmon were also filled with worry. They really wanted to help, but there was nothing they could do.

Just as the atmosphere in the living room was beginning to grow tense, Fade's eyes suddenly lit up and he said, "Zhu family, just

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now you said that the Pei family's proposal was for them to send people to help the Zhu family participate in the competition."

"Yes, the Pei family said that they could send a late-stage Earth Level martial artist to help us," Keeran said.

Hearing this, Fade said, "If that's the case, it means that the rules allow outsiders to help the families."

"This is indeed not forbidden according to the rules," said Keeran. "However, we, the hidden families, will all participate in the competition. We definitely put our own battle results before anything else."

"Even if there are powerful experts in the family, they will not lend them to other families. After all, in this competition, almost all the hidden families are enemies. Helping other families stand out is, in some sense, going against their own family. Therefore, no family is willing to lend out their own people."

Fade nodded and said, "If that's the case, what do you think of me, Zhu family?"

"Mr. Chen, you—" Keeran was stunned for a moment.

Fade replied, "I'm here to represent the Zhu family to participate in the Challenge Tournament."

"I-is this true? Mr. Chen, are you really willing to—" Keeran had naturally heard of Fade's name before as he was a young Martial Arts Master. In addition, he saw Fade fight Warron just now, so he had no doubt about his strength. Therefore, at this moment, there was only disbelief left on his face.

Fade nodded and said to Keeran, "Zhu family, I'm not kidding. I'm serious."

"Th-that's great. Your help, Mr. Chen, is the blessing of the hundred-year-old Zhu family!" Keeran was very excited.

Leena was also excited. She clapped her hands and said, "Fade, thank you."

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Fade smiled and said, "It's nothing. Anyway, I'm going to confront those families sooner or later."

Thinking of this, Fade's eyes narrowed, and the faces of the Peis, the Chiangs, and even the Lins faintly appeared before him.

After the matter was confirmed, Keeran then explained the rules and various meanings of the arena battle to Fade in detail. At the same time, the Zhu family's representatives were re-registered.

A few days passed in the blink of an eye, and it was soon time for the arena battle to begin.

On this day, the entire mountain valley of the hidden family was filled with noise and excitement. Each and every one of them was beaming as they walked out of their houses and gathered in the center of the mountain valley.