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In the office, Fade and Ernest sat opposite each other and got down to business. "Mr. Soo. what's going on with the company now?"

With a worried face, Ernest said to him, "East Coast is the commercial capital of the country. The market is huge, so from last year I had prepared for around six months to enter the East Coast market."

"Before the New Year, I had a discussion with East Coast's business tycoons, the Qin family. We agreed to cooperate. I would pay for the funds and production products, whereas the Qin family would be in charge of East Coast's channel. We will establish the company together. I hold 60%, and they hold 40% and we'll work together."

"Because the market of East Coast is large and they have quite a say, I have made concessions in the shares, giving the Qin family 40% to enter the market as soon as possible."

"Everything was planned and settled. However, when I was ready to open the company, the Qin family suddenly changed their mind. They asked for 70% of the shares, leaving me with only 30%."

"Of course I couldn't agree to such a request. I wanted to talk nicely with them, even offering 50-50; but the Qin family is rigid and not willing to give up. As a result, my new company has been delayed and has yet to be opened."

After hearing that, Fade could not help furrowing his brows. "This Qin family is acting too greedy. They want 70% just like that?"

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"Mr. Soo, must we cooperate with the Qin family?"

Ernest replied, "Well, I wouldn't say that we must. It's just that the Qin family is a local business tycoon on here with a large market channel. If we cooperate with them, our company's development will be much easier."

"If we were to do it alone, it's not impossible in theory; but it's much more difficult. Plus, with the current situation, if we don't agree, I'm afraid that the Qin family not only won't work with us but will even deliberately make things harder. In that case, things will be troublesome."

After hearing that, Fade paused for a moment before asking, "Is there a girl named Evelyn in the Qin family of East Coast? She's about twenty."

Ernest was stunned for a moment, then immediately answered, "Indeed, there is. Evelyn is the niece of the current head of the Qin family, Dacre Qin. She is considered quite doted upon. Fade, why did you ask?"

Fade said, "A while ago, I came in contact with her. How about this, let's make an appointment with the Qin family and have a good talk."

"Yes. I'll just make an appointment for tomorrow then," Ernest said, and Fade nodded.

After making an appointment with the Qin family, Ernest was slightly relieved. He gave him a smile, "Fade, you came all the way here, and I haven't even officially welcomed you, but you've already gotten busy. My apologies. Come, let's go out and have a meal. There are some restaurants in East Coast City that are very good."

"I will eat well today then," Fade grinned in return.

The two of them went out together. When they reached the first floor, they bumped into Anatasia again, who was walking out.

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She glowered at Fade with unfriendly eyes, sneering coldly at him. The expression on her face was unpleasant.

He ignored her. Ernest, on the other hand, noticed this. He couldn't help but ask, "Fade, do you know Anatasia?"

He replied, "No. I just happened to meet her at the airport today. Mr. Soo, what's the background of this woman?"

Ernest explained, "Anatasia is a senior student of East Coast University's Arts Academy. Some time ago, she took part in a talent show and won third place. She's rather famous, especially here in East Coast."

"Thus, we invited her to be our ambassador. After all, celebrities like her, who just started being famous, are popular yet don't cost as much. In addition, she is from around here, so people in East Coast are more likely to have a sense of identity."

"Oh, I see." Fade nodded, not saying much. He didn't want Ernest's business to be affected by his small conflict with Anatasia.

After dinner, Fade rested in the hotel for a night.

At 10 o'clock the next morning, he and Ernest came to an exquisite teahouse, prepared to meet for their negotiation with the Qin family.

It was only 15 minutes after the fixed time that the Qin family arrived.

"Director Soo, I'm sorry. Delayed by traffic." The person leading the way was a man who looked like he was in his forties or fifties. He wore a trim suit. It was none other than the head of the Qin family, Dacre.

Behind him, there was a middle-aged man who looked like he was in his early forties. His appearance was a little similar to Dacre, but he lacked a bit of vigor.

At the sight of that person, Ernest was stunned. "Why is he here?"

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"Who?" Fade asked.

Ernest whispered, "Dyson Qin, Dacre's younger brother. He is the father of Evelyn, whom you mentioned before."

Fade nodded. At that moment, another young girl walked in behind Dyson. It was none other than Evelyn.

Seeing her, Fade's eyes glinted briefly.

She also looked over at Fade, and their eyes met for a while. She immediately averted her gaze and looked somewhere else, as if she did not dare to look him in the eye.

"Officer Qin!" Ernest greeted him and shook his hand. Then, he pointed to Fade and introduced, "Officer Qin, let me introduce you. This is..."

Without waiting for Ernest's introduction, Dyson interrupted him and said, "This is Fade Chen from Dragonville, Mr. Chen, isn't it? I know him. There's no need for you to introduce him, Director Soo."

"Mr. Qin, how did you..." Ernest was a little surprised.

Dyson glanced at his daughter, Evelyn, and then said, "About my daughter, to some extent, I should thank you, Mr. Chen."

At that moment, Dacre also said with a chuckle, "If it hadn't been for Mr. Chen's help, I'm afraid Evelyn wouldn't be able to return unscathed from Twin-dragon Village. Injuries or even death could have happened. After all, even Daemyn of the Hsiang family died there."

Dyson nodded and said, "To express my gratitude towards Mr. Chen, I specially brought my daughter along this time."

As he spoke, Dyson glanced at his daughter. Evelyn stepped forward and said to Fade, "For what happened at Twin-dragon

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Village, thanks a lot."

His eyes squinted slightly as he looked at her. Thoughts were running through his head as he pondered over their intentions.

After Evelyn thanked him unwillingly, Dyson took out a bank card from his pocket and threw it in front of Fade. With a smile, he said, "There's one hundred thousand yuan in this bank card, to express the Qin family's gratitude."

If Fade couldn't grasp what the Qin family were doing earlier, he immediately understood after Dyson had made such a move.

It seemed that the Qin family had known in advance that Ernest had asked him to help out. They were worried that he would use the matter of him saving Evelyn to force the negotiation, so they simply took the first move by making such a thank-you show.

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After realizing this, Fade could not help but let out a cold laugh. He glanced at the bank card on the table and said with a sneer, "One hundred thousand yuan. As the young lady of the Qin family, you are still quite valuable!"

Those words were clearly sarcastic, causing the faces of the three people to darken instantly. Evelyn almost couldn't hold herself back, but she was stopped by her father.

On the other hand, Dacre was extremely experienced. With a pleasant look on his face, he said, "Mr. Chen, if you think that it's not enough, you can name a price. The Qin family are not people who don't know how to repay a debt of gratitude."

"Name a price!" Fade scoffed. He then waved his hand, "Repay the debt of kindness and that's it? I didn't think of saving Evelyn at all back then. Whether she is dead or alive doesn't concern me."

"You..." Evelyn's face became even more ashen.

Fade glanced at Dacre and Dyson, declaring. "As for the two of you, there's no need to worry. From the start, I never thought of using the matter of me saving Evelyn to affect the negotiations. It's just the Qin family; that's nothing to me."

Hearing that, Dyson immediately snorted coldly. He glared at Fade and said, "You're young, but you're really arrogant!"

Fade was not perturbed, "Whether I'm arrogant or not, the Qin family will find out soon enough."

Dyson's face reddened, still wanting to argue with him.

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"There's no need to argue with a junior. There's no point." Dacre stopped his younger brother with a shake of his head.

Then, he turned to Ernest and asked, "Director Soo, is this the attitude and stance of our negotiation today?"

Ernest was silent for a few seconds. He then raised his head and looked Dyson in the eye, his tone was incomparably firm, "Fate's attitude is also my attitude."

"If that's the case, then I understand." A look of surprise flashed across Dacre's face. He then nodded his head and said in a deep voice, "If that's the case, then the Qin family's request will remain unchanged. 70% of the new company's shares. If Director Soo doesn't agree, then we won't have to talk about it anymore."

When Ernest heard that, the muscles on his face twitched, and fury flashed across his face. He then shook his head, "We will not accept that no matter what. Our bottom line is sixty-four percent, us 60%, and the Qin family 40%."

"Six-four!" Dacre snorted coldly and said, "In that case, I wish your company a bright future ahead."

After saying that, he stood up and was about to leave. Dyson and Evelyn also stood up and followed him.

Ernest's face darkened. He could not help but say, "Do you really think that my company can't start a business without the Qin family?"

Dacre stopped in his tracks and turned to look at Ernest. There was a threatening tone in his voice as he said arrogantly, "Feel free to give it a try!"

After saying that, he gave a heavy scoff and then turned around to leave.

Looking at their backs, Ernest slammed the teacup on the table, and let out a sudden curse, which was unusual for his character,



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"F\*ck, who do they think they are?"

Fade looked at Ernest and apologized, "Mr. Soo, it's my fault for getting you into trouble. I..."

Ernest waved his hand and said, "Fade, it's not your problem. Dacre's attitude today clearly showed that he doesn't plan to negotiate at all. This result is within my expectations. It's just that I didn't expect the Qin family to be much greedier than I thought."

After saying that, he let out a long sigh.

Fade looked at him and promised, "Mr. Soo, for the company, go ahead with the opening. There's no need to care about the Qin family. If they cause you trouble, inform me anytime."

"And about the business, I can let Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc and Jade City's Li Group know. Then..."

Ernest stopped him, "Fade, thank you so much, but there is no need to trouble you for the time being. I'm still able to hold on."

Then, the two left the teahouse. Ernest went back to the company, whereas Fade returned to the hotel.

Meanwhile, Jenski somehow got the news that Fade had arrived in East Coast City. He immediately gave him a call and asked when he would be free. He wanted to have a meal together to properly thank him.

Fade agreed. He remembered that Jenski was a student of East Coast University as well, hence he asked, "You're at school, aren't you? We'll meet near the university tomorrow then. I'll see if Shinnie has the time to have a meal with us."

"Okay. Let's meet at Splendid Restaurant outside the school then. I'll go and book a private room now," Jenski said.

The next morning after Fade had breakfast, he went to East Coast University.



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As one of the top universities in East Coast City and of the country, East Coast University was quite large in size and was well known for its beautiful environment. As soon as Fade entered the campus, he felt like a youth.

Strolling on the campus under the cooling weather, he enjoyed the scenery very much. The campus was filled with lush greenery, and there was also a huge lake.

Unconsciously, he reached a square. It was crowded with people and the atmosphere was very lively.

A girl walked over to him with a smile and handed him a flyer, asking, "Hi there, is it convenient for you to vote for us?"

"Vote?" Fade had a puzzled look on his face.

The girl immediately explained with a bright smile, "Next Saturday, our university will have a parent forum, inviting some of the parent representatives to attend. We're in the middle of selecting a student to perform in a show."

"We have 20 candidates to choose from. If you want, you can go have a look. Vote for whoever you prefer. You may use your phone to scan the QR code to vote," she pointed.

He followed the direction of the girl's finger and found a notice board over there. At that moment, a lot of students were huddled there in heated discussion.

Hence, Fade walked over. Before he saw the content of the notice board, he heard students gossiping.

"I heard that this year's forum is rather huge. Those parents who are invited are all big shots."

"Yes, the father of Eisley from our class was invited. His family is doing business and has assets of more than a billion yuan."

"Dorman's mom from our class was also invited. She's the director of the Education Bureau and just happened to be in charge of

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school affairs."

"It seems that everyone who's invited is all high officials!"

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"It's a good opportunity to perform on such an occasion. Maybe they will catch the eyes of some parents and get recruited. They won't even need to find a job."

"What are you thinking? The opportunity to perform has already been decided, okay?"

"What? Already decided? Didn't they say we need to vote? Could it be that there's something fishy?"

"What fishy! Among the 20 candidates, there's Anastasia."

"What? Anastasi is taking part in this? Then there's no need for us to vote anymore. It's definitely her!"

"That's right. Now that she is a celebrity, her popularity has skyrocketed. She must be in the first place!"

"But she's already a celebrity. Why is she still participating in this type of forum?"

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"Are you dumb? Her status as a celebrity might be beyond our reach, but for those high-ranking officials, it means nothing at all. Plus, there are big shots in the film and television industry among those who will participate in this forum. Do you think Anatasia wouldn't want to show herself?"

"That's true. If it WAS me, I wouldn't want to miss this opportunity."

Hearing the discussion, Fade was a little surprised. He didn't expect to hear of that self-important diva, Anatasia, again. After thinking for a while, he recalled that Ernest had mentioned to him that she was a senior student of the East Coast University Art Academy.

Hearing that, Fade, who originally wanted to watch the selection show, suddenly lost all interest. He turned around and was ready to leave.

However, at that moment, someone in the crowd exclaimed, "Look at the votes! Anatasia actually isn't the first."

"D\*mn. Let me see! Check your phones, she really is not the first in the real-time votes!"

"Who's in the first place? Who's able to surpass Anatasia?"

"Shinnie. The person in first place is Shinnie, our campus belle."

"Oh my gosh! That sure is unexpected. However, in terms of appearance and temperament, I really think Shinnie is better."

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"Yes, pure and lovely, and very low-key. I like her kind of type."

"I like Shinnie too, but too bad I heard that she is an ice princess. She stays away from strangers. No one can pursue her."

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In the midst of the discussion, they actually mentioned Shinnie. Fade could not help but stop in his tracks and turned to look back.

Overhearing the students talking, a smile tugged at his lips. He thought to himself, "I didn't expect Shinnie to be so famous in East Coast University. Still, with her appearance, it's natural for her to be the campus belle."

Of course, there were people who supported Shinnie, and some who didn't. Some of Anatasia's admirers became upset.

"Who the hell is Shinnie? Her votes must be fake!"

"Definitely. Otherwise, with her reputation, how could she be compared to Anatasia?"

"I'm going to complain to the university that the votes are repeated."

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"Forget it. Anatasia not being first means other people's votes are repeated? I can also say that her votes are repeated!"

"Anatasia is indeed a celebrity, but you have to be clear that the voting isn't open to the public. Only students of East Coast University are involved."

"What's so strange about the fact that Shinnie beat Anatasia in the votes within the school? After all, Anatasia's reputation isn't all that good."



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"Exactly. Before this, she got exposed for dumping her poor boyfriend and hooked up with a rich boy. Also, she cheated in the final exams. There are also all kinds of other things that everyone knows."

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"Those rumors are all fake. Anatasia is not that kind of person."

"Fake? There are even videos as proof, okay? It was all over the campus forum some time ago."

"If outsiders don't know about it, then fine. However, everyone in our school knows of Anatasia's character. You fans should stop defending her!"

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In an instant, the scene had turned into a scuffle between Shinnie's supporters and those of Anatasia.

Fade took a look and was surprised to find that there were even more people supporting Shinnie.

"It seems that Anatasia's reputation in East Coast University is not very good. The students don't even support her!"

Thinking to himself, he shook his head, and then turned to walk in the direction of the building to pick Shinnie up.

However, just as he turned around, he saw a fashionably dressed woman surrounded by a group of people walking over. She was none other than Anatasia.

When Fade saw her, she also saw him at the same time.

She was taken aback. Then, her expression changed as she snorted haughtily, "Oh dear, there's nothing I can do after being famous. Someone even followed me back to school. I really can't deal with some fans!"

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Upon hearing that, some of the people around Anatasia started to clamor.

"Who are you talking about, Tasia?"

"Where is that fan? How dare that fan come all the way to East Coast University to harass Tasia? Does that fan want to die?"

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As people shouted, Anatasia shot a glance at Fade and pointed at him, pouting. "He's right there."

Immediately, a group of students who were fans of Anatasia surrounded him.

Fade, who was about to leave, was stunned. "What are you all doing?"

"It's you! You're the one who's harassing Anatasia!"

"Catch him and send him to the police station."

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Seeing that the group of fans were about to start a fight, Fade knitted his brows and gave a cold sneer, "What are you doing? I'm not Anatasia's fan, and I didn't stalk her."

She scoffed, "You're still denying. Two days ago, we met at the airport. Then, I went to Director Soo's company, and you were around. Now, we met again at East Coast University. Don't tell me it's just a coincidence!"

He looked at her and answered coldly, "You attach too much importance to yourself. The airport is a coincidence. For the company, I am Director Soo's friend. As for East Coast University, I am here to find someone, not to follow you."

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"The reason being, I don't take someone like you seriously," he sneered and immediately turned to leave.

Anatasia's face darkened when she heard that, taking on a ghastly expression.

The angry mob of fans immediately surrounded him, shouting all at once.

"Apologize to our Tasia!"

"How can you say that? Do you have any manners? You must apologize."

"Apologize quickly. Do you hear me?"

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Fade let out a cold laugh. "What? Not taking her seriously means I have no manners? You're all too full of yourselves. Who said that I have to take her seriously? What a joke!"

"You, you're still quibbling! You came to East Coast University and to watch the voting. If you're not here to see Tasia, who else could it be!"

"That's right. Also, Tasia mentioned just now that you were stalking her. How can you explain that?"

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Facing the group of crazy fans, Fade was rendered speechless.

Just as he was about to leave, he received a call from Shinnie. "Brother Chen, I'm done with my class. Where are you? I'll go to you."



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"I encountered something in the square," he reported his location.

"Don't move, Brother Chen. I'll be right there," she said.

After hanging up the phone, Fade looked at the fans who were besieging him and forcing him to apologize. He cut them off icily, "The person I've been waiting for will be arriving. You will soon know whether I came for Anatasia or not."

"Keep pretending. Let's see how long you can fake it!"

"The person you've been waiting for is comparable to my Tasia? It's ridiculous."

"In East Coast University, there is no one prettier than Tasia."

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Not long after, Fade saw Shinnie walking over with a bag over her shoulder. He quickly waved his hand and shouted, "Shinnie, I'm here!"

Hearing the sound, she ran over quickly. When she saw him, she immediately pounced over, clinging on his arm intimately. She held his arm and said with a smile, "Brother Chen, you're here!"

When the people around saw that the person who came over was Shinnie, they were all shocked into silence. A few seconds later, they all started chattering at once.

"It's Shinnie Sun! I didn't expect that the person he's waiting for is the campus belle."

"If it's Shinnie, then it makes sense. She is prettier than Anatasia after all."

"Look at how close they are; maybe they're a couple! If I had a girlfriend like Shinnie, I wouldn't chase any celebrity!"

"Shinnie is indeed gorgeous. No wonder she beat Anatasia in the vote on the ranking list."

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Amidst the discussion, Fade shot a glance at the dazed Anatasia, "You see that? This is who I was waiting for. I've already told you, I don't take someone like you seriously."

Her expression twisted even more when she heard that. Her face became ashen as the corners of her mouth twitched

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uncontrollably.

When she heard the comments of the students around her, it enraged her even further. She was originally the campus belle of East Coast University, especially after winning third place in the talent selection program one year ago. She was known as a famous figure in East Coast University.

However, what she didn't expect was that her popularity didn't last for long. With the arrival of Shinnie, the innocent and lovely junior garnered a lot of praise in an instant, skyrocketing her popularity in school.

Even someone like East Coast's rich young man like Jenski pursued Shinnie, which made her reputation in East Coast University shoot up even higher.

Moreover, with the growth of her popularity, Shinnie did not have any negative rumors. Instead, she studied hard and kept a low profile. People revealed her to be down-to-earth and polite, and she was adored by even more people.

In contrast, all sorts of negative press surrounding Anatasia were exposed as she became famous, which greatly affected her reputation in East Coast University.

Especially when she had Shinnie as a comparison, Anatasia was put down even more.

Therefore, she didn't have much of a good impression of Shinnie. However, because she was busy with events and affairs out of school and was often away, there wasn't any conflict between them.

Right at the moment, first, it was the votes, and then it was Fade embarrassing her in public. It immediately ignited her resentment towards Shinnie in an instant.

She stared at her with dark eyes and said, "Shinnie, do you know that this Brother Chen of yours has long hooked up with Ernest"

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s daughter? You are just his backup."

Shinnie was stunned. She looked at her and said, "Anatasia, I don't know what you're talking about, but I believe in Brother Chen. Don't spread any rumors please."

Anatasia was taken aback when she heard that. Glaring, she gritted her teeth. "You always looked so innocent and pure. It turns out that you're also a b\*tch who's willing to be someone else's mistress. Say, you've been messed up by this man, haven't you? Other than him, did you hook up with any other man?"

"You, you..." Shinnie didn't expect Anatasia to say something so vicious in front of everyone. Her pretty face instantly flushed red, angry and embarrassed.

Fade's eyes also darkened. He looked straight at her and spat, "Apologize to Shinnie right now!"

"Apologize? Why should I apologize? I have hit your sore spot and you can't take it anymore?" Anatasia asked triumphantly. "I will not apologize. I'll show everyone Shinnie's truly a b\*t..."

Before she could finish, Fade stepped forward and gave her a huge slap on the face, leaving a red mark.

"You, how dare you hit me!" She covered her cheek and shrieked in shock. .

Slap!

What responded to her was another slap. To even it out, he made the other side of her cheeks red and swollen too.

At that, Anatasia's fans could no longer withhold themselves. They rushed over to Fade and Shinnie one after another, shouting like madmen. They were ready to start a fight.



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"Get lost!"

However, Fade let out an angry roar, and the sound waves crashed into them like a tsunami.

The fans were just students. They had never seen anything like that before and immediately felt great pressure and aura radiating from him. Their bodies trembled as they continuously stepped back. How could they still make a move!

"Get lost, all of you!" He growled with a cold glare. Just like that, the pale-faced students immediately scrambled.

In the blink of an eye, there was only Anatasia left who was facing Fade.

He glowered at her coldly and said in a cold tone, "Apologize!"

"You, you don't come near me. I..." She croaked, trembling.

"Apologize immediately. My patience is running thin." He frowned.

Feeling immense pressure from Fade, Anatasia could not hold on any longer. She could only hang her head and apologize to Shinnie, "I'm sorry, I was wrong. I was talking nonsense just now. I'm sorry."

Shinnie glanced at her, then pulled Fade and said, "Brother Chen, let's go."

The two left.

Looking at their backs, resentment was written all over Anatasia's face and her blood boiled. She gnashed her teeth in rage and said, "Just you wait, Fade and Shinnie!"

She immediately took out her phone and made a quick phone call. Finally, she hung up the phone and muttered to herself, "So he knows a thing or two? Isn't he just a martial artist? Do you think I, Anatasia, can't find one myself?"



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On a shopping street not far from East Coast University, Fade and Shinnie arrived at Splendid Restaurant. Jenski had already arrived in advance. After ushering the two of them into the private room, the three of them began to dig in, chatting and eating.

He thanked Fade once again warmly and then invited him to the Geng family's mansion.

Fade didn't like the fuss, saying that it wasn't a big deal, and refused. However, Jenski continued to insist on the invitation, which surprised him.

Shinnie pointed out, "Jenski, if you have anything to say, you'd better tell Brother Chen directly. There is no need to talk in circles."

Hearing that, Fade also nodded, "Jenski, if there is anything you need, you can just tell me. If I can be of help, I'll do my best."

Jenski looked embarrassed. He scratched his head and said to Fade, "Brother Chen, in truth, it's still about my father. I want to find out what's going on."

At that, Fade thought of what Jenski had told him about Eastin's mysterious mutation and death. He couldn't help asking, "Did the Geng family find any clues then?"

Jenski answered, "My grandfather once made great efforts to investigate this when it happened. There should be some clues, but it broke off not long after. Now, Brother Chen, you know more about those blood corpses than me, so I would like to invite you over and meet my grandfather. Maybe you can..."



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Fade pondered for a moment. He was also rather interested in the matter of blood corpses. After all, it involved the Skull Mob. Therefore, he nodded, "I will stay in East Coast City during this period of time. Please contact me whenever you feel that it's convenient, and I will go over."

"That's great. Thank you, Brother Chen. Thank you so much." Jenski exclaimed, his face splitting into a beam. He raised his glass to propose a toast, then drank it in one gulp to show his gratitude.

"It's nothing. You don't have to be so polite," Fade replied with a smile. He then picked up his wine glass and took a sip.

"Brother Chen, eat, eat. This is the restaurant's specialty. It tastes good..." Jenski picked up some food for him enthusiastically. However, at that moment, the door of the private room was flung open with a deafening bang.

"Where is Fade? Show yourself!" A burly man barked as he stormed in after he burst open the door.

"There's also Shinnie. They're together," a woman said behind the man.

Upon hearing that, Fade and Shinnie looked over and their gazes immediately frosted over. That woman was none other than Anatasia.

Fade slammed his chopsticks on the table. He looked at her and said in a cold voice, "Anatasia, wasn't your lesson just now enough? You simply have a death wish."



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She was intimidated by his murderous gaze. All color drained from her face. However, when she saw the strong man in front of her, she became confident once again. "Fade, don't think that you can do whatever you want with your little skills. Now, I've hired a master to help me. I'll see what else you can do."

As soon as she finished speaking, the strong man in front of her stepped forward and looked at Fade with an arrogant expression, cracking knuckles loudly. He scoffed at Fade, "It's you. Did you hit Anatasia? Now, I'll give you a chance. Kneel down and apologize to her. I'll consider breaking only one of your legs."

She added, "And Shinnie too."

The stout man immediately looked at Shinnie and was about to say something.

However, at that moment, Jenski opened his mouth, "Gellert Zuo, how brave of you!"

Hearing the voice, Gellert and Anatasia immediately snapped in Jenski's direction. When they saw that the person sitting there was him, their jaws dropped in shock.

"Jenski, why are you here?" Gellert asked in surprise.

"Jenski, you're here! I didn't know you..." Anatasia was even more exaggerated. In an instant, a smile plastered on her face, and she almost threw herself at him.

After all, Jenski was the richest young heir in East Coast. Even if Anatasia was now a D-list celebrity, a rich man like him was still far unattainable for her. Therefore, at that moment, she was particularly excited to meet him.

However, in the face of the delighted Anatasia, Jenski's face darkened as he answered coldly, "You didn't know? Then how dare you treat my friends like this? Do you think nothing of me?"

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"Jenski, your friends, are you talking about..." Anatasia looked at Fade and Shinnie, eyes widening in shock.

He responded in a deep voice, "Mr. Chen not only is my friend but also my lifesaver. You dare barge in here all of a sudden to fight him? Have you asked my opinion?"

"I didn't know..." Her expression changed drastically, her lips quivering. She didn't expect Fade to have such an identity at all, and she panicked.

Gellert's expression darkened slightly. He held her shoulder and said, "Anatasia, don't be afraid. I'm here."

Then, he stepped forward and gave Jenski a look, "Jenski, although Fade is your friend, he hit Anatasia. I must teach him a lesson."

"Of course, for your sake, I won't break his legs, but it's necessary for him to kneel down and apologize."

Upon hearing this, the corner of Jenski's mouth twitched. He slapped his hand down on the table and barked, "Gellert, didn't you hear me clearly? I've said that Mr. Chen is my lifesaver. See what will happen if you touch him."

An unpleasant look appeared on Gellert's face, and his expression darkened.

At that moment, Anatasia also looked scared. She tugged on Gellert's sleeve and whispered, "Gellert, why don't we forget about it? We can't win..."

It was okay if she didn't say that, but as soon as she did, it triggered him even more.

As the president of the Martial Arts Club of East Coast University, he could be regarded as a big shot. Of course, as a classmate, he naturally had feelings for Anatasia, the famous campus belle. Once, he even confessed to her.

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Although she never accepted and even seemed to reject him a little, she took the initiative to ask him for help this time. This gave Gellert hope, which instantly encouraged him.

Therefore, he had made up his mind that he had to do a good job in front of Anatasia. If he could build up his image with his goddess, he might have a chance to take a step further.

At the moment especially, her aggrieved expression aroused Gellert's desire to protect her. He didn't want to back down at all.

Thus, he glanced at her and said firmly, "Anatasia, I've promised you. I'll definitely avenge you today."

After that, he looked at Jenski and said, "Jenski, this matter has nothing to do with you. I hope you won't intervene."

Jenski got slightly furious upon hearing that. "Are you ordering me? What if I have to intervene?"

Gellert puffed in anger. He stared at him and said, "Jenski, you are of noble status, but I, Gellert, am not to be trifled with. If you insist, I don't mind calling my cousin, Eckhart, to come and fight you."

Jenski's expression changed slightly at the mention of Eckhart, but then he still stood firm, "Do you think that I'm afraid of him just because he has become the disciple of Master Tuan?"

"You..." It seemed that Gellert didn't expect Jenski to be so determined, and his face flushed with strain. However, there was no way he could pull out now. He could only bite the bullet and say, "If you insist on fighting, I don't mind fighting to the end."

"Fight to the end? Give it a try then!" Jenski shouted, mad for real this time.

Seeing that the two men were inches away from breaking into a fight, Fade smiled faintly and said to Jenski, "Jenski, it's no big deal. There's no need to bother. I'll take care of it!"





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"Brother Chen, I..." Jenski looked at him.

Fade smiled. "Don't worry. This kind of trash can't hurt me."

Jenski was stunned for a moment when he heard that, but he took a deep breath and sat down when he saw how confident Fade looked.

On the other hand, Gellert secretly let out a sigh of relief. Although his attitude was tough and unyielding a moment ago, he would have a headache if he truly had a conflict with Jenski. Therefore, Jenski sitting back down was a great thing for him.



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Thus, he shifted his gaze towards Fade and spoke with a proud look on his face, "Kid, you're quite full of yourself! Since you make light of me, I'll show you how powerful I am."

As he spoke, Gellert shouted forcefully while his muscular body rammed towards Fade with such a huge force that there was a 'bang' sound.

His positive energy spread out like an explosion, bringing up a gust of wind along with his great momentum.

Anatasia, who was watching from the side, seemed delighted when she saw that. She almost couldn't wait to see Fade being knocked down.

However, Fade, on the other hand, couldn't help shaking his head lightly when he felt Gellert's strength and scoffed coldly, "You dare act so arrogantly in front of me when you're just at the early stage of the Black Level. What a joke!"

"Presumptuous. Taste my fist..." Gellert threw a punch at him with a bellow.

In the face of the punch, Fade reacted by just flicking his fingers lightly. An invisible force shot out instantly and hit Gellert in his abdomen. The huge force caused him to fly out and his body slammed into the wall of the room, slowly sliding to the floor, and he fainted at once.

This time, Anatasia was dumbfounded. The smile of excitement on her face froze and changed into a weird look of disbelief,

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"This... How was it possible... How did you... You..."

Without waiting for her to finish her words, he sent an energy force out with the back of his hand and knocked her out of the room along with the unconscious Gellert.

After dealing with the two of them, Fade smiled before sitting down again and spoke faintly, "Done. Let's continue with our meal."

Seeing this, Jenski drank a toast to him before saying, "Mr. Chen, I'm afraid the matter related to Gellert will bring about some repercussions."

"Why? Does that fellow have a strong background?" Fade lifted his eyebrows.

Jenski shook his head before replying, "That's not the case. It's just that Gellert has a cousin, Eckhart Zuo, who is very talented in martial arts. Two years ago, he was accepted as the last disciple of Martial Arts Master Sanford Tuan in East Coast. He thinks very highly of him."

"Therefore, if Master Tuan gets wind of this matter, I'm worried that..."

When he heard this, Fade laughed, "Martial Arts Master Sanford Tuan. What's his ranking on the Divine Dragon List?"

"About this, I don't think he qualified for the list!" Jenski answered.

Fade laughed instantly, "If he didn't even qualify for the list, then there's no reason to bring him up. Don't worry. Even if Sanford comes in person, I can take care of him easily."

He had already killed Elijah who was ranked eighth on the Divine Dragon List. Not to mention a Martial Arts Master who couldn't qualify for the list, he wasn't even worth mentioning at all.

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Upon hearing this, Jenski's face revealed a trace of surprise.

He had witnessed Fade's strength the last time at Twin-dragon Village. He was indeed very powerful and his strength was at least higher than the mid-stage of the Earth Level, but after all, Sanford was a Martial Arts Master. He had entered the initial stage of the Heaven Level ten years ago. There was still a great difference in the ability between those who were in the Heaven and Earth Level.

However, since Fade wasn't worried himself, Jenski didn't continue talking and he started to think of countermeasures. If Sanford really made a move on Fade, he would request the help of his Old Master; maybe then they would still have the chance to appease the matter.

After the meal, the three of them left the room and went back to the school together.

Two days later, Fade received a phone call from Jenski, inviting him to visit the Geng family. Fade knew that it was about the investigation of Eastin's death, so he, of course, agreed to the invitation. 🗨️

At noon, he arrived at the Geng family residence.

As one of the top families in East Coast, the Geng family residence was naturally grand and luxurious. It was like a grove in the style of canal towns in the south of the country; the environment was very elegant.

A servant led Fade to the living room of the Geng family residence, and upon arrival, there were already a lot of people seated.

Jenski instantly greeted him warmly and invited him to take a seat before smiling and introducing his family members to Fade.

Among them, the person seated in the seat of honor was the Old Master of the Geng family, Jenski's grandfather, Tamar. The Old Master was already seventy years old but still looked full of vitality and vigor. He had taken care of maintaining his health.





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To the left of the Old Master was a middle-aged man who was about forty. He was Jenski's second uncle and also the person who was in charge of the Geng family's main businesses, Derex.

Sitting opposite Jenski was a young man in his twenties. He looked quite similar to Jenski, but there was a hint of arrogance in his eyes.

This was Derex's son, who was also Jenski's younger cousin, Hiro.

After getting to know a few people and chatting nonchalantly, Fade has basically grasped the situation of the Geng family.

Jenski's father, Eastin, was the eldest son of Tamar. He was a man of outstanding ability and was superior in all aspects. The Old Master had thought highly of him and had been grooming him to be the successor of the Geng family.

However, he had not expected the unforeseen accident that happened ten years ago, Eastin's death. Now that the Old Master had only one son left, he had no choice but to train Derex.

Hiro's status had risen along with the rise in his father's status. It was as if he was to replace Jenski's position as the young master of the Geng family.

Of course, these were all the internal disputes of the Geng family, so Fade didn't pay much heed and didn't speak up even though he saw through it.

After chatting warmly for some time, it was lunchtime. The Geng family had arranged a sumptuous feast to welcome Fade's arrival.

At the dining table, everyone was in a good mood after a few drinks and interaction. Jenski kept drinking toasts to Fade to express his gratitude.

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Seeing that the atmosphere was getting warmer, Jenski put down his wine goblet and prepared to bring up Eastin's matter.

However, just as Jenski was about to speak, Thamar spoke up first. Looking at Fade, he said, "Not long ago, Jenski went to Dragonville and was met with a dangerous situation. It's all thanks to Mr. Chen that he was able to come out of it alive. The Geng family will be forever indebted to you for such kindness."

As he spoke, a butler walked up carrying a gift box.

Thamar told Fade, "Mr. Chen, this is a token of appreciation from the Geng family, please accept it."

Fade smiled and said, "That's very kind of you, Master Geng, but I didn't act as I did for these gifts."

"No matter the reason, we are indeed indebted to you. I hope that you won't refuse our token of appreciation, Mr. Chen." Thamar continued to speak with a smile on his face.

Fade really didn't care about all those, "Master Geng, I'm not being polite. To tell the truth, I don't lack any of these."

Upon hearing this, Thamar looked at Derex and the smiles on their faces gradually faded.

At this moment, the way Derex and Hiro looked at Fade slowly changed. Between smiles, there was a hint of something else in their expressions.

Jenski could vaguely feel the change in the atmosphere, so he spoke up, "Grandfather, Uncle Derex, we don't need to be so formal with Mr. Chen. The two of us..."

However, before Jenski could finish talking, Thamar glared at Fade before speaking in a low voice, "Mr. Chen, since you're not interested in these gifts, let's cut to the chase, what do you want?"

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Fade's expression changed at those words. His brows knitted together as he frowned, "Master Geng, the reason for my visit to the Geng family isn't to gain benefits of any kind."

"Is that true?" Derex snorted coldly before speaking seriously in a low voice, "The reason you came to East Coast is the collaboration between the Ernest Company and the Qin family, isn't it?"

"There seem to be some problems in the collaboration between both parties." Derex looked straight at him.

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Fade frowned slightly and paused before speaking again, "I have indeed come to East Coast because of this matter, but it has nothing to do with my visit to the Geng family."

"Mr. Chen, we have already come to this point, so it's meaningless if you continue to put up an act," Hiro spoke up as well, "You have saved Jenski and can be considered a benefactor of the Geng family, but if you want to make use of that debt to obtain benefits from us, we, the Geng family are not fools."

"Hiro, Brother Chen doesn't mean that. Don't utter nonsense." Jenski glared and reprimanded him.

However, Derex also spoke up at this moment, "Jenski, you're still young, so you don't have enough life experience and are easily manipulated by others. Just keep silent about this matter."

He then looked at Fade immediately after, and spoke in a low voice, "Mr. Chen, since we have already come to this point, I'll just make everything clear. If you hold prospects that the Geng family will intervene in the collaboration between your company and the Qin family based on the kindness you showed Jenski, I can directly tell you that this will never happen. The Geng family would never come into a conflict with the Qin family over such a trivial matter."

Upon hearing this, Fade's face couldn't help but darken. He put down his spoon and his gaze turned gloomy.

Thamar also said slowly right then, "Mr. Chen, if you are not satisfied with these gifts, the Geng family can add to it. However, we won't have anything to do with each other after today."

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The Geng family was obviously worried that he would use the debt to pester them, so they wished to make use of the banquet that day as a chance to repay the debt and be done with him.

"There's no need for that." Fade put down his spoon. His face was serious and cold, and devoid of emotions at the same time.

Beside him, Jenski became agitated at once, "Grandpa, Uncle Derex, how can you all act this way? Brother Chen saved my life and is the benefactor of the Geng family. Today, I invited him as a guest. Things aren't what you think they are."

Hiro curled his lips and said, "Jenski, I say, you're not a kid anymore. Why are you still so naïve? You think that just because he never spoke of it, he doesn't have the motive!"

"What other motive can he have for coming to the Geng family other than looking for benefits?" He continued to sneer.

At this moment, Fade stood up and swept his gaze across all the Geng family members before speaking coldly, "I have finally understood how the Geng family thinks of me. You really think that I'm here just to ask for favors. What a joke."

With that, he glanced at the gift box and said in a cold voice, "I have a net worth of over tens of billions. You can keep these miniscule things for yourself. As for the Qin family, I have never even taken them to heart, let alone needed the help of the Geng family."

After he was finished speaking, Fade looked at Jenski, "Jenski, I have some business to take care of. I'll make a move first."

"Brother Chen, please wait a moment!" Jenski quickly shouted before looking at Tamar and the rest of his family members as he spoke up, "Grandpa, I'll be honest with you. I invited Brother Chen as a guest to our Geng family to ask for his help in investigating my father's incident."

"I hope that you can publicize the results of the investigation during that time and allow me and Brother Chen to continue the

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investigation."

When the Geng family's members heard Jensi's speech, their expressions changed abruptly.

Thamar was especially perturbed. He slammed his hand on the table before standing up and shouting harshly, "Jensi Geng, the nerve of you. How many times have I told you to stop thinking about your father's incident anymore? So you won't even obey me now, huh?"

Jensi was also particularly distressed at this moment, "Grandpa, I don't understand. Why won't you allow me to investigate my father's incident? He's your son, the eldest son of the Geng family. He died so abruptly. Why won't you investigate? Why won't you let my father rest in peace?"

"Jensi, how can you speak to your grandfather in that manner!" Derex, who was standing at a side bellowed, "We have already investigated your father's incident at that time. Your father was ill and he went insane. What's there to investigate when it has passed for so many years?"

Hiro also spoke up, "Jensi, it's also time for us, the Geng family, to look forward. We can't keep dwelling on a matter of the past."

"My father was fine all along. Why would he go insane for no reason? Moreover, I dug up some clues from my trip to Dragonville. I suspect that..." Jensi said excitedly.

Thamar shouted furiously and cut him off, "Enough about this matter. No one is to investigate the East Coast incident anymore. That's all for now. If anyone intervenes abruptly in this matter again, I won't act kindly, even if he is a member of the Geng family."

After that, he turned around and strode away.

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Derex glared at Jenski before hurriedly following after Thamar.

Hiro on the other hand spoke up, "Jenski, Grandpa's advancing in years. He won't be able to bear all the trouble you're causing. It would be a disaster for the Geng family if you agitate and cause him to fall ill."

With that, he left the room too.

Jenski was left alone, puzzled and full of grief. Indignation burned in his eyes.

Holding back the confusion and unwillingness in his heart, he took a deep breath and walked towards Fade. He spoke apologetically, "Brother Chen, I'm sorry. I didn't think that my grandfather and uncle would act in that manner. I..."

"It's fine. It's no big deal." Fade shook his head. He then looked at Jenski and asked with concern, "Are you alright?"

"I'm fine." Jenski shook his head, but he couldn't help saying, "I really don't understand why Grandpa won't let me investigate my father's death. Back then, he doted on my father the most. The person he doted most on, the most outstanding son of the Geng family, had passed away. Why won't he investigate and even prevent me from continuing my investigation as well?"

Fade naturally couldn't give an answer but uncertainties started to grow in his heart.

It was true that Thamar's reaction towards Eastin's death was fishy. It wasn't the reaction a father should have to the death of his son.

However, even Jenski didn't know the reason behind all that, not to mention Fade, who was an outsider.

There wasn't any other way to go about this, so he could only console Jenski and leave the Geng family residence.

At the same time, after returning to the rear part of the Geng family residence, Thamar asked Derex and Hiro to leave before



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closing the door. He opened a locked drawer, pulled out a photo album from it, and looked at the pictures in silence.

On the photo album was a handsome man with a warm smile. He had identical features to Jenski, and he was his father, Eastin.

"Eastin, don't blame me for being ruthless. It's just that..." Tamar mumbled to himself.

However, at this moment, a voice sounded leisurely by Tamar's ear, "You still can't let go of what happened to your son?"

Hearing this, he was surprised. He quickly closed the photo album shut before turning around, then he instantly saw a dark shadow wearing a skull mask.

On the creepy mask were pale and terrifying patterns of a skull, with a green sprout in the middle of its forehead. If Fade was at the scene, he would have recognized on sight that the patterns were the symbol of Skull Mob.

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"No, I didn't. I just..." Tamar was obviously terrified of the man, so he hurriedly explained.

However, the dark shadow just chuckled mysteriously, "You don't need to explain anything to me. I just wanted to tell you that if your grandson continues to investigate the matter, he will follow in your son's footsteps. Don't blame me for being ruthless when it reaches that point."

"No, it won't happen. Jensi won't investigate any further. I'll make him stop," Tamar replied at once.

When the dark shadow heard that, he laughed, "That better be the case. This will be my last warning towards the Geng family. If there is a next time, I won't show any mercy."

As soon as he finished speaking, Tamar felt a gust of cold wind, and then the dark shadow disappeared into thin air.

However, he just stood where he was in a daze, without moving a muscle until ten minutes had passed before he collapsed to the floor. Tears streamed down his wrinkled face, and it looked as if he had aged overnight.

After Fade returned from the visit to the Geng family, he stayed in the hotel for a day. The next day, Ernest sent him a message, asking him if he had time to spare and invited him to the East Coast business reception.

Fade knew that Ernest was still trying to find a solution to their new company's problem, so he didn't refuse and agreed to the invitation to attend the business reception with him.

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The time of the reception was set for the evening. He specially changed into a suit and walked into the hotel with Ernest.

The hotel was crowded with people, and most of East Coast's business magnates were present. Groups of people were seen chatting with each other and it was quite a lively scene.

However, the excitement and liveliness had nothing to do with them.

Although Ernest had been in East Coast for some time and he had tried his best to acquaint himself with some of the local businessmen, he didn't have many connections with the place and the people.

In addition, the conflict between him and the Qin family had gradually begun to spread throughout the city and a few businessmen that had a good relationship with him also started to have a change in attitude.

Those who were still sentimental shared a few words with Ernest, but the rest didn't even acknowledge him, and they acted as if they were strangers.

Due to these circumstances, the atmosphere around the two of them was especially cold and deserted.

It was not until Jenski arrived that the situation took a turn for the better. He didn't care about all these things and brought some wine over to drink a toast to the two of them. His actions caught the attention of some of the other guests, and they couldn't help but inquire about the relationship between the two of them and the Geng family.

Suddenly, the bustling scene quietened down, and everyone looked in the same direction.

Fade and the others couldn't help but look over too, and they noticed that a few young men and women were walking over.

At the sight of those people, Fade's pupils constricted, and he narrowed his eyes.



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That was because there were a few familiar faces in the group of people walking over.

Evelyn, the eldest daughter of the Qin family, and Hiro, the second young master of the Geng family.

At that moment, other than the two of them, there was also a man of about twenty four or five beside Evelyn. Through Jenski's introduction, he knew that the man was Evelyn's cousin, Houston, who was the young master of the Qin family.

Houston had his arms around a young woman wearing a revealing outfit, and she was surprisingly a familiar face to Fade as well. She was Anatasia.

On the other hand, there was also a fierce-looking man who seemed to be in his thirties wearing a robe beside them. From what Jenski told him, Fade knew that the man was the cousin of the President of the Martial Arts Society, Gellert, whom he taught a lesson to a few days ago outside East Coast University. He was Eckhart Zuo, the last disciple of Master Tuan.

It was clear that those few people had outstanding statuses. It wasn't a wonder that their appearance caught everyone's attention.

However, they were not the most attention-grabbing figures. The one that stood out was a man who walked in the middle. He was a man about twenty six or twenty seven years old, with a smile on his face.

The man didn't dress fashionably as how usual rich playboys would, but instead, he wore a plain shirt with a pair of leather boots and had neat short hair. He was well built and walked with an aura around him, letting out a different pressure to others.

As Jenski saw that the man had captured Fade's attention, he immediately introduced the man to Fade.

"That's Yaakov, the young master of the Hsiang family, and Daemyn's older brother. Yaakov served in the army and retired after three years, but he performed very well. I heard that he gained a third-class merit and is quite profound in martial arts as well."

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"Initially, Daemyn was supposed to walk the same path as Yaakov and establish merits in the army before retiring, but..." Jenski didn't continue, but Fade got the gist. Apparently, what he meant was that Yaakov would be Fade's greatest threat. As Fade was looking at Yaakov, the latter turned to look at him at the same time.

"Hiro, isn't that your cousin! Who's the person with him?" Yaakov asked.

Before Hiro could speak, Evelyn sneered and spoke first, "That's Fade Chen. We were acquainted while at Dragonville."

"Fade Chen. Dragonville. As in the Fade, who killed my younger brother Daemyn?" Yaakov asked in a deep voice.

"That's him." Evelyn nodded before she added, "That guy's very arrogant. He accompanied someone to discuss a collaboration with the Qin family a few days ago, but he was so proud that the collaboration didn't work out, and he left both parties upset."

Hearing this, Hiro continued, "He really is very arrogant. He looked down on everyone when he visited my home the day before yesterday. He even said that he didn't care about business dealings with the Qin family.

"What an impertinent guy," Houston sneered and curled his lips as he heard this.

Eckhart listened for a while before speaking up, "I have an impression of this guy."

"What? Has he even offended you, Eckhart?" Yaakov asked.

He shook his head with disdain, "He isn't qualified to offend me."

"It's a cousin of mine. It was a few days ago at the East Coast University when he got into a conflict with that guy over a woman and was beaten up by him."

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When he said this, Anatasia didn't dare utter a sound as she was worried that Eckhart would know that the woman he was referring to was herself.

When Hiro heard all this, he couldn't help speaking up, "That b\*stard doesn't know what's good for him. He has just arrived in East Coast City and has already offended the Hsiang family, Qin family and Eckhart. He's really courting death."

"Your Geng family seems to have a good relationship with him. Jenski seems to be quite close to him?" Yaakov looked at Hiro.

Hiro hurriedly explained, "Yaakov, don't misunderstand. We of the Geng family aren't on good terms with this fellow. It's Jenski who approached that fellow of his own accord. My grandfather even flew into a rage over this matter a few days ago when he visited my home!"

"I see! Since the Geng family has nothing to do with him, let's go meet him," Yaakov said.

"Let's go and see what he's got!" The rest of the bunch agreed, and they walked over in Fade's direction together. 



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All present saw Yaakov's group's actions, and all of their gazes shifted over at once.

Especially when they saw that his target was Fade, they couldn't help but look surprised as they wanted to know what the relationship between the two was.

As they approached, Jensi had a worried look on his face, and he took the initiative to stand closer next to Fade.

Fade smiled and said, "Don't worry. A few playboys can't do me any harm."

As he was speaking, Evelyn's sarcastic voice sounded, "How dare you call us playboys. Are you seeking death?"

Fade looked at her before speaking coldly, "It seems that it was a huge mistake to let you live at Twin-dragon Village."

"You..." She was furious.

At this time, her cousin, Houston, walked forward and looked at Fade, "Mr. Chen, as Evelyn's elder brother, I can't just sit back as you talk to my younger sister in this manner."

"Why, do you also have a death wish?" Fade spoke unrestrainedly.

Houston's face grew cold, and Anatasia beside him couldn't help but speak up, "Fade Chen, how bold of you. Do you know who Young Master Qin is?"



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Fade cast a glance at her before replying coldly, "If he's someone who would fancy a woman like you, he shouldn't be anyone worth mentioning."

His sentence insulted both her and Houston at the same time, and both their expressions sank instantly.

Houston snorted coldly and looked over at Ernest before speaking to Fade, "You have the audacity to be so arrogant just because you have Ernest backing you up."

"Director Soo, I'll tell you what. If you turn your back on that fellow, I can promise that we can continue the collaboration between both of our companies. I can even make the decision to give up another additional 10% of the Qin family's shares." When he finished, Houston looked at him confidently.

He believed that his terms were tempting enough and that he could win Ernest over to his side.

However, he did not know that he had completely misjudged the situation. Not to mention that Ernest wasn't Fade's backing, but he would never betray him given their relationship either.

Therefore, Ernest didn't give the offer any thought and said coldly, "I'm sorry. The collaboration between my company and the Qin family has become impossible since the last time we met."

"You... Fine... Very well!" Houston didn't expect Ernest to decline on his offer so decisively, and his face darkened. He then gritted his teeth and he spoke in a cold voice, "Since you're so brave, I think I have the duty to let you know how powerful the Qin family is."

With that, Houston's gaze swept around all the businessmen at the business reception before announcing loudly, "Ladies and gentlemen, I, Houston Qin announce today that Ernest Soo and Ernest Company are enemies of the Qin Family. If anyone has

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business dealings with them in the future, they will also be our enemies."

As soon as he finished his speech, there was an uproar at the scene, and everyone started a heated discussion before one businessman after the other started implying their stands in the matter.

"Don't worry, Young Master Qin. We, of the Fortune Group, won't have any collaborations with them."

"The Wisdom Company has rejected them from the very start."

"What? Ernest? We don't even take him seriously."

"With a business partner like the Qin family, why will we still need an unknown small company such as Ernest Company."

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Almost immediately, ninety per cent of the company managers declared their stands, and all of them supported the Qin family. This was the influence of the Qin family over the business world in East Coast City.

When he saw this, pride crept up Houston's face as he looked at Fade smugly, "Now, do you understand the Qin family's power?"

Even Anatasia started to be pleased, "You're doomed, haha!"

Fade didn't speak whereas Jenski couldn't stand it anymore. He spoke up, "We of the Geng family..."

However, before he could finish speaking, Hiro cut in with a cold sneer, "Jenski, you are yet to be able to represent the Geng family. Moreover, Grandpa instructed you a few days ago to stop interacting with him or else you'll be chased out of the Geng family. Have you forgotten?"

"Hiro, you..." Jenski was furious.

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Fade patted Jenski on his shoulder and laughed lightly, "It's fine. A trivial matter like this can't bring us down."

"You're still being stubborn!" Upon hearing that, Evelyn scoffed.

Yaakov said with a smile, "East Coast's corporations won't work with you. I would like to know how your Ernest Company would survive."

Fade didn't explain but instead searched the crowd as if he was looking for someone.

When Evelyn saw this, she spoke with a sarcastic look on her face, "Houston has already spoken, and you're still looking for a business partner. Are you daydreaming?"

Ignoring her, he directly walked over to a plump, middle aged man.

At the same time, everyone's gaze was drawn along with him.

Houston obviously knew that man and said, "That's Mr. Wegmer Li from the East Coast Branch of the Li Group."

"Jade City's Li Group. That's a magnate enterprise!" Hiro stated.

Houston spoke with a gloating look on his face, "The Li Group has collaborations with the Qin family. I also had several meals with Mr. Wegmer a few times. He wouldn't have any business dealings with that fellow."

However, just as Houston finished speaking, Fade whispered in Wegmer's ear. Wegmer then took a look at his phone, and his expression changed drastically.

Then, he nodded to Fade respectfully and announced in a loud voice, "From today onwards, the East Coast branch of Li Group will formally enter into a partnership with Ernest Company."



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As soon as he spoke, Houston's face sank.

After all, he had just stated that Li Group would never partner with Ernest Company. As a result, Wegmer's words were like a slap to his face.

Immediately, he strode over to Wegmer and said, "Mr. Li, now is the crucial period for the collaboration between Li Group and the Qin family. You..."

Before Houston could finish speaking, Wegmer cut him off, "If Young Master Qin isn't satisfied, the East Coast branch of Li Group will terminate its partnership with the Qin family."

His words shocked everyone. Nobody would have expected the East Coast branch of Li Group to give up a partnership with the Qin family to partner with Ernest Company, a new company.

Houston's face became even more grim, and his expression was unpleasant, "Mr. Li, isn't it too rash of you to be so decisive on such an important decision. I wonder how the headquarters of the Li Group in Jade City will react if they know of this matter."

Wegmer pursed his lips and replied, "Young Master Qin, you worry too much. This decision was made by the general manager of the Li Group, Mr. Martin Li."

"What? How could Mr. Li..." Houston was shocked and without haste, he fished out his phone and made a call. After speaking on the phone, his expression darkened, and his expression was complicated. Apparently, the result he got from the phone call wasn't ideal.

Finally, he hung up the phone and spoke to Wegmer with a gloomy face, "Mr. Li, Li Group will regret its decision."

"That's not for you to worry about," Wegmer replied calmly.



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At this moment, the scene was silent, and everyone was stunned. No one had thought the business deterrence the Qin family imposed on Ernest Company would bring about such a result. Ernest Company really received protection from a large group such as Li Group when they were on the brink of destruction.

For a time, the crowd sighed and lamented, discussing Ernest Group's fate under their breaths and that they really had amazing luck.

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Opposite Fade, the group of rich playboys looked grim and their expressions contorted.

Anatasia, who had been preparing to ridicule Fade, could only shut her mouth, not daring to utter a word.

After a short silence, the ringleader, Yaakov, stood forward and spoke, "Mr. Chen, you're really well connected. You even have connections with Li Group of Jade City. That really surprised me!"

Fade looked at him and replied rudely, "If that's all it takes to surprise you, then there's still a lot more surprises waiting for you, Mr. Hsiang."

"Really?" Yaakov narrowed his eyes and stared at Fade for a few seconds before saying, "The Hsiang family doesn't have many achievements in the business world, and we aren't proficient in this field, so I won't talk to you about business today."

His words were self-effacement. Although the Hsiang family didn't stand out in the business world, Old Master Hsiang's status was evident. He had a wide range of connections and had even stronger martial arts prowess to back them up. All these factors allowed the Hsiang family to have an influential position in East Coast City. Perhaps their influence was even higher than a business family such as the Qin family.

One could say that the Hsiang family wasn't the leader in the business world of East Coast, not because they didn't have the ability, but because they didn't want to do so. If the Hsiang family wished for it, it would be like taking candy from a baby to achieve performance in that industry.

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For a moment, all the businessmen agreed and flattered him.

Fade wasn't bothered as he just looked at Yaakov, saying, "If we aren't talking about business, I think we have nothing more to talk about."

With that, he turned around and was about to walk away with his wineglass.

However, Yaakov called out after him, "Mr. Chen, wait a minute."

"Why? Is there anything you want?" Fade turned around to look at him.

Yaakov knew that he could no longer keep the suspense and his gaze darkened, "I don't want to talk about business because I want to speak to you about my brother, Daemyn."

"Daemyn Hsiang!" He was mentioned as expected. Fade wasn't surprised as he showed no emotions on his face, "What do you want to talk about?"

Yaakov's expression darkened, and rage flashed across his face when he saw Fade's indifferent expression. It was as if he didn't care about his younger brother's death at all. He then asked, "I want to know, how did my brother die?"

As soon as he finished his words, everyone on the scene fell silent.

Daemyn's death has caused quite an uproar and discussion throughout East Coast City. After all, he was the second young master of the Hsiang family.

Among them were various rumours regarding Daemyn's death, but no one knew what exactly happened. Now that Yaakov was confronting Fade, everyone realized that his death had something to do with him.

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For a moment, the way everyone looked at Fade changed again, and whispers of heated discussions could be heard everywhere.

"Who is this Fade? To think that he had something to do with Daemyn's death."

"Now that he has totally offended the Hsiang family, it'll be troubling for him."

"That's right. Their conflict with the Qin family can only be considered business-related. They can still overcome difficulties with the support of Li Group, but for a conflict with the Hsiang family, even Li Group can't intervene this time."

"He's done for this time. He's doomed."

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At this moment, Hiro, Evelyn, Houston and the rest of their rich friends looked at Fade tauntingly and coldly. It was as if they already saw the scene of Yaakov teaching him a lesson.

However, Fade wasn't a bit frightened by Yaakov's query. In fact, his expression was calm as he spoke softly, "Your brother was killed by a villain at Twin-dragon Village. The military should have informed you. Doesn't the Hsiang family know?"

Yaakov glowered at him and spoke in a deep voice, "Of course, the Hsiang family received a notice from the military, but this reason can't convince us."

"If you aren't convinced, then that's your problem. Go look for the military. What has it got to do with me?" Fade answered rudely.

When Yaakov saw his attitude, he became angrier. Suppressing his rage, he growled, "What has it got to do with you? According to sources, you caused Daemyn's death, and you're still asking what has it got to do with you!"

"I caused it! What a joke. What makes you say that?" Fade retorted coldly.



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Yaakov then took a look at Evelyn. She immediately sprung up and looked at him, "Fade Chen, many of us were at the scene, and we saw what happened. Are you still trying to hide the truth?"

"At that time, the enemy was already defeated, and the last one attacked Daemyn. You had the ability to defeat him, but you let him attack and kill Daemyn before you charged towards him. We can totally say that Daemyn's death was caused by you turning a blind eye," Evelyn exclaimed loudly.

As soon as she finished speaking, everyone at the scene looked appalled. They didn't expect this to be the cause of Daemyn's death.

At this moment, Yaakov's eyes were full of fury. He glared fiercely at Fade and shouted, "Now, what do you have to say?"

When he heard this, Fade couldn't help but sneer, "Do I have anything to say? Why should I have anything to say?"

"Excluding the fact that particular critical situation at Twin-dragon Village was caused by Daemyn's actions and not to mention whether I still had remaining strength to defeat the enemies, even if that was the case, so what?"

"Don't tell me that it's my fault if I didn't save a member of the Hsiang family?" Fade replied fiercely. His eyes glowered at Yaakov as he asked him loudly, "Yaakov, you're from the military, and I guess that you have undertaken missions."

"Then let me ask you. When you were on missions, and your comrades sacrificed themselves, did you save them?"

"I..." Yaakov was at a loss for words.

Fade continued coldly, "If you didn't, then can I say that you caused your comrades death and that you have to compensate with your life."

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"You're being unreasonable!" Yaakov shouted.

Fade replied coldly, "I'm being unreasonable? Aren't you, Yaakov Hsiang, being unreasonable? Or can I say that the lives of Hsiang family members are precious, but the lives of others don't mean a thing?"

Yaakov was so mad that his face flushed red. He clenched his fists so hard that his knuckles cracked, but he couldn't retort Fade.

At this moment, Houston spoke coldly, "Mr. Hsiang, you don't have to quarrel with him. Since he admitted to causing Daemyn's death, he has to pay the price."

Upon hearing this, Yaakov's face changed rapidly, and his expression regained its calmness and coldness. He looked straight at Fade and shouted coldly, "I won't quarrel with you. You're indeed responsible for Daemyn's death, and you have to pay the price."

"Haha, when you don't make sense, you start using force." Fade laughed coldly, and his face darkened. He glared right at Yaakov and spoke with his voice cold, "Price? I would like to see what price the Hsiang family demands of me."

As he spoke, Fade's positive energy burst out in a great momentum.