

When he got back, the incident did not seem to affect Qiqi much as she was playing with her grandfather happily. Lin Yijun, on the other hand, didn't seem fine at all.

If anyone else was in her shoes, they would definitely be traumatized had they been kidnapped.

"It's my fault, I didn't equip the bodyguards with guns in time," Lu Chen consoled Lin Yijun.

He believed that the bodyguards he chose were quite capable, however, it would be hard to protect Lin Yijun without guns if their opponents were fully armed.

"What kind of people have you offended?" Lin Yijun looked into Lu Chen's eyes. She had been scared out of her wits these few days. Firstly, her daughter had been kidnapped, then the next thing she knew, she was kidnapped as well. How hard it is to lead a normal life.

"My Madam." Lu Chen held Lin Yijun in his arms as he revealed his background to Lin Yijun, including the incident whereby he left Beijing after a dispute with his father,

and later agreed to inherit the family's fortune and much more.

In the past, he never told her this as he didn't want Xiao Bieqing to find out about his identity if it got out. However, since she had already shown her hands, he did not have to worry anymore.

The next day, Lu Chen went to visit the bodyguards who were injured. Then, he went on to see Du Fei, where he managed to get his hands on a few pistols and some bullets. After that, he ordered his men to find Xu Zuojun to help him procure a legal gun license.

In the afternoon, Lu Chen received a call from Wu Lei when he was in the midst of a discussion with Du Fei on how to deal with Xiao Bieqing. Wu Lei told him that somebody was stirring up trouble in his supermarket, and that the police didn't bother to intervene.

Lu Chen hung up the phone as a hint of murderous intent flashed across his eyes. He then told Song Hai, "Bring some men over to Sheng Shi Supermarket. I don't care who the troublemakers are, but I want you to break their legs."

Initially, he thought that the people from the Rough Stone Association said those words yesterday in a fit of anger. Unexpectedly, they really dared to mess up his supermarket.

Back then when Zhang Daoren came to vandalize his supermarket, he made the Zhang Family lose over a few billions. Since these men were just some minor characters, he would only use force to subdue them.

Of course, the best way was for him to seize control of the Rough Stone Association. However, he didn't have the time, nor was he in the mood to deal with this matter as he had gotten his hands full with Xiao Bieqing at the moment.

After Song Hai left, Lu Chen and the rest of them continued their discussion on dealing with Xiao Bieqing. This time, if she dared to come to Chongqing, he would make her stay here forever.

Hence, he had to have a well-thought-out plan.

"By the way, how do you plan to deal with Zhou Zunfei? I heard that the Zhou Family

had sent their men to Chongqing to investigate this matter,” asked Du Fei in the end.

“Lock him up first. I will deal with him later once I settle the matter with Xiao Bieqing,” said Lu Chen. If it weren’t for the fact that Zhou Zunfei kidnapped Qiqi earlier, all of these wouldn’t have happened. Hence, Lu Chen would not let him get away that easily.

Du Fei nodded his head. Although the Zhou Family had sent their men here to find Zhou Zunfei, they wouldn’t think to look at his place for the time being.

Even if they managed to come knocking on his doors, he wasn’t afraid of them at all.

When he came out of the Sakura Nightclub, Lu Chen received a call from an unknown number. However, the caller ID showed that the call originated from the central plains region, and thus he thought to himself whether it was the people from the Zhou Family.

He hesitated for a moment before answering the call.

“Master Lu, it’s me, Lan Ling. I have received some news. This time, someone from Beijing is after you and they have joined forces with the Zhang, Zuo and Liu families. Moreover, they might already know your true identity.” Once the call was answered, Lan Ling’s voice was heard from the other end of the phone.

Lu Chen’s eyes narrowed. He knew about this ever since Zhang Shengqiao, Liu Qifu and Zuo Zhengyi came to cause a ruckus at the airport yesterday. Moreover, since Mu Zong was able to continue hiding in Chongqing without being found out by him and Du Fei, he was definitely hiding amongst the Four Great Families.

Hence, it was not surprising that Xiao Bieqing wanted to use the Zhang, Zuo and Liu Families to impede him.

The only thing was, was the Chen Family involved in this as well?

Lu Chen wasn’t quite sure about this. As such, he dared not conclude his theory.

“I know,” replied Lu Chen impassively.

In regards to Lan Ling, he was still pissed

at her as she shouldn't have used his daughter to threaten him. His family was off limits and nobody should ever touch them.

If it weren't for the fact that she treated Qiqi well, he would have crippled her a long time ago.

"Master Lu, I know that you are quite powerful, but in the face of the Three Great Families and the big shot from Beijing, it would be hard for you to deal with them, wouldn't it? Which is why, I am calling you now to apologize to you. Previously, it was my fault for not giving the matter due consideration, hence I'm really sorry about it. So, you have my word today that as long as you need the Lan Family's help, you just have to ask and we will go to the ends of the world for you." Lan Ling's determined voice was heard again through the other side of the phone.

Lu Chen leaned back against the car bonnet and did not reply to her. Instead, he took out a cigarette and lit it.

He was trying to analyze the credibility behind Lan Ling's words.

To be honest, he was in need of allies at the moment. However, he felt that Lan Ling was not worthy of his trust.

“Since you know my true identity, then you should know that I have the capabilities to resolve this issue,” said Lu Chen as he hung up the phone straight away. Although he needed some allies, he did not want a ticking time bomb beside him.

At the moment, in one of the mansions, Lan Ling did not seem crestfallen at the fact that Lu Chen had hung up her call. On the contrary, she smiled while staring at her mobile phone.

“My Lady, do you really intend to help him? Although it is surprising that he is the boss of Yi Qi Technology, this time around, the Three Great Families in Chongqing are after him. Moreover, there is a big shot from Beijing who is supporting them behind the scenes. I don’t think that he’ll win this,” said a middle-aged man who was standing beside her.

This middle-aged man was called Lan Jing, and he was sent by the Lan Family to protect Lan Ling.

However, judging by Lan Ling's capabilities, not many people could hurt or subdue her.

Lan Ling twirled her mobile phone in her hand as if she was twirling a pencil and smiled confidently. "Of course, we need to help him. Uncle Jing, you must be thinking that Lu Chen is doomed, huh? Actually, he's not. We only know the tip of the iceberg when it comes to his capabilities. It is not exaggerating to say that this matter wouldn't cause much damage to him. I believe that he definitely has the capabilities to resolve this issue. If at this point of time, we choose to stand on his side, we could firstly ease his grudge toward the incident that happened the last time. With the amount of effort we'll put into helping him, we'll be able to move him at the very least."

She was confident about this. Back then in the Middle Sea, she overheard Lu Chen making a call to threaten the person who was supporting Xiao Zhiyuan from behind the scenes. From this, she knew that the person whom he had threatened was a big shot from Beijing who had made him their target. Furthermore, Lu Chen was definitely acquainted with them.



Besides, if his enemies really had the capabilities to deal with Lu Chen, they would not need to join forces with the Three Great Families.

“Okay. But, he doesn’t seem to want our help,” said Lan Jing.

Lan Ling gave a cunning smile and said, “He would not accept my help, but he would definitely accept Chen Churan’s help.” With that, she whipped out her phone and gave Chen Churan a call.



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After he hung up Lan Ling's phone call, Lu Chen went to the hospital to visit Xu Jing. Fortunately, Xu Jing had a good physique, so he was on the mend and was currently out of danger. He could be discharged from the hospital after a few days of bed rest.

After chatting with Xu Jing for awhile, Lu Chen left the hospital. The moment he stepped out of the compound, he received a call from Chen Churan.

Through the call, Chen Churan invited Lu Chen out to a better place to meet up. However, Lu Chen tactfully declined her invitation as he knew that she was probably thinking along the same lines as Lan Ling.

Since Chen Churan was merely Chen Guangxing's daughter, her words held no meaning at all.

If Chen Guangxing had been the one who invited him, he would've considered it.

Regardless, judging from Chen Churan's attitude, his mind was put at ease knowing that although the Chen Family did not take his side, at the very least they weren't

taking the Three Great Families' side either.

Amongst the Four Great Families, the Chen Family had better connections as well as a wider network compared to the other three families. If the Chen Family joined forces with the other three families to go up against him, he really doubted that Xie Weihao would be able to withstand the pressure.

However, why should he have to follow their methods?

A smirk formed at the corner of his mouth. Sometimes, if you have absolute power, you don't have to compete in terms of connections.

Your connections could only resolve your problems temporarily, but it would not resolve your problems for good.

Only absolute power could save you from a lifetime of troubles.

At the moment in the Chen Family's mansion, Chen Churan looked disappointed as she kept her phone. She thought that she could use this

opportunity to help Lu Chen. However, she did not expect him to reject her kindness.

“Churan, did he reject you?” Old Master Chen asked her with a smile.

“Grandfather, does he actually think that he can go up against the Three Great Families alone? Plus, I heard that there is some big shot in Beijing who is behind all these incidents. Why does he have to be so stubborn?” said Chen Churan with displeasure.

“Lu Chen is a mysterious person after all, so don’t underestimate him just yet. Maybe the Three Great Families are indeed nothing in his eyes,” said Old Master Chen.

“Hmph! It’s such a waste of my efforts as I have tried to persuade my father for a long time to support him. After much difficulty, he finally agreed, yet Lu Chen does not want to accept our helping hand. This is so frustrating! I’d like to see how he’s going to deal with the Three Great Families alone. Furthermore, I want to tell my dad that unless Lu Chen personally comes and begs us, we won’t help him,” said Chen Churan in an angry manner.

Old Master Chen smiled bitterly. Based on his understanding of Lu Chen, the latter definitely had the confidence to deal with the matter that was coming since he had rejected their help. Hence, it would be impossible for him to come and beg for help from the Chen Family.

In fact, Old Master Chen was looking forward to seeing how Lu Chen would deal with this huge problem. Since the Three Great Families had formed an alliance, Xie Weihao would have to weigh his options and take his position in Chongqing into account for the next few years.

After all, the Three Great Families weren't people to be trifled with. If he messed up, he could forget about getting any political benefits from them for the next few years.

If the Three Great Families wanted to develop some new projects, they were fully capable of going to other cities to develop a new territory there. This would spell disaster for Xie Weihao as he needed to obtain some political achievements in Chongqing.

At the moment, at the entrance of the Sheng Shi Supermarket, a group of people

were blocking the main entrance. They only allowed the people inside to go out, but refused to let the people outside into the supermarket. Their actions were seriously affecting the supermarket's business.

The staff in the supermarket were used to seeing people coming to stir up trouble, but this was the first time they saw people preventing their customers from coming in to do some shopping by blocking the main entrance of the supermarket.

Wu Lei frowned. After giving Lu Chen a call, he could only report this to the police. However, when the police arrived and saw the crowd, they retreated after somebody whispered something in their ears.

This made him recall the previous incident whereby the Zhang Family came to vandalize their supermarket. As such, he had a bad premonition about this.

“Are you the manager of this supermarket? Hurry up and call your boss here. This matter will not end unless your boss comes and apologizes to us!”

“He has to kneel and apologize to us in

front of all these people, or else this matter will not be resolved.”

“That’s right. If he doesn’t apologize, we will not let your supermarket open its doors for business forever.”

Wu Lei was helpless when faced with their arrogant demands.

“Manager Wu, what should we do? If we allow them to continue on with their shenanigans, we are going to lose the crowd of people we drew in earlier,” said one of the staff worriedly.

The gazes of the other staff were filled with worry as well.

Their boss was kind to them in every way and their pay was thirty percent higher than the other supermarkets. However, he had offended many people and they would come to stir up some troubles from time to time. If this went on, it would take a toll on the supermarket’s business.

Just when Wu Lei was at his wits end, Song Hai arrived with his men.

Song Hai squeezed through the crowd first

to find Wu Lei. Then, he whispered in his ear, "Let the staff go in first and close the main entrance. I will give you a call later when everything is done."

Wu Lei knew that Song Hai was sent here by Lu Chen, and from his gaze, he knew what Song Hai was thinking. Since this was Lu Chen's intention, he could only listen to Song Hai for now.

"Open the door first. Everyone please leave through the back door. We are closing for today," said Wu Lei to his staff.

Wu Lei waited until all the staff had left before closing the main entrance.

Just when the crowd thought that they had achieved their goals and wanted to leave, Song Hai made a call. Just then, dozens of ruffians who had been lying in ambush outside the supermarket rushed toward them. Without a word, they started beating up the people from the Rough Stone Association in a ruthless manner.

In that instant, a series of wailing sounds filled the air. Those who were slow to escape all had one of their legs broken. When Song Hai saw that they were almost



done with their job here, he signaled for his men to retreat, and all the ruffians disappeared without a trace.

When the policemen arrived, they could only call the ambulance to send the people with broken legs to the hospital.

When Zuo Qingcheng and the rest of them heard this news, they were extremely pissed. However, since they were the ones who had gone to the police station first and asked them not to interfere in their business, they could only suppress their anger in their hearts.

“Elder Zhang, these men must have come here under Lu Chen’s orders. We should ask him to pay up for their medical bills,” said the Chairman, Zhu Deze, who looked as grim as him.

There were altogether seventeen members of the association who had their legs broken, thus their medical bills wouldn’t be cheap. A few million might not even be enough to cover their medical expenses. This time Lu Chen represented Chongqing and was the runner-up for the competition. As such, the Rough Stone Association obtained quite a huge amount of cash

prize through it, but he did not dare to take it all for himself.

Moreover, the expenses for the Rough Stone Association weren't a small amount, so he was unable to fork out that much money to cover the medical expenses for these people.

"Don't worry about the medical expenses. I will settle them. On the other hand, I want you to find more men and don't worry about the expenses. I will make Lu Chen regret this tomorrow," said Zhang Shengqiao.

Zhu Deze heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. He was only waiting for this sentence from Zhang Shengqiao. As long as the money was in his account, he could settle everything for them.

As for asking Lu Chen to pay up for their medical fees, it was only his excuse. Seeing how Lu Chen dared to ask his men to cripple them, he would never pay for their medical fees.

"I think that we should direct our attention toward Yi Qi Technology..." Following that, Zhang Shengqiao and the rest of them

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discussed the plans on retaliating against Lu Chen's company tomorrow.



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“The Three Great Families have joined forces to destroy Yi Qi Technology, so what are you going to do about it? Do we need to ask Xie Weihao to step in to ease the situation?” Lin Yijun looked at Lu Chen worriedly.

The rumor that the Three Great Families had joined forces to destroy Yi Qi Technology had spread like wildfire within the last two days, with most of the media covering this piece of news, so it wasn't difficult for Lin Yijun to catch wind of it.

“No need for that. Xie Weihao can't do much in this case as the Three Great Families will not show him that kind of respect,” said Lu Chen calmly as he shook his head. Although this piece of news was circulating everywhere, he thought nothing of the Three Great Families. He was only waiting for Xiao Bieqing to find him.

He believed that as long as he was able to settle this matter with Xiao Bieqing, then the alliance between the Three Great Families would fall apart without needing for him to lift a single finger.

“Then, what should we do? We can't let them continue with their shenanigans now,

can we? Their actions will impact the company greatly," said Lin Yijun.

"They won't be able to continue their shenanigans for two consecutive days. By the way, don't go to work within these two days. I want you to stay at home and take care of Qiqi," said Lu Chen.

"Okay." Lin Yijun nodded her head. Her bodyguards were still nursing their injuries and the situation wasn't peaceful recently, hence she dared not go to the company anymore unless she had to.

At that moment, Lu Chen's phone rang. It was a call from Wang Wei.

"Young Master Lu, the Three Great Families have brought over a hundred 50 or 60 year old elderly people and they are blocking the entrance of the company. They are not allowing our staff to enter the company to work. I am afraid that you have to show up personally to settle this," said Wang Wei helplessly through the phone.

"All of them are elderly people?" Lu Chen frowned. If they were youngsters, he could ask Song Hai to bring along his men to

cripple them. However, it would be harder to deal with the situation if all of them were elderly people.

After all, he could never order his men to beat up a bunch of old people now, could he?

“Yes, this is indeed troublesome, and the police can’t do much about it. Some of the policemen here were humiliated by them as well,” said Wang Wei.

“Ok. I understand. Go and console the staff. I will come over in a moment to settle this,” said Lu Chen as he hung up the phone.

“What’s wrong?” Lin Yijun asked Lu Chen when she saw that he was frowning.

“They have brought along a group of elderly people to surround the company. I will head over there first to take a look,” said Lu Chen.

“Don’t act rashly and don't do anything stupid,” reminded Lin Yijun as she was worried that Lu Chen would beat up these group of elderly people in a fit of rage.

"I understand. I know what to do." Lu Chen nodded his head and walked out the door.

Although Lu Chen had reassured her, Lin Yijun was still worried as she felt a little restless at home.

She just wanted to ask her mother, Wang Xue, to have a chat with her when suddenly she heard somebody knocking at the door.

She felt a sense of foreboding in her heart, and just as she was going to give Lu Chen a call, her mother went to open the door. Following that, 5 to 6 people entered their house.

The leader of the group was a middle-aged woman who radiated a formidable aura. Just by looking at her from a distance, Lin Yijun could feel an invisible pressure bearing down upon her.

"Who are you guys?" asked Wang Xue anxiously when she saw them.

"Ask Lu Chen to get his \*ss back now!" The middle-aged woman gave Wang Xue a look before walking into the mansion by herself.

The middle-aged woman was none other than Xiao Bieqing herself. Since she knew that Lu Chen had laid a trap for her and was waiting for her to walk into it herself, she wanted to turn the tables on him. Moreover, she did not believe that Lu Chen would ask his men to lie in ambush in his own house.

Moreover, she lured Lu Chen away so that she could enter his home to control his family. By doing so, all his traps would be rendered useless.

“What do you want with him? Who are you exactly?” asked Wang Xue grimly.

“Give her a slap. Do you think you have the right to speak in front of me?” said Xiao Bieqing nonchalantly. With that, the muscular man behind her grabbed Wang Xue’s collar and gave her a slap.

Wang Xue was a shrew herself, but after getting slapped in the face, she dared not make a big fuss about it. She merely looked at Xiao Bieqing as she felt her pulse quicken.

“Who are you all? Why are you hitting us?” asked Lin Yijun in an accusing manner as



she hugged Qiqi to herself.

Although she felt an enormous amount of pressure from Xiao Bieqing, she still had to question her intentions when she saw her mother getting slapped.

“So, you are that illegitimate child’s woman?” Xiao Bieqing looked Lin Yijun up and down. As her gaze swept across Lin Yijun, Qiqi who was in Lin Yijun’s arms started to look frightened as she held on firmly to her mother’s collar.

“I am his wife. Are you Xiao Bieqing?” Lin Yijun recalled the things that Lu Chen had mentioned to her previously and immediately guessed that the middle-aged woman who was standing before her must be the Madam Lu Chen spoke of.

“You impudent woman! How dare you call our Madam by her name?!” The muscular man immediately gave Lin Yijun a slap. She was unable to dodge it, his fingers leaving marks on her face.

“Mama! Mama...” Qiqi started to cry out of fright.

“Hush Qiqi, don’t be afraid,” said Lin Yijun

as she endured the throbbing pain on her face while she quickly went to console Qiqi.

“Ask that b\*stard, Lu Chen, to come back here immediately! Remember, you must ask him to come alone, or else, he can come and collect his family’s bodies,” said Xiao Bieqing heartlessly.

“Lu Chen is busy with something. I am afraid that he won’t be back in awhile. Why don’t you tell me what business you have with him and I will relay this message to him?” When Lin Yijun recalled that Lu Chen had gone out to settle the company’s affairs; she did not wish for him to return so soon as well.

A hint of murderous intent flashed through Xiao Bieqing’s eyes as she walked toward Lin Yijun and gave her two slaps on her face without a word.

“Who do you think you are? You are not qualified to speak to me! Ask him to come back immediately, or else your whole family can continue to kneel here until he comes back,” said Xiao Bieqing as she harrumphed coldly and walked to the pavilion straightaway and sat down.

Lin Yijun had endured three slaps to her face, while Qiqi was bawling her eyes out. On the other hand, Wang Xue did not dare to make a fuss about this matter as she quickly took out the phone to give Lu Chen a call.

“Hey mum, what’s going on?” At the moment, Lu Chen had just reached Du Fei’s place as he did not plan to settle the incident at the company. Since the Three Great Families had risen in revolt, he felt that Xiao Bieqing must have arrived in Chongqing, hence he wanted to discuss with Du Fei how to lure her into the trap.

“What do you mean what is going on? Your wife and daughter were nearly killed by your enemies and you are still in the mood to deal with the company’s affairs?” said Wang Xue in a grim voice.

She was really displeased with Lu Chen’s attitude. If Lu Chen had not offended such a powerful person, she wouldn’t have to endure a slap to her face, nor would her daughter, Lin Yijun, endure that as well.

If it weren’t because of Lu Chen’s identity, she nearly would've yelled a few profanities at him.

“Who are they?” Lu Chen was stunned as he couldn’t help but frown. Any person who was able to barge into the mansion must be quite powerful. Could it be Xiao Bieqing?

Lu Chen was stunned. If Xiao Bieqing tried to harm Lin Yijun and Qiqi, then what should he do?

He immediately realized that it was all a setup by Xiao Bieqing to lure him away so that she could infiltrate his house easily.

“How would I know? They are your enemies anyway. She wants you to come here alone, otherwise you can come and collect our bodies later,” said Wang Xue grimly.

“Tell her I will arrive in 10 minutes,” said Lu Chen as he hung up the phone.

“Fei, let’s go.”

Obviously, Lu Chen wouldn’t go there alone. Since Xiao Bieqing had prepared beforehand, he had to bring someone along to protect his family.

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Lu Chen brought Du Fei along as they sped through red lights toward Saddle Hill.

Lu Chen reached his destination. Before he got down from the car, he could see Lin Yijun hugging Qiqi in her arms as she stood outside the pavilion. There were even some finger imprints on her face, whereas Qiqi was crying continuously.

“Daddy! Daddy! Some bad guys hit mummy!”

Lu Chen ordered Du Fei to stay in the car as he got down the car alone. The moment he did that, he could hear Qiqi’s screams.

A violent urge rose in Lu Chen’s heart. This woman is courting her death! How dare she hit my wife and scare my little girl?!

Lin Yijun finally heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that Lu Chen had arrived. No matter what, he was her husband and her support. At the moment, as long as he was by her side, she felt an indescribable sense of calmness in her heart.

“Hush now, Qiqi. Don’t let your cries affect daddy,” said Lin Yijun as she consoled Qiqi.

“Ok.” Qiqi nodded her head obediently. However, her intelligent eyes were fixed upon her father.

Wang Xue was also greatly relieved. However, she still dared not utter a single word after the slap just now.

“I did not expect you to escape to a remote place like Chongqing after I failed to run you over back then. Do you know why I came for you today?” asked Xiao Bieqing as she sized Lu Chen up.

Lu Chen turned suddenly and looked at her as his eyes narrowed. “You have crossed the line.”

“Hah!” Xiao Bieqing laughed heartily as she said in a teasing manner, “Do you think that after a few years of martial arts training with Yun Zhongqi, you are invincible?”

Lu Chen sized up the muscular men behind Xiao Bieqing. Then, he said, “They are nothing but trash in my eyes. As for you, you have grown old.”

Before he met Xiao Bieqing, Lu Chen wasn't feeling very confident. However, at

the moment, his mind was completely at ease.

Actually, he should not have overestimated her. Previously, she sent out Mu Zong to deal with him, but he wasn't a match for Du Fei. That meant that there weren't any skilled fighters amongst her men.

As for Xiao Bieqing...

Lu Chen could see that she was a skilled martial arts fighter, but her capabilities were similar to that of Elder Yun.

Before he left Beijing, Elder Yun was no longer a match for him. Moreover, after several years of training, his capabilities had improved by leaps and bounds. So naturally, Xiao Bieqing was nothing in his eyes.

"You arrogant b\*stard! You really have an exaggerated opinion of your own abilities! Capture him!" Rage flashed through her eyes as she bellowed frostily.

With that, the muscular men behind her pounced at Lu Chen like lions hunting their prey.



Lu Chen snorted coldly as he looked at them with disdain. These people weren't a match for Du Fei and thus they were nothing in his eyes.

Lu Chen finally moved when they were within reach and stepped forward with his left leg. Instead of retreating, he advanced with lightning speed and managed to break through their encirclement.

When Xiao Bieqing saw this, a cold smile danced in her eyes as she knew that Lu Chen's capabilities were just about average.

However, in that instant, her eyes nearly popped out of their sockets.

She saw that Lu Chen had broken through the encirclement of several of her men. After a series of strikes, he managed to knock out several underlings within a few seconds.

"They are just too weak," said Lu Chen as he dusted his hands and looked at Xiao Bieqing mockingly.

Her face looked dark as she finally realized that she had underestimated Lu Chen's

capabilities all along.

“I did not expect you to hide your skills so well,” said Xiao Bieqing with a dark look.

“You were the one who forced me to. Back then, had it not been for you forcing my father to dissolve the Lu Family, I would never have overestimated your capabilities. However, thinking about it now, I don’t have any reason to do that at all,” said Lu Chen with a smile as he realized something.

Back then, his father kept tolerating her, refusing to oppose her openly because he was indebted to her. He wasn’t afraid of her. On the contrary, he felt remorseful toward her.

However, Lu Chen did not know the actual story behind it, and he had misunderstood Elder Yun’s words back then. As such, he thought that she was powerful and that was why he kept tolerating her and did not dare to reveal his true identity to other people.

However, thinking about it now, he felt that his actions were ridiculous.

Back then, if he had not been overly cautious, his family wouldn't have to live in worry and fear.

"Hmph! Did you think that you would definitely win against me?" asked Xiao Bieqing coldly.

"I have said it before that you are getting old, and therefore you are no match for me," said Lu Chen confidently.

"You arrogant son of a b\*tch! I will show you today what true martial arts is," said Xiao Bieqing as she leapt into the air with her right foot. Her aura changed in that instant.

The clothes on her body rustled even though there was no wind, while the look in her eyes were as sharp as a pair of swords.

"You b\*stard! You do not know the actual powers of the Hidden Families. The wealth and martial arts skills of the true Hidden Families are beyond your imagination. If you know what position you are in, then you better hand over the inheritance that Lu Tianxing gave you as you cannot handle that wealth at all. If you don't, today will be

your death day!" said Xiao Bieqing with a sharp look.

"My death day? You are way too arrogant. The moment you stepped into Chongqing, I have already given you a death sentence," taunted Lu Chen as he turned to look at Lin Yijun and Wang Xue. "You guys go into the house first. Don't look no matter what happens outside."

He had every intention to kill her, but he did not want Lin Yijun and the rest of them to see him killing a person in front of them.

Back then, Xiao Bieqing ordered her men to kill his mother by running her over with a car, and now she even had the audacity to come into his house to kill him. This happened to be the perfect opportunity to exact his revenge on her. Therefore, there was no way he was letting her leave.

Lin Yijun and Wang Xue nodded their heads as they brought Qiqi indoors.

They weren't scared anymore when they saw Lu Chen knocking out the muscular men with such force.

Hence, they did not think that Xiao Bieqing

was that powerful.

“Come, let me see what you mean by true martial arts skills.” Lu Chen looked at Xiao Bieqing once again after Lin Yijun and Wang Xue entered the house.

“Hmph! Since you are courting your death, I will send you to the afterlife to meet your mother,” said Xiao Bieqing with a cold snort as she struck first.

Her body resembled that of a phantom as she dashed out more than 10 meters in an instant and appeared in front of Lu Chen within a few seconds.

At the same time, the force generated by her as she moved was equivalent to the force of a gale as it stung Lu Chen’s face.

This was the power of an Inner Energy Practitioner. If Lu Chen was an ordinary man, he would have died in her hands by that blow alone.

‘I see that your Inner Energy is nothing more than that. Come and have a taste of my palm strike!’

While uttering those words, Lu Chen took a

step forward and slammed his palm against Xiao Bieqing's chest.

She blocked it skilfully, but in the next instant, her facial expression changed abruptly.

She could not see any strength from Lu Chen's palm strike, however when her palm came into contact with his palm, she felt a tremendous amount of force from his strike. It was akin to withstanding the force of a huge mountain bearing down upon her. As such, she could not withstand the blow at all.

Seeing as Xiao Bieqing kept retreating, Lu Chen did not give her any opportunities at all as he threw out more than 20 palm strikes at her.

Crack!

Finally, at the 25th palm strike, her right wrist bone was shattered by the force.

Crack!

As Lu Chen's 26th palm strike hit Xiao Bieqing's chest, the sound of her ribs breaking could be heard.

## Chapter 273 Overestimation



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"Y-You! How are you so powerful?!"

Xiao Bieqing fell to the floor, her face extraordinarily pale as she spat out a few mouthfuls of fresh blood.

"So, this is what you meant by the martial arts skills of the Hidden Family? How could you dream of killing me with your capabilities? Go to hell!" Lu Chen approached her with a murderous glare. He looked at her listless body on the floor, all fighting power lost.

"Hmph! If you dare to kill me, you and your family will be killed and buried along with me," said Xiao Bieqing threateningly.

Lu Chen was stunned as his eyes narrowed.

He hesitated for a moment when he heard her threats.

That was because he wasn't very well-informed about the Xiao Family, which was one of the Hidden Families. He also did not know what kind of existence the Xiao Family was.

If what Elder Yun said was true, then he



might not be able to win against them.

However...

So what if he could not win against them? If he did not avenge his mother, then he should not be her son at all!

“From your skills, I can see that the Xiao Family is nothing much. If they dare to come and avenge your death, I will send them along to accompany you in the afterlife. For now, you can go to the afterlife and kneel in front of my mother to repent for your sins!”

Lu Chen snorted coldly as he crouched down and grabbed hold of her neck. Then, he broke her neck with a resounding crack.

Xiao Bieqing's eyes fixed upon Lu Chen's face. Even before death she did not believe that he would dare to kill her. Hence, the eyes of her lifeless corpse remained open.

Lu Chen dragged her body into his car as he said to Du Fei, “Ask your men to come and take these men out. Then, I want you to settle them for me.”

He arrived with Du Fei first, while the rest

of his men followed behind him. At the moment, they must have reached the mansion already.

Du Fei nodded his head as he made a call. Within a few minutes, Song Hai and his men rushed in.

After Song Hai and his men dragged the muscular men, who were beaten unconscious by Lu Chen, into a car and left, only then did Lu Chen say to Du Fei, "I want you to capture Zhang Daoren, Zuo Qingcheng and Liu Huoshan alive."

Du Fei's eyes gleamed as he asked, "Are you preparing to use them to threaten the three old Masters?"

Lu Chen nodded his head as he said, "That's right. Did they think that just because they found themselves some elderly people to stir up trouble in my company, I wouldn't be able to handle them? I will not touch them, but what about their sons and grandchildren? I want to see whether the three old Masters care about the lives of their offspring."

"Ok. By the way, do you want me to dispose of this hag's body?" asked Du Fei.

"Yes, please dispose of it." Lu Chen nodded his head. Initially, he wanted to chop off her head and bring it to Beijing as an offering to his mother's grave. However, he banished that thought after he pondered about it for a while. If his father heard of this, it might become his source of anxiety in the future.

"Ok." Du Fei nodded his head as he drove away in Lu Chen's car as he did not come here in his own car.

When Lu Chen returned home, Lin Yijun and Wang Xue asked him anxiously, "Is she gone yet?"

Lu Chen hugged Qiqi, who was running toward him, as he nodded his head and said, "She is gone. I will settle everything today, and you can go back to work tomorrow."

Lin Yijun nodded her head and did not ask further about how he settled the issue with Xiao Bieqing. Wang Xue had learned her lesson as well. She felt doubtful, but she chose to hold it in and did not question Lu Chen any further.

"How's the situation with the company?"

Are the elderly people still blocking the entrance?" asked Lin Yijun.

"Let them continue with their shenanigans today. They won't be able to do that anymore tomorrow," said Lu Chen with disdain.

After hesitating for awhile, Lin Yijun asked him worriedly, "I don't care how you deal with them, but don't use violence, or else you will be in the wrong even if you have a reasonable explanation."

She always felt that Lu Chen had a bad temper. Hence, she was worried that he would ask his men to chase away the elderly people.

Even if they did not use force, it would be inevitable that they would resort to trickery. They would deliberately harm themselves and blame Lu Chen for it. By then, he wouldn't be able to defend himself even if he was in the right.

"Don't worry. I have my own ways of dealing with them. Don't worry about this. By the way, can you make me something to eat?" Lu Chen smiled as he had to put on an air of confidence in front of his

family.

Lin Yijun nodded her head as she went into the kitchen to cook a meal for her family. On the other hand, Lu Chen ran out with Qiqi and played with her. He felt sorry for her as she was frightened out of her wits today.

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At the Yun Fei Jewelry Group...

Zuo Qingcheng was about to leave after an important meeting when a top-level official in his company asked him with a smile, "President Zuo, for the past two days, the Old Master and his men have surrounded Lu Chen's company. He must be enjoying the limelight. Moreover, although he is old, he has not lost his fighting spirit."

Zuo Qingcheng looked at him and merely smiled casually as he said, "The Old Master is just bored, so he is doing something to pass his time. However, do not underestimate Lu Chen."

Zuo Qingcheng had traded blows with Lu Chen several times before this, and every single time he was forced into the corner

by Lu Chen. Now that he knew that Lu Chen was the boss behind-the-scenes of Yi Qi Technology, he did not dare to underestimate Lu Chen at all.

However, he wasn't worried about his grandfather this time as they had the support of a big shot from Beijing.

On the contrary, he wanted to see how Lu Chen would handle this crisis.

"I heard that Lu Chen was a useless person in the past. I did not expect that he is the son of a famous family. However, he has offended the Three Great Families this time and even if he did establish Yi Qi Technology, he will definitely be forced into bankruptcy," said the top-level official.

Zuo Qingcheng raised his eyebrows. This time, the Three Great Families were planning to bring Lu Chen down completely and split up his company amongst themselves.

The only thing was, he felt that Lu Chen might not lose this battle yet.

"I heard that the Old Master has set a time with the rest of them. If Lu Chen does not

go to the People's Square tomorrow and apologize in front of the crowd on his knees, they will go and smash up his company directly," said the top-level official.

Zuo Qingcheng's eyelid began to twitch as he suddenly recalled the scene whereby Lu Chen caused the Zhang family to lose a few billion after Zhang Daoren vandalized his supermarket. In that instant, a bad premonition rose in his heart.

Lu Chen was in cahoots with the Mafia underworld. Thus, if he mobilized the Mafia underworld, the Three Great Families wouldn't be able to withstand their onslaught.

"No way! I have to go and advise my grandfather not to smash up Lu Chen's company," muttered Zuo Qingcheng to himself as he increased his pace. He believed that if his grandfather and his men smashed up Lu Chen's company tomorrow, the Three Great Families would suffer Lu Chen's wrath.

"Huh?" The top-level official did not understand what he meant. However, since Zuo Qingcheng did not seem to want

to explain it, it wouldn't be appropriate for him to ask any further.

"President Zuo, bad news!" said a middle-aged man worriedly as he suddenly ran into the meeting room.

"What's happening? Is the sky going to collapse? Why are you panicking?" Zuo Qingcheng frowned, displeased.

Forget about the sky falling, this crisis is even worse, the middle-aged man thought to himself in a panic. Their company was currently surrounded by the men from the Mafia underworld, so how could he not panic?

"President Z-Zuo, Big Boss Du wants to see you," said the middle-aged man.

"You mean that Big Boss Du, Du Fei?"  
When Zuo Qingcheng heard Du Fei's name, his heart nearly leapt out of his throat as a restless feeling welled up inside his heart.

"That's right, it's me!"

At the moment, Du Fei brought along several muscular men as they entered the meeting room.



## Chapter 274 Xiao Bieqing's Death



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Zuo Qingcheng didn't expect Du Fei to come in person. Although he didn't know the relationship between Du Fei and Lu Chen, everyone knew that Du Fei's men had helped Lu Chen when he clashed with the Zhang Family last time.

"Why are you here at my company, Big Boss Du?" Zuo Qingcheng calmed his emotions and looked at Du Fei politely.

As the heir to the Zuo Family, Zuo Qingcheng had already begun to take over part of the family's business as soon as he was out of school. Even if he knew that Du Fei had malicious intentions, he still did not show even the slightest panic.

"Young Master Zuo, we need your cooperation for a certain matter. I hope you will do us a favour," Du Fei smiled slightly and said.

Zuo Qingcheng's expression darkened, but he soon returned to normal. He glanced at the dozens of men behind Du Fei and knew that if he didn't agree to Du Fei's request today, he would definitely suffer.

"I would be honoured to." Zuo Qingcheng narrowed his eyes. He already knew what

Du Fei wanted him to do.

The Three Great Families had put pressure on Lu Chen from all directions recently, so certainly Du Fei must have come to help him out.

But how did Lu Chen want to solve the issue?

Did he want to threaten him to persuade his grandfather to stop?

"Then come with us first. Rest assured, as long as you cooperate with us, I'll definitely be able to guarantee your safety," Du Fei said, turning around and walking outside.

The expressions of the high-level officials changed drastically. Du Fei was an infamous man, so of course they were worried when Du Fei took Zuo Qingcheng away.

"President Zuo, don't go with them."

"Yeah, we called the police. I don't believe the police department will ignore this matter."

"Yes, this is just a kidnapping in disguise!"

Zuo Qingcheng waved his hand and stopped everyone.

"Du Fei is no ordinary gangster, so it is useless to call the police. Plus, doing so will anger him, and we will suffer an ever greater loss. Don't worry, I'll go with them for now. They dare not do anything to me," Zuo Qingcheng walked out of the company as he said.

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Zhang Group.

Although Zhang Daoren was disqualified from the inheritance, he still served as the director of the sales department in the company.

"Young Master Zhang, do you think that Lu Chen can survive the attacks this time?" the deputy director asked curiously during lunch.

Last time, Lu Chen burned down their company building, which caused heavy losses to the Zhang family, as well as to many of the high-level officials. The ones who were happiest to hear that the Three Great Families had joined forces to attack

Lu Chen were the Zhang Family's employees.

"How could he withstand that? What so great about Yi Qi Technology? Wasn't Jun Yue Group dissolved in the end too?" Zhang Daoren said disdainfully.

Speaking of conflict, the conflict between him and Lu Chen was the greatest.

Lu Chen once caused the Zhang Family to lose several billions and even made him lose his position as the family heir. If he had the chance, he would kill Lu Chen himself.

"Yes, at the time, Jun Yue Group had overwhelmed the Four Great Families. Although Yi Qi Technology wanted to invest 50 billion to build the largest Science and Technology Park in the Southwest Region, they were still weak in terms of strength and influence, far from Jun Yue Group back then," the deputy director nodded and said.

Zhang Daoren took a sip from his glass and said, "That brat is too arrogant. He thinks he can do whatever he wants just because he is the owner of Yi Qi

Technology. He doesn't seem to realise that in Chongqing, it is the Four Great Families that has the final say. Do you know? The kid's backer is Xie Weihao, but this time Xie Weihao didn't say anything about our three families joining forces."

The Zhang Family also held a grudge against Xie Weihao.

If it wasn't for Xie Weihao turning a blind eye and supporting Lu Chen, how else would Lu Chen be able to explode the Zhang Family's Blue Water Bay project? How else would he be able to burn down his company building so daringly?

Thus, Zhang Daoren's eyes were full of gloat when they spoke of Weihao.

Because of that incident, he had lost his heir rights, so he hated Xie Weihao even more.

"That's for sure. The Four Great Families have profound backgrounds. No matter who is in charge in Chongqing, he must first establish a good relationship with the Four Great Families. If the Four Great Families don't respect him, it will definitely be difficult for him to carry out his work."

The deputy director laughed.

"Oh, publically criticizing Xie Weihao, eh? Young Master Zhang is indeed daring. I admire your guts."

At this moment, a voice sounded behind the two of them. The two turned around and saw a group of muscular men standing behind them. One of them even looked at them with a mocking expression.

"Who are you? Who let you in?" Zhang Daoren looked at Song Hai with a flash of anger in his eyes.

It was impossible for outsiders to enter company premises, especially the second floor executive dining place.

At this moment, several security guards limped over; none of them dared to provoke Song Hai and the others.

They were even looking at Song Hai and the others with fear in their eyes.

"Mr. Zhang, they..." The head of the security force came to Zhang Daoren with a bloody nose and a swollen face. It seemed that he was beaten up.

"You trash!" Zhang Daoren snorted coldly and kicked the head of the security force to the ground.

The head of the security force of the company couldn't even stop a few gangsters. How could Zhang Daoren let him off the hook?

"Who are you working with?" Zhang Daoren kicked over the head of the security force and turned to stare at Song Hai.

At first glance, these people obviously belonged to the Mafia underworld. Plus, there were only a few underground forces in Chongqing, so he knew almost all of the Mafia bosses.

"Young Master Zhang is really forgetful. Don't you remember me?" Song Hai took off his sunglasses and said jokingly.

Zhang Daoren's expression changed when he had a clear look at Song Hai.

He already knew a long time ago that Song Hai was Lu Chen's subordinate. Plus, the Three Marquises of the Water Margin under Song Hai were also very strong; they could rank in the top three in Chongqing.



He clearly remembered they were the ones who burned his company last time.

"Did Lu Chen ask you to come?" Zhang Daoren asked in a deep voice after taking a breath.

"You're so smart, Young Master Zhang. I like to deal with smart people." Song Hai smiled.

"What do you want?" Zhang Daoren stared at Song Hai, not too worried. He believed Song Hai would not do anything to him.

On the contrary, the more Lu Chen acted like this, the more it showed that he was at his breaking point.

"Nothing much. I just want to invite Young Master Zhang to come with us." Song Hai smiled slightly.

"What do you want? Does Lu Chen want to kidnap me?" Zhang Daoren's expression changed. He guessed that Lu Chen was definitely going to threaten him and ask him to persuade his grandfather to stop the family. Of course he would never leave with Song Hai.

"No, no, no, Young Master Lu just wants to invite you to have a drink." Song Hai still smiled.

"Then what if I refuse?" Zhang Daoren sneered. He still didn't believe that Song Hai and the others dared to kidnap him in broad daylight.

"Refuse?"

The smile on Song Hai's face disappeared. He looked at Zhang Daoren, and then put on his sunglasses again.

"You asked for it!"

As he spoke, he turned and walked outside while the few muscular men behind him grabbed Zhang Daoren and dragged him out.

In an instant, the expressions of Zhang Daoren and the company executives in the cafeteria changed drastically.

## Chapter 275 Public Kidnapping



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The dignified Young Master Zhang was kidnapped in his own company. If news spread out about this, how embarrassed the Zhang Family would be!

The Four Great Families were representatives of the upper class in Chongqing, so even the Mafia underworld had to show respect to them.

Kidnapping someone from the Zhang Family was a blatant insult to them.

"Song Hai, do you really want to go against the Zhang Family? Do you really think that we can't do anything to the Three Marquises of the Water Margin?" Zhang Daoren said angrily as he was forcibly dragged out.

"The man who has nothing fears nobody. I have nothing more to lose. If you don't want to suffer more, just get in the car by yourself," Song Hai said disdainfully.

He believed that the Zhang Family was powerful enough to destroy the Three Marquises of the Water Margin.

But they could also make sure the Zhang Family did not come out unscathed.

Moreover, the Three Marquises of the Water Margin was on Lu Chen's side too, and now they were basically merged with Du Fei's Sakura Ring. Whether the Zhang Family could defeat them was still uncertain.

Blood spurt out of Zhang Daoren's mouth in frustration. It had never crossed his mind that he would be threatened by Song Hai.

He was very furious and unwilling, but at this time he had to hold back his anger because he believed that these people would definitely rough him up if he didn't cooperate.

At the same time, Lin Tong and Shi Jin also brought Liu Huoshan, the heir of the Liu Family, to the Sakura Nightclub.

Compared to the furious Zhang Daoren, Liu Huoshan and Zuo Qingcheng were much quieter.

"You three are going to stay here for tonight." Du Fei looked at Zuo Qingcheng, Zhang Daoren and Liu Huoshan before leaving the basement.

"Qingcheng, Huoshan, why were you both also captured? Does Lu Chen want to die? How dare he use his connections in the Mafia underworld! Isn't he afraid that Xu Zuojun will take this opportunity to take down Sakura Ring in one fell swoop?" Zhang Daoren said angrily.

Zuo Qingcheng didn't say a word. Meanwhile, Liu Huoshan's eyes lit up as he looked at Zhang Daoren and said, "What do you think, Daoren?"

Zhang Daoren said confidently, "It is obviously impossible for Xie Weihao to take the initiative to support Lu Chen again. As long as the three of us put pressure on him, he might really go ahead and take down the Sakura Ring."

Hearing this, Zuo Qingcheng raised his eyebrows. Then, Liu Huoshan turned to Zuo Qingcheng and asked, "Qingcheng, what do you think?"

Zuo Qingcheng was silent for a while before he nodded and said, "I also don't think we should just sit and wait here. We should call our dads to explain the importance of this matter before they take away our mobile phones. We must

convince them to use their connections to put pressure on Xie Weihao."

He also thought of this as an opportunity.

The reason why Lu Chen was able to act so arrogantly for such a long time was because firstly, he was supported by Xie Weihao, and secondly, he had an intricate relationship with the underground force, Sakura Ring. Thus, the Sakura Ring would do the dirty work for him almost every time.

If the Sakura Ring was taken down this time, it would be equivalent to getting rid of Lu Chen's right-hand men. Then, the Three Great Families could take this chance to defeat Lu Chen this time.

"Okay, let's call them now," Liu Huo said.

Of course Du Fei didn't know about the conversation between Zuo Qingcheng and the others. Even if he knew it, he wouldn't care.

The Three Great Families thought that Xie Weihao had compromised, but they didn't realize that all of this was part of Lu Chen's plan.

This time, Lu Chen didn't want Xie Weihao to come forward. He just wanted the Three Great Families to be more aggressive. Then, they would suffer an even greater loss when the time came.

After Du Fei came out of the basement, he called Lu Chen and said, "It's done. However, I heard that the Wang Family has become active again recently."

Meanwhile in the Dragon Lakeview Mansion, Lu Chen was playing with Qiqi on the football field. Qiqi was chasing the football that had rolled away when he stopped to answer Du Fei's call.

Hearing Du Fei say that the Wang Family was active again, a murderous glint flashed through Lu Chen's eyes.

He originally wanted to let Wu Lei personally get his revenge on the Wang Family, so in the end he didn't target the Wang Family.

"Are they involved in this matter too?" Lu Chen asked.

"My subordinates said that yesterday Wang Shiju and Zhang Xingquan went to



have a meal together. The fact that the heads of the two families ate together means that there are two possibilities. One is that the two families are cooperating with each other, and the other is that they have made a deal. But I guess that they're most probably meeting during this time for you," Du Fei said.

"For me?"

Lu Chen sneered in his heart. It seemed that there were quite a few people who wanted a share in Yi Qi Technology.

But, do they have the ability to do so?

"Let's investigate first. If the Wang Family is also involved, destroy the Wang Family first," Lu Chen said solemnly.

If the Wang Family really participated in this, Lu Chen would no longer wait for Wu Lei to avenge himself personally. He would have to get rid of the Wang Family first.

To be honest, although he wanted to give them a heavy blow this time, it was a bit difficult for him to destroy any of the Three Great Families at once.

But if it were the Wang Family, it would be much easier.

Xiao Bieqing was already dead, so no one could threaten him anymore. He no longer needed to go into hiding.

He could take this opportunity to announce his existence to the entire Chongqing.

After hanging up, Lu Chen called Xu Zuojun again while he watched Qiqi playing alone.

"Director Xu, Zuo Qingcheng, Zhang Daoren and Liu Huoshan are all in my hands," Lu Chen said.

"Mr. Lu, pace yourself. The three of them have already reported to the police, so I can only hold them back for a day or two." Xu Zuojun smiled bitterly. The moment the three families called the police, he already guessed that they must have been in Lu Chen's hands.

"I'll be done by noon tomorrow," Lu Chen said. Of course he couldn't kill Zuo Qingcheng and the others. If he wanted to kill them, he would definitely not let Du Fei

and the others do it. He believed that Xu Zuojun also understood what his purpose was.

Of course Xu Zuojun knew Lu Chen's reason for doing this. He also knew that Lu Chen was not a fool. He wouldn't dare to kidnap them in public if he really wanted to kill them.

However, his actions indeed brought a certain amount of pressure to the Three Great Families.

"Alright, no problem." The moment Xu Zuojun hung up, his secretary rushed over.

Xu Zuojun took out a cigarette, leaned on the chair, and asked, "Are the Three Great Families pressuring us again?"

The secretary nodded and said with a somewhat natural expression, "Director Xu, the Three Great Families have provided strong evidence that the Sakura Ring has kidnapped their family members. They even demanded that we eradicate the Mafia underworld."

Xu Zuojun took a breath and said calmly, "The current Sakura Ring is no longer the

same Sakura Ring ten years ago."

The secretary looked at Xu Zuojun, puzzled.

Xu Zuojun smiled and said, "Firstly, Lu Chen is supporting them now, and secondly, Lu Chen has already whitewashed their senior officers. At this time, Du Fei, the Three Marquises of the Water Margin and the others are already proper businessmen on the surface. And in fact, they are also heading in this direction. After a while, I am sure that not many would consider them to be part of the Mafia underworld anymore."



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"Director Xu, are you trying to say that even if the Three Great Families provide evidence strong enough to eradicate them, we can't do anything to them?" the secretary asked.

"Yeah. As for the Three Great Families, don't worry about them. I'll hold them back for two days. If they are not satisfied, they will go to pressure Xie Weihao. It has nothing to do with us. Anyway, you have to remember that as long as Lu Chen is undefeated and Xie Weihao doesn't give any orders, we can't do anything to the Sakura Ring," Xu Zuojun said.

"Okay, I understand." The secretary nodded, then stepped out.

After the secretary went out, Xu Zuojun turned the office chair around and faced the window.

Looking at the strong sun outside the window, Xu Zuojun took another cigarette and started talking to himself.

"The Three Great Families, you have underestimated Lu Chen. This time, the three families will probably suffer great losses."

While Xu Zuojun was sighing, Zhang Shengqiao and the others were blocking the entrance of Jun Yue Building.

These old men brought along their own chairs and were sitting at the entrance of the Jun Yue Group building. The employees of Yi Qi Technology could not get in or get out.

Blocking the entrance of a company was such a petty act, but Zhang Shengqiao and the others didn't care at all.

"Elder Zhang, Elder Liu, and Elder Zuo, the reporters are here," a young man came to the three old men and said at this time. Behind him were a few curious newspaper reporters.

Zhang Shengqiao and the other two looked at the several young reporters and said, "Let them start the interview."

The young man nodded, turned around and gestured to the reporters. Then, the reporters interviewed one of the old men.

"Sir, who are you and why are you blocking the entrance of Yi Qi Technology?" a female reporter asked the old man next to

her.

"We are members of the Rough Stone Association. The owner of Yi Qi Technology went to the Middle Sea to participate in the Stone Gambling Competition on behalf of the Chongqing Rough Stone Association. He obviously could have become the champion, but in the most crucial round, he gave up the championship. This was an embarrassment for us Chongqingers, so we want him to come out and give us and all the rough stone lovers in Chongqing an explanation," the old man said emotionally.

"Oh, I see. The boss of Yi Qi Technology is too despicable. It is time for him to come out and apologize for this matter," the female reporter said solemnly.

When Wang Wei, Xu Shuting and the others saw this scene, their expressions soured.

"How shameless. These three old Masters are too shameless!" Xu Shuting lashed out angrily.

It has never crossed her mind that the Three Great Families would take the

initiative to invite reporters to publicize this matter. They were simply too shameless.

"I never knew that the Three Great Families were so despicable." Wang Wei also frowned.

As soon as this matter was reported in the news, Lu Chen's name would be dragged through the mud.

"By the way, Chairman Wang, they said that Young Master Lu participated in the Stone Gambling Competition on behalf of the Rough Stone Association. Is it true? Why haven't we heard of this?" Xu Shuting asked suddenly.

"I don't know. However, Young Master Lu intends to develop a rough stone channel. He might have done that to advertise the rough stone channel," Wang Wei guessed.

"Sigh, it seems that Young Master Lu has made a mistake this time. His focus should be on Yi Qi Technology. After all, Yi Qi Technology is still under development. He shouldn't have been involved in other matters in such a crucial time," Xu Shuting complained.



"Yeah, but I'm more worried about whether he can safely overcome this crisis." Wang Wei's eyebrows were full of deep concern. This time the Three Great Families suddenly thrust them into trouble; they caught them off-guard. He was even starting to doubt that Lu Chen could resolve this crisis.

"They just said they want Young Master Lu to come out and apologize. The situation shouldn't be as serious as you think," Xu Shuting said with a frown.

Wang Wei looked at Xu Shuting and thought, Xu Shuting has strong management skills, but she is still too young. If Lu Chen bows down to the Three Great Families this time, then Yi Qi Technology will never be able to overtake the Three Great Families ever again.

The Three Great Families must have known this too, which is why they keep insisting that Lu Chen apologize to them in public.

"They were the ones who revealed the identity of Young Master Lu. Why do you think that they chose to reveal his identity to the public now?" Wang Wei asked in

return.

Xu Shuting was shocked. She was a very smart person, so when Wang Wei hinted at her, she immediately knew that the Three Great Families had sinister intentions.

Seeing that the reporters were almost done interviewing them, Zhang Shengqiao got up and walked over to Wang Wei and Xu Shuting.

"You two are both executives of Yi Qi Technology, am I right? Quickly ask that b\*stard Lu Chen to come out, otherwise don't even think of going to work today," Zhang Shengqiao said arrogantly.

"You have seen it too. The reporters have all come to interview him. If your boss still refuses to come out to apologize, then the media will expose him by tomorrow—no, tonight. Let's see who would dare to continue working with your company," Liu Qifu also said.

The both of them acted extremely arrogantly, but none of the executives of Yi Qi Technology dared to come out and say a thing.

Because they all knew that these two old men were not just ordinary old men, but the heads of the Three Great Families. Very few dared to provoke them in the whole of Chongqing, let alone ordinary citizens like them.

Xu Shuting took a breath before stepping forward and said, "Our boss is not in Chongqing during this time. He hasn't come to the company for many days. If you have anything to say, you can tell me, and I can help you tell him when he comes back. "

"Not in Chongqing?" Liu Qiming looked at Xu Shuting and smiled jokingly. "He just doesn't have the guts to come out to see us. If you don't believe me, call him and ask him why he's being such a coward."

Zhang Shengqiao looked up and down at Xu Shuting. She was not only young and perfect in temperament, but also a beauty. His gaze was fixated on her.

"Who are you? What right do you have to talk to us like that?" Zhang Shengqiao looked at Xu Shuting mockingly. He made no effort to hide the teasing look in his eyes.

Xu Shuting was disgusted by the look in Zhang Shengqiao's eyes, but she still held back herself and said, "I am the acting chairman of Yi Qi Technology. I am in control of many things in the company."

He laughed and jabbed, "The acting chairman is still just an employee of the company. How much does he pay you annually? One million or two million? Come to the Zhang family and become my assistant. I will give you an annual salary of 5 million."

Xu Shuting sneered and said, "My annual salary is 100 million plus dividends."

Although she didn't obviously taunt Zhang Shengqiao, everyone could hear that she was embarrassing him on purpose.

Sure enough, Zhang Shengqiao's face suddenly darkened when he heard her words. He pointed at Xu Shuting and was about to scold her in a fit of rage.

But at this moment, his phone suddenly rang. After he answered the call, his expression changed again. He instantly became furious.

## Chapter 277 Arrogant



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Zhang Shengqiao wasn't the only one who had received the call. At about the same time, Liu Qiming and Zuo Zhengyi also received a call.

After the three of them answered the phone, they all became uncontrollably furious. Xu Shuting and Wang Wei's expressions changed slightly as they took a few steps back subconsciously.

The three looked at each other, and then they all remained silent.

"What should we do?" Liu Qiming said with difficulty after a long time.

Their sons had called and asked them not to fight against Lu Chen first, but to go back and discuss how they should rescue their grandsons.

"I don't believe they have the guts to kill our grandsons!" Zhang Shengqiao said in a deep voice.

Zuo Zhengyi said nothing. On the other hand, Liu Qiming said, "Huoshan is the Liu Family's only heir."

Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi

remained silent.

"I'll go back first. By the way, I will also bring my men away with me. I can't bet on Lu Chen sparing my grandson's life," Liu Qiming said that as he stepped down the ladder first.

Just now, his son told him that Lu Chen had already warned them that if he did not satisfy Lu Chen's request by tomorrow, he would be greeted by Liu Huoshan's corpse.

Huoshan was the Liu Family's only heir, so he dared not take any risks.

Even if he was not reconciled, he did not dare to use the fate of the Liu Family to bet on Lu Chen sparing his grandson.

"Elder Zhang, what do you think?" Zuo Zhengyi whispered softly.

"That kid must be bluffing; he wouldn't have the guts to kill them unless he really wants to give up Yi Qi Technology," Zhang Shengqiao coldly snorted.

"But our plan is to carve up Yi Qi Technology. He wouldn't hesitate to kill them in such a crisis. Don't forget that the

Zhou Family's men, who had come to Chongqing to make trouble for him a few days ago, had fallen into his hands. We still don't know whether Zhou Zunfei is alive or dead. The Zhou Family even came to my house to ask me about the situation," Zuo Zhengyi said.

Zhang Shengqiao's expression soured again. Finally, he said very unwillingly, "We'll stop, but we will never agree to his terms. Let's go. We'll stop here for now. Let's talk about it after we go back."

Zuo Zhengyi nodded. Indeed, that was his only choice. He couldn't possibly agree to Lu Chen's terms.

If he agreed to Lu Chen's conditions, then the Zuo Family would be too embarrassed to continue staying in Chongqing.

Seeing that the three old men had left, the other elderly people also left.

The executives of Yi Qi Technology were a little confused. They were acting so arrogantly a minute ago; why would they all run away after answering a call?

Wang Wei and Xu Shuting looked at each



other with a touch of surprise in their eyes.

"Young Master Lu is finally taking action!"  
the two said almost in unison.

"I'm very curious as to what happened, but I know that some things are better left untouched for people of our level, so let's forget it." What Xu Shuting meant was that she wanted to call Lu Chen, but she knew better than to do so.

As Zhang Shengqiao said before, although she was the acting chairman of the board, she was still just Lu Chen's employee.

The grievances between Lu Chen and the Three Great Families were simply beyond the reach of people at their level.

Wang Wei nodded, having the same thoughts as Xu Shuting.

In the end, he suppressed the curiosity in his heart and turned around to ask everyone to enter the company to continue work as usual.

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Soon after the old men who had besieged

Yi Qi Technology dispersed, the media started to report about the incident between the Three Great Families and Lu Chen.

"Shocking news! He is the boss of Yi Qi Technology!"

"Shocking news! The boss of Yi Qi Technology is shameless!"

The front pages of major media websites were all attention-grabbing negative news about Lu Chen.

"Ah, look! So he's our big boss!"

After reading the news, many employees of Yi Qi Technology shared it with their colleagues in surprise.

"Where? Where? Let me see."

"Oh my God, doesn't he often come to our company? I thought he was really just a friend of Chairman Wang. Turns out that he is our big boss!"

"Yes, do you still remember how Mr. Lu suddenly appeared when Yu Li and Xu Zhiheng bullied Ms. Li together some time

ago? Then, the two were fired. At the time, I thought Chairman Wang was the one who fired them, but it turns out that Mr. Lu was the one who did it. What a surprise!"

"Ah, Ms. Li, what's the relationship between you and President Lu? I remember that President Lu was the one who vouched for you to work here," someone suddenly saw Li Hongmei who was busy cleaning and asked curiously.

They already knew now that Lu Chen was the big boss of the company, so they all subconsciously called Li Hongmei as Ms. Li.

Li Hongmei was startled, even a little flustered.

Although these people were also polite to her during this period, no one had called her 'miss' before. They all just called her by her name.

To her surprise, these young beauties took the initiative to call her Ms. Li today, which made her a little scared.

She kept thinking that these people were indirectly making fun of her.

"W-Which President Lu? I don't know any presidents," Li Hongmei said cautiously.

"Mr. Lu, of course. Wasn't Mr. Lu the one who personally brought you to the company?" a beauty who was a little closer to Li Hongmei handed her mobile phone to Li Hongmei. What showed up on the screen of the phone was a picture of Lu Chen on the news.

When Li Hongmei took a look and saw that it was Lu Chen, she subconsciously said, "Ah, you are talking about Mr. Lu."

"Mr. Lu? Don't you know that he is the big boss of our company?" the beauty asked curiously.

Li Hongmei shook her head and said, "When the earthquake happened a few months ago, my son was still in a room on the seventh floor. It was Mr. Lu who rushed to the seventh floor to rescue my son before the building collapsed..."

Li Hongmei's eyes reddened as she spoke of the incident at the time. She recalled how she panicked when she hadn't seen Lu Chen bring her son out the moment the building collapsed.

"Ah, President Lu is a superhero too!"

Everyone was amazed when Li Hongmei told how she met Lu Chen.

Their big boss was not only young and rich, but also an unsung hero.

At this moment, in addition to respect, there was also a little admiration in the eyes of the countless female employees.

Meanwhile, Liu Yanqi and the other managers who were transferred from Dong Jia Electronics also saw the news reported by the media.

Compared to the vast majority of Yi Qi Technology, they knew Lu Chen well.

Because Lu Chen used to work with their company and was a security guard for Dong Jia Electronics.

At this time, looking at Lu Chen's photos, they were more shocked than anyone else.

"How is this possible? Isn't Lu Chen the security guard of Dong Jia Electronics? How could he be the big boss of our company?"

## Chapter 278 Lu Chen Strikes

Liu Yanqi and the others looked at each other with overwhelming shock in their eyes.



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Liu Yanqi finally understood that it was not because she had outstanding potential that she was able to transfer from Dong Jia Group to Yi Qi Technology and even become a trainee supervisor in the business development department of Yi Qi Technology as an ordinary salesperson.

It was all arranged by Lu Chen.

Fan Ming is a capable guy, so why wasn't he transferred to Yi Qi Technology?

Because he offended Lin Yijun.

Dong Jia Electronics also has many outstanding supervisors, so how did an ordinary salesperson like me manage to grab one of the five positions?

Because I apologized to Lin Yijun, and I tried desperately to rescue Lin Yijun from Wang Wenxue.

It seems that the causal loop of Buddhism is true.

If I hadn't relented and sincerely apologized to Lin Yijun, I would definitely not be where I am today.

Maybe I might even need to kneel at the company entrance for a day as punishment like Fan Ming and Yu Hai.

"Chairman Wang, have you watched the news?" Xu Shuting came to Wang Wei's office.

Wang Wei nodded as she sat down opposite him and said confusedly, "Are the Three Great Families crazy? They even want Young Master Lu to apologize to them at People's Square tomorrow noon. Do they think that they have defeated Young Master Lu?"

He turned the signature pen in his hand and said in deep thought, "Maybe they forgot to bribe the reporters."

"Yeah, that must be it, otherwise they wouldn't have all left after receiving the call." Xu Shuting nodded.

Wang Wei straightened up and said, "What I am worried about now is the impact the reveal of Young Master Lu's identity will have on the company. By the way, I have compiled the list of media that have maliciously discredited Young Master Lu this time. At the company's opening



ceremony, the people from these media companies will be refused entry for any interview."

As he spoke, he pushed an A4 paper with several media companies' names on the desktop to Xu Shuting.

"Okay." She glanced at the content of the paper, then put it away.

In fact, she had done this before coming over, but she still accepted Wang Wei's list.

Because she knew that at the company's opening ceremony next month, Wang Wei would definitely be promoted to the official chairman, and her the deputy.

After working together for several months, she knew that he was still better than her in terms of comprehensive abilities.

Xu Shuting looked at the list, got up and said, "Then I will go first as I have to go to Saddle Hill in a while. The opening ceremony of the company is just around the corner, so I have to supervise them."

"I'll go with you. I also want to see how far the renovation progress is." Wang Wei

nodded. Since Lu Chen had left the company in their hands, of course they couldn't screw up at such a critical time.

As for the grievances between Lu Chen and the Three Great Families, they were not qualified enough to intervene, nor did they have the ability to. The only thing that they could do was take care of everything in the company so that Lu Chen wouldn't get distracted.

Meanwhile, there was also an uproar in Dong Jia Electronics just like in Yi Qi Technology when the news broke out.

"Really? Is Lu Chen really the big boss of Yi Qi Technology?"

"What? Are you talking about the security guard, Lu Chen, who worked here before?"

"See it for yourself. Several media outlets broke the news."

"F\*cking hell! It's really him! So he is also our boss now!"

"Oh my God, how is this possible? Isn't he a security guard? How can he suddenly become our boss after disappearing for a

few months? This world is crazy!"

As soon as the news broke out, the entire Dong Jia Electronics was in an uproar.

The employees only focused on the identity of Lu Chen and ignored any of his negative news reported by the media. Was this because of their love for the boss as employees?

Of course not; they were just so shocked by the identity of Lu Chen that they didn't read the following content.

"Look below. It seems that President Lu has offended the Three Great Families, and now the Three Great Families have placed a final bounty on him. They're requesting President Lu to go to the People's Square tomorrow at noon to kneel down in public and apologize to them, otherwise they will destroy Yi Qi Technology!" an employee suddenly exclaimed.

After everyone read the news, they all started to discuss among each other.

"Do you think that President Lu would apologize to them?"

"It's hard to tell. It just depends on whether President Lu dares to start a war with the Three Great Families."

"I also heard about this. President Lu is indeed in the wrong. He was just one step away from becoming a champion, but he deliberately gave up, totally disregarding the feelings of all the rough stone lovers and major jewelers in Chongqing. This matter should not involve the Three Great Families only. All jewelers might have to fight against President Lu together."

There was a short silence. If this was the case, then President Lu would lose hands-down. He might really be defeated by the Three Great Families after all.

"I don't believe that President Lu will apologize. If he kneels down tomorrow, both himself and the whole of Yi Qi Technology will be too ashamed to continue to survive in Chongqing."

"You underestimate the strength of the Three Great Families. I am not optimistic about President Lu. Although Yi Qi Technology has a strong reputation, it has not yet opened its doors, so its influence is far from comparable to that of any of the

Three Great Families. It's unwise for him to fight against them. I believe that President Lu is not stupid. He will definitely bow down to them tomorrow."

"Then let's make a bet. I bet that President Lu will not apologize to the Three Great Families tomorrow, let alone kneel down. If I lose, I will buy you breakfast for one month. If I win, you will buy me breakfast for one month instead. How about that?"

"Yeah, since it happens to be my shift tomorrow, I will go and wait at People's Square and record it for you guys to watch."

Soon, even more employees participated in the bet. Almost two-thirds of the people thought that Lu Chen would bow down to the Three Great Families, and one-third thought that Lu Chen would never do so.

Some managers even made a bet in private. The entire Dong Jia Electronics was bustling; no one had the mood to work seriously.

After Xia Jun heard the news, anger coursed through his veins. He directly issued fines of 2,000 to the managers who

took part in the bets. Then, the company calmed down again.

"Director Fan, do you think that President Lu will bow down to the Three Great Families?" Yu Hai deliberately went to the garage with Fan Ming after getting off work and asked curiously.

"The Four Great Families are well-established in Chongqing and have profound backgrounds. Ordinary people can't afford to provoke them. But ten years ago, Jun Yue Group suddenly rose out of thin air. Then what happened?" Fan Ming said calmly.

Yu Hai was shocked. How could I forget about this incident?

Ten years ago, the Jun Yue Group rose out of thin air and suppressed the Four Great Families for ten years. Lu Chen himself was the mastermind behind Jun Yue Group, so how could he be afraid of the alliance of the Three Great Families?

"Aren't you going to take a two-hour break at noon tomorrow? Let's go to People's Square to watch them. I bet it will be dramatic." Fan Ming smiled at Yu Hai and

turned to his car.



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"Dad, let's just forget it," they were at the Zhang residence when Zhang Xingquan looked at Zhang Shengqiao and said.

"Forget it?"

Zhang Shengqiao's expression soured as he shouted angrily, "Have you forgotten how he tricked the Zhang Family in the past? We lost billions because of him! We won't be able to recover that in at least ten years!"

Zhang Xingquan's expression also darkened. This incident was also the fundamental reason he insisted on having a fall-out with Lu Chen before.

"Xingquan, this is the best opportunity for us to defeat Lu Chen and divide up Yi Qi Technology. If we miss this chance, the Zhang Family, no, even the Four Great Families will be suppressed by Yi Qi Technology. After the rise of Jun Yue Group, our family's profit has decreased by at least one billion in the past ten years. Do you want the successor of Jun Yue Group to trample all over us again?" Zhang Shengqiao's expression eased up as he said.



"Dad, I understand, but Lu Chen had already given me a warning when he called me just now. I believe that he's the type of person who would even go as far as murder to achieve his goal," Zhang Xingquan said with a sigh.

"What did he say? I want to listen to the exact words that he said," Zhang Shengqiao frowned and asked.

"He said that Yi Qi Technology was his lifeline, and he won't hesitate to fight anyone who dares to threaten it. He also said that if the three of you don't go to People's Square tomorrow at noon to apologize to him on your knees, he will break the hands of the three boys. Dad, you're not going to put Daoren's life at risk just to preserve your pride, are you?" Zhang Xingquan said.

"How dare he! Don't worry, he definitely doesn't have the guts to kill my grandson unless he no longer wants to continue developing his company in Chongqing," Zhang Shengqiao lashed out angrily.

"Dad, he won't kill Daoren, but he might chop off Daoren's hands. Do you really think that your pride is more important

than your grandson's hands?" Zhang Xingquan was also a little angry, his voice slightly louder now.

He canceled Zhang Daoren's inheritance rights because he was indeed a little weak.

But regardless of his abilities, Zhang Daoren was still his son. How could he bear to let Lu Chen chop off his own son's hands?

From his countless experiences of dealing with Lu Chen, he knew that Lu Chen was a man of his word.

And he had also thought about it from Lu Chen's perspective. If he was forced to that extent by the Four Great Families like Lu Chen, he would definitely not hesitate to cut off the arms of the Four Great Families' heirs too.

He might even commit murder in a life or death situation.

So he didn't doubt Lu Chen's warning at all.

But the point was that not only was his son in Lu Chen's hands, Lu Chen also got hold of many of his important secrets,

which was why he had to persuade his father to submit to Lu Chen.

"Dad, let me tell you the truth. Many of our confidential documents are in Lu Chen's hands. He said that if you don't kneel down and apologize, he will publish those confidential documents. You remember that incident, don't you? If we're exposed by that kid, the Zhang Family will be destroyed," Zhang Xingquan said again.

Zhang Shengqiao's expression suddenly darkened, his heart beating fast.

He finally recalled that Lu Chen had taken away some documents from their family when he burned down their company building some time ago. Although the documents were from more than 20 years ago, they were the absolute secrets of the Zhang Family. If Lu Chen exposed them, it would be a devastating blow to them.

"He has gone too far!" Zhang Shengqiao hit the wall with his palm in frustration. Although fury still blazed in his eyes, the determination in his heart was starting to crumble.

He could put Zhang Daoren's life at risk,

but he had to protect the Zhang Family's reputation at all cost!

"Give him a call and tell him that there's no way that I'll kneel down. I can give him a hundred million in exchange for Daoren, and I won't target his company anymore." Zhang Shengqiao finally compromised.

Zhang Xingquan nodded. He also felt that Lu Chen's condition was too much. If his father really kneeled down tomorrow, it would also be a devastating blow to the Zhang Family.

Even if it was a gentle kneel, he believed that from then on, the Zhang Family would be too ashamed to even face Lu Chen.

"Lu Chen, we can cancel all actions taken against your company, and we can exchange money for my son's safety, but we refuse to let my father kneel and apologize to you," Zhang Xingquan said after Lu Chen picked up the phone. He felt that they had already made a huge concession. Lu Chen should know what to do now if he didn't want to start a war with them.

"I really don't care about nor want your

family's wealth. You can fight me all you want, but my condition still remains. Either the three of them kneel down and apologize, or you will have to fight me till the end." Upon saying that, Lu Chen hung up the phone without waiting for a reply.

Zhang Xingquan's expression soured; he didn't expect Lu Chen to be so arrogant.

Does that kid really want to fight us no matter what?

At the same time, the men of the Zuo family and the Liu family were also persuading their fathers to kneel and apologize to Lu Chen.

The Zuo family and the Liu family also called Lu Chen one after another, emphasizing their refusal to let their fathers kneel and apologize to him. They wanted to pay a ransom to him in exchange for Zuo Qingcheng and Liu Shanshan, but they got the same response as Zhang Xingquan.

Lu Chen did not budge at all.

They could either kneel down and apologize, or fight him.

"How dare he! How dare he butt heads with the Three Great Families!" Zuo Jialiang slapped the table and shouted angrily.

"Jialiang, don't waste your time talking to him. I'm certain that he does not have the guts to do anything to Qingcheng. Call the Zhang and the Liu Family. Since this boy wants to fight with the three of us, then let him be." Zuo Zhengyi was also very furious. He was already so old, and yet Lu Chen wanted him to kneel down and apologize in People's Square. Did he want him to die with shame?

Zuo Jialiang's face was twisted in torment, reflecting the struggles in his heart.

Whether or not he would go to war with Lu Chen depended on whether he dared to bet on Lu Chen actually following through with his threat of chopping off Zuo Qingcheng's hands.

Plus, Lu Chen's company hadn't started its operations yet, so they would be losing money by starting a trade war with Lu Chen no matter what.

Just then, Zuo Jialiang's phone rang. He

checked the number and picked up his phone.

After answering the phone, Zuo Jialiang's expression suddenly changed. His expression became even more flustered.

"Jialiang, who is calling you? What's the matter?" Seeing the change in his son's face, Zuo Zhengyi suddenly had a bad feeling in his heart.

Zuo Jialiang took a deep breath and said, "Our safe was cracked open, and the confidential files in it were stolen."

"What? Who could possibly steal our confidential files?" Zuo Zhengyi was shocked and asked flusteredly.

"Lu Chen!" Zuo Jialiang gritted his teeth and uttered Lu Chen's name in a guttural voice.

## Chapter 280 Methods



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People's Square.

It was noon, the air so hot it was as if the sun had boiled it.

However, this did not affect the crowd's mood.

Every media outlet had reported yesterday that the founder of Yi Qi Technology would head over to People's Square to kneel and apologize to the Three Great Families' leaders. Everyone, be it business men or just ordinary passersby, had come over to spectate.

Although the news reported it to begin at 12p.m. sharp, the entire mall was filled with people by 10a.m..

Yi Qi Technology's founder as well as the Three Great Families.

This header was too attractive to the public eye. No one wanted to miss it.

Most of the media reporters had been waiting at People's Square since 9. Explosive news like this promised great site traffic if they became the first outlet to post articles about it.

"My goodness, it's 11:30 already. Why isn't anyone here yet? Don't tell me Yi Qi Technology's founder won't show up?"

"Won't show up? Just wait a little longer. Although Yi Qi Technology is influential, their power is nowhere near the Three Great Families'. After all, a new company like them can't afford to offend those with such an extensive network."

"Yeah. I think that Lu Chen will come over to apologize to the Three Great Families today."

"Honestly, I hope he doesn't come. If he really kneels to the Three Great Families, Yi Qi Technology won't be able to go further for sure. Let alone foreign markets, they might not even be able to break through Chongqing."

Everyone started gossiping. Some deduced that Lu Chen wouldn't dare to go against the Three Great Families and would kneel down to apologize while others thought that Lu Chen shouldn't come in order to protect Yi Qi Technology's reputation. If their reputation was ruined, it would greatly impact the company's future development.

Right at 11:50, while everyone was still busy gossiping, Lu Chen finally appeared at People's Square. Everyone recognized him when he came out of his car.

He's here, he's here! Yi Qi Technology's founder is here!"

Even with no bodyguards, the crowd would subconsciously part to form a path for Lu Chen no matter where he went. It was as if he was some celebrity. The whole scene was spectacular.

Lu Chen looked calm. Although in everyone's eyes he was here to apologize to the Three Great Families, not one person dared to utter any nonsense in front of him.

Not one of them dared to speak. Not especially after noticing the group of bodyguards standing protectively behind him.

They were just ordinary people anyway. Even if Lu Chen bowed down to the Three Great Families, he was still the one who invested fifty billion to build Southwest's first ever Science and Technology Park. He wasn't anyone that they could easily

offend. They just wanted to enjoy the show safely from the sidelines.

As Lu Chen came to the middle of the square, the bodyguards clad in black clothing and leather shoes behind him hurried to set up a foldable chair. Then, they supported an umbrella right behind the chair.

“Young Master Lu, please have a seat.” After the bodyguards finished setting up, they stood behind Lu Chen dutifully.

Lu Chen sat down and closed his eyes for a rest. Ten more minutes left. He would give Zhang Shengqiao and the others ten more minutes. If they were still not here by then, he'd carry out his promise to chop off their hands.

After disposing of Xiao Bieqing, the threat hanging over Lu Chen's head had been neutralized. There wasn't any need for him to stay low-key anymore.

He would take this opportunity today to push Yi Qi Technology to its peak once again.

Everyone from the Rough Stone

Association couldn't sit well when they saw how high profile Lu Chen seemed.

"Why is he acting so high and mighty now? Doesn't he still need to kneel and apologize later?"

"I know, right? Isn't it more embarrassing if he acts like a young master now but kneels like a slave later? Is this fellow even right in the head?"

Unlike the others, everyone from the Rough Stone Association believed that Lu Chen would kneel down to Zhang Shengqiao and the others. All of them looked down upon Lu Chen.

To them, it didn't matter if Lu Chen was Yi Qi Technology's founder or that he was filthy rich because he still had to kneel like a slave in the end anyway.

"Yo, aren't you Yi Qi Technology's founder? Aren't you ashamed of acting like this right now? Wouldn't it be more humiliating for you when you kneel later?" Yu Li came up to Lu Chen and gloated mockingly.

After Lu Chen had fired Xu Zhiheng and her, the both of them still couldn't find a

suitable job.

The both of them had paid close attention to the development of this issue when they heard that the Three Great Families wanted to settle Lu Chen once and for all. Hence, when the Three Great Families wanted Lu Chen to come over to People's Square to kneel and apologize today, the both of them had rushed over early in the morning to watch.

When the bodyguards saw that Yu Li was mocking Lu Chen, they moved forward to deal with her.

However, Lu Chen waved his hand, motioning for them to ignore her.

After the bodyguards backed down, Xu Zhiheng walked over too.

"Lu Chen, do you know why this happened to you today?" Xu Zhiheng mocked coldly.

Lu Chen gave Xu Zhiheng a glance before waving at another bodyguard by his side.

The bodyguard understood his gesture and hurriedly lit a cigarette for Lu Chen.

Lu Chen took a puff and shaped his mouth into an "O" before exhaling onto Xu Zhiheng's face.

Xu Zhiheng's facial expression visibly darkened as he exploded, "Lu Chen, there's no use acting like this in front of me. If you have the guts, do this in front of the Three Great Families instead!"

"Are the Three Great Families really that powerful? Would you believe that if they don't come to kneel and apologize to me today, I could send them to hell any time I wish?" Lu Chen teased and chuckled.

What?!

Once those words left the tip of his tongue, the entire place broke into murmurs.

"Bloody hell, that guy is really insane!"

"What did he just say? He wants the Three Great Families to kneel and apologize to him? Who does he think he is? Even the previous CEO of Jun Yue Group wouldn't say something as outrageous as this!"

"Yeah. Even though Jun Yue Group

managed to suppress the Four Great Families for a short while, the ending is still the same. Weren't their board of directors dissolved?"

"In Chongqing, the Four Great Families are the real power players. If Jun Yue Group couldn't make it, what makes you think that Yi Qi Technology can? Let's see how it goes if you don't believe me! If you don't kneel and apologize to the Three Great Families, I'm sure Yi Qi Technology can't last to see its own launch!"

Yu Li and Xu Zhiheng were gloating with joy when they heard everyone from the Rough Stone Association mocking him.

"You're really asking for it at this point," Yu Li sneered and laughed delightedly.

"Hopefully you can still maintain your arrogance later. Don't disappoint us," Xu Zhiheng mocked.

On the other hand, Chen Churan and Lan Ling were leaning against a tree near the complex and watching Lu Chen show off in the middle of the complex.

"Churan, are you sure that we don't have to



make a move? If he really kneels today, his reputation will be ruined forever," Lan Ling commented.

"I really want to help him too, but I can't if my father doesn't agree to help. It would be better if he had picked a fight with other competitors, but he went on to start a war with Zhang Shengqiao, Zuo Zhengyi and Liu Qiming instead. How can I help him?" Chen Churan explained worriedly.

"Sigh, you're right. Unless your father really makes his move, no one can make the Three Great Families take a step back," Lan Ling sighed.

She had wanted to help Lu Chen previously. However, at this point, she didn't know how to anymore.

It was unrealistic to rebel against the Three Great Families.

The Lan family was just an outsider. Moreover, the Three Great Families were way more influential than her family too.

"Sigh, we still don't know what kind of decision he will make. If he does kneel, then that's fine, we will just act as if we

never knew him. However, if he decides to rebel against the Three Great Families, I will convince my father to have his back no matter what," Chen Churan said with determination.

Lan Ling laughed wryly and thought, I'm most afraid that he will choose to save Yi Qi Technology and bow to the others.

"He's here. Old Master Liu is coming!"

Suddenly, a commotion was heard outside. Everyone couldn't help but turn to look at the source of the commotion.



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Everyone watched as Old Master Liu, Liu Qiming, came out of the car with a grim expression and walked into People's Square.

"Good afternoon, Old Master Liu."

"Good afternoon, Old Master Liu."

Everyone took turns greeting him. However, Liu Qiming's facial expression remained dark as a stormcloud as he walked to the middle of the square. He wasn't in the mood to talk to anyone.

If people were to observe closely, they would realize that every step that Liu Qiming took was heavy.

He didn't look like he was there to accept Lu Chen's apology—it looked more like he had entered a slaughterhouse, every step he took forced.

"Brat, Old Master Liu is here now. I want to see how you can still keep up with your act."

"Don't just sit around, hurry up and greet Old Master Liu! So what if you're Yi Qi Technology's founder? In front of Old

Master Liu, you still have to kneel down obediently.”

Right then, those from the Rough Stone Association started taunting Lu Chen again.

“Why are you still not getting up? Do you want Old Master Liu to come and ask you up instead?” Yu Li joined in and mocked.

“Why would he stand up? He’s waiting for Old Master Liu to kneel down to him, so of course he doesn’t have to!” Xu Zhiheng said and burst into laughter.

Lu Chen, who had ignored everyone, suddenly butted in when he heard Xu Zhiheng. “I feel like I shouldn’t have fired you back then. You’re just like a mind-reader, always knowing what I’m thinking about.”

“Hmph! Why would I want to read your mind?! You’re so dead this time. I can’t believe you actually fantasized about Old Master Liu kneeling before you! The Three Great Families will not let you off the hook easily,” Xu Zhiheng gloated.

“Really? Looks like both of you know the

Three Great Families really well, huh?" Lu Chen commented lightly.

Right at that moment, Liu Qiming finally reached where Lu Chen was. He glared at Lu Chen, his eyes brimming with hatred.

However, he did not ask for Lu Chen to kneel.

It was obvious that everyone around Liu Qiming was more anxious than him as they started rushing him along.

"Lu Chen, why are you still sitting? Get up! You are facing Old Master Liu."

"Yeah. Just kneel and apologize, won't you? Then everyone can leave too. The weather is so hot today; if it weren't for this spectacle, no one would have come out willingly."

"Old Master Liu, get him to kneel and apologize!"

The more the crowd egged him on, the darker Liu Qiming's face became. Even his legs started to shake.

Lu Chen laughed mockingly and taunted,

“Liu, since you’re here already, you should just stop struggling. The longer you struggle, the more your grandson has to suffer, too. Isn’t that a risk to the future of the Liu family?”

When everyone heard Lu Chen’s words to Old Master Liu, they all stood up to defend him.

However, what happened next was...

Thud!

Liu Qiming bent his knees and kneeled in front of Lu Chen.

Right at that moment, everyone’s jaw dropped. All their words forced back into their throats.

“Oh my God, he really kneeled! How did this happen?!”

Gasps were heard from the crowd. It seemed like the roles had been reversed.

Wasn’t Lu Chen the one who was supposed to kneel and apologize to the Three Great Families? Why did Old Master Liu kneel instead?

Everyone was dumbfounded right then. They couldn't believe what they saw.

"Impossible. This is impossible! The Three Great Families have an established network and influence in Chongqing for a long time already. How could he kneel in front of Lu Chen?! I must be hallucinating!" Yu Li kept rubbing her eyes. She refused to believe what she saw.

Xu Zhiheng took a deep breath. He was also in denial when he saw Liu Qiming kneeling in front of Lu Chen.

The one who kneeled was Old Master Liu instead of Lu Chen—this completely caught him off guard.

No, no it shouldn't be like this. Something must be wrong.

"Zhiheng, tell me, that's not Old Master Liu, right?" Yu Li pleaded as she pulled on Xu Zhiheng's sleeves.

Xu Zhiheng's face was pale as a ghost.

He really wanted to tell her that the man kneeling wasn't Old Master Liu.

However, he wasn't blind. He knew well that the man was indeed Old Master Liu in the flesh.

Everyone inhaled sharply from the shock. Xu Zhiheng was still confused by the scene in front of him.

Why did Old Master Liu kneel when it was supposed to be Lu Chen who should kneel?

Was it possible that Lu Chen paid the media outlets to report it wrongly instead?

"If my guesses are correct, it is possible that Lu Chen might have already defeated the Three Great Families."

"How is that possible? If he had defeated the Three Great Families, how would they have let the media outlets to report it?"

"Exactly, something isn't adding up here."

However, what exactly wasn't adding up?

None of them could figure it out.

"Churan, what is happening?" Lan Ling covered her mouth with surprise. She



couldn't believe the scene before her.

Chen Churan was no different, her hand covering her mouth in shock.

She hadn't the faintest idea why Old Master Liu kneeled in front of Lu Chen.

How could that be?!

"I'm not sure either. I didn't think that Lu Chen could actually be capable of neutralizing the Three Great Families. Not to mention that Old Master Liu is actually kneeling before him," Chen Churan exclaimed.

"Yeah. This is too shocking. However, Zuo Zhengyi and Zhang Shengqiao have not reached yet. Let's wait and see if anything else happens after they arrive," Lan Ling whispered.

However, she knew deep down that it wasn't likely for there to be any plot twist.

Something must have happened to make Old Master Liu kneel down. His decisions must have been known by Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi beforehand too.

The moment Old Master Liu knelt was as if he had given up the entire Liu family's dignity to Lu Chen. This wasn't a decision that could be made in a short time.

She was sure that Liu Qiming made the decision to kneel to Lu Chen at least a day ago.

What about the Zhang and Zuo family?

Were they going to kneel too?

Albeit shocked, Lan Ling was filled with anticipation too.

For a gathering with more than ten thousand people, it was surprisingly quiet.

Most of the crowd were shocked and speechless; only harsh breathing could be heard.

They could feel that Yi Qi Technology would be the foundation in the efforts of building Chongqing into an economy giant after today. The Four Great Families might face the same pressure from them like what happened with Jun Yue Group ten years ago.

“No, Old Master Zhang and Old Master Zuo aren’t here yet! They are the real people behind all these! When they reach, Lu Chen will have to show his true colors!” someone suddenly chided in, unwilling to accept the truth.

“Yeah! I trust that Yi Qi Technology cannot compare to the Zhang and Zuo Families’. We will see how the both of them turn the situation around later!” someone else added on.

“Old Master Zhang, Old Master Zuo, please get here as soon as possible! If not, Lu Chen will be overturning them soon! The Three Great Families’ reputation will be destroyed!”

Although many remained silent, they were all anxiously waiting for Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi’s arrival to turn the situation around.

Even though they had no grudges against Lu Chen, it was obvious that they all felt better about the Three Great Families instead of Yi Qi Technology and sided with them unconsciously.

## Chapter 282 Kneel Down



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“Father, you were right! Lu Chen really had a back up plan. Liu Qiming is on his knees.” In a building next to People’s Square, Chen Guangxing was observing the scene with a binocles.

Old Master Chen who was sitting on the sofa took a sip of his tea before he slowly said, “Liu’s kneeling has put the entire Liu Family’s dignity at risk.”

“Of course. However, I don’t think this is just about dignity. For Lu Chen to make them apologize and kneel publicly, he must have threatened Liu family to its core. If it weren’t so, there’s no way Liu Qiming would humiliate himself like this,” Chen Guangxing replied as he continued to observe what was happening outside.

Old Master Liu nodded along in agreement. “This is why I said that Lu Chen is unpredictable. Everyone had doubted Lu Chen’s capabilities against the Three Great Families, even your daughter consulted me many times and begged for me to make you help Lu Chen. But look, everyone was proven wrong right?” Old Master Chen said as he walked closer to the windowsill. He too, took a pair of binocles and started observing.

“There are still many things that we don’t know about Lu Chen. I don’t want the Chen family to be too close to him, but we can’t stray too far away either. It is best for us to maintain a good collaborative relationship,” Old Master Chen advised after a while.

“Alright.” Chen Guangxing nodded. He understood what his father meant.

Lu Chen was like a lion that had just been awakened from his slumber. Although his connection with the Chen family was good right now, it was no guarantee that he would not attack them one day.

Hence, they had to be cautious too.

“I guess Zuo Zhengyi and Zhang Shengqiao will be arriving soon too. Since Liu Qiming has kneeled, I’m sure Lu Chen is holding something he deeply cherishes against him. Thus, it is possible that the same has happened to the Zhang and Zuo family too. Lu Chen must have been able to get hold of their weaknesses,” Old Master Chen analyzed.

Chen Guangxing looked at the outer rim of the square with his binocles. In no time, he

spotted two luxury cars reaching People's Square almost at the same time.

Once the cars stopped, Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi came out of their respective cars before looking at each other, their facial expressions grim.

"You're right. They just reached the square," Chen Guangxing informed.

"They're here? Alright then, let's leave. There's nothing left to see anymore. Since they're here, they must have come to kneel. This Lu Chen really is unpredictable!" Old Master Chen commented seriously as he kept the binocles.

Chen Guangxing nodded in agreement. From Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi's unwilling faces, he knew that they were there to kneel.

But, how did Lu Chen manage to pull it off?

How did he manage to get the old masters of the Three Great Families to kneel in front of him?

If it weren't for something that could

deeply threaten the Three Great Families, they certainly wouldn't be willing to humiliate themselves.

Right then, People's Square started bustling again with Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi's arrival.

"They're here, they're here. Old Master Zhang and Old Master Zuo have arrived."

"Finally! Looks like it's time to see Lu Chen's downfall."

"Exactly, I can't believe Old Master Liu knelt in front of Lu Chen until now. I wonder if something is wrong with him? Why didn't anyone from the Liu family come to stop him from humiliating himself?"

"Nah, don't bother about Old Master Liu anymore. Let's see what Old Master Zhang and Old Master Zuo will do. After all, the Liu Family ranks the lowest in the Four Great Families."

"I know, right? I bet after this, the Liu Family will be kicked out from the Four Great Families."



Everyone's hope flared up again when they saw Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi. They were all waiting for the both of them to get back the dignity that Liu Qiming had lost.

The crowd had completely lost their respect for Liu Qiming and started criticizing him.

Walking through the path that the crowd made for them, Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi finally reached Lu Chen.

Upon noticing Liu Qiming kneeling in front of Lu Chen, his face ashen, both of them were taken aback.

Zuo Zhengyi felt his legs giving way, however he was still struggling internally.

To kneel or not to kneel?

Although he had already made up his mind yesterday, he still struggled with the decision when he actually faced Lu Chen.

Zhang Shengqiao ground his teeth in hatred when he saw Liu Qiming on his knees. He did not expect Lu Chen to be so cunning and unabashed by threatening

him using his grandson. Moreover, he also stole the Zuo family's secret documents and threatened to expose them.

Although that incident happened twenty years ago, and even if Lu Chen gave them to Xie Weihao, Xie Weihao couldn't threaten the Zhang Family directly too, but Xie Weihao was still capable of severing all the connections that the Zhang family had established.

Those documents held the names of the high-ranking officials who were bribed by the Zhang Family.

If the documents were exposed, he was sure that those involved would destroy the entire Zhang family.

"Lu Chen, don't think that this will be solved easily. If you make us kneel today, would you be able to handle it in the future when we turn the tables against you?" Zhang Shengqiao tried to argue.

"Turn the tables against me? Does the Three Great Families have the capabilities to do so?"

Lu Chen smirked before taunting, "What

about Mu Zong, who was backing you guys up? He hasn't been in contact with you guys for a few days already, huh?"

"Y-You know Mr. Mu?" Zhang Shengqiao's heart dropped. He didn't expect Lu Chen to know about this or even know Mr. Mu's name.

Moreover, Mu Zong hadn't been in contact with them for two days already. They had completely lost contact with Mu Zong. Was it actually possible that something had happened to him?

"He is just trash. I can't believe that you guys look up to him like he's a master. It's funny how stupid the Three Great Families are."

Lu Chen laughed mockingly before continuing, "I know that your trump card is Xiao Bieqing from Beijing. But, you should investigate if she still exists. Turn the tables against me? What does the Three Great Families have to turn the tables against me?"

"I'm sorry for being harsh on all of you but really, the Three Great Families' lives are entirely in my hands. Do you guys want to

bet on how low I can stoop?"

Lu Chen said as he lit a cigarette. Then, he stood up and glanced at Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi before saying, "The both of you have twenty seconds left. After twenty seconds, the two of you can watch me cripple them."

Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi's facial expression changed. They were having a hard time comprehending the information that they just received.

Firstly, the powerful person in Beijing that both of them had been relying on was killed by Lu Chen. How was that possible?

Was this man a monster? How could he make Mu Zong's master disappear from the face of the Earth?

The both of them were taken aback. They couldn't believe that it was done by the Sakura Ring. To them, the Sakura Ring was incapable of doing so.

"What is going on? Didn't you say that the situation would turn around once Old Master Zhang and Old Master Zuo arrived? Why isn't Lu Chen kneeling yet?"

## Chapter 283 Twenty Seconds

“I don’t know the situation right now. We can’t even hear them at all. However, the old masters’ facial expressions don’t look right. Do you think that it’s possible that they can’t hold him down?”

Everyone was becoming curious when they saw that Lu Chen had not kneeled yet.

Right then, Lu Chen looked at his watch and noted lightly, “You guys have ten seconds left.”



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After Lu Chen finished speaking, the entire crowd felt an intangible pressure on shrouding them.

Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi's facial expressions were ghastly. Although they had made their decisions yesterday, they still tried to struggle.

However, when they were faced with Lu Chen, they finally realized that Lu Chen was out of their league.

Even though Lu Chen was young, he gave off an experienced, cunning vibe.

Most importantly, right at that moment, he looked like a remorseless monster who wouldn't even bat an eyelash as he spilled blood.

"Five seconds."

Lu Chen's voice rang out again, flat and emotionless. However, it was as if it contained a large surge of energy, puncturing right through Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi's mind.

Thud!

Thud!

Right there and then, Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi knelt onto the ground with a loud thud. Both of them said nothing, but their facial expression mirrored their feelings right then.

Their grandsons were saved.

However, their entire family's dignity had been destroyed to nothingness by this young man in front of them.

The hearts of the family members of the Zhang and Zuo Families ached when they looked at the scene from afar. Hatred burnt in their gazes.

However, there was nothing that they could do besides stoke the flames of their fury in the dark.

This time, the crowd at People's Square took a longer time to react.

All of them couldn't believe what was happening.

Even Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi had knelt in front of the founder of Yi Qi

Technology that everyone had looked down upon.

This completely blew their minds.

How could the founder of a new company get the old masters of the Three Great Families to kneel before him?

Even when they were seeing it for themselves, they still couldn't believe it.

"What does he have that can be better than the Three Great Families, that is enough to get the old masters to kneel in front of him? This isn't just about money!"

"You can only be known as a tycoon if you're rich, but to be known as a truly powerful family you must have the background of it. Lu Chen had always been low-key even after founding Yi Qi Technology for so long and not many people knew about his existence. Is it possible that he is actually the son of one of the great families in Beijing?"

Right then, everyone's view toward Lu Chen changed.

Especially those from the Rough Stone



Association who swore that Lu Chen wouldn't be able to keep his facade for long in front of Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi.

After seeing both Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi kneeling in front of Lu Chen, all of them were shaken to their very cores.

"Zhiheng, what is happening? Didn't you say that the situation will change once Old Master Zhang and Old Master Zuo reach? Why did both of them kneel too?" Yu Li whispered to Xu Zhiheng after snapping back from her trance.

She still couldn't believe that both Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi had knelt too.

Lu Chen and her were university classmates. So, she understood him better than anyone.

Back then, when she was pursuing Lu Chen, she had investigated him and found out that he was just an ordinary guy.

Although she later did find out that Lu Chen was a rich tycoon, she did not think that Lu Chen would have the capabilities to rebel against the Three Great Families.

However, the scene in front of her made her confused and helpless.

Xu Zhiheng's mind went blank the moment he saw Zhang Shengqiao and Zuo Zhengyi knelt down. As for what Yu Li whispered to him at that moment, he didn't know at all.

He couldn't understand why Lu Chen could turn everything in favor of him every time.

Why even the Three Great Families couldn't compete against him?

The entire crowd at People's Square was dead silent. Today was supposed to be the day Lu Chen knelt before the Three Great Families.

However, he was still sitting with his head held high.

Instead, the old masters of the Three Great Families knelt before him in a row.

When Lu Chen stood up and slowly strided out of People's Square, everyone could feel his domineering vibe.

He radiated male dominant energy. Everyone just could not take their eyes off

him.

This was a real man!

Right at that moment, all the girls looked at the silhouette and couldn't help but fangirl a little, their heart rates increasing.

Even Chen Churan who was standing some distance away, looked at Lu Chen leaving in awe, the admiration in her eyes unconcealable.

Lan Ling realized that she was looking at him in awe too.

"Only the Lan Family's young lady deserves a man like that. That Lin Yijun doesn't deserve him!"

Lan Ling snapped back from her trance, and determination shone in her eyes.

"Churan, I have something else to do so I'm going to leave first," Lan Ling informed her as mischief shone in her eyes.

"Alright." Chen Churan nodded unconsciously. However, when she noticed Lan Ling's expression as she left, she felt something weird stir within her.

Chen Churan thought to herself in surprise, Do my eyes deceive me or is she interested in Lu Chen too? Doesn't she know that Lu Chen already has a family?!

Under the protection of a few bodyguards, Lu Chen finally made his way out of People's Square. Lin Tong immediately drove over to pick him up.

"Young master, where do you want to go?" Lin Tong asked.

"To the Sakura Ring," Lu Chen said as he leaned back to take a nap.

Although he had settled the Three Great Families, he still had to deal with Zhou Zunfei.

Everything happened because Zhou Zunfei kidnapped Qiqi and triggered a series of problems for him. There was no way that he would let Zhou Zunfei off the hook easily.

However, he had also disposed of Xiao Bieqing, his largest threat, while dealing with this matter, so he also benefited a lot from it.

“Alright,” Lin Tong answered and enrouted toward Sakura Ring.

Even after Lu Chen’s car left, most of the crowd at People’s Square were still in a daze.

Lu Chen had really dropped a huge bomb on all of them today. Most of them were still in disbelief.

It wasn't until Zhang Shengqiao and the others started leaving with their heads hung low that the crowd finally started dispersing.

Everyone understood deep down that Yi Qi Technology’s era was finally here.

The Four Great Families would be suppressed again.

The last time it happened, Jun Yue Group had suppressed them for almost ten years.

So, most of them were curious as to how long Yi Qi Technology would suppress the Four Great Families.

“Have you guys realized how pathetic the

Four Great Families are? They were pressured by Jun Yue Group previously. After Jun Yue Group finally dissolved, Yi Qi Technology came and took over. Are they still worthy of their title?”

No one answered. Actually, it was more like no one knew the answer to it.

“Dad, what do I do? He is actually the founder of Yi Qi Technology and has completely destroyed the Three Great Families. We still owe him 4 billion; should we really not return it to him?”

In a room of a building next to People’s Square, Wang Xing looked at Wang Shiju with a grim expression.

At Old Master Chen’s birthday party a few months ago, he had lost 7 billion to Lu Chen. He’d paid him 3 billion right then and still owed 4 billion. But, he never planned to pay him back, thinking that he was just an ordinary guy with a normal background.

However, after knowing Lu Chen’s true identity, how would he dare to not return the money?

## Chapter 284 Everything Had Settled Down



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When Lu Chen reached the Sakura Nightclub, he went to the basement to look for Zhou Zunfei by himself.

After getting locked in the basement for almost a week, Zhou Zunfei had already lost his clean, youthful look.

Zhou Zunfei now had stubble under his chin and a pale face. It looked like Du Fei had been torturing him.

“Lu Chen, what the f\*ck do you want?”  
Upon seeing Lu Chen’s arrival, Zhou Zunfei pounced on him.

After being placed under house arrest for a week without a proper meal and getting a beating once in a while, Zhou Zunfei was starting to lose his sanity.

“Do you f\*cking want to die?” Lin Tong smashed his fist on Zhou Zunfei’s face when he saw him pouncing over.

Pow!

Zhou Zunfei obviously wasn’t in the condition to handle that hit. In no time, he was knocked out on the ground, blood leaking from the corner of his mouth.



“What, you can’t handle it just after one week?” Lu Chen crouched down and stared at Zhou Zunfei mockingly.

“What can I do for you to let me off the hook?” Taking a deep breath, Zhou Zunfei tried to suppress all his anger as he glared at Lu Chen intently.

“Ten billion. It will be sufficient payment for one of your arms and the lives of your men. Also, all of the Zhou Family’s rough stones can only be channeled through me.” Lu Chen slowly laid out his terms.

Previously, Lu Chen did want to remove one of Zhou Zunfei’s arms. However, with the way things had progressed, it did indirectly benefit him so Lu Chen had decided to let Zhou Zunfei off hook.

However, the Zhou Family still had to pay a certain price for what they had done.

“Why don’t you rob the bank instead?” Zhou Zunfei demanded. After being placed under house arrest for a week, it was a miracle that he didn’t demand for any compensation from Lu Chen. He didn’t expect Lu Chen to scam him so unabashedly instead.

“I will give you a day. If you and your family don't satisfy my request, I will remove your right arm at this time tomorrow.”

Lu Chen got up to leave after that while Lin Tong sensibly returned Zhou Zunfei his mobile phone.

Zhou Zunfei waited until Lu Chen and Lin Tong's figure disappeared from his line of sight before he picked up his mobile phone.

After turning his phone on, it was immediately blasted with numerous missed calls, most of them from his family.

Firstly, he gave his father a call. He explained his situation right now as well as Lu Chen's requests.

“Don't worry. I will negotiate with Lu Chen now. I will get you back to the central plains by today,” Zhou Xuncaï consoled.

“Father, do not promise him anything. He just wants to scam us! I don't believe that he will do it for real. Right, you should report it to the police first! Then he wouldn't dare to touch me anymore!” Zhou

Zunfei argued.

“Zunfei, that guy is a complete monster, so I’d advise you to not go against him. I’m sure you still don’t know this but just a while back, Chongqing’s Three Great Families’ old masters had knelt in front of him at the People’s Square. Even the Three Great Families couldn’t go against him! We are just outsiders so you better not provoke him,” Zhou Xuncai advised as he smiled bitterly.

“What? How is that possible?” Zhou Zunfei’s heart dropped. He couldn’t believe that this was real.

Just a week ago, he was still plotting against Lu Chen with Zuo Qingcheng. One week after, his father told him that Lu Chen had forced the Three Great Families to kneel in front of him.

He was having a hard time comprehending what he had just heard.

“Alright. I will go contact Lu Chen now. You should go call your mother to tell her that you’re well too.”

Zhou Xuncai hung up after that. He had

allowed Zhou Zunfei to go to Chongqing to provoke Lu Chen previously, so if Lu Chen were to scam 10 billion from him, he had no rights to say otherwise.

As for channeling the Zhou Family's rough stone through Lu Chen, he'd agree with that too. After all, the rough stone channel was in Lu Chen's hands anyway, so they had to stick to their agreements.

Lu Chen was surprised at how smooth the transaction went. If he knew earlier that Zhou Xuncaï was such an easy man to negotiate with, he would have asked for more from him.

After signing the contract and receiving the money from the Zhou Family, Zhou Xuncaï took Zhou Zunfei along with the men he brought along to Chongqing and left the Sakura Nightclub.

"You have all worked well during these hard times. Let's go, I will treat you guys to a meal at the Jadeite 36," Lu Chen told everyone.

After spending so much time settling these issues, he couldn't just disregard Du Fei's underlings' effort too. Lu Chen wasn't

a heartless man, and he had decided to loosen up as well.

Hearing that Lu Chen would treat them at the Jadeite 36, everyone buzzed with excitement.

The last time Lu Chen treated them at the Jadeite 36, each table had eaten up to an average of more than 10 thousand worth of food. Most of them here never had the chance to spend this much on meals alone in their entire life.

After dinner, Lu Chen went to visit Xu Jing again. Xu Jing was almost back to his normal self. Originally, he was supposed to be discharged two days ago. However, just in case, Lu Chen had decided to make him stay longer in the hospital.

“Lu Chen, you’re here.” When Lu Chen walked in, he saw that Xu Jing was chatting with a pretty nurse while holding her hand. It seemed like the pretty nurse had no intention of leaving too.

Initially, he wanted to leave without disturbing them. However, Xu Jing, who was very keen, immediately noticed him.

He hurriedly let go of the pretty nurse's hand and looked at Lu Chen awkwardly.

As for the pretty nurse, she scurried off after noticing the smile on Lu Chen's face.

"Hey man, I didn't imagine you to be so good at flirting, huh?" Lu Chen teased.

Xu Jing chuckled awkwardly. He didn't know what to say. He was still shy from getting caught by Lu Chen.

"Which stage are you guys at?" Lu Chen asked, chuckling.

"It hasn't really developed much; Xiaohui just accepted my request to be my girlfriend," Xu Jing explained.

"Alright. You guys should go on dates after you're released. I will give you an extra week of holidays." Lu Chen nodded. He was experienced in this. Lu Chen knew that a lot of time was needed to cultivate a budding relationship.

Now that those who threatened his position were almost completely eliminated, he wasn't overly worried anymore. Moreover, he hired a new batch

of capable bodyguards for himself.

Lu Chen also got the doctor to give Xu Jing a full check-up and only agreed to his discharge after the doctor assured that Xu Jing was fine.

After he was released, Lu Chen fetched Xu Jing back and cooked him a meal himself.

The next day, Lin Yijun went back to work. Although Lu Chen wanted her to take a break for a few days to recover from the shock she had suffered from these past few days, Lin Yijun declined his offer to stay at home.

According to her, she had to work even harder now that Lu Chen had become so outstanding. If not, the gap between them would widen even more.

Lu Chen chuckled. What more could he say?

Xu Jing was discharged from the hospital yesterday. Although he wanted to get back to work as soon as possible, Lu Chen had decided to let him rest for a few more days.

## Chapter 285 The Zhou Family Was Subdued

After sending Qiqi off to school by himself, he received a phone call from an unknown number.

Lu Chen glanced at the phone number. It was from Chongqing. He accepted the call.

Hearing the voice from the phone call, a hint of mocking shone in Lu Chen's eyes.



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Wang Shiju was the one who made the call; he had called to ask Lu Chen whether he was free to have a cup of tea with him.

"Let's go to the Sakura Nightclub then," said Lu Chen before hanging up the phone.

Just two days ago, Du Fei had told him that Wang Shiju had been in contact with Zhang Xingquan, prompting Lu Chen to think that Wang Shiju must have wanted to hasten his own death. Unexpectedly, Wang Shiju was merely discussing a matter of collaboration with the Zhang Family and did not participate in this matter at all.

As such, Lu Chen could only let the Wang Family off the hook this time.

He decided to leave minor characters, such as the Wang Family, to Wu Lei so that he could personally take his revenge when he came back.

When Lu Chen arrived at the Sakura Nightclub, Wang Shiju and Wang Xing had already been waiting for him for more than ten minutes.

Under Du Fei's guidance, Lu Chen arrived at Wang Shiju's private room.

"P-President Lu," Wang Shiju and Wang Xing quickly got up and greeted him.

The father-son duo couldn't even look Lu Chen in the eye.

Lu Chen sized them up and smirked.  
"Patriarch Wang, you must be in a really good mood to have invited me over for a cup of tea so early in the morning."

Wang Shiju forced a smile and said, "Heh... President Lu, stop teasing me. By the way, President Lu, I am very sorry for delaying the payment for the debt that my son owed you. You see, something happened to the Wang Family some time ago, and we have some problems with our cash flow, so we hope you can forgive us for this."

Wang Shiju really did not want to stay around Lu Chen any longer than he had to. After all, he had personally witnessed him forcing the Patriarchs of the Three Great Families to kneel down before him just the day before. As such, he felt a chill in his heart when he looked at him right now.

Even the joined forces of the Three Great Families were no match for him, let alone

the Wang Family; they were nothing in Lu Chen's eyes.

This was the reason why he couldn't wait to return the money to Lu Chen.

If Lu Chen suddenly recalled the debt he owed him one day and came personally to his doorsteps to collect it, he believed that it would not be a simple matter of paying back the debt anymore.

"That is your problem. The only thing I know is that the money I lend comes with interest," said Lu Chen casually.

"Lu Chen, can we calculate it based on the bank's prevailing interest rate?" Wang Shiju knew that Lu Chen would not just collect the principal amount.

"I'm not running a bank here, am I? So why should I calculate it based on the bank's interest rate?" asked Lu Chen mockingly as he smiled.

Wang Shiju's expression changed slightly. *Lu Chen is so going to rip us off this time!*

"Well then, President Lu, may I know how

much interest you are planning to charge us?" asked Wang Shiju carefully.

"The daily interest rate is 0.5 percent. Do the math yourself," said Lu Chen.

This interest rate was similar to that of the loan sharks.

Wang Shiju's expression turned dark; Lu Chen's daily interest rate was just too high.

"President Lu, you have a massive fortune and an empire, hence I don't think that you are short of money, right? Could you possibly lower the interest rate? The Wang Family is unable to fork out such a huge amount as we had run into some trouble this time." Wang Shiju smiled awkwardly.

Lu Chen took a sip of his tea and said, "You guys can wait until you have the cash before paying me then. I don't need it now anyway."

Though Lu Chen looked as if he was concerned about the Wang Family's predicament, Wang Shiju and his son's expression turned ghastly, as if they had swallowed a fly.

They were thinking in their hearts, *He is still charging us an insane amount of interest rate! How would we be able to pay it back?!*

“President Lu, could we bring it down to 0.1 percent? This is already our limit,” said Wang Shiju, looking embarrassed.

He was unwilling to back down. Since Lu Chen had set such an insane amount of interest in an attempt to empty the coffers of the Wang Family, he had to try his best to make Lu Chen lower the interest rate.

“My time is limited. If the Wang Family does not plan on returning the money, I can slowly collect the debt back later. Excuse me, I will be taking my leave now,” said Lu Chen as he stood up and prepared to leave. Indeed, he wanted to rip off a massive fortune from the Wang Family so that they would grow weaker. In a way, he was indirectly helping Wu Lei.

Seeing as Lu Chen was preparing to leave, Wang Shiju and Wang Xing's expressions changed again. If they weren't able to settle the issue here today, they believed that they would not have a chance to discuss this matter with him anymore. By

then, if Lu Chen really came knocking on their doorsteps, it wouldn't be a simple matter of high interest rate anymore.

"President Lu, please wait!" Wang Shiju gritted his teeth and said, "Make it 0.5 percent then, I will return you the money today. In exchange, please return the IOU to us."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Okay! Calculate the interest first then."

While uttering those words, he returned to his seat and took out the IOU before looking at the time. Then, he proceeded to let Wang Shiju know the astronomical amount of money that he had to pay him. With a daily interest rate of 0.5 percent for half a year, the final amount was quickly calculated.

After he transferred the money to Lu Chen, the latter simply returned the IOU to the father-son duo of the Wang Family.

There was a period of calmness after the entire fiasco was settled; Lu Chen finally had some leisure time to himself.

Yi Qi Technology, Dong Jia Electronics,

Sheng Shi Supermarket and Kaitian Rough Stone Group ushered in a period of stable growth and development.

During this period of time, the media's biggest expectation was Yi Qi Technology's opening ceremony which would be held in a week's time.

After more than half a year of construction work, working overtime and investments in numerous talents and wealth, approximately 80 percent of the first phase of the development project was done.

In general, most of the construction and renovation works were almost completed. The constructions included the research building, the final test building, the car production workshop, the office area, the first phase of the workers' dormitory, entertainment area, and much more.

As such, Yi Qi Technology could officially begin their production after the opening ceremony.

The moment the news of Yi Qi Technology's opening ceremony came out, it captured the attention of people from all

walks of life.

Yi Qi Technology was not only the top company in Chongqing, but also in the Southwest Region. Hence, the public did not wish for anything bad to happen to it.

Throughout this period of time, Xie Weihao had personally invited Lu Chen out twice for a meal, mainly to ensure the smooth operation of Yi Qi Technology.

Naturally, Lu Chen had been paying close attention to the affairs of Yi Qi Technology, so much so that he had been traveling back and forth for the past one month.

"Why are you not asleep yet? The opening ceremony is tomorrow, and you have to wake up early to preside at the event," Lin Yijun couldn't help but utter these words when she saw Lu Chen smoking in the hall after she had taken her bath.

"That's right. The opening ceremony is tomorrow, but why is it that I feel so uneasy?" said Lu Chen as he massaged his temples.

He did not know why, but he had been feeling completely restless today, and his



uneasiness became more apparent at night.

He felt that something was going to happen during the opening ceremony tomorrow.

"That is because you are just too anxious. Your body might be rested, but your mind is clearly still tired. Get some rest; don't think too much about it," said Lin Yijun.

Lu Chen did not say anything and extinguished his cigarette butt in the ashtray. Then, he stood up and said, "I'm going to find Du Fei to discuss something with him. You can go to sleep first. I will come back later."

With that, he walked outside. He believed in his gut feeling that something would definitely happen tomorrow, with Yi Qi Technology as the target.

Chapter 286 The Eve of Yi Qi Technology's Grand Opening



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After half a year, the long-awaited opening ceremony of Yi Qi Technology was finally held.

On this day, people from all walks of life in Chongqing paid close attention to the historical moment that might change the direction of Chongqing's economy.

In fact, Yi Qi Technology kept quite a high profile. Not only did they publicize the opening ceremony ten days in advance on a grand scale, they even invited the elites from various industries to participate in the ceremony as well.

Rumor had it that the people who would officiate the ceremony were Xie Weihao, the City Council Leader; Jiang Changqing, the second-in-command; Chen Guangxing, the Patriarch of the Chen Family; and many other notable leaders in Chongqing.

Yi Qi Technology had already moved from Jun Yue Tower to the Science and Technology Park. In the future, Lu Chen planned to change the name of Jun Yue Tower to Kaitian Tower with the intention of moving the Kaitian Rough Stone Group there.

“Order your men to stay on their guard; there can be no room for error today,” said Lu Chen as he walked to Du Fei’s side.

Yesterday night, he had a bad feeling about today’s event, therefore he went to discuss this matter with Du Fei. Feeling that somebody might stir up a ruckus today, he had ordered Du Fei to send some of his men here as temporary security guards.

In fact, Yi Qi Technology had already hired a hundred security guards. However, since they did not have time to get familiar with each other yet, Lu Chen could not rest at ease as he was worried that somebody might take the opportunity to sneak inside.

In general, notable leaders from Chongqing would be gathering at the Science and Technology Park, hence they couldn’t afford any mistakes.

“Rest assured. I have ordered my men to guard all the entrances of the Science and Technology Park,” said Du Fei.

At this moment, Lu Chen’s phone rang. He fished it out and saw that it was a call from Liu Zixiu.

“Young Master Lu, a suspicious person has appeared on surveillance camera number 14. It’s a young man in a black shirt, and he is carrying a long backpack, which I think might contain a sniper rifle. By the way, a similar situation is happening in surveillance camera number 21 too, and they are walking toward the back of the mountains,” said Liu Zixiu.

Lu Chen had enlisted the help of Liu Zixiu who was known as the Legendary Thief. He had been following Du Fei around previously, but had now been put in charge of the surveillance cameras of the entire Science and Technology Park.

This was a rather taxing task since it required a person to be meticulous as any small negligence on their side could easily result in a huge mistake.

“Noted. I want you to ask your men to monitor the situation closely. Please report back immediately if any problem arises.”

As Lu Chen hung up the phone, a trace of killing intent flashed across his eyes, thereupon he said to Du Fei, “I think there are snipers in the regions that are monitored by surveillance camera number

14 and 21. Try your best to capture them alive.”

He wanted to find out who would dare cross him after the incident where he had forced the Three Great Families to kneel before him.

Of course, there was a possibility that it was the doing of the Three Great Families due to the huge humiliation they suffered previously. Perhaps they had come to exact their revenge on Lu Chen this time around.

However, no matter who it was, if Lu Chen managed to find out their identity, he would not let them off the hook that easily.

The regions which were monitored by surveillance camera number 14 and 21 happened to be located on both sides of the office area of the Science and Technology Park. There was also a small hill on both sides of the region and from the top of the hill, one could see the office area which was within the range of the sniper rifle.

Since the construction of the Science and Technology Park wasn't completed yet,

and the construction of the surrounding buildings had yet to start, it happened to provide a good position and vantage point to the snipers.

Though today was the opening ceremony of Science and Technology Park, they had already recruited over a hundred researchers for research and development since six months ago.

In fact, this batch of surveillance cameras was the latest research product of the scientists. With the use of nanotechnology, the mass of the cameras were less than ten grams but their monitoring range was three times that of ordinary cameras.

Putting aside ordinary people, even if they were professionals, it would be hard to spot the cameras even if they walked right in front of it.

This was the reason why the two snipers did not notice the existence of the cameras even if they were within the monitoring range of the cameras.

Du Fei asked Xu Jing, who was almost on par with him in terms of capabilities, to check on the area that was monitored by

surveillance camera number 14, whereas he himself would go to the area that was monitored by surveillance camera number 21.

Both of them were already familiar with the layout of the main regions of the Science and Technology Park and even came to inspect it yesterday night with Lu Chen.

None of them brought along any security guards with them, mainly because their opponents were snipers and they had a very high level of alertness. Hence, if they were to bring along a few men, they would be easily discovered by the snipers in advance.

Moreover, with their skills, the extra men they brought along would only be a burden.

Currently, there was still one hour to go before the ceremony would start, but Xie Weihao and his men had already arrived. As such, Lu Chen took one last look at the regions monitored by surveillance cameras number 14 and 21 before he turned around to receive Xie Weihao and the rest of his guests.



After all, he believed in Xu Jing and Du Fei's capabilities, and even if they could not capture them alive, it would be a piece of cake for them to kill their opponents.

As expected, they did not disappoint. Twenty minutes later, Du Fei gave Lu Chen a call.

"I have to answer a call." When Lu Chen saw that it was a phone call from Du Fei, he smiled apologetically to Xie Weihao and the rest of his guests.

The ceremony had yet to begin, hence the crowd could only take a look around the company with Lu Chen accompanying them.

After Lu Chen left, Wang Wei stepped in to tend to them. As for Xu Shuting, she was in charge of overseeing the events of the various departments for the opening ceremony.

At this time, Lu Chen arrived at the security room, only to see two youths in black tied up on the floor, with blood dripping from the corners of their mouth. Obviously, they were beaten up pretty badly.

“I got the information out of them. The masterminds behind this are Di Yaohui and Xia Shu from the Middle Sea. Did you offend them when you went there?” asked Du Fei as he looked at Lu Chen curiously.

Lu Chen was stunned for a moment before coming to a realization. Previously, when he went to the Middle Sea to participate in the Stone Gambling Competition, Lan Ling had killed both Di Jun and Xia Yi. Unexpectedly however, both of their families had assumed that he was the murderer.

This was indeed a f\*cked up situation! In a way, he had become Lan Ling’s scapegoat!

“This is a misunderstanding; I have become somebody else’s scapegoat! Please ask your men to check whether they are in Chongqing or not. I need to talk to them.”

Lu Chen would not become Lan Ling’s scapegoat. Putting aside his bad impression of her, he would not admit to a murder he did not commit even if he was on good terms with her.

It was not because he was afraid of Di

Yaohui or Xia Shu, but it was a matter of principles.

“Okay. Then, what should we do with the both of them?” asked Du Fei as he nodded his head.

Lu Chen pondered for a moment and said, “Hand them over to the police. I want them to take their time and investigate this case. As long as we have these two sniper rifles, I believe that they would be able to find out more about the masterminds behind this.”

Du Fei agreed with him, then called out several muscular men and gave them their orders. Thereafter, the two youths were dragged outside.

“You can continue with your business then. There is another half an hour before the opening ceremony commences. I will bring my men to inspect the situation in the other areas first,” said Du Fei.

Lu Chen nodded his head and left the security room.

His worries finally dissipated after finding out the culprit behind this incident. Had

there been any unnecessary accidents today, it would have created a huge impact on the company.

Take the two snipers for example, no matter who they killed, it would have a huge impact on the company's reputation. Moreover, if they had killed Xie Weihao or the other VIPs, his company would not be able to open its doors for business at all.



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The opening ceremony was a success and no untoward incidents happened. As such, Lu Chen was finally able to heave a sigh of relief.

The events were done at about half past eleven, and everyone was about to head for lunch.

There were more guests than previously expected, not to mention that the reporters were included for the lunch event as well, thereupon Lu Chen made reservations for twenty private rooms in Jadeite 36.

When they descended downhill, Lu Chen accompanied Xie Weihao, Jiang Changqing, Chen Churan, Lan Ling, Lin Yijun and the rest of them in the first MPV with Lin Tong as their driver.

In fact, Yi Qi Technology had provided shuttle services for all the guests today. There were twenty MPVs altogether as each table was assigned to a car; it was more than enough to fit everyone.

Since the roads downhill were still under construction, they could only take the old road which consisted of two lanes, back and forth. It was a narrow road and the

MPV was barely able to drive through it.

Suddenly, a van appeared a few meters away in front of them. It was driving at a very high speed, and the driver seemed to have no intention of slowing down at all. Luckily, Lin Tong, who had excellent driving skills, did not panic and quickly turned his steering wheel at the critical moment. Otherwise, he would have crashed into the van.

When the people in the car saw this, they were so frightened that they started having cold sweat, especially Chen Churan and Lin Yijun, who couldn't help screaming in fright.

"F\*ck! Don't you know how to drive?!" the driver of the van cursed as he stuck his head out.

Lin Tong frowned and turned around to look.

At the same moment, an elderly man, who seemed to be a farmer, appeared in front of the MPV and deliberately ran head-on into it.

"Be careful!" Lu Chen shouted from the

passenger seat.

Lin Tong jumped in fright and immediately floored the brakes, but it was too late. The elderly man crashed into the MPV and fell down.

Meanwhile, the van stopped as well.

With a panicked look in his eyes, Lin Tong prepared to get down from the car. After all, Xie Weihao and the rest of the people were there, hence, he had to get down even if he did not want to.

“Ignore him.” Lu Chen held Lin Tong back from getting down from the car.

Everybody sitting at the back raised their eyebrows. *How could he just ignore a person after he crashed into him? Moreover, it's an elderly man!* They all looked at Lu Chen in confusion.

“How can we ignore him? Even if he was trying to demand compensation by crashing into our car deliberately, logic dictates that we should get down and have a look at him,” said Lin Yijun.

“I told you to ignore him; there's something

wrong with this elderly man,” said Lu Chen as he shook his head.

Lin Yijun frowned, confused as to why Lu Chen was being this way.

“President Lu, you are too inhumane! How could you ignore him after you crash into him? Ling, call an ambulance; I’ll make a police report.” Chen Churan was a little upset. In her mind, Lu Chen was supposed to be a hero, but at the moment, he was trying to escape from his responsibilities. As such, she was really disappointed in him.

Lan Ling, too, did not understand Lu Chen’s intentions. *Even if you are cold and inhumane, you shouldn’t do it in front of the City Council Leader or the mayor, even more so when they’re still inside the car.*

Both of them took out their phones and started to call the police and the ambulance respectively.

Not having any opinions on this matter, Xie Weihao and Jiang Changqing merely frowned.

“Start the engine and reverse the MPV.



Then, I want you to drive around him,” said Lu Chen to Lin Tong.

The moment Lin Tong was about to start the car, the young driver of the van came over and knocked on their window.

“I’ll be damned! How dare you ignore a person you have just run over?!” shouted the youth as he slammed his hands on the window.

Xie Weihao and the rest of the people in the car looked somewhat embarrassed.

“Are you even a f\*cking human?! How dare you escape after you ran a man over with your car?!” the youth shouted again.

Chen Churan could not bear to hear it anymore, thereupon she immediately opened the door of the car and prepared to get down to check on the condition of the elderly man.

However, at that moment, a hint of killing intent flashed across the youth’s eyes as he suddenly produced a dagger and stabbed toward Chen Churan’s forehead. In that instant, the dagger seemed to be enlarging in size as it inched closer and

closer to her.

Everybody in the car was dumbfounded. Even if Chen Churan was a martial arts fighter, she wasn't able to react in time as the distance between them was too close. Moreover, Lan Ling, who was beside her, did not have time to react at all.

Just when everybody thought that Chen Churan was dead meat, a hand suddenly appeared from the front and gripped the youth's wrist. At the moment, the dagger was only a few inches away from Chen Churan's forehead; if it were to move any closer, it would pierce her forehead.

The person who had caught the youth's wrist was none other than Lu Chen. Previously, he had noticed that the youth was acting strangely, hence he kept his attention on the latter. Unexpectedly, the youth turned out to be an assassin!

*Crack!*

Lu Chen broke the youth's wrist forcefully.

The youth howled in pain and the dagger in his hands fell toward Chen Churan's lap, with the tip of the dagger pointing in the

direction of her thighs.

At this critical moment, Lan Ling, who was sitting beside her, threw her phone away and grabbed the dagger to avoid it from piercing Chen Churan's thighs.

On the other hand, everybody suddenly noticed that the elderly man, who was knocked down earlier, was trying to stab Lu Chen from the passenger seat's window.

"Be careful!" Lin Yijun shouted.

At this moment, Lu Chen still had his body turned sideways as he held onto the youth's wrist. Under normal circumstances, it was impossible to dodge that attack.

Everybody was frightened for him. Even Lin Tong, who was in the driver's seat, did not manage to react at all.

The knife in the elderly man's hand was getting closer to Lu Chen when suddenly, the latter released the youth's wrist and opened the car doors abruptly.

*Slam!*

Since the car doors swung open out of nowhere, the elderly man, who was standing outside, did not have any time to react at all. As such, he was sent flying away in that instant.

Then, Lu Chen jumped out of the car.

At that moment, a gunshot was heard.

Lu Chen did not even think twice and grabbed the youth to use him as a shield.

*Bang!*

The bullet entered the youth's forehead and blood was seen sputtering out of the wound.

"Close the doors of the car and wind up the windows!"

Lu Chen shouted as he threw the youth down. At the same time, he grabbed the dagger from the youth's hand. In a flash, he launched himself at the person who was manning the small shop beside the road.

Meanwhile, a guy in black was continuously firing his gun at Lu Chen from

the small shop.

However, Lu Chen was too fast for him. As such, he did not have a clear shot of him; the five shots that were fired had all missed their mark.

Suddenly, a dagger appeared in his line of vision. Moreover, the dagger's speed was extremely fast, leaving no time for him to react at all.

The image of the dagger was getting larger in his eyes, and eventually it found its mark on his forehead.

The pupils of the man in black constricted, and he died with his eyes wide open.

After settling the gunman, Lu Chen did not rush into the small shop, but instead, he carefully snuck inside.

Unexpectedly, he had thought too much as there was only a middle-aged man inside the small shop. At this moment, he was crouching in one corner, trembling.

"If you want to avoid any trouble, I would advise you not to touch the body and report this to the police as soon as you

can.” Lu Chen took one last look at the man crouching in the corner before turning around and leaving the small shop.

Stepping out of the shop, he inspected the surroundings. After making sure there were no more assassins, and that the assassin who was disguised as the elderly man had escaped, he got into the car again.

“Let’s go,” said Lu Chen.

Lin Tong nodded his head, then started the car’s engine once again and drove downhill.

“Lu Chen, thank you for saving me just now,” said Chen Churan from the back, sounding embarrassed and regretful at the same time.

She had nearly died in the assassin’s hands because she doubted Lu Chen just now.

When she recalled the situation earlier, she was still a little bit shaken.

“Don’t worry about it,” said Lu Chen as he shook his head.

## Chapter 288 Assassin

“Lu, who are they?” asked Xie Weihao, who was sitting in the backseat. He was frightened out of his wits when he heard the gunshots just now. Moreover, the bullets had even hit the car windows.

He wanted to know whether the assassins were sent by the Three Great Families.



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Xie Weihao knew that the grudge that the Zhang, Zuo and Liu Families had against Lu Chen would not be easily resolved, hence he felt that the assassins might be sent by the Three Great Families.

“They’re from the Middle Sea,” said Lu Chen.

“The Middle Sea? What kind of enemies have you made when you went to the Middle Sea?” asked Lin Yijun.

Lu Chen gave Lan Ling a glance and nodded his head.

He did not want to reveal too much as he was afraid that Lin Yijun would overthink.

“Don’t worry. I will settle this matter,” said Lu Chen as he consoled her.

If Di Yaohui did not come to Chongqing, he was prepared to go to the Middle Sea to explain this matter to them.

He wasn’t afraid that he would be assassinated by the assassins, but he had to think about his family’s safety.

Although he had legally equipped Lin



Yijun's bodyguards and Xu Jing with guns, they weren't invincible.

When Lan Ling heard his words, she realized who it was in that instant, whereupon she took out her phone and sent out a message, preparing to take the initiative to settle this matter once and for all.

The reason being that she was the one that caused this entire fiasco, and Lu Chen was only her scapegoat.

Along the way, everybody remained silent. Luckily, they did not run into any more assassins. Not long after that, they arrived at Jadeite 36.

After they had their meals, Lu Chen personally sent Xie Weihao and Jiang Changqing back to Yuzhong District.

On the way back, he received a call from Du Fei.

"I found them; they are staying at Chongqing Grand Hotel," said Du Fei.

"Okay, I will go and meet them. Please send me their room numbers." Lu Chen

nodded his head. It was good that Di Yaohui and Xia Shu were in Chongqing as he did not have to go all the way to the Middle Sea to meet them.

After he hung up the phone, Lu Chen said to Lin Tong, "Head to Chongqing Grand Hotel."

"Okay." Lin Tong nodded his head. After entering the Sandy Area, they made their way directly to Chongqing Grand Hotel.

At this moment, in the presidential suite of Chongqing Grand Hotel...

"Mr. Xia, the assassins that you hired are worthless. Only one of them managed to escape from this ordeal!" said Di Yaohui grimly.

They had spent such a huge amount of money to hire five assassins who were divided into two groups to kill Lu Chen. In the end, four of them were eliminated and only one managed to escape. As such, how could he not feel pissed about this?

Money was a small issue to him, but he was unwilling to accept that he wasn't able to avenge his son, seeing how he had

failed to kill Lu Chen.

“The person told me that they were already the strongest mercenaries that they had there. If we were to ask for professional assassins, we have to add another 20 million.” Xia Shu was upset as well. If he had known that it was so difficult to kill Lu Chen, he would have added another 20 million back then so that they would be able to kill him in one go.

“I’ll be damned! It seems that the people they sent weren’t professionals at all!” said Di Yaohui depressingly.

“*Sigh!* I have been cheated as well. Right now, we can either top up another 20 million or we can terminate our contract with them. However, if we choose to do the latter, we’d have no other options.” Xia Shu looked gloomy as well.

“Let’s top up the money then! I don’t have any other channels as well, so I can’t possibly contact a better assassin organization. But, I hope that they won’t disappoint us this time,” said Di Yaohui with a sigh.

Xia Shu nodded his head and just as he

was preparing to take out his phone and call the middleman, a series of knocking sounds came from the door.

They exchanged glances and both could see the uneasiness in each other's eyes.

Di Yaohui walked quietly to the door and looked outside through the peephole. His expression changed abruptly the moment he saw who was standing outside, thereafter he immediately retracted his head.

"Who is it?" asked Xia Shu in a whisper as he walked over to the door.

Di Yaohui pointed at the peephole, indicating Xia Shu to take a look for himself.

Xia Shu frowned as he made his way over to the peephole. In that instant, his expression changed dramatically.

"It's Lu Chen! He knows that the assassins were sent by us! He has come to take his revenge!" said Xia Shu in fear.

In order not to arouse any suspicion from other people, they both came to

Chongqing without any bodyguards.

However, Lu Chen had easily subdued the assassins they had sent. If he wanted to kill them, wouldn't that be a piece of cake to him?

"Let's call the police first. We should not open the door. Let's try to delay him as much as we can until the police arrive," said Di Yaohui after he thought about it.

"I agree. This is the only thing that we can do for now." Xia Shu nodded his head, then took out his mobile phone and prepared to call the police.

At this moment, they heard a clicking sound as the doors were opened from the outside.

Following that, Lu Chen and Lin Tong entered the room.

"Who are you guys? What do you want?" asked Xia Shu as he pretended to act normally.

"Let's just get out with it. I believe that everyone knows me already, right? By the way, are you Xia Shu or Di Yaohui?" Lu

Chen sized Xia Shu up with a mocking look in his eyes. In fact, he was quite shocked that the both of them had dared to come to Chongqing to assassinate him without bringing along any bodyguards!

Xia Shu's expression changed slightly, knowing full well that there was no point for him to argue anymore. Hence, he simply said, "I am Xia Shu. I want to ask you something: what did my daughter do to offend you? Why did you need to kill her? She was only twenty years old!"

"Ah, I see that you are the Patriarch of the Xia Family. Then you must be Di Yaohui, the Patriarch of the Di Family, right? Come, let's have a talk," said Lu Chen casually with a smile.

"There is nothing to discuss! You killed my son! Do you think that I'll just sit here and joke around with you?!" Di Yaohui harrumphed coldly, unable to keep up with his act anymore; it was time for him to reveal everything. They had gone through a lot of trials and tribulations in their life, so they weren't going to lose their cool at the moment.

On the other hand, Lu Chen walked to the

couch and sat down, then he lit a cigarette and took a puff before he asked, "Then, does that mean that you guys would not believe me if I said that I did not murder Di Jun and Xia Yi?"

"It wasn't you?" Di Yaohui glared at Lu Chen angrily. "Do you take me for a three-year-old kid? You guys had an argument on the airplane. Then, you had some conflict after getting off the plane. After you guys left the airport, my son brought his men along to the Sheraton Hotel and lay in wait for you guys. That very night, my son and Xia Yi were found with their throats slit, yet you still have the audacity to deny it?!"

"Moreover, as far as I know, Di Jun may have been a hedonistic son of a rich family, but he did not offend anyone in the Middle Sea. Even if he did, it would have just been a minor misunderstanding. Besides, those people would not be so cruel as to kill my daughter as well. If it wasn't you, then who did it then?" asked Xia Shu doubtfully.

Lu Chen extinguished his cigarette butt and took out a picture, then threw it on the coffee table and said, "I don't care whether

you believe it or not. I did not murder the both of them, and that is final! If you guys want to exact your revenge, you can seek out the woman in this picture. If you dare to cause any trouble for me next time, I will go all the way to the Middle Sea and kill the both of you.”

With that, he brought Lin Tong out of the room, leaving behind Xia Shu and Di Yaohui; both men were frowning as they weren't able to make up their minds.

“Isn't this the woman that he was with? Could she have murdered our children?” said Xia Shu with a frown as he picked up the picture of Lan Ling.

Di Yaohui frowned as well; his instincts were telling him that Lu Chen was trying to push the blame onto Lan Ling so that they would fight each other instead.

“Don't believe him. That woman is from the Lan Family of the Middle Sea, so she shouldn't have any motive to kill my son, let alone your daughter. Plus, didn't they say that the person that my son offended was Lu Chen? We can't be fooled by him,” said Di Yaohui determinedly.



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“Exactly, this brat is probably feeling guilty about it, and that’s why he came to threaten us,” Xia Shu said while nodding his head.

“Not only did he threaten us, he’s even challenging the Lan Family from the central plains. Let’s book our flight tickets now; we have to leave Chongqing by today. Once we get back, we’ll hire a professional killer to kill him!” A murderous intent flashed across Di Yaohui’s face as he took out his mobile phone to book the flight tickets.

After getting their tickets, both of them left for the airport right away.

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Meanwhile, at the Lan Family Mansion.

“Miss Lan, Lu Chen went to Chongqing Grand Hotel to meet Di Yaohui and Xia Shu just now,” Lan Jing reported the news that he had snooped to Lan Ling.

“Well, did Lu Chen kill them?” Lan Ling asked.

“No. Di Yaohui and Xia Shu should be on

the way to the airport by now. But I've checked the flight they booked to the Middle Sea, and their plane's taking off in an hour's time. Miss, we can take the chance to kill both of them and put the blame on Lu Chen." A gleam flashed in Lan Jing's eyes when he thought of the ploy.

Lan Ling remained silent, hesitation evident in her eyes.

"Miss, there's an order from our family; they are interested in Yi Qi Technology which belongs to Lu Chen. Therefore, we have to acquire Yi Qi Technology as soon as possible. Seeing how Lu Chen is much stronger than we could imagine, we can't ensure that we would win if we fight against him above board. However, if we keep creating troubles for him, he'd surely be worn out and we could find the opportunity to defeat him then!" Lan Jing persuaded.

Still remaining silent, Lan Ling knitted her dainty brows.

She didn't wish to have a head-to-head battle with Lu Chen. In fact, she even thought of a plan to make Lu Chen divorce Lin Yijun and take the opportunity to get

closer to him.

However, she didn't expect to receive a mission from her main family that was impossible for her to complete, and that was to acquire Yi Qi Technology from Lu Chen forcefully.

Based on her understanding of Lu Chen, she knew that this would be a difficult task. Even so, she didn't dare to tell her main family that she wouldn't be able to accomplish it, mainly because she knew full well that the main family would definitely send someone else to complete the task; Lan Ling didn't wish for her main family to send someone else stronger than her.

As a matter of fact, the main family wasn't referring to her own Lan Family in the central plains, but instead one of the greatest Hidden Families. If the family were to get involved, she believed that Lu Chen would surely be killed.

"Alright, I'm counting on you then," Lan Ling didn't want to say anything more; she believed that Lan Jing would definitely tell all of her doings to her father. By then, her father would certainly lecture her about it

and would probably come to Chongqing to deal with Lu Chen himself.

Lan Jing nodded his head and went out to make a call.

“Don’t let Di Yaohui and Xia Shu return to the Middle Sea.” He hung up the call right away after that one sentence; he believed that his men would definitely read between the lines.

“Miss, what we have to do next is to spread the news about the conflict between Di Yaohui, Xia Shu and Lu Chen; we should upload the photo of them meeting at Chongqing Grand Hotel online. By doing that, it will be easy for us to shift the blame onto him for the death of the duo,” Lan Jing suggested.

“Okay, go ahead and make the arrangements,” Lan Ling frowned as she said that.

After Lan Jing left the room, Lan Ling took out her phone to call Chen Churan.

“Churan, what are you up to?” she asked.

“I just finished a round of Taichi with my

grandpa and was just going to take a bath. What's wrong, Ling?" Chen Churan asked.

"Nothing. I just feel a little depressed and am looking for a companion to have a drink. Would you like to have a drink with me later?" Lan Ling asked.

"Sure. Which club are we going to? How about you come to my club?" Chen Churan suggested.

"Okay, we'll meet at your club then." Lan Ling preferred a quiet place anyway, and Chen Churan's club was a private area that others couldn't simply enter without permission.

"Okay, I'll be there after taking a bath. You can head there first!" Chen Churan said.

After ending the phone call, Lan Ling departed to Chen Churan's club.

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Lu Chen went back home straight away after leaving Chongqing Grand Hotel. He had given a second chance to Di Yaohui and Xia Shu, and if they chose to take it for granted, he would have no choice but to

kill them both.

Based on his personality, he would never let them go even if he had to chase them all the way to the Middle Sea.

By six o'clock in the evening, Lu Chen went to the kitchen to prepare dinner; he usually preferred to make his own meals rather than eating out.

"Daddy, someone's calling you!" Holding Lu Chen's mobile phone in her hands, Qiqi ran to the kitchen.

His mobile phone was left on the sofa in the living room when he was cooking in the kitchen, and Qiqi had taken it to watch some video clips online.

"Alright, let me see whose call it is." Lu Chen wiped his hands, then took over the phone and saw that it was a call from Du Fei.

"Fei," said Lu Chen once he picked up.

"Di Yaohui and Xia Shu are dead," Du Fei said.

"Dead?" Stunned, Lu Chen immediately

changed a position to hold his phone.  
“When did it happen?”

“An hour ago. They were shot in the airport. The police are investigating the case, but it seems that they haven’t arrested the murderer yet,” Du Fei claimed.

“Well, it’s better that they are dead; I don’t have to kill them myself then,” Lu Chen said indifferently.

“However, the photos of you meeting the both of them in Chongqing Grand Hotel were uploaded to the internet. It’s obvious that someone is trying to frame you. Aren’t you surprised?” Du Fei asked.

“Trying to frame me?” Lu Chen frowned, curious as to who would want to set him up.

“I’ve sent my man to investigate this matter. Why don’t you try to recall whether there was anybody else that you have offended lately?” Du Fei asked. After all, he and Lu Chen had an extraordinary friendship that didn’t restrict him to be just a lackey to run errands for the latter.

When they both met each other for the



very first time, Lu Chen was having the most difficult days in his life while Du Fei had already retired from his life in the Mafia. Since both of them were experts in fighting, and coupled with the fact that they clicked well during conversations, both of them became friends later on.

Although Lu Chen had become the Young Master of the Lu Family not long after that, Du Fei wouldn't have gotten out of seclusion if it wasn't because his wife had been killed.

But ever since he got back to society and started assisting Lu Chen, he had been paying close attention to all the latter's matters and he didn't allow any mistakes to happen.

Therefore, he was boiling when he knew that someone was trying to frame Lu Chen. Without waiting for Lu Chen's instruction, he had already sent his man to investigate the matters thoroughly, only then did he give a call to Lu Chen.

"Beats me. Could it be the Zhang, Zuo and Liu Families?" Lu Chen felt dismal. Although he was sure that this conspiracy wouldn't have much impact on him, it was

obvious that the person who did it had a grudge against him and wanted to warn him.

“I have thought about that as well, but I highly doubt that the Three Great Families would do this,” Du Fei remarked.

Lu Chen nodded his head in agreement to Du Fei’s point of view.

Indeed, the conflict he had with the Three Great Families was incredibly deep, but they must have known that this little plot wouldn’t cause any harm to Lu Chen, thus they wouldn’t have pulled such a useless move.

It was certain that the Three Great Families would seek opportunities to get revenge, but if they weren’t confident to fight against him, they would’ve chosen to endure him instead.

*Then, who could it be if it isn’t the Three Great Families?*

At that thought, Lu Chen frowned as he had no idea who else would have a grudge against him at the moment.

## Chapter 290 A Frame-Up



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"President Lu, did you know that Di Yaohui and Xia Shu were killed at the airport?"

Xu Zuojun called just after Lu Chen had hung up Du Fei's call.

"Yes, Du Fei just told me about it. Has the murderer been caught?" Lu Chen asked.

"Not yet. The killers are clearly professional, having broken all the surrounding security cameras before they left the airport. I guess they are either professional killers or veterans, otherwise they wouldn't have such strong defense skills," Xu Zuojun analyzed.

"I see. Xu, did you call me because you saw those pictures on the Internet?" Lu Chen knew that Xu Zuojun must have called him after seeing the pictures of him meeting the duo at Chongqing Grand Hotel.

"That's right, but don't get me wrong, President Lu. It's clear that this kind of trick was pulled to set the blame on you. I haven't announced anything yet, and the comments below showed that everyone knew that someone else had put the blame on you because it's just too

obvious. Hence, I'm calling to ask who have you offended recently apart from the Three Great Families?" Xu Zuojun explained with a smile.

He was telling the truth; no one in the police department doubted Lu Chen at all. He had called Lu Chen because he wanted to see if he could get any important clues from the latter.

Both Di Yaohui and Xia Shu's identities were a bit special as both of them were well-known entrepreneurs in the Middle Sea, and since the both of them died in Chongqing, the police had to solve the case as soon as possible.

"I'm clueless as well; I couldn't even think of anyone else when Du Fei asked me earlier. However, let me tell you the truth: apart from the Three Great Families, I had a dispute with the Wang Family in Chongqing recently. But, I'm quite sure that the Wang Family would not dare to target me. As for the Three Great Families, I hardly believe that they would pull this kind of pointless move. Anyway, I can't say for sure; perhaps one of the families was out of their mind, who knows?" Lu Chen analyzed.

“Oh right, I also offended some other people, but I'm not too sure if they are from Beijing. Even then, I don't think that they would pull something like this if they were to target me.” Lu Chen was referring to the Xiao Family. After all, the news of him killing Xiao Bieqing would reach the Xiao Family sooner or later, and they would definitely come after him for revenge by then.

However, Lu Chen felt that the Xiao Family probably wouldn't find out about Xiao Bieqing's death anytime soon since they seldom cared about worldly affairs.

“Who are they?” Xu Zuojun asked.

“Director Xu, I can only tell you that there are some people and some families that rarely appear in this world. Therefore, even if you know about it, you can't find anything about them because they wouldn't leave any traces in this world.” Lu Chen didn't say anything about the Hidden Families; he didn't think that Xu Zuojun would understand even if he did tell him.

“Okay, I understand, President Lu. I apologize to have taken up so much of your time.” Xu Zuojun already had a picture

about it and was about to hang up.

"You're being too courteous, Director Xu. It is every citizen's duty to cooperate with you guys in handling the case. Don't worry, I will definitely notify you as soon as I have any news." Lu Chen laughed.

"Thank you very much, President Lu," Xu Zuojun said.

After hanging up the phone, Lu Chen frowned again.

*Could it be her?*

*But what can she get by doing this?*

Lu Chen cooked as he pondered over it and finally deduced that this incident was probably done by Lan Ling.

That was because when he met the killers today on the way to lunch, Lan Ling already knew that the killers were hired by Di Yaohui and Xia Shu.

*Is she afraid that I would leak the news that she had killed Di Jun and Xia Yi, so she simply killed Di Yaohui and Xia Shu, and then framed me?*

The more Lu Chen thought about it, the more he believed that it was the truth.

When he was eating at Jadeite 36 today, he had revealed that he was going to find the duo. Thereafter, Lan Ling must have sent someone to find the two of them, then set up everything in advance and took a picture of Lu Chen meeting the both of them.

*That must be it!* Lu Chen was sure of it.

*This young lady has quite the power in Chongqing. Does it mean that the Lan Family is going to make a big move in Chongqing?*

He knew that the Lan Family was going to open a jewelry store in Chongqing, but seeing how Lan Ling had resorted to such means, he suspected that the Lan Family might have other intentions in mind.

*I'll see what Lan Ling plans to do first.* Lu Chen decided that it'd be best to let sleeping dogs lie and not tell Xu Zuojun about his suspicion on Lan Ling.

Lu Chen turned off the stove and took out his cell phone to call Du Fei.



"Fei, help me look Lan Ling up and see how powerful she is in Chongqing," Lu Chen said as soon as the call was picked up.

"Do you suspect that she's the one behind this?" Du Fei asked curiously. *Didn't Lan Ling deliver gifts at the opening ceremony of Lu Chen's company today? Logically speaking, they should be friends, right?*

"It's not a suspicion; I'm sure that she's behind this! But, in order not to alert the enemy, don't disclose it first. Let's just wait and see what she plans to do." Lu Chen naturally trusted Du Fei and did not bother to hide anything from him.

"Okay, I'll get it done now." Du Fei nodded. Since Lu Chen was sure that Lan Ling did it, he would stop investigating the matter and shift his staff over to check on Lan Ling's details.

"Let me cook; Qiqi is already starving," at this time, Lin Yijun walked in and said when she saw that Lu Chen was on the phone.

Lu Chen hung up on Du Fei and said, "It's almost done; there are only two dishes

left. I will cook them right away.”

“Okay, then I'll ask them to get ready for dinner.” Lin Yijun nodded. Her cooking skills were not as good as Lu Chen, hence if Lu Chen insisted on doing it, she would just let him.

Lin Dahai and his family had also moved into the mansion. Although they could also cook and eat in the yard where they lived, they basically ate together during lunch and dinner time.

Soon, Lu Chen finished cooking the dishes and brought them out while Lin Yijun served the rice.

Since Lin Yijia worked in the supermarket, her work would usually end after nine o'clock, so the only people who came were Lin Dahai and Wang Xue.

While eating, Wang Xue asked, “Lu Chen, your uncle just called me and asked if you have time tomorrow?”

The uncle that Wang Xue mentioned was Wang Kai.

“I do, why?” Lu Chen nodded and said.

"Didn't you agree to invest in his son-in-law, Xu Jie's company the last time? Xu Jie has prepared a proposal and wants to show it to you first," Wang Xue said.

Lu Chen nodded. He remembered that when he moved into the mansion last time, Wang Kai had tried to borrow money from him on behalf of Xu Jie in order to help the latter's company tide over their difficulties. However, he had refused, though he did promise to invest on the condition that Xu Jie made a proposal to show it to him first.

Since Xu Jie hadn't come to him after so long, Lu Chen assumed that he had given up.

"Ask them to come then. I'll be free these days, but I'll be going abroad after that," Lu Chen said.

Kaitian Rough Stone Group was about to launch, so he planned to go to Myanmar with Du Fei to import some rough stones.

## Chapter 291 Digging Into Lan Ling's Background



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“Why are you going abroad? To which country?” Lin Yijun, who was picking vegetables for Qiqi, asked when she heard Lu Chen was going abroad.

“I’m going to Myanmar. Kaitian Rough Stone Group will be launched in a week, so Du Fei and I are going to Myanmar to purchase some rough stones,” Lu Chen answered.

The rough stone channel of the Zuo Family was through the Rough Stone Association in Myanmar, while the rough stone channel of the Zhou Family was through the Rough Stone Association in Africa.

Since Africa was a bit far away, Lu Chen planned to go to Myanmar first, then Africa next.

“Okay.” Lin Yijun nodded, not saying anything else.

“By the way, I plan to transfer Xia Jun to Kaitian Rough Stone Group. Can you handle Dong Jia Electronics by yourself?” Lu Chen asked.

At first, he had only asked Xia Jun to help out at Kaitian Rough Stone Group, but he

found out later that Du Fei did not have the knack for business at all. Therefore, he was prepared to let Xia Jun take over the role of CEO of Kaitian Rough Stone Group, while Du Fei and others would just hold the nominal positions.

*"Hmph!*Do you think you are the only one who can do it?" Lin Yijun said in dissatisfaction.

Lu Chen smiled and said nothing. Xia Jun had been guiding Lin Yijun for quite some time, and he, too, believed that Lin Yijun had the ability to stand alone.

"I'm going to transfer all 70 percent of Dong Jia Electronics' shares to your name." Lu Chen looked at Lin Yijun. In fact, he had thought about this before, but since his identity had not been disclosed, he did not bother bringing it up.

Startled, Lin Yijun looked at Lu Chen puzzledly. On the other hand, Wang Xue's eyes lit up when she heard this.

After all, she knew the structure of Dong Jia Electronics. Although it was only a second-rate company before, after Lu Chen had bought it, he had won many

large orders in a row. Moreover, Yi Qi Technology had also helped to develop new products, which then made Dong Jia Electronics' market value shoot up to a billion.

Excluding Xia Jun's 30 percent of the shares, even if she were to sell the company now, Lin Yijun's shares could be sold for 700 million.

Besides, Wang Xue also knew that with the support of the Yi Qi Technology, the market value of Dong Jia Electronics would only get higher and higher, and it would be more profitable once it was listed in the future.

"Why are you doing this?" Lin Yijun frowned at Lu Chen; she couldn't figure out Lu Chen's intentions.

Granted that she and Lu Chen were husband and wife, she never thought about what would happen when Lu Chen became rich.

She wanted to be in charge of Dong Jia Electronics mainly because she wanted to train herself. Otherwise, she could just be a rich house-wife. With Lu Chen's wealth,

no matter how profligate she could be, the amount she spent wouldn't be much to Lu Chen at all.

"I actually want to use this to increase your enthusiasm, so don't think too much."

Seeing that Lin Yijun was looking at him questioningly, Lu Chen explained with a smile, "Think about it, if I allocate the company's shares under your name, the entire Dong Jia Electronics will be yours. So, if you run your own company, won't you feel more motivated? More proactive?"

In reality, Lu Chen had his own reasons for this arrangement.

In case something happened to him someday, or if Yi Qi Technology were to suffer a devastating blow, Lin Yijun wouldn't end up with nothing.

Although he felt that his thoughts were a bit redundant, it was very difficult to say what would happen in the future.

After all, it was always wise to play safe.

"Alright, you don't really need the shares of Dong Jia Electronics anyway." Lin Yijun



nodded without thinking too much.

The next day, Lu Chen went to Dong Jia Electronics to ask the lawyer to transfer the shares to Lin Yijun, thereupon he announced the matter straight away.

Although he had no shares in Dong Jia Electronics now, the company was still linked to Yi Qi Technology.

After all, this would contribute greatly to the development and growth of Dong Jia Electronics.

“Xia, you don’t have to come to Dong Jia Electronics anymore. Leave it to Yijun to run it by herself.”

Lu Chen said to Xia Jun in the latter’s office.

“Alright.” Xia Jun nodded. All the benefits that he was enjoying now were provided by Lu Chen a long time ago, naturally he had no comment if Lu Chen wanted to transfer him.

“But, you can’t enter Yi Qi Technology just yet,” Lu Chen said.

"I have to go to Kaitian Rough Stone Group first?" Xia Jun nodded. He basically figured it out even if Lu Chen didn't say anything.

In fact, he had been visiting Kaitian Rough Stone Group lately, mainly because neither Du Fei nor the Three Marquises of the Water Margin had any abilities in handling the business.

If he hadn't stepped in, Kaitian Rough Stone Group would not be able to open for business in another few months.

"Yes, but don't worry. I'm not going to mistreat my people; I'm going to give you 10 percent of Kaitian Rough Stone Group's shares." Lu Chen nodded.

"Alright!" Xia Jun gladly accepted Lu Chen's offer; who would say no to money after all?

He knew full well about Kaitian Rough Stone Group's market value. Currently, it was only about 500 million, so even if Lu Chen asked him to buy the shares by himself at this time, it wouldn't cost him much.

By the time the market value increased in

the future, the 10 percent of shares would be very valuable.

After he had settled the matter of Dong Jia Electronics, Lu Chen went back home.

He arrived home to see that Wang Kai's family had been waiting for him in the mansion for nearly an hour.

“Chen, you’re back!” Wang Kai was the first to get up to greet Lu Chen.

Now that Lu Chen was one of the most important people in Chongqing, Wang Kai and his family were somewhat restrained in front of him.

“Lu Chen.”

“Lu Chen.”

Wang Wan and Xu Jie also stood up to greet him.

They knew that Lu Chen was the boss of Yi Qi Technology, hence they didn’t dare to act rashly.

Wang Wan was embarrassed when she thought of the stupid things she had

committed back then when Lu Chen's family went to Qijiang.

Now, she was completely convinced that it wasn't Lu Chen's intention to humiliate them back then.

He had been forced to do so because of them.

"Mm, take a seat." Lu Chen nodded and sat down on the sofa opposite them.

"Are you done with the proposal?" Lu Chen asked Xu Jie.

"Yes. I've done it, Lu Chen. Could you take a look and see if it is okay?" Xu Jie quickly handed a document on the coffee table to Lu Chen.

In fact, he had actually brought this up to his father as soon as he went back the last time.

However, his father didn't believe in Lu Chen; he thought that Lu Chen might end up swallowing their family's business, hence the matter was put on hold.

But after Lu Chen's identity was exposed

by the Three Great Families a month ago, Xu Jie's father realized that he had made a big mistake, thereafter he asked Xu Jie to seek help from Lu Chen again.

After all, why would Lu Chen, a big shot who dared to invest 50 billion to build a Science and Technology Park, be interested in their small company?

To be blunt, even if Lu Chen did take over their company, it won't be worth anything compared to what he had.

After thinking it over, Xu Jie's father asked Xu Jie to finish up the proposal first, then asked Wang Kai to beg Lu Chen again.

“To be honest, your proposal is so-so; it doesn't spark my interest at all.”

After reading Xu Jie's proposal, Lu Chen placed it back down on the coffee table.

Xu Jie and the rest immediately felt disappointed after they heard what Lu Chen said.



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Xu Jie's proposal was indeed a bit too brief. In other words, Lu Chen couldn't see Xu Jie's ambition in the proposal.

However, Lu Chen could understand Xu Jie's mentality as he was once that timid when he first started his own business.

"Based on your proposal, you only want me to invest 10 million, right? You may go back now. I will let Niu Dashan invest in your company," Lu Chen said after seeing the disappointment on Xu Jie and his family's faces.

It was only a 10 million investment, hence he had no interest in it at all. Since Niu Dashan was in Qijiang, he would ask him to take care of it instead.

"Really? That would be great! Thank you, Lu Chen!" Wang Wan exclaimed excitedly.

"Thank you so much, Lu Chen!" Xu Jie also thanked Lu Chen respectfully.

Lu Chen didn't say anything and took out his phone straight away to call Niu Dashan.

"Young Master." After the call was

connected, Niu Dashan's voice, which was full of respect, sounded from the phone.

Since Lu Chen hadn't changed his mobile phone, and perhaps the volume function wasn't working properly, the voice from the other side of the phone was quite loud even though he didn't turn on his speaker. Hence, Xu Jie and the rest could hear Niu Dashan's words clearly.

*Young Master!*

*Niu Dashan is the richest man in Qijiang, and yet he referred to Lu Chen as Young Master?*

*What is their relationship? Is Lu Chen really a Young Master from a wealthy family?*

*That must be the case! Otherwise, how could he have so much money to build a science and technology park?*

At this moment, Wang Wan and Xu Jie began to look at Lu Chen in a different light.

"Dashan, my cousins want to start a company, but they are short of some funds. Please take care of them. I'll ask



them to look for you with their proposal," Lu Chen said.

"Alright, I will not let you down, Young Master!" Niu Dashan said firmly.

"Well, that's all. They'll call you later." Lu Chen hung up the phone after that, thereafter he gave Niu Dashan's phone number to Xu Jie.

"Thank you, Lu Chen!" Xu Jie thanked Lu Chen again after saving the phone number.

"Drop the courtesy. You guys may have a seat first. I have some matters to attend to," Lu Chen said as he got up and went outside; he and Du Fei had an arrangement to meet later.

Besides, Wang Xue was also at home. In fact, he felt that Wang Kai and his family were still a little uncomfortable being around him.

The reason why Lu Chen was going to meet with Du Fei was to discuss the import of rough stones from Myanmar.

"How is the investigation going on?" Lu Chen asked Du Fei about the channel

company in Myanmar.

"It's a local bandit army in Kokang, Shan State Special Region. I suspect it belongs to a drug lord who used to be in the Golden Triangle," Du Fei said.

"Have you contacted them?" Lu Chen asked. He remembered that there was a contact number in the contract.

"No, I can't speak Burmese." Du Fei shook his head.

"You don't have to. I remember that the people in Kokang mostly speak Mandarin and use Chinese yuan as well. According to our Chinese history, most of the people there have the surname Liu. You can try calling them," Lu Chen explained.

"Damn! I didn't know about that. Alright, I'll call them now." Embarrassed, Du Fei turned to get the contract.

He dialed the number in the contract, and the people there indeed spoke in Mandarin. Then, he explained his purpose and soon, they reached an agreement.

"They want us to go there tomorrow to

have a discussion face-to-face,” Du Fei said after hanging up.

“Okay, let’s go tomorrow then.” Lu Chen nodded, then took out his mobile phone and asked the relevant departments to apply for a visa for him. Approximately two hours later, his visa was ready.

After collecting his visa, Lu Chen went on to book their flight tickets.

There was no direct flight to Kokang from Chongqing; they had to land in Naypyidaw, the capital of Myanmar, first, then take a bus to Kokang.

At two o’clock in the following afternoon, Lu Chen and Du Fei arrived in Naypyidaw, then they chartered a car and traveled directly to Kokang.

It took more than two hours to arrive at Kokang from Naypyidaw, hence they only reached Kokang around four o’clock in the afternoon.

Kokang was a special zone of Shan State and its economy was considered quite booming in Myanmar.

Kokang might look safe during the day, but at night, it was known as the 'Capital of Death'.

That was because the underground forces here were very rampant, and some of them had already been formed into gangs that regularly challenged the government.

"Let's find a hotel to settle down first. We will meet them tomorrow," Lu Chen said when they arrived at Kokang.

Du Fei nodded and went to a hotel with Lu Chen.

It was exactly how Lu Chen had described; the people here basically spoke Mandarin, and the major buildings and advertisements here were all in Mandarin.

This brought both of them convenience to communicate with the locals.

After booking a room at the hotel, they came out to have dinner.

Most of the restaurants here served Chinese cuisine, hence they didn't feel like they had gone abroad at all. Instead, they felt like they were still in China.

“Gentlemen, the underground boxing match will be starting soon. Are you interested in watching it?”

Just when the two had just placed their order, a beautiful waitress approached them with a poster and started promoting.

It was a poster of two boxing fighters, and they looked incredibly fierce.

“Underground boxing?” Du Fei raised his eyebrows. There were underground boxing competitions in Chongqing as well, but they were all just for show. In other words, it was a means for some underground force to collect money. Not only that, it was also a place for many bosses to gamble on boxing. In fact, he had joined the fun several times back then, but he wasn’t really interested in it, thus he never went back again.

“Yes, tonight’s finale is between Xiao Zhan, China’s King of Sanda, against Ko, Thailand’s King of Muay Thai. Before their match today, both Xiao Zhan and Ko had never lost a match. By the way, the tickets are very cheap; you can book a VIP private room with just 1,000,” the beauty said while looking at Lu Chen and Du Fei in

anticipation. It seemed that she hadn't had much luck with her sales lately.

"Alright, reserve a room for us then." Lu Chen nodded. *Since it would be boring back at the hotel tonight, I might as well go there to pass the time.*

Lu Chen then took out 1,000 to give to the waitress.

"Thank you, gentlemen. I'll book it for you now." The beautiful waitress's eyes brightened and she went out after receiving the money.

"I've seen Xiao Zhan before. He's the best underground boxer in Chongqing! I didn't expect that he would further his career here in Myanmar," Du Fei said.

"How strong is he?" Lu Chen nodded and asked. Although he was just going there to pass the time, he didn't want to watch a fake show.

"Not bad. If he hadn't improved all these years, then he's not worthy to be my opponent," Du Fei said.

"He should be quite skilled then." Lu Chen

nodded. Du Fei's strength was indeed strong, and according to what he meant, Xiao Zhan should be as powerful as him ten years ago.

"Sirs, these are your tickets. Present these tickets when you enter and someone will take you to the private room." After a while, the beautiful waitress brought the tickets over and passed them to Lu Chen and Du Fei.

"Okay." Lu Chen took the tickets and looked at them before placing them on the table.

Soon, their food was served.

After having their dinner, both of them noticed that it was almost time for the boxing match, thereupon they took a taxi to the underground boxing arena...



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At the courtyard of the Black Dragon Army.

“General Black Dragon, these two people are coming to discuss a collaboration with you. Once you kill the both of them, on behalf of the Zuo Family, I'll give you 100 million in return.” Zuo Qingcheng took out two photos and put them in front of Black Dragon, the leader of the Black Dragon Army.

The Black Dragon Army was the party that Lu Chen and Du Fei wanted to discuss a collaboration with on this trip; they were the Mafia gang in Kokang.

Originally, they had wanted to collaborate with the Zuo Family, but they didn't expect that the latter had lost the contract to others.

Despite that, they didn't mind it at all. What they cared about was the price negotiated, and they would collaborate with whoever gave them the highest price.

Black Dragon spotted a military uniform with a general badge on his shoulder.

Of course, he made it himself. After all, the government saw the Black Dragon Army



as nothing else but a gang of bandits.

He picked up the photos and took a quick glance, then put the photos back on the table and took out a cigar. After taking a puff of it, he said, "Since they could snatch away the channel contract from your Zuo Family, I guess that they are much more powerful than your family."

The corner of Zuo Qingcheng's eye twitched a little and with a wee smile, he said, "Our Zuo Family is part of the Four Great Families in Chongqing that has a strong background for many years, while he is nothing but a rich businessman, so how can you compare us with him? Regarding the matter of losing the channel contract to him, it was merely an accident. As to why our Zuo Family hadn't taken our revenge on him, it's because that brat has some special connection with the City Council leader, Xie Weihao. Otherwise, he would have already died in our hands a long time ago."

Zuo Qingcheng was not dumb; he knew that if he had agreed that Lu Chen was very powerful and admitted that his family was not a match for Lu Chen, Black Dragon would definitely request for more

money.

This was one of the negotiation techniques used during a collaboration. Black Dragon was smart, but Zuo Qingcheng was no fool himself.

“Haha! Alright, I’ll believe you this time, but I have a condition.” Black Dragon laughed buoyantly after pondering for a while.

He didn’t know anything about Lu Chen but he was very clear about the status and power of the Zuo Family in Chongqing. Plus, Zuo Qingcheng’s analysis made sense too.

“Please go ahead, General Black Dragon.” Zuo Qingcheng nodded his head. He knew very well that he would certainly need to pay an additional amount if he wanted to persuade Black Dragon to kill Lu Chen and Du Fei other than giving him the 100 million commission.

Nevertheless, even if he had to pay another 100 million, he figured that it’d be worth it as long as Lu Chen and Du Fei could be killed this time.

“The price of the rough stones will be

increased by 20 percent,” Black Dragon said with a little grin.

Zuo Qingcheng frowned slightly at this. If the cost was increased by another 20 percent, they would lose 20 percent of profits. It was an enormous amount—a few hundred million!

“General Black Dragon, don’t you think you’re being too harsh on us? Our jewelry business in Chongqing has been declining recently and we barely make enough profit,” Zuo Qingcheng explained.

“Mr. Zuo, you’re not very honest, are you? Chongqing had just won second place in the Stone Gambling Fair in China not long ago and it gained much popularity due to that. The market should be getting better and better during this period of time, yet you’re telling me that the business market is dwindling?” Black Dragon took a puff of his cigar and questioned jokingly with a smile.

Having owned some rough stone mines as well as being involved in the rough stone business, it was a must for him to pay attention to the rough stones market all over the world. The National Rough Stone

Gambling Competition in China went viral and it was even broadcast nationwide. Therefore, he would definitely know what happened during the competition. Knowing him, he probably even watched the live broadcast!

Zuo Qingcheng raised one of his eyebrows, not expecting Black Dragon to actually pay attention to the rough stone price market trend in China.

“10 percent. We can’t give you more than that, otherwise we’ll collaborate with other parties,” Zuo Qingcheng said after pondering for a while.

“Okay, deal!” Black Dragon laughed and shook hands with Zuo Qingcheng.

Meanwhile, Zuo Qingcheng could only force a smile.

The collaboration today was screwed. Since the purchase price was raised here, they would certainly have to increase the selling price as well, and this would affect the jewelry market in Chongqing.

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Meanwhile, Lu Chen and Du Fei arrived at the underground boxing arena, only to see that the boxing match had started.

Lu Chen handed the entrance tickets to a pretty lady at the reception. After glancing at the tickets, the lady said in fluent Mandarin, "This way, please."

As she said that, she brought Lu Chen and Du Fei up to the second floor.

When they reached the second floor, they found out that all the VIP private rooms were on that floor, while there wasn't a single seat on the first floor.

The arena was in the center of the first floor; it was a two-meter high, square platform which was more than ten square meters.

At this time, two fighters were fighting each other in the ring, while the audience cheered enthusiastically for their favorite fighters.

Lu Chen and Du Fei didn't pay them any attention after taking a glance to observe the strength of the two boxers.

*Too weak.*

“Sir, do you want to take part in a bet on the boxing match? If you put down a bet, you’ll get free alcohol and drinks,” the lady promoted.

“How does this work?” Lu Chen asked.

“This is the information on the two fighters for the next round. You may have a look first.” The lady took out a tablet and showed them the information.

Lu Chen took a look and according to the information, the red party had the upper hand compared to the black party, therefore the wagers for the red party to win is 2 to 1 while the black party was 4 to 1.

Not only that, there was even the choice to bet on how many punches the red party could win over the black party, and vice versa; the highest wager was incredible, which was 40 to 1!

“I want 10 million chips,” Lu Chen said.

“10 million?!” The pretty lady was startled. There were a lot of people who came here

to bet on the boxing match, and most of them were rich bosses. Even then, they would usually only place a bet not more than 100,000. It was quite rare to see people place a bet up to a million, yet she actually met someone like Lu Chen who wanted 10 million of betting chips in one go.

“Yes.” Lu Chen nodded his head.

“Alright. Please wait for a while, sir.” The pretty lady had even changed her tone. Of course, she had to show respect to this kind of VIP customer.

Soon, the lady came back with a credit card terminal machine along with a young man, who was holding a tray, behind her. On top of the tray were chips that were used for gambling.

“Sir, here are your 10 million chips. Please swipe your card.” The pretty lady respectfully handed the card machine to Lu Chen.

He swiped his credit card right away after glancing at the chips on the tray which were worth 10 million.

“Sir, I wish you all the best!” said the lady while she passed the card terminal machine to the young man who later on headed out. As for her, she stood dutifully behind Lu Chen with a tablet.

Not long after that, the waiters brought them the drinks as well as a bottle of red wine, which Lu Chen wondered whether it was authentic or not. As for the beer, he immediately knew that it was diluted by water after taking a whiff of it.

After all, it was kind of impossible to get authentic wine or beer in this kind of place unless one had connections with the manager or the boss here.

“Sir, you have ten minutes left to place the bet. Who would you like to bet on?” the pretty lady asked Lu Chen when the current match was ending.

“What's the rush? I'll wait until they go up to the ring,” Lu Chen said nonchalantly.

“Sir, you can't place the bet anymore once the fighters come out. This is the rule set by the organizer,” she said in an apologetic way.



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Lu Chen lifted his brows at Du Fei and said, "I'll leave it to you then."

Initially, he wanted to wait for the fighters to come out and see which party was stronger.

However, since the organizer had these rules, it made him lose interest in placing the bet.



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“If that’s the case, I guess I can only gamble for now,” Du Fei chuckled and said.

To be honest, not being able to see the fighters, he had no idea how to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.

However, it was also more exciting for them in some way. This was also how the organizers usually manipulate the boxing competitions.

For example, if the bet on the red party was too high, they would be forced to lose even if they were actually stronger than the black party.

For underground boxing fights like these, other than life and death matches, other matches were mostly under the dealer’s manipulation.

There were also special circumstances where the stakes on both parties were too high, causing some to bet on the fighter’s life or even threaten the fighter to lose or die.

Of course, situations like those rarely happened.

Most of those who bet on these boxing matches were small fries, while the highly influential people were involved in high stake bets.

“Sure, let’s go with your luck!” Lu Chen laughed along.

Du Fei pondered for a while before telling the pretty lady, “I’ll place a million on the red party.”

The only choice was between the red or black party anyway. As for who would win, the possibilities of getting it right would just be like buying the lotteries.

“I bet you will lose this round,” Lu Chen commented.

“Why would you say that?” Du Fei raised his eyebrows. He didn’t believe that Lu Chen would actually understand what was going on.

“I’ve checked the pool; the bets aren’t high right now. Most of them placed from 10,000 to 20,000 and none of them placed bets higher than 50,000. Even those in the private rooms only placed bets around 10,000. You placing a million will just

make the money pool shift to the red party," Lu Chen analyzed and chuckled lightly.

Du Fei laughed along before saying, "I just want to know if they are manipulating the fights."

He, too, knew that situations like this would happen. The only reason why he raised the bet to a million was to see whether this underground boxing arena would use dirty tricks too.

The pretty lady looked at them in surprise when she overheard their conversation; she did not expect them to be masters in this field.

Ten minutes passed in no time, and two of the fighters went on stage.

Both Lu Chen and Du Fei scanned the fighters before nodding to each other.

"The red party is stronger," Du Fei said.

"Yes. If this fight isn't manipulated, the red party can easily beat the black party within ten moves," Lu Chen confirmed.

The pretty lady was taken aback. As a worker here, she too knew the true capabilities of both fighters; the red party could indeed beat the black party within ten moves.

She stared at Lu Chen in shock, with slight admiration in her gaze.

However, the fight's flow didn't turn out the way the two had predicted. Not only did the red party fail to beat the black party within ten moves, the former even showed signs of losing after that.

More than thirty moves later, the red party finally fell off the ring from a punch by the black party.

Those who were on the red party's side immediately broke into chaos, with many of them criticizing the red party while others yelled that the match was rigged.

On the other hand, those that placed their bets on the black party shouted and rejoiced.

Lu Chen and Du Fei chuckled. It seemed like there wasn't anything meaningful to these matches anymore.

The pretty lady acted as if she did not realize that Lu Chen and Du Fei had already seen through their arena's trick and started promoting the fighting bets again, "Sir, I'm sorry for your loss. For the next round—"

"2 million on the red party for this round," Du Fei announced.

The red party was still stronger than the black party in this round, hence the wager was still 2 to 1.

However, according to Du Fei's analysis, many of the people from last round would think that the fight was manipulated, and this would result in them placing the bets on the black party, increasing their wagers to 5 to 1, making the money pool shift toward the black party.

Those who were blinded by money would immediately fall into the dealers trap. Du Fei deducted that even if he placed 2 million on the red party, the dealer would still earn from this round.

As expected, the red party knocked down the black party in no time, and the crowd cried out in frustration.

“Congratulations, sir! Not only did you earn your money back, you also gained an extra million!” the pretty lady exclaimed emotionally.

Du Fei smiled lightly before giving the pretty lady a 500 tip, making her feel even more emotional.

“Sir, which side are you placing your bets on this time?” The pretty lady’s gaze shifted a little as she inched closer toward Du Fei.

“On the red party; 50,000,” Du Fei announced.

Bets like this that solely rely on luck didn't actually pique his interest. However, going back to the hotel this early would be too boring, hence he decided to spend some time here placing small bets here and there.

The red party was still stronger than the black party this round, but Du Fei lost again.

Despite that, tens of thousands didn't really matter much to him anyway. For the next few rounds, he continued placing bets

of 50,000 each. Unexpectedly, he actually won more than he lost, his money pool reaching almost half a million.

On the other hand, Lu Chen was smoking on the sofa while looking around. Suddenly, he noticed Zuo Qingcheng accompanying a man in black toward the second floor.

However, since he was too busy entertaining the man in black, Zuo Qingcheng did not notice Du Fei and him at all.

Around ten men in black followed behind the both of them, and it seemed that the entire arena was very respectful toward the man in black.

“That man is the boss of our arena, General Black Dragon,” the pretty lady introduced when she saw Lu Chen staring at Zuo Qingcheng and Black Dragon.

“Isn’t General Black Dragon the rough stone tycoon in Kokang?” Lu Chen asked.

“Yes. Besides being a general, our boss also manages a few large companies. Moreover, he is also Kokang Special



Region's Mayor," the pretty lady explained.

Lu Chen nodded his head. He did not expect General Black Dragon to be the one that they were looking for.

*Plus, Zuo Qingcheng is here now, and both of them look close too. Is it possible that Zuo Qingcheng came to get his help to go against us?*

Lu Chen raised his eyebrows; he felt that there was a high chance of that happening.

Looking at the two conversing in a friendly manner, it seemed like an agreement had been made.

"Well, we shall take our leave now. You may leave too," Du Fei told the pretty lady and gave her another 1,000 tip.

"Thank you, sir! You can reach me at this number if you're looking to place bets again." The pretty lady nodded in gratitude and gave Du Fei her business card before leaving.

"I feel like there will be trouble during tomorrow's negotiation," Du Fei whispered.

“It’s fine if they are only looking for trouble, but I suspect that Zuo Qingcheng might want to borrow Black Dragon’s hand to dispose of the both of us,” Lu Chen explained slowly after taking a sip of wine from his glass.

“Then should we still go tomorrow? Black Dragon is obviously influential here in Kokang. Moreover, proclaiming himself as a general, he must have many men under him,” Du Fei analyzed as he observed Black Dragon who was in another private room further away.

Although the both of them were skillful in martial arts, it was obvious that the other side had weapons. Furthermore, they were in Black Dragon’s territory; if he had many men with him, they might not be able to get out of here safely.



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Lu Chen did not say anything and took another puff off his cigarette. This time coming to Myanmar, he must get the rough stone channel.

Although there were many rough stone businesses in Myanmar, according to their research, Black Dragon's rough stones had the highest level of purity. Hence, this was one of the reasons why many preferred doing business with him.

Of course, this was what made Black Dragon highly influential. Even the Myanmar government was afraid to go against him.

"Let's play it big this time." Lu Chen narrowed his eyes as he smoked.

Du Fei tensed up and couldn't help but suck in a deep breath.

He kind of knew what Lu Chen was thinking about.

*This is too insane though!*

*Moreover, we are still in Black Dragon's territory!*

“Would it be... Too dangerous? Look, you’re not just doing it by yourself. You have a few companies behind you. There are also men that follow you that won’t allow you to risk your own life, you know?” Du Fei argued.

Yi Qi Technology, two supermarkets, an electronic company as well as Kaitian Rough Stone Group were all under Lu Chen’s name.

Including Du Fei’s men, almost five hundred men depended on Lu Chen. Working under Lu Chen had given them the privilege to start anew, and this was something that most in the underground would never dare to imagine. Therefore, they would protect Lu Chen at all cost.

“I feel like the rate of us succeeding is higher than 60 percent. If we don’t do this, we’d have to give up on the rough stone channel.” Something cold shone in Lu Chen’s eyes.

He was sure that Zuo Qingcheng was working together with Black Dragon to get him. Hence, it was likely that both him and Du Fei wouldn’t be able to return to their country.

If that was so, there wasn't any reason for him to hesitate; he wouldn't be merciful toward those who wanted to kill him.

"What are you planning to do?" Du Fei asked after pondering for a moment.

Lu Chen whispered something in Du Fei's ear, thereupon the latter nodded right after.

"Let me go convert the betting chips and observe the area at the same time," Du Fei whispered before taking the chips and headed down to the first floor.

In the other private room.

"General Black Dragon, those two are there." Zuo Qingcheng had noticed Lu Chen and Du Fei.

All of the private rooms were in the open, so as long as they were on familiar terms, it was easy to recognize each other.

Blach Dragon sized Lu Chen and Du Fei up before noticing the chips in Du Fei's hands. He then mocked, "Looks like the both of them won a lot, eh?"

Zuo Qingcheng said sarcastically, "No

matter how much they won today, they won't be able to leave with it anyway."

Zuo Qingcheng was trying to test Black Dragon to see if he would make his move right now.

He really hoped that Black Dragon would do something about it at this moment.

Perhaps he had been framed by Lu Chen too many times, and that was why Zuo Qingcheng felt irked every time he saw Lu Chen. He was scared that if they wasted more time, Black Dragon wouldn't be able to take Lu Chen down.

Most importantly, he suspected that Lu Chen might have already found out about his agreement with Black Dragon.

Lu Chen wasn't stupid, after all. With him showing up here at this time and being so close with Black Dragon, Lu Chen could easily guess what was going on with him and Black Dragon.

If Lu Chen had taken precautions and avoided going to Black Dragon's military camp, Zuo Qingcheng felt that Black Dragon might not even be Lu Chen's

opponent.

“Haha, that’s right! I will help you solve your troubles today! Cheers!” Black Dragon really enjoyed Zuo Qingcheng’s flattering words, so he took his wine and clinked glasses with him.

Of course, what they drank was pure red wine.

When Black Dragon saw Lu Chen and Du Fei, he already saw them as enemies.

He felt that the both of them weren’t powerful anyway, hence he was prepared to make his move tonight.

Finishing his wine in one shot, Zuo Qingcheng peppered Black Dragon with flatteries before turning toward Lu Chen’s direction.

*Lu Chen, oh, Lu Chen. Although you’re a God in Chongqing City, you’re now in Myanmar, which is Black Dragon’s territory. I can’t wait to see if you and Du Fei would act as arrogant as you guys do back in Chongqing!*

“General Black Dragon, here! With this toast, I hope that our collaboration will be

a good one!” Zuo Qingcheng chuckled coldly when he looked at Lu Chen before turning back to greet Black Dragon.

On the other side, Du Fei came back from changing the betting chips in no time. He managed to get a total of 1.4 million in cash, but he did not give them to Lu Chen as he knew that the latter didn't need them anyway.

“The best chance we have right now is to rush up from the ring. If not, we will be suspected for sure,” Du Fei sat next to Lu Chen and whispered into his ears.

Lu Chen stared at the ring. The ring was around two meters below the second floor. Leaping up from the ring to the second floor would be an easy task for him and Du Fei. Moreover, the private room that Zuo Qingcheng and Black Dragon were in was facing right toward the ring. If they manage to leap up, they could subdue Black Dragon in no time.

“Alright. Find an opportunity to get up during the challenge match.” Lu Chen nodded.

After the final match, the winning side



could accept any challenges from anyone outside of the ring. If there were no challengers, it would mark the end of the fight that day; if there were challengers, the matches would carry on.

Du Fei nodded. This was their only chance.

The main problem was that they had no weapons, otherwise the situation wouldn't have been so complicated.

Half an hour later, it was finally the turn for the match between China's King of Sanda, Xiao Zhan and Thailand's King of Muay Thai, Ko.

The crowd cheered loudly when the both of them came out. Even those in the second floor private rooms stood up to cheer them on.

This was tonight's main highlight and also the last round that the crowd could bet on. Therefore, many of these people had gone all in just for this match.

When the emcee introduced the both of them, the crowd continued cheering them on. Especially when he reached Xiao Zhan, almost the entire venue had placed their

bets on his victory.

On the other hand, Ko didn't receive much support.

"Who do you think would win among them?" Lu Chen asked.

"Ko. Because Xiao Zhan suffered internal injuries," Du Fei said after observing the both of them.

"Yeah. If I'm not wrong, Ko wouldn't be able to beat him if Xiao Zhan wasn't hurt. So, you should challenge him first hand after he won. Let him hit you till you fly up, then the possibility of us succeeding will be even higher," Lu Chen analyzed with a small voice.

Du Fei turned and looked at the ring before nodding.

When the match between the fights started, Du Fei went downstairs.

In the other private room.

"General Black Dragon, they might try to leave early," Zuo Qingcheng reminded anxiously when he saw Du Fei heading

downstairs.

“Don’t worry. I’ve already ordered my men to close the gates; they won’t be able to leave at all.” Black Dragon shook his head and continued watching the fight. He loved watching boxing matches, especially when it was between professional fighters. Hence, he planned to only make his moves after Xiao Zhan and Ko finished their match.

However, to make Zuo Qingcheng feel better, he motioned at the bodyguards behind him.

“Send two men to keep an eye on that kid. I want you to kill him right away if he attempts to go down,” Black Dragon instructed.

The only reason why he didn’t want his bodyguards to attack Lu Chen was because he didn’t want to disrupt the match.

## Chapter 296 Placing a Big Bet



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The head of the bodyguard nodded before telling two of his men, "You guys head over now!"

Both of them were African men that had been following Black Dragon for more than seven years, and they had even mastered Mandarin language during their service here.

The both of them eyed Lu Chen before nodding, then headed toward the private room that Lu Chen was in.

Noticing the bodyguards heading over to guard his room, Lu Chen remained calm and didn't spare them a single glance.

He continued watching the match while smoking his cigarettes.

In no time, Xiao Zhan was beaten by Ko.

When the referee raised Ko's hand to announce his victory, Ko beat his chest arrogantly.

"Now, is there anyone interested in challenging Ko? The winner would be able to go home with half a million! But please note that we would not be responsible for

any injuries that happen in the ring. On the count of ten, if no one comes up to the ring, today's match shall end now!" the emcee on stage explained.

"I volunteer!"

Right then, Du Fei jumped onto the ring.

"Alright. If you beat Ko today, you can go home with the prize of half a million. However, we won't be responsible for any injuries, so please make your decisions wisely," the emcee explained to Du Fei.

"I've decided. Let's start now," Du Fei said.

The emcee saw the determination in Du Fei and chuckled coldly.

Usually, during the final session every night, no one would dare to come to the ring, mainly because those that stood in the ring at the last session of every night were all strong fighters; challenging them was merely asking for your own death.

After the incident a few years ago where a challenger lost his life for the prize pool of half a million, no one had dared to challenge the fighters, even if the session

was available every day.

The crowd was surprised that someone actually dared to challenge the fighter tonight. Some of those gamblers who lost their money also started chanting in hopes that Du Fei would defeat Ko.

Zuo Qingcheng frowned when he saw Du Fei entering the ring.

However, Black Dragon, who was just about to instruct his bodyguards to make a move, lit up. Taking advantage of Du Fei's fight with Ko, it would allow him to analyze Du Fei's capabilities.

If Du Fei proved to be very strong, he would of course choose to call off his plans to murder Lu Chen and Du Fei tonight.

After all, he hadn't brought many men with him tonight.

He was a cautious man and would rarely do things that he had no certainty in.

"General Black Dragon..." Zuo Qingcheng reminded him.

Black Dragon waved him off and said, "Don't be anxious. He can't do anything under my men's surveillance."

Zuo Qingcheng could only nod in return.

He couldn't afford pissing off Black Dragon anyway. If Black Dragon were to call the collaboration off, his trip here would have been pointless.

"Haha! I can't believe I finally met someone who isn't afraid of death!" Ko started sizing Du Fei up when he saw that the latter actually dared to challenge him.

With Du Fei's calm demeanor and closed posture, Ko wasn't able to tell Du Fei's real strength.

"You're just trash from China! If you give me three kowtows now, I might consider sparing your life! If not, I shall break both your knees as punishment for provoking me!" Ko taunted Du Fei.

"A shemale from Thailand like you is trying to make me beg for forgiveness?!"  
Something shone in Du Fei's eyes before he slammed his fist right into Ko.



Of course, Ko wasn't a shemale. Du Fei only said that to retaliate against him for calling him a trash from China.

"Damn! You're really looking for death right now!" Calling Ko a shemale had clearly triggered him. As a Thai, he was ashamed of how many of their people had undergone surgery to become a transgender. However, he had no power to change all of that.

Hence, if anyone dared to say a word or even call him a shemale, he would go all out to fight them.

Du Fei chuckled inwardly when he saw that Ko was angered. However, he still put on a determined facade and slowly inched toward the area directly below Black Dragon's private room.

Right now, Black Dragon was chuckling coldly when he saw that Du Fei was being 'overpowered' by Ko.

Ko was his underling, after all, and if Du Fei couldn't even beat him, he was sure that Lu Chen wouldn't be any better.

Black Dragon prepared to send Ko a signal

for him to beat Du Fei to death later.

Meanwhile, Du Fei purposefully faked a weak spot, thereupon Ko took advantage of it and slammed his leg right onto Du Fei's stomach.

With a muffled wince, Du Fei was propelled into the air from Ko's kick.

Black Dragon shook his head when he saw what happened. He wanted to laugh at Zuo Qingcheng; he felt embarrassed that the Zuo Family of the Four Major Families of Chongqing couldn't even defeat a trash like Du Fei.

Suddenly, Du Fei's figure swooped into the private room before the bodyguards could even react. At the same time, he had already reached out to snatch a gun from one of the bodyguard's waist before landing on the ground.

*Bang! Bang! Bang!*

Du Fei fired his gun at the direction of the few bodyguards when he landed. Immediately, a few bodyguards were wounded and fell to the ground.

"Protect the general!"

The head of the bodyguards yelled, then grabbed and aimed his gun at Du Fei before firing at him.

Not expecting Du Fei to attack him, Black Dragon panicked. He rolled over his sofa and took his gun out, then tried to find where Du Fei was.

Zuo Qingcheng, on the other hand, was scared out of his wits, and he immediately ducked under the table on instinct.

On the other side.

Two of the black bodyguards, who were watching Lu Chen, drew their guns to help when they saw a commotion happening back at the private room.

At the same time, Lu Chen shattered his wine glass in pieces. Then, using the glass pieces as weapons, he threw them toward the bodyguards.

*Swoosh! Swoosh!*

Right when the bodyguards drew their guns, the glass shards had already cut

through their head before they could even make a move. One of it even pierced through a bodyguard's forehead.

The two bodyguards then fell to the ground with a dull thump.

Lu Chen immediately ran out of the private room. Snatching over their guns at a lightning speed, he quickly fired a few shots at the opposite private room.

The few bodyguards who stood at his direction had their backs exposed to Lu Chen, hence becoming his targets.

After finishing off Black Dragon's bodyguards, Lu Chen didn't catch any sight of Black Dragon. However, he noticed Zuo Qingcheng who was hiding under the table and did not hesitate to fire the shots.

Shaking uncontrollably from fear, Zuo Qingcheng suddenly tensed up when he felt a bullet shot into him from the back. Immediately, he could feel his life surge slowly leaving him.

He used all of his might to turn around, only to find out that Lu Chen was the one who fired the shot when he saw him

walking over.

"I don't want to die! This isn't over yet!" Zuo Qingcheng was shaking nonstop; he was regretting coming to Myanmar just to go against Lu Chen.

However, it was too late now.

"L-Lu Chen... M-My father will k-kill you... When he finds out about this..." When he saw Lu Chen looking over in his direction, Zuo Qingcheng wanted to tell him that his father would know for sure that he was responsible for his death, but he couldn't finish before breathing his last breath.

Meanwhile, Lu Chen felt nothing when he killed Zuo Qingcheng.

When he guessed that Zuo Qingcheng had intended to kill him with Black Dragon's help, he had already decided to kill him.

"Black Dragon, your men are all dead anyway. You should come out now," Lu Chen cocked his gun at the sofa and said.

Suddenly, Lu Chen felt a strong hint of murderous intent, thereupon he tensed up and immediately ducked the other way.

## Chapter 297 Zuo Qingcheng's Death



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*Bang! Bang! Bang!*

Right after Lu Chen ducked, a few bullets were shot right on the metal pole of where he once stood. Fire sparks sprayed from the friction.

More than ten security guards rushed up from the first floor and were all shooting at Lu Chen who was ducking and dodging.

This was Black Dragon's territory, after all. With him frequenting this place to watch boxing matches, it was normal for him to arrange for his bodyguards to be stationed here.

Some of these bodyguards even had submachine guns.

Right now, the gun war on the second floor had already frightened the crowd.

Most of those on the second floor hid in their private rooms while those below tried to run out of the place, only to find out that the gates were all locked. When they heard gunshots, the crowd started running all over and screaming for help.

While the security guards tried to

overpower Lu Chen, Du Fei extended his head from one of the poles and fired three shots, taking down three of the bodyguards from the side.

At the same time, Black Dragon, who was hiding behind the sofa, peeked out and shot at Du Fei's direction.

Du Fei immediately ducked and the bullet grazed the pole.

The loss of three bodyguards caused a ceasefire.

At this moment, Lu Chen peeked out from behind a pole and killed another bodyguard.

However, the situation was still unfavorable toward them.

All of Black Dragon's security guards had submachine guns; the firepower would be too strong. Whether it was Lu Chen or Du Fei, both of them could only kill one person at most with one shot.

It was fortunate that both of them had precise marksmanship. If it weren't so, the situation would be so much worse for



them.

With so many people on the other side, they divided themselves into two groups; one to defend and protect while the other started advancing on Lu Chen and Du Fei.

However, with Du Fei and Lu Chen's analysis toward the formation of the other side, they made their move before the other side started their attack.

With the other side blasting bullets at him, Lu Chen leaped up and grabbed onto a wooden pole on the second floor's ceiling. Using it as a leverage, Lu Chen shot a few more people.

When the security guards finally noticed Lu Chen, they all started shooting at the ceiling.

Lu Chen loosened his grip and leaped down, releasing three shots and killing two guards before landing.

Then, he continued rolling to the side right after he landed and hid behind another pole.

While Lu Chen captured all the guards'

attention, Du Fei peeked out from the other side and shot down a few more guards that were exposed to him.

“Keep an eye out for Black Dragon!”

Lu Chen yelled before scurrying to another side.

With more than half of the guards' dead, the rest were afraid to expose themselves and they all hid behind the poles.

Lu Chen advanced closer when he realized that they were afraid to show their faces.

Just when Black Dragon was about to shoot Lu Chen, Du Fei's kick landed on his arm, disarming him.

Then, Du Fei took the opportunity to pounce at him before Black Dragon's left hand could reach out to his gun, subduing him in the process.

“Get them to surrender now!” Du Fei cocked his gun on Black Dragon's forehead and threatened.

Uncertain as to whether Du Fei would kill him or not, he called out, “Everyone, put

your weapons down now!”

Hearing Black Dragon’s order, the guards unarmed themselves and stood out from their hiding place.

There were a total of seven bodyguards left, however Lu Chen did not plan to let them go and immediately fired seven shots, killing them all.

Most of those who saw this scene felt chills run down their spine. Even the few fighters who wanted to help out slowly retreated.

No one would want to risk their life to be killed by someone so powerful.

Black Dragon’s eyes widened when he saw that Lu Chen wouldn’t even let go of the guards who chose to surrender. Right then, he finally understood why the Zuo Family was so afraid of offending Lu Chen.

This man was too ruthless. If he had the chance to start over, he wouldn’t want to offend someone like that as well.

“Who knows where Black Dragon’s base camp is located? Anyone here who is

familiar with his base camp?” Lu Chen went over to the group of fighters and asked coldly.

“I am! I was a military officer under him previously, but I was forced to fight here by him because of some past mistakes. Hence, I am very familiar with Black Dragon’s base camp,” Xiao Zhan stood up and explained.

“Good, I will let you replace Black Dragon in the future. Now, let’s head over to his base camp.” Lu Chen nodded and motioned for Xiao Zhan to take the lead.

Escorting Black Dragon outside, Xiao Zhan pointed at a military Jeep and said, “This is what Black Dragon usually rides in. If we drive this back in, there would be lesser chances of his underlings suspecting that something’s wrong.”

“Alright.” Lu Chen nodded before looking at Black Dragon who was rather calm.

There wasn’t any choice for him, after all. Even if he was scared, he had to keep up with his general status and put on a brave facade.

“Give me your car keys.” Lu Chen extended his hand toward Black Dragon.

Black Dragon took the keys from his pocket and gave it to Lu Chen, still overwhelmed by how ruthless the latter was.

He did not expect Lu Chen to want to visit his base camp, thereupon he sighed in relief as this meant that Lu Chen wouldn't kill him just yet.

“You, drive.” Throwing his car keys toward Xiao Zhan, he rode shotgun with a few submachine guns on him while Du Fei held onto Black Dragon and sat in the back.

After starting the car, Xiao Zhan drove them all the way to Black Dragon's base camp.

“I'm sure the two of you are Du Fei and Lu Chen that Zuo Qingcheng had specifically ordered to be killed,” Black Dragon asked as the car was started.

“Not bad. How much did he offer you to kill us?” Du Fei asked.

“100 million and a 10 percent increase in

rough stone prices. As long as you guys let me go, I'll lower the original price of the rough stone channel by 10 percent. What do you think?"

"Let's discuss this after reaching your base camp." Du Fei chuckled.

Black Dragon could only shut his mouth.

Though, if he had the chance to punch the both of them later, he would beat them into pulps.

"Tell me about Black Dragon's strength," Lu Chen said to Xiao Zhan.

Xiao Zhan nodded, telling Lu Chen everything that he knew.

Black Dragon had around 2,000 men with 3 vice generals as well as a few rookies.

Although he was a general, he acted more like a bandit at times.

Moreover, he had never really done anything rebellious anyway. Although he had the government's support on the surface, he was the one handling situations and making the big decisions.

Black Dragon also handled three rough stone mines in Kokang, all of which were Myanmar's largest natural stone mines. This was also how he was able to feed the 2,000 soldiers under him.

Once they reached the place, Xiao Zhan warned, "We shall reach his camp after the canyon in front. Do not let him talk at the camp, otherwise the guards might suspect us."

"Alright."

Du Fei nodded and cocked his gun on Black Dragon's waist.

"If you dare to try anything stupid, I will kill you right now," Du Fei threatened Black Dragon.



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With a gun pointed at his waist, Black Dragon could only nod along. Most importantly, he knew that he would be killed for sure if he had shaken his head.

He felt his heart palpitating when he recalled how Lu Chen had killed those guards who surrendered.

Entering the canyon, they were immediately met with a military-styled manor. However, Black Dragon's stay could only be reached through a few more checkpoints.

During the first checkpoint, a soldier came to check on them. Seeing that it was Black Dragon's car, he let them go easily.

During the next few checkpoints, with Du Fei's gun against Black Dragon's waist, the latter did not dare to give off any signals.

Black Dragon's place was guarded by more than ten security guards, hence Du Fei didn't dare pointing his gun against Black Dragon anymore, however he still warned, "Go and sit in your house if you don't want to die."

"Alright." Black Dragon nodded; he could



only follow Du Fei's instructions.

Black Dragon stayed in a small mansion guarded by rows of security guards.

Even then, he did not dare to defy Du Fei and brought all three of them into his mansion.

Lu Chen and the others sighed in relief when they got inside.

"Contact all three of your lieutenants and ask them to come over," Lu Chen ordered.

"What are you guys planning to do?" Black Dragon frowned, sensing that something bad was about to happen.

He initially thought that Lu Chen and Du Fei only wanted to threaten him to sign a lowballed contract for the rough stone mines; he did not expect them to get him to contact his lieutenants over. Were they planning to take them down too?

*Slap!*

Lu Chen's hand landed on Black Dragon's cheek before he said coldly, "Contact them now if you don't want to die."

Black Dragon's eyes were ablazed with fires of rage as he glared at Lu Chen. What Lu Chen did had made him feel utterly humiliated.

Despite that, he still made the call.

Xiao Zhan seemingly understood what Lu Chen had on his mind and something shone past his eyes as he informed, "All the lieutenants don't live too far away, so they would most likely reach within ten minutes." He then drew his gun and positioned himself behind the door.

"What on earth are you guys planning to do?!" Black Dragon asked anxiously as he began to feel uneasy.

Lu Chen gave Du Fei a look and the latter caught on immediately. In the blink of an eye, a dagger found its way into Black Dragon's abdomen.

Just when Black Dragon was about to howl in pain, Du Fei covered his mouth with his hand, suppressing his screams back into his throat.

In no time, Black Dragon fell to the ground, losing his last breath.

Indeed, Lu Chen's plan was to overtake Black Dragon and control the army under him that consisted of more than 2,000 men.

This was what he meant by playing it big when he told Du Fei about it earlier.

Myanmar was a country with separatist warlord regimes; it wasn't easy to start a war.

The peace was only maintained because most of their strengths were similar.

However, this resulted in the fallback of the economy of the entire country, making them the poorest country of all time.

So, as long as he could manage to control Black Dragon's Black Dragon Army, he would be able to control the entire Kokang.

Lu Chen believed that after negotiating with the ruler of Naypyidaw, they would acknowledge his presence.

Ten minutes passed in no time as three of Black Dragon's lieutenants reached his mansion and entered his room.

When they realized that the door wasn't locked after knocking, they knocked the door down.

The trio were taken aback when the door opened as right at that moment, Xiao Zhan who was hiding behind the door made his move and killed one of them, while Lu Chen and Du Fei hurried forward at the same time to finish off the other two lieutenants.

The guards outside hurried in when they heard commotions coming from the inside.

Xiao Zhan suggested, "There are more than ten security guards here that are very loyal to Black Dragon. I suggest that we finish them off."

Lu Chen nodded before leaping out of the window with Du Fei before ambushing the guards from behind.

Without further discussion, each of them attacked with their daggers, instantly finishing off two men.

By the time the others noticed that something was wrong and turned back,

two more were down.

Right when they were about to fire their shots, Xiao Zhan dashed out from the room and the three of them worked together. The security guards didn't even stand a chance with them before they were all finished off.

All three of them were masters in terms of both speed and skills, and it wasn't something that could be compared to these guards.

Lu Chen and the others slit the guards' throats with their daggers; they didn't have the chance to fire their guns or even yell out.

"You used to work under Black Dragon, right?" Lu Chen asked Xiao Zhan after throwing his dagger to the ground.

"Yes. I was a military officer back then," Xiao Zhan explained.

"Alright. Would it be okay if I ask you to contact other military officers?" Lu Chen's plan was simple; if he could get his hands on the military officers, he would be able to control the entire army.

"No problem. A few of them are still my friends. Let me go get them," Xiao Zhan nodded his head and said determinedly.

"Alright, go. We will wait for you here." Lu Chen nodded before moving all the bodies back into the mansion with Du Fei.

After moving the bodies, Lu Chen suggested, "Let's check if there are any others staying here."

Although Black Dragon had mentioned earlier that none of his family members stayed here, they could not afford to be too careless.

After looking through the entire mansion, they found out that besides jewelry, there were also many weapons here.

"I can't believe that Black Dragon was actually so cautious; he almost made his entire mansion a weapons storage house," Du Fei laughed and said after eyeing different types of firearms.

Although Black Dragon was a general, he was still limited to the types of weapons that he could have access to. From the underground firearm market, he could only

get basic second-hand firearms.

“His base camp is shabby anyway; there aren't any other places to store his weapons except for this place,” Lu Chen analyzed.

“If we take this base camp down as ours, will Naypyidaw send army troops out to subdue us?” Du Fei leaned on a pole and lit his cigarette. This was what he was most worried about right now.

Lu Chen pondered before assuring, “I will go over to Naypyidaw and negotiate with them in a few days. I'm sure they won't pull something as dumb as this.”

Of course, he only said so because he was certain of it.

This world had always been a place where benefits were prioritized above everything else, especially in a third-world country like this; if he were to give Naypyidaw some benefits, he was sure that they would be happy to work with him.

“Hopefully it will be a smooth negotiation, otherwise we can forget about going back to China anymore.” Du Fei laughed wryly.

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“Don't worry. We can go back to China safely even if they do not want to collaborate with us. We will only go through some obstacles at most.”

Lu Chen then chuckled before continuing, “Let's go. Xiao Zhan should be back anytime soon. Let's subdue the troops first.”

With that, he went into the appointed room.

Throwing his cigarette butt on the floor, Du Fei followed suit.



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