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Like a flash, Keeton rushed out and gave the villager a single, strong punch.

A hole opened up in the villager's chest, and crimson, viscous liquid splashed out. The staggering villager then plopped to the ground, showing no signs of movement.

At that, the crowd calmed down.

Daemyn quickly glanced at his bodyguard and ordered, "Lencho, take them out!"

Lencho gave Keeton a smug look, a confident smile tugged at his lips. He looked at Daemyn and said, "Mr. Hsiang, don't worry. I'll take them out in no time, easy."

After speaking, he rushed out, even faster than Keeton. Straightaway, he rushed towards the other villagers. With a few swishes, the villagers were all beheaded.

His movements were natural and unrestrained, causing people to clap and cheer.

At that moment, Daemyn was no longer afraid. He went back to looking haughty and proud again. "They looked scary, but in truth, they're all weaklings. Full attack; and kill all the monsters in the village!"

Evelyn and the others also gradually recovered from their fear. Because of Lencho and Keeton, they even felt excited, as if they were playing a real adventure game.

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On the contrary, Jacques had a grave expression on his face. He leaned closer to Fade and muttered, "Mr. Chen, these villagers are similar to the mutated animals we fought in the previous forest. Could it be related?"

Fade gave a nod, "It must be. Also, according to the strength of mutated animals in the last forest, this is not just it. There should be masters who are much more powerful hidden in the village."

Upon listening, Jacques thought of the scene where he led the team in attacking the animals. The strongest mutated wild boars and black bears in the forest almost had the strength equivalent to a Black Level martial artist, and some of the team members nearly died if it was not for Fade.

As for the few mutated villagers that had just appeared, they were obviously weak. At most, they were only at the Yellow Level. Therefore, what Fade said was very likely to be true. There were more powerful masters hidden in the village.

With such a thought, Jacques couldn't help shudder and went to remind Daemyn.

However, after seeing how Lencho and Keeton, who led the troops, had already killed more than a dozen villagers as easily as chopping vegetables, Daemyn's confidence was greatly boosted. He waved his hand and said, "Captain Huang, you don't have to be so timid. With Mr. Keeton here, any hidden master would be useless. It's just a piece of cake."

"But..." Jacques still wanted to talk some sense into him.

"There are no 'buts'. Lencho completing the mission quickly will benefit you too," Daemyn cut him off, then picked up his pace to catch up with those in front.

Occasionally, he would ask Lencho to spare him one or two weaker mutated villagers, so that he could kill them by himself.

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He put on a big show in slaughtering them, immediately winning cheers and compliments.

Seeing that, Fade sneered. Daemyn himself was at the late stage of the Black Level. Him dealing with a few Yellow Level mutant villagers was not worth acclaiming at all.

It seemed that Daemyn was the kind of martial artist who relied on his family's resources to build himself up. Although he reached that stage, his fighting experience must be near zero.

In Fade's eyes, it was dismissive; but to Evelyn and the others, it was highly admirable as they cooed whenever Daemyn made a strike.

Some of them had even joined in with Daemyn's fun. At times, they would knock down the villagers and then squeal and jump for joy.

Obviously, these wealthy youngsters had regarded the place as an adventure game. They weren't treating the situation seriously at all.

At that moment, a strong smell of blood filled the air.

With that, Fade felt that something was not right, and shouted, "Danger! Get out of here!"

Upon hearing that shout, only Shinnie, Jacques, and a few people reacted. The others did not move at all. Instead, they shot him a mocking look.

"Coward, why are you shouting? Daemyn is here. What's there..." Evelyn said sarcastically.

However, before she could finish her sentence, they heard a deafening roar, and a house in front of them suddenly exploded into

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shatters.

Then, more than a dozen mutant villagers rushed out, their skin so red and scarlet that it looked as if they had just bathed in blood.

These mutant villagers were obviously much stronger than the ones before; even their speed and skin tone were different. As soon as they started attacking, the heads of several soldiers were already smashed to smithereens. Blood and brains splashed everywhere.

When Evelyn and the others witnessed such a sight, they were scared half to death to even run, standing rooted to the spot.

The look on Fade's face changed completely. Those mutant villagers were very similar to the blood corpse he saw at the funeral a few days ago.

Those blood corpses possessed the strength of a Black Level martial artist at the very least. Ordinary soldiers were not their match.

Fade immediately shouted, "Commander Huang, order everyone to retreat!"

Jacques gave the order at once.

When Daemyn saw what was happening, he shouted angrily, "Nobody is allowed to retreat. This is an order. Keep attacking."

"Ordinary soldiers are no match for them. You are getting them killed!" Fade shouted back.

Daemyn gave a heavy snort, "They're soldiers. This is their duty. Besides, Lencho is here. What's there to be afraid of?"

At that moment, Lencho and Keeton, who led the troops, began to attack those blood corpses.

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Although it took them a lot of effort, they still successfully killed all the blood corpses together.

With that, Daemyn scoffed as he glared at Fade. Then, he warned Jacques, "Commander Huang, you have to remember that your superior is me, not someone else. If you don't obey my order again, I will deal with you according to the military law."

"Yes, Sir!" Commander Huang's face turned ashen.

Fade fixed his eyes at the house in the deepest part of the village, and said, "Those are blood corpses. If there are blood corpses around, there must be people controlling them. The strength of these blood corpses is around the middle stage of Black Level, so the corpse controller must be even more powerful."

"What blood corpse? What corpse controller? If you continue to try to deceive us, I'll punish you according to the military law!" Daemyn bellowed at him.

However, at that moment, a burst of chilling laughter rang, sending shivers down everyone's spines. "Who dares disturb my cultivation!"

Amidst the wicked cackling, a skinny elder in a black robe emerged from the house in the deepest part of the village. In his frail hand, he held a black wooden scepter, reeking of blood. As he approached, a gust of icy wind followed wherever he walked.

"Who are you?" Daemyn looked at the black-robed elder and barked.

The black-robed elder, Taesom, swept his eyes over the crowd. Finally, his gaze landed on Daemyn and he uttered sinisterly, "You're at the late stage of the Black Level, not bad; but you're lacking in blood and energy, and your level is a mere front. I can still refine you into a zombie though."

"You..." Hearing the elder's words, Daemyn could not help but feel goosebumps erupting all over as he shuddered.

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"You demon. Who are you?" Lencho gave an angry yell. He stood in front of Daemyn, shielding him, as he glowered coldly at the black-robed martial artist.

Meanwhile, Keeton also returned. He stood in front of Jensi to protect him.

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Taesom looked at the two as he continued to smile insidiously, "These two are better. Both their level and strength are quite decent. After refining you into blood corpses, it is enough to make up for my loss."

"You want to turn me into a blood corpse? I'd like to see you try!" Lencho let out a cold snort. He felt a surge of positive energy before charging straight at the black-robed elder.

Keeton did not speak. However, he, too, activated his positive energy and took the other side.

In an instant, the two were surrounding Taesom front and back. With their positive energy surging, they were ready to launch an attack.

Seeing that, Daemyn said with a grin, "Lencho, this old geezer is too arrogant. Teach him a lesson."

Jenski reminded as well, "Keeton, be careful."

Keeton nodded at Jenski as an indication that he would be cautious.

Lencho had a smirk plastered on his face, extremely confident. "Mr. Hsiang, don't worry. He's just an old hag. It's no problem for me at all."

"Tsk, tsk, tsk... Arrogant and ignorant idiots, I will let you taste my wrath now." Taesom crowed maniacally as he waved the scepter in his hand. Black energy erupted out and charged at the two men.



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Upon seeing this, Fade couldn't help but remind them, "Retreat now. You are not his match."

However, Lencho and Keeton turned to give Fade an irritated look. Their brows were furrowed as they hissed. Obviously, they didn't take his words seriously.

Daemyn was even more ungracious. He gave Fade a stern glare and said in a low voice, "What's with you? Do you know how powerful Lencho is? Saying he is no match for that old guy is just purely ridiculous."

At that, Evelyn also started to ridicule him. "You're a nobody. You don't know anything. You'd best not interfere with the true experts. Coward, you might as well stay out of the way."

Fade's face darkened. He glanced at the three who were about to fight, before snorting, "I reminded you out of kindness, but since you don't know what's good and what's bad and want to play with fire, you'd better not blame me when you're disabled or dead."

"You're talking nonsense..." Daemyn growled.

However, before he could even finish, there was a sudden explosion, attracting everyone's attention.

It turned out that the three of them had started fighting. Three surges of energy were colliding with each other, thrashing wildly in the air.

The strong impact caused a loud explosion. A cloud of smoke enveloped all three of them. The air was thickened by dust, and only whooshing sounds could be vaguely heard.

"How's it going? I can't see it clearly!" Sabeen said.



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Evelyn gave a cold huff, "How else can it go? With Jenski and Mr. Hsiang's bodyguards fighting against him, is it even possible for us to lose? It must be the old man who was taken down."

Daemyn also smirked. "Lencho has fought nearly 100 times since he started following me around, and he has never lost a single fight."

With pride written all over their faces, they shot Fade a mocking glance. They then turned to the smoke-shrouded battlefield proudly, as if they were ready to welcome the victory of Lencho and Keeton.

At that moment, they heard loud shrieks, followed by two figures being flung out.

The crowd fixed their eyes on them. They were none other than Lencho and Keeton.

The front of their shirts had been completely torn to shreds. Their chests were badly mangled as if they had been torn apart by wild beasts. Their faces were drained of all color as blood trickled from the corners of their mouths. Obviously, they were terribly injured.

Seeing them, Daemyn, Evelyn, and the others, who were proud and confident a minute ago, all yelled in extreme shock.

"Lencho, are you hurt?"

"Keeton, are you alright?"

Keeton quickly took out a pill and stuffed it into his mouth. With a serious tone, he said, "This black-robed elder's strength is so much stronger than we expected. He is definitely an Earth Level master."

Lencho also swallowed a pill and said in a deep voice, "He can even control corpses to help him fight."

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Watching them, Fade reminded once again, "Get back. You are no match for him."

After that, he stepped forward and got into a fighting stance.

Upon seeing that, Daemyn's face darkened. He barked at him, "What are you trying to do? Taking the credit? There's only one opponent left, and you want to step in now? Don't even think about it."

Fade sneered coldly, "It's not about credit. They really are no match for them. If we go on like this, everyone will be in danger."

"Danger? Oh, please. He's just an old geezer. With so many of us here, I don't believe we can't manage to take him down!" Daemyn harrumphed. He then ordered Jacques, "Commander Huang, get all the soldiers to listen to your orders and launch an attack together. If martial arts do not work, then we'll use our guns. I don't believe we can't kill him with so many guns."

Right after that, Daemyn said to Lencho, "Lencho, don't hold back your power anymore. Go all out and kill that guy. Our credit this time's credit cannot fall into someone else's hands."

Jenski also looked at Keeton. He wanted to say something, "Keeton, you..."

However, at that moment, Keeton interrupted, "Jenski, it's not that I didn't give my best. It's just that the opponent is much stronger than I expected. Even if I go all out, I'm afraid that I can never beat him, so..."

Hearing that, Jenski's face fell. He sighed and replied, "Keeton, come back and treat your injuries then."

Keeton shot him an appreciative look before he retreated.

At that time, Daemyn had already ordered all the soldiers to launch the attack.

Upon seeing that, Fade's blood boiled. He couldn't stand it anymore and shouted with hatred, "Daemyn, do you know what you're

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doing? You're risking the lives of innocent soldiers!"

"This is a mission. It's what they should do," Daemyn answered coldly and continued his orders, "Keep on going. Anyone who dares to retreat will be dealt with as deserters and sent to the military court."

Many soldiers were afraid, but in the face of discipline and punishment, they were forced to charge forward.

After taking the pill, Lencho's momentum increased once again. His positive energy heightened, elevating from the last stage of the Black Level to the first stage of the Earth Level.

"Earth-Level martial artist!" Jensi gasped.

Daemyn could not be prouder, sniggering, "Lencho wasn't too far from Earth Level some time ago and could break through any time. Now that he has upgraded, that old geezer definitely won't have a chance."

Evelyn also said respectfully, "Indeed, the Hsiang family is formidable; even their bodyguards are Earth-Level masters."

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Just as they were all excited, Fade noticed Taesom, the black-robed elder in the gradually disappearing smoke. His eyes were bloodshot, and a murderous aura was being emitted from his body.

At the same time, there was a strong, gory air surging around him, which looked particularly eerie.

With that, Fade felt more and more threatened. He quickly shouted to everyone around him, "Retreat. All of you! I say retreat! The opponent is going to use a big move. We are not his match!"

Although the soldiers trusted Fade, there was no way for them to retreat in the face of the order.

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He could not care less. He picked up Shinnie and darted to the back at a high speed. After getting nearly a kilometer away, he put her down and left her behind a big rock.

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Upon seeing that, Jenski was stunned for a moment, before fleeing the scene with Keeton too.

On the other hand, Evelyn and Daemyn cast a disdainful glance at Fade and mocked him as a coward. They had no intention of retreating.

The moment when Fade retreated, Lencho was leading the soldiers in launching an attack on Taesom.

The sound of continuous gunshots rang loud and clear. Taesom was buried in smoke in an instant.

Looking at the elder who was completely engulfed in gunpowder, the corners of Daemyn's mouth turned up. "He's down that easily? That's all? It's not worth mentioning..."

Before he could finish speaking, the smoke soon dissipated, and a figure stepped out with a sneer on his face. He was unscathed, with not even a scratch on him.

"What? How? He isn't injured at all?" Daemyn shrieked with a surprised look on his face.

At that moment, Taesom grabbed Lencho, who was standing at the front.

Lencho, who had upgraded to the Earth Level, sensed how brute the elder's strength was. The expression of his face changed into pure terror. He could not care less about anything else. Then, he hurriedly took a few steps back, attempting to avoid the elder's attack.

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"You want to escape? Do you think you can?" Taesom let out a cold laugh as his attacks became more and more ferocious. Seeing that it was too late to dodge, Lencho grabbed two soldiers and used them to shield himself, shoving them to Taesom. Before the two soldiers could even scream, Taesom caught them with his claws. Instantly, they exploded; their blood and flesh gushing everywhere, forming two bloody clumps.

Upon watching that, Jacques, who was in the crowd, darkened, growled, "How dare you..."

Lencho had no time to respond to Jacques at all because Taesom continued to attack.

With a deadly aura, those terrifying claws grabbed him. Lencho, an Earth Level martial artist, failed to dodge and was clutched in Taesom's grasp.

In the blink of an eye, the sharp claws pierced through Lencho's chest and crushed his heart.

Just like that, the light went out in Lencho's eyes. His limp body fell from the sky to the ground.

Around him were four furry, bloody corpses that appeared out of nowhere. They jumped onto Lencho's dead body and devoured it, quickly tearing his body apart.

Jacques witnessed everything and was dumbstruck with terror, stifling a scream himself. At this point, all his anger was turned into fear.

Even an Earth Level martial artist had died at the hands of Taesom. How could ordinary soldiers like them take him down? If they continued, they would be sending themselves to the gates of hell.

Therefore, he turned his head and looked at Daemyn, wanting him to give the order to retreat.

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However, when he saw what was happening, his veins popped in fury.

At that moment, Daemyn, who saw how Lencho actually died in a split second, could no longer care about credit and reputation and was fleeing for his life.

Evelyn was so scared that she could not stop screaming. She, too, scrambled off in a hurry.

While they were escaping, Daemyn ordered the soldiers to charge forward, so they could block Taesom for him.

Some of the defiant soldiers were shot dead by Daemyn right on the spot.

The pure frustration in Jacques bubbled as he watched, exploding. "Daemyn, what the hell are you doing?"

When Daemyn heard Jacques' growl and saw him rushing at him with fiery eyes, his heart skipped a beat, but then, he quickly snapped, "Captain Huang, what do you want to do? They're soldiers. Sacrifice is part of their duty. It's what they should do."

Jacques was seething with outrage. "Daemyn, as soldiers, we can sacrifice for the country and the people, but we won't sacrifice for a good-for-nothing like you. It's you who let them die for nothing. It's all your..."

Daemyn shouted as he continued to run, "I'm someone from the reputable Hsiang family. I'm their descendant. It's their honor to sacrifice themselves for me. Don't worry. I'll compensate them."

"Compensate? These are people's lives we're talking about. More than ten lives are gone. Can you afford it?" Jacques was as mad as a hornet.

At that moment, his worst enemy was not Taesom, but Daemyn. He wanted nothing more than to tear him into pieces.

Just then, he heard Taesom's evil, manic laughter, as well as the four long-haired bloody corpses chewing on the fallen.



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In the blink of an eye, several more soldiers were killed. Jacques' eyes widened. He had no choice but to give up going after Daemyn for the time being. Jacques charged to the front to cover the soldiers as they retreated.

When Daemyn saw what was happening, he ran even faster.

At the same time, Fade had returned after settling Shinnie down. When he saw the situation, his eyes darkened in a flash, and he darted to the very front.

"Run, run faster!" Jacques shielded several soldiers as they escaped. However, just when he was about to flee, he realized one of the long-haired bloody corpses had approached him. Its mouth was wide open, ready to gobble him whole.

The terrifying long-haired bloody corpse's strength was no lower than the Black Level. Jacques was certainly no match for it. At that moment, he had no more power to dodge. He could only watch as death approached him.

"Am I going to die?" That was Jacques' last thought.

At that critical moment, a flash of light appeared and the long-haired bloody corpse was sliced into half.

Then, a figure appeared before Jacques' eyes. It was Fade.

"Mr. Chen, you..." Jacques shrieked in surprise.

Fade said, "Quick, bring the soldiers away. I'll deal with him."

Without saying a word, Jacques nodded, scrambled up, and led the soldiers to flee.

At that time, Fade stepped forward. He was standing face to face with Taesom.

When Taesom saw him, he was stunned for a moment, then cackled. "Young man, you're something. You managed to kill my

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long-haired blood corpse in one move. You do have some strength,"

Fade glared at him and replied coldly, "Who the hell are you? What are you doing here?"

"You don't deserve to know!" Taesom boomed.

"Is that so? Then prepare to meet your death!" Fade let out a puff, his positive energy erupting.

Taesom looked at him and heaved a snort, releasing his dark energy too. He had actually upgraded to the late-stage of Earth Level and could be considered a very powerful master. "Young man, you're too arrogant. Things won't end well for you."

As he spoke, he reached out to grab Fade, his claw slashed the air with foul Dark Qi lingering. It was flashing a dark red light, and it smelled of blood. The sight was extremely terrifying.

However, in the face of such a move, Fade only snorted. He then threw a punch at him.

"You are putting your life in peril!" Taesom let out a cold laugh. With a grin, he said, "Watch me crush your fist."

Taesom put forth his strength, ready to crush Fade's right fist, and even his whole right arm, with his claw.

However, when his right claw hit Fade's fist, he instantly felt that something was not right. Fade's fist was as hard as steel. His claws could not even pierce through it, let alone crush it.

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"How is this possible? Who the hell are you, kid?" Taesom was so stupefied that color drained from his sunken, skull-like face.

Fade sneered and said, "You don't deserve to know that."

In the next second, he threw a second punch at Taesom before he could even step back, shattering his right arm.

With a cracking sound of bones, Taesom's whole right arm broke off and fell to the ground slowly. The old man's expression instantly changed as he hurriedly retreated.

"You want to escape?" Fade snorted coldly and made his chase.

Taesom was filled with horror. He hurriedly waved the scepter in his hand, sending out streaks of blood, which were like blood snakes as they wrapped around Fade.

Those blood snakes gave off a strong, putrid smell; they were malodorous and poisonous. For normal people, they would have already choked to death.

However, Fade was not afraid in the slightest. His eyes flickered, and flower-shaped flames gathered in his eyes. Like a flash, they shot out and collided with the blood snakes.

In an instant, his Blazing Vision burned all the blood snakes into ashes.

When Taesom witnessed this, he was startled to death. He no longer had any intention to fight back and took to his heels to run

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away.

However, it was Fade he was going up against. Taesom had no chance of escaping.

Fade pressed his two fingers in a sword motion. The virtual sword appeared in just a second. It slashed the air and chopped Taesom into two before he could scream.

After Taesom was dealt with, the strange aura in the mountain village dissipated in an instant. However, all kinds of cries and shouts were still going on.

Fade turned his head, only to find that when he was fighting with Taesom, the remaining three long-haired blood corpses had rushed towards the crowd.

At that moment, Jensi's bodyguard, Keeton, together with Jacques and the others, were fighting against the three blood corpses with all their might.

Although those blood corpses had no consciousness and their battle prowess couldn't be compared to those martial artists of the same level, Keeton and the others were still having an incredibly tough time. They could not hold on much longer.

Amidst fending for themselves, they saw that Fade had ended his battle with Taesom by killing him.

Jacques had no time to be surprised, and he shouted hurriedly, "Mr. Chen, help."

Fade wasted no time. He rushed over just when Jacques and Keeton could not hold on anymore. With a few swishes, he killed two blood corpses with ease.

Thus, there was only one long-haired blood corpse left, which was attacking Daemyn and the others.

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Daemyn let out a sigh of relief after seeing how powerful Fade was. Plus, the blood corpse was still some distance away from him. Fade would definitely be able to come in time to kill the blood corpse in time.

Therefore, he shrieked frantically, "Come and save me."

Hearing a shout, Fade, who had instinctively flown over, stopped when he saw that it was Daemyn. His eyes were icy cold.

It was Daemyn's ugly greed and ignorance that led to the sacrifice of more than ten soldiers. Even at that moment, he was still constantly commanding the soldiers to block the blood corpse for him, while he hid behind them and fled.

When Daemyn saw that Fade was not moving, he furrowed his brows and instinctively wanted to curse. However, he then thought of Fade's skills. He corrected himself and said, "Mr. Chen, come save me. The Hsiang family will not treat you badly. Whether it's promotion, money, or women, you can choose whatever you like."

With that, Fade's gaze grew colder. He stood still, looking like he had no plans of action.

Seeing that Fade was not moving and at the same time, the blood corpse was approaching him, Daemyn panicked once again for real, screeching, "Save me! Come save me! Whatever you want, I will give it to you. Hurry..."

Jacques, who was standing at the side, seemed to understand Fade's thoughts. He reminded, "Mr. Chen, Daemyn is a member of East Coast's Hsiang family. His grandfather was once a retired veteran general. You..."

Fade made a move. He walked in the direction of Daemyn leisurely while saying, "Of course I want to save him. It's just that I was injured in the fight just now. Now I need some time to recover, so..."

Upon hearing that, Jacques did not speak anymore.

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At that moment, Daemyn had also figured out Fade's intention. Feeling resentful, he clenched his jaw and spat with hatred, "Fade Chen, if I die, you'll suffer for the rest of your lives. The Hsiang family will definitely not let you off the hook."

Fade Chen grunted. His gaze on Daemyn turned even colder.

Daemyn and his group of soldiers were already unable to withstand the attack of the blood corpse. He could only continuously order the soldiers to go forward to shield him.

The soldiers weren't fools. They wouldn't do something that would cause them to lose their lives no matter how foolish they were.

In an instant, Daemyn's pressure increased greatly. He had no choice but to grit his teeth and face the blood corpse himself. After all, he was at the late stage of the Black Level. After enduring several blows, he unexpectedly did not die.

However, there were inevitably more and more wounds on his body.

In just 10 seconds, one of Daemyn's arms was ripped off. He laid on the ground, his clothes torn and his body was covered with blood. One of his legs was also broken, and he could only crawl and writhe on the ground.

With such speed, it naturally meant that he wouldn't be able to dodge the blood corpse's attack.

The fierce blood corpse raised its right arm. Like a hammer, it dropped down ruthlessly and crashed into Daemyn's head, causing a loud thud.

Instantly, Daemyn's blood and brains sputtered everywhere. He was really dead for good.

Evelyn, Ysabelle, Sabeen who were not far away, were totally stunned. They stood rooted to the spot, too terrified to move.

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When the long-haired blood corpse shifted its target and went towards them, their faces turned ashen. They quickly turned around and fled.

At that moment, Fade finally “recovered”. He rushed to the blood corpse. With a swoosh, he cut the blood corpse in the waist, killing it in an instant.

Having solved the last crisis, everyone could not help but let out a sigh of relief. Many people's faces were as white as a sheet. They were still trembling from the gory trauma of the attack.

Evelyn, Ysabelle, and the others were so scared that their legs turned to jelly. They collapsed to the ground and couldn't even stand up.

Fade went to get Shinnie. Then, he said to Jacques, “I'll leave this to you then. I'll go to the village and see if I can find any useful clues.”

“Yes!” Jaques nodded. He then commanded the soldiers, and they began to clean up the mess.

As for Fade, he entered the village and started to inspect his surroundings carefully.

After entering the houses, he found out that almost all the houses in the village were empty. There was not a shadow there, not even corpses.

He continued to move forward and arrived at the house where Taesom came out from. Once he entered, he sensed a dark, chilling whiff of blood surrounding him.

After some exploration, he found out that the pungent smell came from underground.



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Soon, he found the entrance to the basement and went inside.

Even though he had experienced many things, what was before his eyes still shocked him, and his eyes widened.

There was a pool in the basement as large as a double bed. However, what filled it was not water, but thick, crimson blood.

What was even more terrifying was that behind the pool, there were dried corpses discarded in a huge pit. From the looks of the clothes they were wearing, they should be the villagers of Twin-dragon Village.

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Holding back his discomfort, Fade released his positive energy and wallowed into the blood pool to explore.

Soon, a look of surprise appeared on his face, and his eyes fell upon the center of the pool.

After moving back a bit, he released a burst of energy, breaking a gap on the side of the tank.

At once, the fishy smell of thick blood gushed out, flowing everywhere, and slowly seeped into the soil, staining it red.

He stared at it intently. Finally, when there was only a thin layer of blood left, he found a palm-sized plant in the middle.

Due to it being soaked in blood for such a long time, the plant's surface was dyed scarlet. However, even with that layer, he could still sense that the plant contained a dark, ominous aura.

He took a closer look at the appearance of the plant. It had long stripe-shaped leaves and a few little bell-like flowers.

"This, this is Blood-clotting Bell Herb!" He suddenly thought of the name.

That so-called Blood-clotting Bell Herb was a rare Heaven Level herbal medicine. It had good effects on the nourishment and stimulation of energy and blood.

However, the seed of the Blood-clotting Bell Herb was uncommonly rare to come by. Also, rumor had it that it was difficult for the plant to survive for long. It needed a lot of blood to nurture and catalyze it. Therefore, a Blood-Clotting Bell Herb that grew to this size was incredibly limited indeed.

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Moreover, what made Fade even giddier with excitement was that the Blood-clotting Bell Herb also belonged to the coldest and most Yin type of plant. It had quite a good neutralizing effect on the 'The Kong Fu of Jiu Yang' that he was cultivating.

It was the same as the Ice Lotus, Nine Leaf Ice Flower, and Frost Plum Blossom Fruit that he had collected before.

At this thought, he bent down and carefully inserted his fingers into the ground on both sides of the plant roots, digging out the Blood-clotting Bell Herb.

After digging it out, he released a ball of energy, wiping away the blood stains on the plant's surface and restoring the original appearance of the plant. Looking at it thoroughly, he realized that its quality was top-notch, which made him even more exhilarated.

After keeping the Blood-clotting Bell Herb properly, he continued to explore the basement, but he did not find anything valuable.

However, when he just came out of the basement, Jacques had found something.

He handed Fade a piece of rag. The rag looked very ordinary, like any other piece of discarded cloth. However, the symbol printed on the rag made his heart skip a beat.

That was because the symbol was in the shape of a skull, and between the eyebrows of the skull, there was a small tender bud.

That symbol was the symbol of the Skull Mob whom he had come into contact with before.

Since Fade entered Capital City and subdued White Claw and Skull Mob's branch there, they had stopped seeking trouble with him. He had also almost forgotten about them.

However, at the moment he saw the symbol, his heart could not help give a small jolt, and he became alert.

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There was only the symbol on the rag, nothing else. Fade asked again, but there was nothing more that Jacques found.

Soon afterwards, Fade was ready to leave.

However, just as he was about to leave, Jacques thought of something and stopped him. "Mr. Chen, the authorities will definitely investigate this operation. When that happens, I'm afraid I can only report what happened on the spot truthfully."

Fade knew that he was referring to Daemyn's death. He paused for a second, before saying, "It's okay. Just tell them the truth. If someone wants to cause trouble for me, let him come at me."

He was undaunted and unfazed. He did not take Daemyn's threat seriously at all.

Jacques nodded. He then nodded once again, solemnly. With a voice thick with emotions, he said in a sincere tone, "Mr. Chen, last but not least, on behalf of myself and my brothers, I want to thank you. If it wasn't for you, I'm afraid we would have been wiped out just now."

"It's nothing." Chen Fei waved his hand, then turned around and left with Shinnie. 3

When they returned to the city, Jenski, Evelyn, Sabeen, and Ysabelle also went with them.

However, after experiencing that kind of thing that scared their pants off, Evelyn and the others could not bear staying any longer. They bought the earliest flight ticket and flew back to East Coast right away.

On the other hand, Jenski and Keeton did not rush to leave. They stayed and went to Fade to thank him sincerely.

Looking at Jenski who bowed to him in gratitude, Fade pondered a little. To be honest, he had a good impression of the man. He didn't have the haughtiness and idiocy of Evelyn, nor was he arrogant or attention-seeking like Daemyn.

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However, Jenski's insistence on going to Twin-dragon Village had put both him and his companions in danger. It was something unforgivable that he couldn't explain.

Seeing that Fade was silent, Jenski apologized, "Mr. Chen, it's my fault for what happened this time. I apologize to you and Shinnie once again, as long as..."

He couldn't finish his sentence as Fade waved his hand and interrupted him. He asked, "You insist on going to Twin-dragon Village. It was not to travel, was it?"

Hearing that, Jenski was taken aback. He was speechless for a moment, while his facial expressions kept changing.

Fade saw this and said flatly, "I'm just asking. If you don't want to tell me, I won't force you."

Jenski shook his head and said to Fade, "Actually, it's not a secret. If you have the time, Mr. Chen, I can tell you."

"Please!" Fade nodded and looked at him.

Jenski's face darkened as he spoke slowly, "It all started ten years ago. At that time, I..."

It was not that complicated. 10 years ago, Jenski's father, Eastin Geng, was originally the young master of the Geng family. He was the favored one; modest, intelligent, and also popular. He was known as the successor of the Geng family. However, out of the blue, his temperament changed greatly.

Everyday, he would mutter to himself in a strange way. He would often go out alone, and no one had any idea where he went. He stopped attending to the family's business, as well as family matters. It was like he became a different person altogether.

At that time, the Old Master of the Geng family, Thamar Geng, even held a family meeting to discuss Eastin, and at the same

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time, advised him to turn over a new leaf.

Eastin promised, but after a few days, he went back to how he was before. He went out day and night, appearing and disappearing mysteriously without informing anyone. In the end, he would not even go home for half a month.

Under such circumstances, Thamar had no choice but to give up on Eastin and treated him as a collateral relative. Instead, he promoted other younger generations of the family to be in charge of the Geng family's business.

Eastin, who was now not being paid great attention to, acted even more unscrupulously without Thamar's constraint.

Jenski, who was still a teen at that time, and his mother, tried to persuade Eastin many times, but he refused to listen. Instead, he became more aggravated. He even started abusing his own wife and son.

Jenski and his mother could only move out and they left Eastin alone in the house. Such a situation lasted for more than a year, until one year later, Jenski and his mother went home to visit.



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That day was New Year's Eve, a day for family reunions. However, what happened then was a tragedy.

At that time, Eastin, who had lost his mind, attacked his wife and child at first sight. He did not talk like an ordinary human, but instead snarled and growled, even attacking them like a beast. Jensi could still remember screaming in terror alongside his mother.

In the end, in order to protect Jensi, his mother was murdered by Eastin, who was then immediately killed by the bodyguards of the Geng family who had rushed over.

Undoubtedly, it was a huge blow to the teenage Jensi to lose both his parents at once.

What scared him even more was that during the memorial service held for his parents a few days later, Eastin and his wife, who had been determined to be dead, suddenly moved and returned to life. It terribly frightened the people at the scene. Finally, the matter was solved by the Geng's family butler, who had been Tamar's side for many years.

Because the whole thing was too strange and creepy for words, Tamar hastily handled the funeral of his son and daughter-in-law, and then kept it hidden. It became a taboo for the Geng family, and no one was allowed to mention it again.

As time went by, the Geng family prospered with each passing day, and the matter of Eastin seemed to slowly disappear. No one mentioned it ever again.



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However, for Jenski, that matter had been ingrained in his mind since, and he was unable to get rid of it. He insisted on finding out the truth.

That was because in his memory, his father had always been gentle and kind. He rarely quarreled with people, let alone hit them. In the end, his father turned into a completely different person, acting like a beast. He even killed his mother, which was unacceptable for him.

Therefore, once Jenski became an adult and could use the family resources, he had been secretly investigating the matter. Until a few months ago, he found a clue from his father's old belongings. Finally, he tracked down and found out about Twin-dragon Village.

Therefore, taking advantage of the university's winter holidays, Jenski came to Dragonville. The rest that happened was history. After listening to what Jenski said, Fade couldn't help but think of the corpses coming back to life. He became even more dubious.

Eastin's total change in temperament had changed a lot. It had to do with the people of Skull Mob. What was the conspiracy behind it? The cogs in his mind turned.

However, there was no clue at the moment. Even if he was suspicious, there was nowhere to start investigating from. He could only comfort Jenski and let him go home.

Jenski also knew that with his current abilities, this wasn't something he could intervene with. Hence, he also prepared to return to East Coast the next day.

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Of course, before Jenski went back, he didn't forget to give Fade his contact details. If Fade needed him, he could contact him anytime.

Fade knew that Jenski was worried about Daemyn's incident on his behalf. He also understood his good intentions. After accepting his business card, he sent him off.

In the next few days, Fade was busy comforting Shinnie. Finally, the little girl was able to recover from the shock.

However, on that day, a group of soldiers in uniform went to the Sun family's manor and took Shinnie away. Then, they stormed to Fade's place angrily.

When Housekeeper Wong opened the door and saw a group of soldiers at the door, she was shocked. "What, what are you all doing?"

The leader was a middle-aged man with a solemn look on his face. The badge on his shoulder showed his military rank. He had the same rank as Daemyn, a lieutenant.

The lieutenant didn't answer Housekeeper Wong's question. He rushed into the villa with his men and said, "Go in and arrest Fade Chen."

"You can't break in at will. You..." Housekeeper Wong shrieked, but she was no match for them. In a short while, she had been pushed away.

Fade was meditating and resting in his room. When he heard the noise, he walked out of the room, instantly noticing the soldiers who barged in. His face darkened, "What are you doing?"

The lieutenant's eyes fell on Fade. He snorted coldly, "So you're Fade? Take him away!"

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In an instant, several soldiers came forward, lifted Fade up, and were about to take him away.

Fade's eyes turned cold, and the positive energy in his body surged, lightly blasting the soldiers off him. His tone was frosty, "You'd better explain your identity and purpose. Otherwise, I can't guarantee that I'll show mercy."

"You dare to fight us? Don't you know..." The lieutenant knitted his brows as he shouted in fury.

However, before he finished speaking, Fade rushed to the lieutenant like a flash. A fruit knife appeared in his hand, and it was resting on the lieutenant's neck.

The lieutenant's body stiffened. He just stood there, not daring to move.

The soldiers around him took out their pistols nervously and aimed them at Fade.

"Stop! Don't shoot! Everyone, put your guns down!" The lieutenant immediately ordered.

Although the men were puzzled, they still put down their guns in the face of the order.

Seeing that, Fade moved the dagger away and sat back on the sofa. He said coldly, "At least you have made a wise choice. Otherwise, all of you would be dead by now."

The lieutenant was drenched in cold sweat. He looked down at the pistol at his waist. The solid gun had turned into a ball of metal lump, with no shape to be seen at all.

That was only the result of Fade's casual pinch a moment ago.

It was because the lieutenant felt Fade's power firsthand that he asked his men to put down their guns and not fight. He could sense that what he said was not a mere threat, but likely to be true.

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Looking at the sweaty lieutenant, Fade said, "Tell me, who are you? What are you doing here?"

The lieutenant did not dare put on airs anymore. He quickly introduced himself, "We are from the southern military region of Dragonville Branch. We are here to invite Mr. Chen to come to our village to assist in the investigation of Twin-dragon Village."

"Twin-dragon Village! Commander Huang should know the situation. Didn't he report it?" Fade asked.

The lieutenant replied, "Commander Huang has already reported to the superiors, but the leader still wants to know more."

Hearing that, Fade could not help but sneer, "More detailed information. It's about Daemyn, isn't it?"

The lieutenant didn't dare speak. He just stood there, not saying a word.

Fade sat down for a while, then stood up and said, "I'll go with you!"

"Please!" The lieutenant's attitude now did a full 180 degree turn.

After getting in the vehicle, Fade went to the military camp with them and was taken to an office building.

Along the way, when he walked past a row of rooms, he suddenly saw Shinnie, sitting in front of a wooden table. A male and a female officer were questioning her with serious expressions, even yelling at her from time to time.

She had never seen such a scene before. She was so frightened that her small face turned pale, and her body began to tremble.

Seeing that, Fade's eyes widened and he became enraged. He turned around and rushed into the office right away. "Shinnie!"

Shinnie, who was trembling with fear, burst into tears when she saw him. "Brother Chen, you're here."

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"Who are you? Who allowed you to barge in? You..." The two high-ranking military officers who were in the middle of the interrogation shot up from their seats, bellowing at Fade.

He ignored them. He pushed them away and came to Shinnie's side, holding her in his arms, and patted her back to comfort her.

"Hands up! Now!" At that moment, the female officer took out her pistol and shouted.

At the sight of them pulling guns, Fade's eyes turned cold, and his positive energy burst out. He was about to show them a piece of his mind too.

Fortunately, at that moment, the lieutenant who brought Fade there rushed in and shouted to the woman, "Captain Liew, don't shoot. I repeat, don't shoot. It's Mr. Chen!"

Hearing the shout, the gaze of that captain, Myra Liew, changed.

Fade looked over and glowered at the lieutenant, "You brought Shinnie in as well?"

The lieutenant smiled awkwardly and hurriedly explained, "Mr. Chen, we only invited Miss Sun to assist in the investigation!"

"This is the so-called assisting you all are talking about?" Fade's eyes swept frostily over Myra.

"Th-This might be a misunderstanding, a misunderstand..." The lieutenant was still trying his best to explain.

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However, Myra was arrogant. She spat, "You and Shinnie are suspects of Lieutenant Hsiang's murder. It's natural for us to bring you two in."

"Scram!" Fade coldly snorted. With a glare, a surge of positive energy erupted and hit her in her stomach, sending her crashing to the ground.

Myra didn't expect that Fade would dare to start a fight. After being surprised, she immediately shouted, "Assaulting a soldier. Shoot, quickly shoot!"

"You're courting death!" Fade's eyes turned extremely cold. The positive energy emanating from his body was murderous.

Fortunately, at that crucial moment, Jacques rushed in and hurriedly shouted, "Mr. Chen, calm down. Don't do it."

Behind Captain Huang, there was a burly middle-aged man. Although he did not wear any badge, judging by how everyone fell silent in respect as soon as he entered, it could be told that he was definitely not ordinary.

Especially Myra, who was knocked down by Fade, she got up from the ground with a painful look on her face. She approached the middle-aged man and said in a complaining tone, "Dad, he hit me, you must..."

Before she could finish her sentence, Fade asked the man, "Did you give the order to arrest us?"

The man furrowed his brows at that question and showed a dissatisfied look. Then, he said, "Mr. Chen, we're just asking you to assist in the investigation."

"Assist in the investigation? Then I can tell you now that what happened at that time was just like how Captain Huang reported. We are done assisting. Now, we are leaving," Fade said coldly and was about to leave with Shinnie.



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Myra frowned when she saw him leaving. She was going to stop him with her men.

The middle-aged man said in a deep voice, "Mr. Chen, it's a matter of someone's life. I hope you can cooperate."

"A matter of someone's life?" Fade let out a cold laugh. "It's a matter of an aristocrat's life, isn't it? If the person dead was not Daemyn, the young master of the East Coast's Hsiang family, would you give a d\*mn?"

"Mr. Chen, Daemyn is a soldier of our army. We must attach importance to his death. It has nothing to do with his family's identity. We value the lives of any soldier," the middle-aged man said seriously.

Fade let out a cold laugh again. "What a nice way to put it. Let me ask you something then. Those soldiers who sacrificed their lives because of Daemyn's greed for success, those soldiers who were ordered by Daemyn to shield him when they were escaping, did you attach importance to their deaths too? How so?"

Hearing that, the middle-aged man could not help but frown and sigh silently. After a brief pause, he looked at Fade and said, "We will deal with these things by ourselves. Don't worry, Mr. Chen. Now, what we want to investigate is the death of Lieutenant Hsiang."

"Alright. Since you want to investigate Daemyn's death, I'll cooperate with you. Let me tell you. Daemyn was killed by a black-robed villain's subordinate in Twin-dragon Village. At that time, there were over 100 witnesses. This is the truth," Fade said while staring at the middle-aged man.

After that, he let out a snort, "You wanted me to cooperate and I did. Now, I'm leaving."

With that, he was about to take his leave with Shinnie.

The middle-aged man could not help but furrow his brows. He glared at Fade and said, "Mr. Chen, that doesn't seem to be the



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case from what we understood."

Myra, who was standing at the side, shouted, "Some people at the scene said that you deliberately did not save him, which is why Daemyn was killed by the enemy. You were the one who caused his death."

Hearing that, Fade's eyes immediately turned cold. He looked at her and said in an angry, chilling tone, "I was the one who caused it?"

"Do you mean that I am guilty for not saving Daemyn? Or should I not have killed the enemy and saved those innocent soldiers?"

"To put it another way, because of Daemyn's extraordinary status, was I supposed to give up on those ordinary soldiers and only save his life? Tell me, what should I do?"

"I, I..." Myra was left speechless.


The middle-aged man stopped his daughter and shook his head at her. Then, he looked at Fade and said in a low voice, "Mr. Chen, don't be alarmed. We never denied you the credit of saving the people. However, the situation at that time was that you completely had the strength to save Lieutenant Hsiang, but you didn't. We would like to know why."

"Who said I had the strength?" Fade stared at him, then asked in reply. "At that time I fought several enemies with all my might and suffered internal injuries. I was powerless to fight again. Are you implying that if I don't risk my own life to save Daemyn, I am guilty?"

"Let's take a step back. Even if I still have the strength, who set the rule that I must save him? Or is it a crime if I failed to save him?"

Upon hearing, the middle-aged man fell silent. He then looked into Fade's eyes and said in a deep voice, "Mr. Chen, I didn't mean

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to deny you nor to convict you. I only want to let you know that Daemyn's death has a serious impact. The Hsiang family will definitely pursue this matter. When the time comes, I'm afraid things won't look good for you." 

"And? I did nothing wrong and have nothing to fear." Fade was very frank. Then, his tone turned cold. "However, whoever dares to come for me and the people around me, I can guarantee their death."

When Fade said those words, his tone was incomparably icy. He even shot Myra a subtle look of warning.

After saying that, he took Shinnie and left the office right away.

Upon seeing that, Myra's face turned red in frustration, wanting to call for help and send soldiers to stop them. However, before she could speak, her father, who was next to her, pinned a hand to her shoulder and shook his head.

Nobody moved a muscle as they watched Fade and Shinnie leave the military camp.

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After Fade left, Myra looked at her father, Trevon, and half-shrieked with paranoia, "Dad, how can you let him go so easily? There's no way we can explain to the Hsiang family like this!"

He replied in a low voice, "We only agreed to help in the investigation, and this is the result. I'll inform the Hsiang family of this. As for the explanation, we're soldiers. There's no need for us to explain anything to them."

"But Dad, the Hsiang family..." She was obviously anxious.

Trevon looked at his daughter and said, "I know about you and Daemyn. He also promised to marry you and bring you into the Hsiang family. However, let me tell you, it's not easy to marry into such a rich and powerful family. Even if you really married him, it's hard to say whether the outcome would be good or bad."

"Plus, Daemyn is dead now. You don't have to think about it anymore. Be a good soldier. Don't be fooled by their sweet talk!"

Myra was filled with indignation. "But we can't let Daemyn die for nothing!"

Hearing that, Trevon also became angry. He slammed down on the desk and barked, "What do you mean by 'die for nothing'? This matter could have been solved without him. It was Daemyn, who insisted on getting involved and caused this big ruckus."

"If it wasn't for him, why would so many soldiers die this time? You have to remember that those people are also your comrades. Their sacrifices must be remembered."

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She didn't dare to say anything more when she saw how furious her father was.

He glared at her and ordered, "I think you're too affected by that Daemyn. I can see malpractice in you. From tomorrow onwards, you'll be enrolled in military school for two months."

"Dad, military school is boring. Two months is too long. I..." She pouted in discontent.

"Three months then!" He said in a deep voice.

At that, Myra really dared not complain any further. She pursed her lips and left the office sulkily.

Trevon let out a sigh and mumbled to himself, "Myra, don't blame me. That Fade guy is not to be trifled with as much as the Hsiang family. He's someone commended by Mr. Xu in Capital City!"

After sighing, he picked up the phone and dialed a number.

After a while, the call went through. He said respectfully, "Master Hsiang, this is Trevon Liew. We have clearly investigated the death of Daemyn. What happened was..."

After he finished speaking, he continued with small talk, then hung up the phone.

At the same time, in the backyard of the Hsiang family residence on the distant East Coast, a white-haired elder put the red phone down on the table. He let out a sneer and sighed, "As expected, out of sight, out of mind. I, an old man, retired for so long. No one in the army really respects me now!"

"It looks like we have to take Daemyn's matter into our own hands."

"Mr. Han, you take care of it." The elder, Kadmiel Hsiang, waved his hand at a person who seemed like a butler.

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The butler immediately replied respectfully, "Yes, General."

Kadmiel curled his lips into a self-deprecating smile, "I'm no longer the general. Don't mention this anymore."

"Yes, Old Master!" The butler paused for a moment before changing his way of address. Then, he bowed and left the backyard.

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At the same time in Dragonville, Fade had taken Shinnie back to the Sun family manor. He comforted the little girl, and then went back home himself.

In the following period of time, he refined and absorbed the Blood-clotting Bell Herb he had obtained at Twin-dragon Village's blood pool. He then learned a unique skill, Blood Devil Ring.

The Blood Devil Ring could utilize his positive energy to send out a soul-shaking sound at a special hertz, disturbing the enemy's mind, and even controlling them.

It was similar to one of the mental attack techniques. Of course, it couldn't be compared to a true one.

However, for Fade, the Blood Devil Ring was still very useful. He could attack the enemy unpredictably and achieve unexpected effects.

After absorbing the unique skill, he lived a life of leisure for the next period of time. Other than occasionally giving guidance to Quin and Momo's cultivation, he also went out for drinks with his friends.

Just like that, he spent his most relaxed and liveliest New Year's since he came down from the mountains.

Almost all the friends in the vicinity of Dragonville were invited for the holidays, including Momo, Shinnie, Tom, Scott, Winnie, and

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the others. They all spent a lively new year together with good fun and laughter.

The only considerable regret was Momo's father, Ernest Soo. Since the New Year period was critical for business, he only came back for one day on New Year's Day, and he then immediately went back to work the next day.

After the New Year holidays ended, everyone returned to their lives once again. Those who needed to go to work went to work; those who needed to go to school went to school. It was another start of a new busy cycle.

Fade and Quin also had enough rest during that period. At home, they discussed their plans for the new year. Should they deal with the business, or focus on the cultivation of the martial arts?

The couple had not reached a conclusion just yet. However, that day, an unexpected visitor disrupted their plans.

Fade stared at the man sitting in the living room. The man looked like he was in his thirties, and he would mix a few words of English in his sentences from time to time. Fade frowned slightly, "Mr. Wang, do you mean that you were entrusted by Jeremy's biological parents to take him to Micovia for treatment?"

Mr. Wang smiled at Fade and nodded, "That's right, Mr. Chen. If you don't believe me, this is Jeremy's paternity test from his biological parents, and their task they gave me in black and white. There is also an alias on it. Mr. Chen, you can confirm it yourself."

Fade still wanted to say something, but Quin squeezed his hand and spoke first, "Mr. Wang, I would like to ask, what are Jeremy's biological parents doing? Why did they leave him and let him stay in the Lin family?"

"President Lin, I apologize. This is my clients' privacy. Without their permission, I can't disclose it to you," Mr. Wang raised his hands and shrugged.

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Then, he added, "Of course, if you're willing, Ms. Lin, you can take Jeremy to Micovia with me. After all, when I came here, Jeremy's biological parents also mentioned that they would like to invite Miss Lin over to express their heartfelt gratitude."

"I..." She was a little moved. After all, Jeremy was like an older brother to her. It was lucky for him, who had been in a coma for a long time, to be able to find his biological parents.



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If Quin personally went to Micovia to meet them, she could see who his parents were to ensure that she could hand Jeremy over to them. Besides that, she could also learn about his parents and perhaps she could find clues about her mother, Chrystal.

With such thoughts in mind, she nodded, "Mr. Wang, I wonder when you'll be departing. I would like to go with you."

"As soon as possible. If it's possible, tomorrow would be great," he answered.

"So soon!" Fade was a little surprised, and then he added, "I'll go with you."

He understood what his wife was thinking. Hence, he did not stop her from going to Micovia. However, he was also a little worried about her going abroad alone, so he proposed to come along.

However, Mr. Wang's expression changed slightly after hearing Fade's words. He looked at him with a strange expression, then hesitated for a moment before saying, "It may not be very convenient for Mr. Chen to go."

"Why not?" Fade frowned, "I'm Quin's husband. Why would it be inconvenient for me to go with her?"

Mr. Wang said, "Mr. Chen, the truth is Jeremy's biological parents have already sent people to investigate your past with Jeremy. They... They don't seem to like you much, Mr. Chen."

The meaning of that was very obvious.

When he first came down from the mountains, Fade's relationship with Jeremy was rocky, and they were even enemies. Fade

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also taught him a lesson. If they found out about all these, it was normal for them to not like him.

At that moment, Mr. Wang added, "Also, Jeremy's biological parents seem to think that his injury and coma have something to do with you, Mr. Chen."

Fade finally got the message. It seemed that Jeremy's biological parents not only just disliked him, but they also hated him to a degree, blaming him for the situation Jeremy was in. No wonder Mr. Wang said it was inconvenient for him to come along.

Quin held Fade's hand and said gently, "I'll go alone then. Besides, there are so many matters and work here that need someone to deal with. If you leave, there will be no one to take charge."

"But, I'm worried about..." He looked at his wife a little uneasily.

She let out a small chuckle and patted his hand, "There's nothing to worry about. I've been to Micovia many times. It won't be a problem. Plus, I'm a Black Level martial artist, and ordinary people won't be able to hurt me."

"Moreover, I won't stay around for too long this time. I'll be back once I've settled Jeremy down."

Fade was silent for a while. Finally, he nodded and said to Quin, "Take good care of yourself."

"Don't worry, I'm no longer a child," she responded with a smile.

Mr. Wang, who was beside them, also smiled, "Don't worry, Mr. Chen. Jeremy's biological parents are very grateful to Miss Lin."

With the matter being settled, it was time for them to start preparing.

Because of Jeremy's unconscious state, they needed to contact specialized doctors, prepare the corresponding equipment, and also contact the airline. It was not a small project.

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However, Mr. Wang had already prepared everything in two days' time. From that, one could guess that Jeremy's biological parents should be of good financial status.

On the third day, Fade saw his wife off at the airport. When he returned to the villa, he suddenly felt that his house was a little empty without her.

He was not free for long when Ernest gave him a call.

Ernest didn't beat around the bush and directly went into topic. It turned out that during this period of time, he had been dealing with the matters of the new company in East Coast.

Originally, everything was ready after the preparations during the New Year season. They just needed to pick a good day to announce the opening.

However, unexpectedly, the cooperation partner suddenly changed their mind and made unreasonable requests at the last moment. Ernest had tried talking to the other party for several days, but not only did they not give in at all, but also pushed their luck.

He was at a loss after being forced into a corner. He had no choice but to call Fade or help.

Upon hearing, Fade agreed without hesitation. He would take a trip to East Coast to see for himself.

After agreeing, he flew to East Coast the next day.

Being the number one commercial city in the country, Fade felt the bustling excitement as soon as he got off the plane.

It was different from Capital City, where the hustle and bustle carried a certain sense of formality. The situation in East Coast

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was lively, and even chaotic.

The chaos was felt as soon as he came out of the VIP channel.

Once he was out, he could hear loud shouts coming in front of him.

He fixed his eyes on them and found that it was a group of fans, who were holding LED light boards, posters, and banners. They kept screaming the name of their idol.

"Anatasia Chiang, I love you!"

"Tasia is my goddess. Tasia is the best!"

"You're as beautiful as a flower, always and forever."

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Stunned for a second, Fade continued walking forward and was ready to leave.

However, at that moment, an impolite shout came from behind him, "You there, stand further away. Don't block the way."

He turned his head and saw four strong men in black coming out, shielding a woman in a hat and a mask.

As the woman walked out, the fans who were waiting at the airport entrance suddenly burst into an uproar and started screaming crazily.

Seeing that, Fade figured that the woman was the "Anatasia" mentioned.

He didn't know much about her. He frowned slightly and continued to step forward, ready to leave.

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However, before he could move, the bodyguards shielding Anatasia had already walked towards Fade and wagged a finger nastily at him. "What's wrong with you? Didn't you see someone coming? Get out of the way."

Fade, who was about to leave, stood still on the ground after being shouted at. He walked straight in front of them, having no intention of making way for them.

"Hey, hey, what's wrong with you? I told you not to block the way. You're doing it on purpose, aren't you?" The bodyguard shouted, ready to hit him.

Fade glowered at the bodyguard and said in a cold voice, "I'd advise you not to."

"Kid, you're so arrogant!" The bodyguard sneered and stretched his arms towards Fade. He was ready to grab his arm and push him aside.

However, as soon as he moved, Fade gave him a slap. The burly bodyguard stumbled back, almost hitting Anatasia and the others behind him.

It immediately caused a small commotion, making Anatasia cry out in surprise.

She, who was held firmly by the bodyguards, glared at Fade angrily, shouting, "What's wrong with you? Who pushes people like this?"

Fade snorted. "You have to be clear. It was your bodyguard who attacked me first. I'm already showing mercy for not teaching him a lesson."

"You blocked the way first!" She cried in indignation.

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He sneered, "What do you mean I'm blocking the way? The airport is a public place, not your house. What made you think that you could ask me to make way for you when I'm in front of you?"

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"You, you..." Anatasia didn't expect him to be so bold with his disrespect. Her eyes flared with anger as she spat through gritted teeth, "Based on the fact that I am a celebrity, you should give way to me."

"A celebrity? I'm sorry, I've never heard of you, a D-list celeb. Even if you're really a celebrity, you don't have the right to ask me to make way for you," Fade said coldly.

"You, how dare you..." She was so enraged that she couldn't speak.

As for her fans, when they saw their idol was being bullied, they immediately got mad and cursed relentlessly at Fade. There were even some crazy fans who rushed in, wanting to deal with him.

When she saw them from behind, she couldn't help but sneer, scoffing in a low whisper, "Look at how my fans are going to teach you a lesson. Say you don't know me again?"

However, what she anticipated did not happen.

That was because when the aggressive fans were about to attack, Fade grabbed a LED light board and crushed it into smithereens with a light squeeze "Who wants to fight?"

Seeing that, the fans, who were filled with furious indignation a moment ago, suddenly blanched. They did not dare to move, then retreated one by one in disgrace.



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"Trash!" Fade gave a loud snort before striding out of the airport. No one dared to stop him.

Anatasia could only stare after him. She was so frustrated that her delicate features flushed red, and she stomped her feet in a fuss.

After leaving the airport, Fade hailed a taxi and headed to Ernest's company.

It was not that Ernest didn't pay him any importance, but the company was very busy recently. Fade didn't want to trouble him on top of that, so he declined the offer to have someone fetch him at the airport and chose to get to the company by himself.

About forty minutes later, he arrived at the city center of East Coast. The car stopped in front of a four-story office building.

At the sight of the office building's location and furnishing, Fade knew that it must cost millions. No wonder Ernest was so anxious. After all, to establish a company in such a place, wasting a day was equivalent to spending an extra day of money.

Even if he had the money, he could not stand seeing such funds thrown away. .

Fade entered the office building and explained the purpose of his visit to the receptionist. After learning who he was, she became very respectful. "Mr. Chen, Director Soo is having a meeting right now. I'll go and inform him right away that you're here!"

He waved his hand and said, "No need for that. I can wait until he finishes his meeting."

"Then please allow me to show you to the reception room." She smiled and led him as they walked.

He entered. Just when he was about to sit down, he heard a woman's shrill cry. "Why are you here?"

Following the voice, Fade saw a woman with shoulder-length hair. At first, he couldn't recognize her. After looking closer, he remembered that the woman was Anatasia, the celebrity whom he just met at the airport.

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At once, he let out a snort. He found a seat to sit down, ignoring her completely.

Of course, this made her even angrier. She yelled at him, fuming, "Hey, I'm talking to you. Didn't you hear me?"

"I don't know you. I'm not interested in talking to you," Fade replied icily.

Anatasia's face flushed. She huffed, "Just keep pretending! If you don't know me, then why did you chase after me all the way here?"

"I'm telling you, don't pretend to act all cold and indifferent to me. Do you think that I'll be interested in you if you do so? What a joke. That kind of fanciful plot in novels will never happen." She looked as if she had seen through him.

He was rendered speechless, "You think too highly of yourself. I don't know you, and I'm not interested in you. I came here because I have matters to attend to."

"Keep faking it. Let's see how long you can keep up this facade," she scoffed.

He couldn't care less about the foolish, self-righteous celebrity. He closed his eyes to rest as he waited for Ernest to finish his meeting.

About a quarter of an hour later, there were rushing footsteps heard outside the reception room, followed by a man's voice. "Why didn't you inform me that my guest is here?"

"Director Soo, you were in a meeting, so I..." The receptionist tried to explain.

Ernest said a little exasperatedly, "That is an honored guest. Even if I'm in a meeting, you have to tell me! The meeting can be held later."

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"I'm sorry, Director Soo. It was my fault," the receptionist apologized.

"It's fine, I'm just saying it. I don't blame you," Ernest waved it off. By then, the figure had already reached the door of the reception room.

Anatasia also stood up with a grin plastered on her face. She looked at Fade smugly and said, "Did you hear that? The distinguished guest Director Soo mentioned is me."

"Didn't you say that you're here to handle something? I would like to ask Director Soo later, what do you have to do?"

Fade ignored her and continued to sit where he was, not moving.

At that moment, Ernest had already pushed the door open and came in, apologizing, "Sorry for the wait."

Anatasia immediately walked up to him with a smile on her face, "Director Soo, it's alright. I just arrived not long ago."

Ernest was surprised to see her standing in front of him. He asked instinctively, "Miss Chiang, you're here too?"

She was also a little taken aback. "Director Soo, didn't you come see me to talk about the endorsement?"

Ernest coughed, "Miss Chiang, about the endorsement, I..." Before he could finish speaking, his gaze fell on Fade, who was sitting on the sofa. He immediately ignored Anatasia and walked towards him with all smiles. He said warmly, "Fade, you're here."

He stood up and grinned, "Mr Soo, I just arrived not long ago."

"Fade, thank you for your help," Ernest sounded incredibly grateful.

"It's nothing." Fade shook his head and immediately went straight to the point. "Mr. Soo, let's talk business."



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"Yes, yes! Let's go to my office then!" Immediately, Ernest and Fade were about to leave.

Seeing that, Anatasia couldn't help but shout, "Director Soo, regarding the contract..."

"Miss Chiang, about the endorsement, I'll ask Mr. Wang to talk to you. I still have something to attend to. Please excuse us." After that, he walked out with Fade.

Anatasia, who was in the reception room, could only stay rooted on the spot. Her face darkened and took on a ghastly expression. "That guy..."

"Miss Chiang, this way please," the receptionist said with a smile.

Anatasia's heart was still fueled with anger. She couldn't help but ask, "Who was that person just now? It seems like Director Soo thinks very highly of him?"

The receptionist answered politely, "He is Director Soo's distinguished guest. I heard that he knows Miss Soo as well. Director Soo values him very much."

Hearing that, Anatasia couldn't help but snort and roll her eyes. With a look of disdain, she muttered to herself, "So he's just a loser trying to use someone powerful to get to a better position. That's all. What's there to act smug about in front of me?"