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The fetal movements were getting more frequent and more pronounced. At nine months, Gu Jinglian could even clearly see little hands and feet when the baby moved.

It was amazing.

It was really hard to imagine that pregnancy and childbirth was such a magical thing!

It was amazing and miraculous!

Gu Jinglian began to imagine what the two little ones might look like after they have been delivered.

The girl might look like him, while the boy might look like her.

There was no greater joy in life than having sons and daughters.

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“Have you noticed that CEO Gu has been smiling a lot recently?”

“He never used to smile. Now, he seems to laugh to himself all the time sitting alone in his office!”

“Yes, I also realized that too. CEO Gu never smiled and always looked icy in the past. Now, I’ve walked into the office several times to catch him smiling foolishly at a pile of documents. It’s unbelievable! However, I can only act like I didn’t see that. Hehe!”

The secretaries were huddled together, whispering, when suddenly they heard someone speak in a serious tone.

“What are you talking about?”

“We...”

The group of people looked up and saw the stone-faced Gu Jinglian standing in front of them. They were rather taken aback. “CEO... CEO Gu.”

Gu Jinglian glanced at them coldly. “Too much free time on your hands?”

“No, no, no ... we were talking about work.”

“Is that so.”

Gu Jinglian narrowed his eyes. “Why do I hear my name being mentioned?”

“Aiya...” One of the female employees immediately said, “We were just saying... Young Madam Gu is into her ninth month. She should be giving birth soon, right?”

“That’s right. We’re trying to imagine what the two babies will look like. The little princess will definitely look like CEO Gu. The little young master will definitely look like Young Madam Gu!”

One had to know that Gu Jinglian’s greatest concern now was Chu He and the unborn twins. That being the case, this topic should quickly suit his fancy and divert his attention.

Gu Jinglian snorted at that. He raised his sword-like eyebrows, but for once, said nothing apart from, "Get back to your work!"

Just as he turned to walk away, though, a thought struck him and he turned around again, looking thoughtful. "The common saying that daughters take after their fathers... What's the basis for that?"

"Of course. My daughter looks especially like her Daddy!"

"That's right. Anyway, all the girls I've seen resemble their fathers. I don't know what the basis is. Anyway, at least it's true of the ones I've seen."

"Of course it's a reasonable assumption. Otherwise, the saying wouldn't exist."

The corners of Gu Jinglian's lips turned upwards slightly. Despite his best efforts to restrain himself, the smug smile on his lips was obvious!

"I hope so!" His expression turned stony again after he said that. He cleared his throat and headed back to his office.

After he entered his office, the secretaries behind their desks breathed a sigh of relief. They winked at each other and snickered.

Gu Jinglian left work to return home. Upon arriving at the Gu family residence, he saw Butler Fu and Madam Qin waiting at the door.

They were keeping a lookout and immediately came forward when they saw the car approaching. However, when they saw Gu Jinglian getting out, they suddenly sighed and looked disappointed.

Gu Jinglian was annoyed by their anxious expressions and asked, "What's going on?"

Madam Qin shook her head. 'I thought Xiao He has come home!'

As Madam Qin was rather close to Chu He, she affectionately referred to Chu He as "Xiao He."

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Butler Fu immediately explained, "Chu He went out in the morning and said she'd be back in the afternoon. But there's no sign of her yet."

Gu Jinglian asked, "Have you tried calling her?"

"I did. She hung up on me."

"Hung up?" Gu Jinglian grew uneasy. Chu He wouldn't hang up on anyone, no matter what.

Not believing it, the man made a call himself. Indeed, he heard a beep, and then the line went dead.

Gu Jinglian's frown deepened.

"What's going on?"

He asked Butler Fu, "Did she say where she was going?"

“Yes...”

“Where?”

‘I think a friend asked her out. Someone by the name of Qingxue or something ...’

” Qingxue?”

“Yes. Apparently she texted her on WeChat and—”

Without another word, Gu Jinglian got into the car and shut the door. Ignoring Butler Fu’s and Madam Qin’s anxious questions, he instructed, “Let’s go.”

“CEO Gu, where to?”

“Just keep driving for now.”

Gu Jinglian immediately dialed a number and ordered someone to check Meng Qingxue’s residential address. Within a few minutes, the address came through via text. He gave the address to the chauffeur and ten minutes later, the car was parked in a villa area.

As soon as he got out of the car, the private bodyguard guarding the entrance stepped forward to stop him.

Gu Jinglian did not even give him a glance as he strode through the obstruction. As he passed by the courtyard, he saw Meng Qingxue tending to the carefully cultivated flowers and plants.

“Meng Qingxue!” He called out her name.

Meng Qingxue turned around. She smiled when she saw Gu Jinglian. “Eh? Young Master Gu, it’s you! Where’s Chu He?”

“Chu He?” Gu Jinglian frowned. “She’s not with you?”

Meng Qingxue was surprised by his question. After a brief silence, Gu Jinglian grew impatient and asked again. Only then did she react and shake her head blankly. “No!”

“Butler Fu said that the two of you made plans to meet. She went out this morning and hasn’t been home since.”

“What?” Meng Qingxue was completely dumbfounded. “I didn’t ask her out. She’s nine months pregnant now isn’t she? How can I ask her out when she’s about to give birth?”

“Don’t lie to me!”

“I...” Meng Qingxue looked anxious and worried. “Why would I lie? It’s true!”

“He said you had contacted Chu He on WeChat, that was why she went out for the appointment.”

“Wechat?” Meng Qingxue was stumped. “My WeChat account seems to have been hacked. Because I don’t have any friends on WeChat, I wasn’t in a hurry to fix it...”

Gu Jinglian was stunned!

Meng Qingxue also sensed that something was wrong. She frowned but did not dare to let her imagination run wild.

The man was about to leave when his cell phone rang, but it wasn't a ringtone. It was Facetime. He took out his phone and saw that the person who had initiated Facetime was using Chu He's ID.

Facetime was a video call software built into Apple's iOS that connected to the Internet via wifi or cellular data. It implemented video calls between two FaceTime devices.

When Gu Jinglian saw that Chu He had contacted him through Facetime, he suddenly felt relieved. He hit the answer button, but the video screen was dark.

He asked, "Chu He, where are you?"

Nothing happened for a while.

Gu Jinglian started to feel nervous again.

"Chu He? Chu..."

"Master Gu, long time no see!"

He was interrupted by the hoarse voice of a man.

Gu Jinglian was stunned and immediately recognized this voice.

Black Panther?!

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Black Panther was just a nickname. He was a dark-skinned middle-aged man with a long scar on his face. His card-playing style was aggressive. Almost no one was his match when playing against him.

This person used to hang out in the Gu family's former casino. No one knew his real name, but his gambling skills were top-notch.

Rather than saying that his gambling skills were top-notch, perhaps it was more accurate to say that his cheating skills were top-notch.

He cheated in gambling and would use his amazing techniques to earn a fortune while causing countless gamblers to lose all their money.

Gu Jinglian had set a rule in the casino that if anyone was found cheating, they would have to pay with an arm.

Everyone was well aware of Black Panther's tricks. However, without any evidence, they could not do anything to him.

The people in the casino lamented.

Eventually, in a rare move, Gu Jinglian took the man on and played a game against him. If this Black Panther hadn't stirred things up at the casino, he wouldn't have bothered.

It had to be said that Gu Jinglian was slightly better at gambling. Black Panther was caught red-handed and had one of his arms broken, according to the rules of the underworld.

Black Panther hated him for that.

However, for a long time afterwards, there was no news of this person. He had almost disappeared.

Unexpectedly...

Why was Chu He's phone with him?

Could it be...?

Gu Jinglian felt that something was up.

The Gu family had many enemies. There were countless people in the underworld seeking revenge. As a result, Gu Jinglian usually made his moves with great swiftness and momentum, without giving the enemies time to retaliate.

However, now they had targeted Chu He.

He had obviously hidden her well.

How did she end up in Black Panther's hands?!

Gu Jinglian could not figure it out.

Could it be...

Black Panther had stolen Meng Qingxue's WeChat account and used it to lure Chu He into the trap?

At the thought of this possibility, Gu Jinglian was beside himself with fury!

"Where is she!?"

"Rare, truly rare."

Black Panther sneered sinisterly. "I didn't expect that the rumored cold and heartless Gu Jinglian would have a lover! In that case, I didn't kidnap the wrong person this time? Master Gu, don't be so anxious. She's with me now and doing very well!"

Gu Jinglian immediately demanded, "Show her to me!"

"Sure. If you want to see her, I'll show her to you."

The video suddenly lit up.

The lights seemed to have come on.

Following this, the image of Chu He appeared on the screen.

She was chained to a stool and conscious, but her mouth was taped. She couldn't make a sound.

Judging by the details of the room, it appeared to be in a very dark room without a single window. Above her was an incandescent lamp.

Then, the scarred face of a man appeared in the video at the same time.

“Is it this woman you wish to see?”

Black Panther stood behind her, leaning down a little. His hand gripped Chu He’s chin hard, as if he were deliberately testing goods for Gu Jinglian. He twisted it and pried his eyelids open to show him.

“Look, the real deal! Is this woman yours?”

Gu Jinglian tensed up and gritted his teeth.

“Looks like it!”

Black Panther’s fell on Chu He’s bulging belly, and he clicked his tongue. “That’s a big belly. I’m guessing there’s more than one kid in here. Hey, tell me, it’s been nine months. They should have taken shape by now, right?”

“I’m warning you. You are not to lay a finger on her head or else—”

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“Or else you’ll crush and destroy me?”

Black Panther shook his head and said scornfully, “What era is this? It’s time to change the tiresome script isn’t it!”

Part of the man’s body could be seen in the video. His left sleeve was noticeably empty.

“You see this? You personally ordered this arm to be broken! I still remember it!” Black Panther smiled grimly and spoke again, clearly enunciating each word. “But to tell you the truth, my days are numbered! You can do whatever you want to me. Even if you send thousands of top assassins to besiege me now, I’ll just lose my life, that’s all. But fortunately there’s a sacrificial lamb here.”

There was a pause, then Panther tutted again. “Now why did I say one? I’ve got three sacrificial lambs, your woman, and the two little bastards in her belly!”

Gu Jinglian clenched his fists. “What do you want?”

“Let me be clear with you. I don’t have much time left. Before I die, we have to settle our scores, right?!” Black Panther said faintly, “Gu Jinglian, let’s play a game? How about that? Hahaha!”

His wolf-like laughter made him sound like a malicious ghost in the dark and empty room.

“So it was you who stole Meng Qingxue’s account and lured her over?”

“Does it matter?” Black Panther said, “What’s important is the score between us. If you want to keep your woman and the children, I’ll give you a chance. Pailou Lane on Wuyi Road, underground warehouse 9-2. Come alone. Remember, just you. If I see even one more person, I’ll make sure there’s one less person in her belly. Don’t think I’m afraid of dying. Anyway, I don’t have long to live! If you break the rules of the game, heh heh, I won’t give you a chance to choose again!”

With that, the Facetime session came to an end.

Almost without hesitation, Gu Jinglian went to the driver's door and opened it.

"Get out!"

The driver, who had heard all of the conversation, hesitated. "Master Gu, you can't go alone! The odds are against you!"

"Get out!"

"Master Gu..."

Gu Jinglian suddenly drew out the pistol from his waist and aimed it at the man's temple. "I'm warning you, my patience is limited. Now, get out of the car immediately!"

The driver opened his mouth and cold sweat slid down his face. He immediately stepped out of the car. Gu Jinglian pushed him away and got in. He closed the door and, before anyone could stop him, sped towards the address Black Panther had given him.

On the way, Black Panther made another video to confirm that Gu Jinglian was indeed alone. He was relieved.

"Gu Jinglian, I'll wait for you. Thirty minutes. That's all you have!" Black Panther hung up.

Gu Jinglian was so angry that he threw his phone on the seat. He floored the accelerator and drove on the national highway leading to the destination.

Twenty minutes later, he arrived at his destination. He realized that he was at the foot of a barren mountain.

There was no sign of anyone living around here. There was only an abandoned warehouse in front of him. It looked sinister. Now that it was dusk, the building looked even more terrifying!

Gu Jinglian made a call. Black Panther picked it up and asked, "Are you here?"

"I'm at the door! Why, is there no one to greet me?"

"Ha. Approach the entrance. The door will open! You're carrying a gun, aren't you?"

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Gu Jinglian frowned and was about to reply, but Black Panther ignored him. "So be it! There's not much use for it anyway!" Then he hung up.

Gu Jinglian approached the entrance of the warehouse. Stepping over the yellow line in front of it, he heard a creak. The heavy roller door seemed to be equipped with a sensor device and opened automatically.

He let himself into the warehouse. Then, the shutters fell heavily behind him. Inside, a thick layer of dust rose. Gu Jinglian covered his lips in disgust and waved to clear the air.

The lights came on suddenly.

He raised his eyes and looked around. There was only one large table in the huge warehouse. There was someone sitting at the table. It was a man.

He was sitting on what looked like a torturer's bench. On the table was the usual card dispenser one would typically see in casinos. To the man's left was a television set. At the moment, the screen was flashing with snowflakes.

The man was wearing a burlap sack over his head. Gu Jinglian walked over and whipped the sack away. It was his subordinate in charge of maintaining order in the Gu family's casino.

It could be said that he was Gu Jinglian's right hand man in the casino.

The man's mouth was taped over. When he saw Gu Jinglian, a look of fear appeared in his eyes.

This fear was not because he was afraid of anything, but because he did not expect Gu Jinglian to turn up!

"Mmmmmmm..."

Gu Jinglian immediately tore the tape off his mouth. The man immediately said, "CEO Gu, you shouldn't have come! You..."

"What's going on!?"

"President Gu, please leave quickly! Don't worry about me!"

This subordinate thought that Gu Jinglian had come for him and had no idea that Chu He had also been captured.

Gu Jinglian frowned. "Qingjiu. What's going on?"

"I... I don't know. I woke up and I was here. I..."

As he spoke, the snow on the television screen flickered for a moment, followed by a black-and-white video feed.

On the screen, Black Panther sat in front of the camera, looking straight ahead calmly as if he was looking directly at them through the screen.

"You're a guest. Sit down!"

Gu Jinglian suddenly realized something and looked around. He spotted surveillance cameras in the corners of the room!

Chu He was not here!

Likewise, Black Panther was not here either.

And this room was already filled with surveillance cameras. He had fallen into his trap.

Gu Jinglian did not know what other tricks there were in this room, but he heard Black Panther speak again. "Don't be so nervous! Sit down! It's just a game!"

“What sort of game?”

“Your favorite game.”

Black Panther smiled. “See the dealer on the table?”

Gu Jinglian appeared very calm. “Yes, I heard that CEO Gu is best at Blackjack. Back then, when I lost to you, we played Blackjack. Today, I might as well end it with Blackjack.”

“Fine.”

Gu Jinglian asked, “How do we play it?”

“First of all, gambling requires stakes and chips. I wonder what chips CEO Gu brought?”

Gu Jinglian asked again, “How much money do you want?”

“I don’t want money.”

Black Panther suddenly said meaningfully, “How about this. I’ll let you choose.”

Black Panther turned the camera so that Gu Jinglian could see Chu He on the screen, still tied up. He suddenly understood what Black Panther meant by ‘bargaining chips’.

It was either Chu He or himself.

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“I’m going to give you two choices. One, your woman and your two children. But my guess is that you’d be reluctant. So... do you see the box under the table?”

Gu Jinglian took half a step back. As expected, there was a box under the table.

He hesitated.

“Don’t worry! It’s not a bomb in there. If I wanted you dead, I wouldn’t have hidden the bomb in this box. Heh.”

Taking a deep breath, Gu Jinglian lifted the box and opened it. Inside were two strange-looking torture devices.

One seemed to be an iron balaclava, but within this headgear was hidden an extraordinary mystery.

The iron balaclava was fitted over the head with two electric drills aimed at the temple. If the mechanism was triggered, the drills would drive into the temple until they pierced the skull.

The other, which appeared to be an amputating device used to hold the hand in place. Triggering the mechanism would sever the fingers at the root.

“These two items are your stakes. Take your pick! Haha! When you’re ready, the game will officially begin! However, I have a word of advice for you...”

Black Panther narrowed his eyes. "I'm not going to bind you with anything. But if you're going to escape and leave this warehouse before the game is over, then your woman and the two bastards in her belly are as good as dead, and I will go down with them!"

Behind him, Chu He roared in fury.

Gu Jinglian suddenly said, "Chu He, don't worry. You'll be fine. I'm here."

With that, he took out the two torture devices.

He couldn't help sneering silently. No wonder Black Panther said that it didn't matter if he carried a gun. It was useless!

This man wanted to torture him, even if that would be the last thing he'd ever do.

However, the one playing against him was his right hand man, Qingjiu!

Qingjiu was his most loyal subject.

Gu Jinglian's face tightened.

Black Panther said, "First of all, fight for points. The one with more points will choose a torture device!"

The dealer dealt out two cards. At the same time, the secured cuff on one of Qingjiu's arms released automatically so that the arm was freed.

"Boss, if you leave now, there's still time!"

Qingjiu lowered his voice. "Leave me alone. You leave now!"

"I can't leave."

Gu Jinglian's voice was soft but firm.

He sat down in his seat. At the same time, he asked, "How can I be sure that if I played this game with you, you won't hurt her?!"

"You know what I'm like! Back then, when I lost to you, I followed your rules and took the initiative to break my own arm. Similarly, I follow the rules. Heh, if you believe me, continue. If you don't, it's up to you!"

Gu Jinglian gritted his teeth. Except that he had no choice at all.

If he chose to believe, he had a fifty-fifty chance of saving Chu He.

If he chose not to believe the man, then he wouldn't even have a tenth of a chance.

Either way, he had to take a gamble.

"Turn the cards!"

Gu Jinglian flipped the card over. 6 of clubs.

Qingjiu studied Gu Jinglian closely, and finally understood what Chu He meant to Gu Jinglian. He turned his card over as well.

The jack of hearts.

Qingjiu had the higher score. He would choose his torture device first.

It had to be said that Black Panther was very good at torturing people. Ability to choose one's torture device meant ability to choose life or death.

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A balaclava and an amputation device. If he were to choose the balaclava, and he were to lose the game, death was certain. If he were to choose the amputation device, even if he lost, he would only lose five fingers.

Black Panther said, "Qingjiu, congratulations. If I were you, I would definitely choose the amputation device. Although Gu Jinglian was once your master, at such a critical moment, would you still want to be thinking about loyalty?! Don't worry, if you choose the amputation device and Gu Jinglian wears that balaclava, he will definitely die if he loses! Hahahaha!"

His savage laughter was particularly piercing.

Gu Jinglian bowed his head in silence. If Qingjiu were to betray him and choose the amputation device, he would have to work hard to win.

Qingjiu stared at the two torture devices, his body trembling.

In the face of death, human selfishness seem to be constantly at work.

He had a daughter. The casino was a complicated place with all kinds of people. His wife had left him a long time ago and taken their other daughter with her.

He couldn't just give up his life!

No way!

A voice inside kept reminding him that nothing was more important than his life and his daughter!

At this moment, as Black Panther had rightly pointed out, was loyalty really that important?!

Qingjiu suddenly looked at the screen and said, "I have the right to choose now, don't I?! No matter what decision is made, it's my right. It can't be changed, right?!"

"Gambling. Gambling. The rules of the game must be complied with. How you choose is, of course, your right. You've got higher points and you get to choose."

"Alright... alright..."

Qingjiu said "alright" several times in a trembling voice. Suddenly, he looked up at Gu Jinglian, who stared back at him calmly, as if waiting for him to make a choice.

He smiled suddenly, but said nothing. He reached out—but chose the balaclava.

Even Gu Jinglian was taken aback. He had not expected the man to be able to overcome the fear of death and, ultimately, choose to be loyal to him.

“Do you remember what I said to you when I first entered the Gu family? I’m your subject in life and in death, my soul will belong to the Gu family.” Qingjiu smiled, bit his lip hard, and put the hood on his head!

Gu Jinglian’s fists, hidden on the table, trembled.

On the screen, Black Panther looked shocked as well, but only went on to say, “Gu Jinglian, it’s your turn! You’re not unfamiliar with this thing, are you? One of the devices used on cheating gamblers in the casino.”

“Naturally, it’s no stranger.” Gu Jinglian steadied the amputation device and calmly positioned each of his five slender fingers on it.

“Rules are rules, and I will obey them. I hope you will be no exception!”

Black Panther grunted and announced, “Okay, game on!”

Blackjack, one of the casino games.

The game is played among 2 to 6 players using 52 cards other than Joker, and the objective of the player is to make the total sum of the cards in his hand no more than 21 points and as high as possible.

For two players, one deck of cards is normally used. Cards 2 to 9 are calculated at face value.

K, Q, J, and 10-cards are all 10 points each, generally denoted T to mean “Ten”. Ace cards may be counted as 1 point or 11 points. It is up to the player to decide. The player stops playing when he considers he has reached the maximum points he can safely accumulate without going over 21.

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If the dealer’s card is a T and his hidden card is an A, he should directly bare his cards, he would have got Blackjack.

However, because this was a two-player setup, the rules were set very simply.

An open card, a hidden card, one of which was invisible to anyone but himself. The open card was shared.

Then came the usual process of drawing the cards: “Hit” means to call for a card, “Stand” means to stop calling for cards and hold them, “double” means doubling the stakes.

In the process of dealing, if a player’s cards total over 21, the player loses—this is known as “Bust”.

For busted cards, the point recalculation will become very small.

The winning rule is: The hand with the highest total up to a maximum of 21 points, is the winner.

For example, if a player has a J and a 9, that gives 19 points. If another player asks for three cards, a J and a 9 and a 2, that gives 21 points, and he wins.

“Let me announce the rules one last time. There will be a total of five rounds. There are two electric drills, one on each side of the balaclava. If you lose, the drill will be driven into your temple. If you lose five times in a row, it will be driven straight through your skull. For the amputation device, every round you lose, you will lose a finger. Heh, it will be amputated at the root! Oh, how exciting. I’m so looking forward to it!”

“Cut the crap.” Gu Jinglian said, “Deal the cards.”

The dealer dealt two cards each to Gu Jinglian and Qingjiu.

Gu Jinglian looked at the hidden card. It was a 6 of Spades. The open card was a 3 of Hearts. Bad luck.

Qingjiu couldn’t see the hidden card on the opposite side, but his open card was an 8 of Clubs.

Even adding up the two cards that Gu Jinglian was holding in his hand, the total would only be slightly higher than his one open card. If his hidden card was a 3, it would be a total of 11 points. But if it was an Ace, the highest card, it would be 19 points. That was high.

He would have to call for more cards.

Even if he were to draw the highest card, an Ace with 11 points, it would come up to a total of 20 points. He would not bust it.

Gu Jinglian called out, “Hit.”

The dealer dealt another card. It was a 9 of Clubs.

It added up to 18 points. At the moment, he could only hold back. Calling for another card would be too risky. If the card he was dealt exceeded 3 points, he would bust.

As for the cards Qingjiu was holding?

Would he call for more?

In addition to capability and computing power, Blackjack relied on luck.

The cards in the dealer had been shuffled so that no one could predict what the next card would be.

If they were staking money, then so be it. However, the stakes now were too heavy for either Qingjiu or himself. He could not be overly cautious.

“CEO Gu...” Qingjiu suddenly spoke.

Gu Jinglian looked up, his expression darkening. "What do you wish to say, Qingjiu?"

"I... I think I don't have a choice this time round. I won't walk out alive."

The man smiled bitterly. "I ... I just want to ask one favor..." He mouthed his words silently, "I have a daughter, you know ... please, please take good care of her."

Gu Jinglian nodded gently at that.

Qingjiu said immediately, "Stand." This meant the cards had been suspended. He would stop calling.

Gu Jinglian was not surprised. He knew that Qingjiu was letting him win.

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Gu Jinglian thought for a moment and shouted back, "Stand."

He didn't have to take any more chances. Qingjiu was clearly giving in to him. The card in his hand was an 8 of Clubs. If the hidden card was a T or an A card, he would have lost.

He accepted the loss of a finger. Even if he had to trade five of his fingers for Qingjiu's life, it would be worth it, and he was willing.

"Turn the cards!"

Qingjiu and Gu Jinglian flipped over their hidden cards at the same time. Gu Jinglian immediately glanced at the other man's card and was shocked to discover that it was a 6 of Clubs.

Qingjiu had lost. The light in Gu Jinglian's eyes flashed briefly.

From the television screen, Black Panther's cold voice rang out. "Qingjiu, are you deliberately letting him win? You don't seem to know what it's like to have an electric drill driven into your temple. Perfect. I'll let you have a taste of what it means to be in so much pain that you wish you were dead!"

Tzeeee... Tzeee...

The electric drill began to spin violently!

Qingjiu shut his eyes tightly and gritted his teeth, his hand gripping the edge of the table. The moment the electric drill bit into his flesh and pierced his temple, the indescribable pain made him roar!

"Stop!" Gu Jinglian could stand it no longer. He punched the table hard and the electric drill stopped.

Black Panther shook his head regretfully. "What a master-servant bond! It's so touching, so touching..."

With the electric drill dug into his temple, Qingjiu couldn't move.

In fact, the electric drill had only pierced less than half an inch into his flesh. However, even so, such pain was something that no one could imagine!

Gu Jinglian asked nervously, "Qingjiu, how are you feeling?"

“I’m fine...” Qing Jiu could not move his head and could only reply as such. However, every word took extreme effort to say. Each word he spoke affected his nerves, and that in turn affected his temple. He was in so much pain that he was sweating profusely.

In the other room, Chu He leaned back quietly in her chair. She forced herself to calm down quickly. Her body was immobilized and she could barely move. However, with her hands behind her back, her fingers were nimble and mobile.

She examined her own situation briefly.

Prior to Gu Jinglian’s arrival, Black Panther’s full attention had been on her. She didn’t dare to act rashly. After all, she wasn’t alone. She had two little ones in her belly. Without full confidence, she didn’t want to take any chances.

When Gu Jinglian arrived as promised and entered the dark room that Black Panther had prepared in advance, the crook started to pay attention to the surveillance screens and now hardly had time to return his attention to her.

It was her chance.

Her hands were clasped behind her back. She couldn’t move, of course, but, to her relief, there was a cuff pin in the opening of her sleeve. The front was for the cuff, and the back was like a pin. She acted calm, but secretly she was making an effort to remove the pin.

She had to be careful. If the cuff pin fell to the ground, not only would she lose her chance to escape, but she might attract Black Panther’s attention.

Chu He gritted her teeth and straightened the pin she had removed. As she could not see it, she inevitably mishandled it at some points and pricked her own hand. However, this bit of pain was nothing to her!

She had to escape quickly. She couldn’t watch them play such a cruel game.

On the other side, Gu Jinglian and Qingjiu had already started their second round.

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The hidden card dealt to Gu Jinglian was an Ace and the hidden card was a K. It was exactly 21 points. He was shockingly lucky. This meant that Qingjiu was bound to lose.

No matter what his hidden card was, the open card was a 2 of Spades, a particularly low-value. No matter the value of the hidden card, there was nothing he could do about it.

But Gu Jinglian hesitated.

Should he call for another card?

He’d bust. That way, he’d lose. He’d lose a finger, but at least he could save Qingjiu for this round.

Should he?

Gu Jinglian's gaze fell to his hand. In the midst of his hesitation, Qingjiu said, "Boss, you don't have to... you don't have to protect me..."

He knew what he was thinking! Gu Jinglian frowned but said nothing.

Qingjiu said however, "The hidden card in your hand is an Ace, isn't it?"

Gu Jinglian looked startled that he had guessed correctly.

Qingjiu said, "If you bust to protect me, then I'd also choose to bust. Boss... don't worry about me, understand?!"

When Black Panther saw this scene, his breathing suddenly quickened and he felt inexplicably frustrated!

"What's the point if you play like this?! Deliberately letting each other win like this. Is this still gambling?! Ha! I'm not a charity and this is not a game of happy family. I'm being serious! Since both of you are bent on death, I'll execute you now. How about that?!"

As he said this, Black Panther made a move to press a button. Gu Jinglian snapped, "You're breaking the rules of the game! We're not breaking the rules. You have no right to do that!"

"Get this straight. Now his life, your woman's life, and your children's lives are in my hands! I am God. I have the right to rule."

"You're going to break the rules?!"

"You're the ones breaking the rules! Seeing how deep your relationship is, I just can't bear to do it. I might as well give you a quick death. How about that?!"

Gu Jinglian was about to flare up when Qingjiu immediately stopped him.

"Calm down, boss." Then Qingjiu said to him, "Let's continue!"

Gu Jinglian held back his anger.

Qingjiu said, "I'm playing seriously."

Gu Jinglian nodded. "Play seriously. And if you lose, I have nothing to say."

"Okay." Qingjiu was touched. He understood that Gu Jinglian could not bear to watch him die.

So he raised his hand and said, "Hit."

The dealer dealt another card.

It was a 9 of Hearts.

Qingjiu cracked his knuckles. It was Gu Jinglian's turn. He maintained his cards.

Qingjiu too maintained his cards.

The cards were turned over one at a time.

Gu Jinglian had 21 points, maximum value.

Qingjiu, on the other hand, had 18 points and was being punished.

The electric drill started up again. The life damning sound of spinning drills assaulted their ears!

Qingjiu nervously tightened his fists. As the drill bit dug deeper, his entire body convulsed as if he had been electrocuted. By the time the drilling stopped, his breathing had quickened drastically.

The pain was so intense that the game could not continue.

Black Panther's eyes were fixed on the camera, studying Qingjiu's pained expression, but he said nothing.

However, Gu Jinglian knew that on the one hand, the man was really in pain. On the other hand, he was stalling for time.

He also fell silent. From his point of view, it might be difficult to imagine what kind of pain Qingjiu was enduring. However, it must be worse than death!

Qing Jiu even thought of biting his tongue to commit suicide. However, for some reason, his daughter's smile appeared in his mind, and his survival instincts sustained him.

Black Panther was clearly growing impatient. "The game's still on. Don't dilly-dally on purpose!"