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When the name "Third River Clan" was mentioned, almost everyone in the hall was stunned, and their expression changed suddenly.

They were initially confident and bold, and now they were a little anxious and fearful.

Aaron Wan smiled disdainfully and confidently at this scene. He looked proud and he spoke in a loud voice, "I forgot to introduce Mr. Cui to all of you. This is Yacob Cui, the disciple that is most favored by Saga He of the Third River Clan."

Many people's expressions changed instantly upon hearing this, and their faces were a little gloomy.

"I didn't expect the Wan Family to ask for help from the Third River Clan!" the people said.

"Saga's disciple. Seems like Old Wan is still respected by others from the past?" they said.

"Fate Chen is in danger this time," the people said again.

"No way, Mr. Chen defeated Shancus Wan, who was an expert in the Black Level!" others spoke in his defense.

"No, this is a totally different situation!" Someone said, and they shook their head with a stern

expression on their face.

"I've heard information on the Third River Clan before. This Yacob Cui is definitely not someone to be trifled with!" someone said again.

"Really? Is he so powerful?" someone asked.

The person glanced at Yacob Cui, who was wearing long robes, and he looked away. He didn't dare to look at him again. "Yacob Cui, he can't be described as just powerful," the person answered.

"He joined the Third River Clan when he was three years old and was their follower for more than thirty years. He has been practicing the martial-art skills of the Third River Clan for more than twenty years and has a solid foundation. At the same time, his talent in the martial-arts is also astonishing. His training speed is considered the highest, and he is considered a prodigy at the Third River Clan. Now, he has reached the early stage of the Black Level at just the age of thirty," the person continued.

"What, the early stage of the Black Level!" someone answered. When everyone heard this, they could not help but be shocked. They looked at Yacob in disbelief with eyes filled with shock.

The person who was introducing him became even more excited and continued, "Moreover, he is not an ordinary warrior at the early stage of the Black Level. Instead, he has been following the Guardian of the Third River Clan for many years and has undergone



rigorous training in the core martial-arts skills. He was treated as a disciple of the inner circle and trained to be the successor of the clan. He can defeat opponents on the same level as him due to his outstanding martial-arts skills."

"The reason why he is here now is that he was punished by the Guardian of the Third River Clan due to an accident caused by his hasty progress. He was temporarily expelled from the clan and became a follower of Saga. Therefore, we are not facing an ordinary disciple of the Third River Clan, but a disciple from the inner circle, a possible successor of the clan," the person said again.

After listening to such a detailed explanation, everyone's facial expression shifted drastically. At this moment, they gazed at Yacob in a startled manner and they were filled with shock.

At the same time, many people started to become anxious for Fade.

After all, Fade's best performance in battle was killing Shancus. However, Shancus's level was only close to the threshold of the Black Level. Regardless of his skill level and his training, he was far inferior to disciples like Yacob Cui, who were in the inner circle.

Would Fade be able to defend himself against Yacob? At this moment, many people on the scene were muttering to themselves. They were not very

confident.

Aaron's smile became even wider when he noticed this. He laughed heartily and said, "Fade, you didn't expect this to happen today, did you?"

"I'll give you a chance now. Get down immediately, kneel down before me and grovel for mercy. Then, lick my feet. Perhaps, my heart will be softened, and I can ask Mr. Cui to leave you in one piece," Aaron yelled and laughed wildly.

Tom Wei, who had just been helped up by others, immediately became furious when he heard this. He couldn't help but shout, "Aaron, how dare you insult Brother Fade like this? Are you looking for death?"

"Really? Am I looking for death? I don't think so. Isn't Fade very powerful? Why doesn't he say anything right now? Is he dumbfounded?" Aaron continued to sneer.

"Aaron, you will die!" Tom yelled in fury. He gritted his teeth and was about to rush over to kill Aaron.

But at this moment, Fade stood up. He stretched out his hand and patted on Tom's shoulder. He said lightly, "Leave it to me!"

"Brother Fade, can you..." Tom said as he looked at Fade anxiously.

Fade nodded with a confident smile on his face and said, "There is nothing I can't do as a man."

Tom was full of confidence after seeing Fade's



smile. He waved his fist fiercely and said, "Come on, Brother Fade. This time, we can't let Aaron go, and that guy too. Let's beat them up and kill them!"

"Don't worry, I will do just that," Fade said with a smile. Then, he put his hands in his pockets and walked down the stage.

When Aaron heard this, he immediately laughed and said, "Fade, You are spouting nonsense. Defeat Mr. Cui? Do you think that you're qualified to be compared with Mr. Cui? Based on Mr. Cui's strength, it seems like he will defeat you."

"Really?" Fade said blandly, with a look of disapproval on his face.

This expression caused Aaron's face to fall instantly, and he said in a cold voice, "Fade, I have been waiting for a long time. Today is the day of my revenge. I will avenge the death of my father and the destruction of the Wan Family."

"I'm going to tear you to pieces, grind your bones and scatter your ashes in front of my father's grave, so that he can rest in peace underground," Aaron said. He gnashed his teeth, with an expression of fanatical pleasure on his face, as though he had already taken revenge. "Also, all your friends and family's money and properties will belong to me," he said again.

"You also have a beautiful wife who is an attractive woman. I'll torture her at that time. Now, I have to

think about whether I should kill you so early. I'll torture you little by little after letting you see me having fun with your wife. Haha!" Aaron laughed wildly.

However, Aaron did not notice that when he had mentioned Fade's wife, Fade's initial indifferent expression darkened suddenly, and there was a cold murderous expression on his face.

"You shouldn't have said so much. Now, you have to die!" Fade shouted. His eyes were full of anger. He stretched out his right hand, which was like an eagle's claw. It cut through the air with the sound of swirling wind and reached for Aaron's neck.

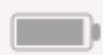
Aaron's expression changed drastically when he sensed Fade's murderous intent. He retreated hastily and cast a pleading look at Yacob, who was beside him.

At this moment, Yacob, who was calm, moved slightly to stand in front of Aaron. Then he looked at Fade and said coldly, "Do you have my permission to attack my people?"

Then, Yacob shook his sleeves and stretched out his right hand, which was as pale as turquoise jade, toward Fade's right hand which was shaped in the form of a claw. With a confident and indifferent smile on his face, it seemed that he did not take Fade's attack seriously at all.

"Leave now!" Fade bellowed.





From the moment Aaron had insulted his wife, Quin Lin, Fade's heart was filled with murderous intent and he wanted to end Aaron's life.

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"No one dares to touch the person I protect!" Yacob Cui warned.

He snorted and he made several gestures in the air with the palm of his pale hand. Immediately, streams of energy flew towards Fade Chen's chest.

But just as the gust of energy reached Fade's chest, Fade shook his body and a stream of energy surged out. Yacob's attack was blocked as his palm was struck away.

At the same time, Fade's right hand, which was shaped like an eagle claw, passed through the blockade created by Yacob and grabbed Aaron by the neck. Fade was full of murderous intent at this time.

Aaron did not expect Fade to be able to attack him under Yacob's protection. He turned pale with fright and said, "It's impossible. How could you..."

"Nothing is impossible!" Fade shouted. Before Aaron could finish his sentence, Fade's right hand grabbed his neck and choked him with strength.

Suddenly, there was the sound of cracking, and Aaron's neck was directly broken. His head became tilted, and the life in his eyes disappeared rapidly. Then, he completely lost his breath and he was



thrown to the ground like garbage by Fade.

In this instant, the cold and ferocious murderous intent in Fade's eyes seemed piercing .

His desire to kill has arisen , and no one could stop him from doing so.

Yacob, who always had a tranquil expression, was usually calm, as though he never had any sorrow or joy.

At this moment, he glanced at Aaron, who was dead, and his eyes turned to Fade. His handsome face began to twitch. He clenched his fists tightly and spoke in an extremely repressed and low tone, "You... will die!"

At this time, Yacob's eyes seemed to burn, as though fire could come out of them. His long robes fluttered around him even if he did not move, and there was a cold expression on his face.

He was not angry that Aaron was dead, but he was angry because Fade killed Aaron while he was under his protection.

In his opinion, this was disrespectful toward him, and it was like a tight slap in Yacob's face. Therefore, he felt anger and hatred for Fade. He felt obliged to kill Fade, or he would not be able to get rid of the humiliation that he had suffered.

"Today, I want all of your blood to help wash away the desecration of my honor," Yacob said, and he

pointed toward the crowd in the hall. He continued loudly, "Therefore, all of you... must die!"

An extremely turbulent gust of inner energy erupted from Yacob's body as he shouted.

As the streams of inner energy gushed out, everyone was instantly engulfed in a huge wave, as though a tsunami was approaching them.

Thereafter, everyone sensed that the world had turned gray, and the whole hall seemed dark. Dark clouds appeared in the horizon and the sun seemed to disappear. There was an oppressive atmosphere in the skies.

The monstrous waves became more and more turbulent and kept rising. It seemed to be in the shape of a huge palm, which was ready to crush all the tiny minions under the sky.

As the crowd sensed this rising momentum of energy, they began to panic, and their faces turned pale. Some people wanted to get up and run away, but they were completely suppressed and couldn't move at all, as they faced this tumultuous gust of energy.

Seeing the momentum of this wave getting stronger, the expressions of the crowd turned to despair. They closed their eyes, and were ready to accept the arrival of death.

Yacob had a vengeful expression on his face. He



sent out several streams of inner energy with both hands. In an instant, this gust of energy was transformed into several raging dragons that roared as they soared in the sky. They flew toward Fade simultaneously.

At this moment, the whole hall was almost completely suppressed by Yacob. It was like an island that was about to be swallowed by the tsunami. The people could only wait hopelessly for their tragic destiny.

But at the critical moment, Fade glanced at Yacob. He raised his right foot and stepped forward.

As Fade's foot landed on the ground, he created a gust of energy with his foot as the epicenter. The approaching waves receded rapidly.

After stamping on his right foot, he lifted his left foot and stepped forward again. The huge waves were pushed back forcefully.

In this way, the huge waves which were about to drown the whole hall, were forced back step by step by Fade.

At this moment, the suffocating feeling that the crowd felt seemed to become less, and the sensation of their necks being submerged seemed to disappear.

Suddenly, the atmosphere in the hall changed. All the people who were feeling despair were filled with

joy, as they felt the hope of survival.

"Mr. Chen has demonstrated his power. We are safe now," the people said.

"Mr. Chen is so powerful. Defeat Yacob!" they shouted.

"Yacob is not someone who is easy to deal with. Be careful, Mr. Chen!" they advised anxiously.

"Mr. Chen, the almighty! Mr. Chen, you'll win!" The crowd chanted.

Amidst the shouting from the crowd, Yacob's face took on a ghastly expression.

He was still behaving in an arrogant manner and thought that he would definitely win. However at the last moment, Fade had blocked his attack unexpectedly.

This caused Yacob to feel extremely angry and dissatisfied.

Yacob glared coldly at Fade and he roared angrily, "I'm going to kill you!"

Fade's expression turned cold when he heard this. He stepped forward and spoke icily, "I should be the one saying that!"

"You want to kill me? What a joke. Don't think that you can fight against me just because you resisted my attack. Let me tell you, I didn't use all my strength just now. Wait for it..." Yacob started



shouting.

But before he could finish his words, Fade raised his right hand and made a move to slap Yacob directly on the head.

Instantly, Yacob turned pale with fright. He felt that Fade's right hand, which was directed toward him, was launching a gust of energy toward him with huge momentum.

It was the kind of swirling energy that could not be blocked at all. In the face of this insurmountable pressure, Yacob attempted to exert all of his inner energy. However, he still felt that the pressure upon him was increasing little by little. The energy from Fade's palm was like a huge mountain that was pressing down on him, and he could not fight back.

Yacob felt completely terrified at this instant. He could not help but panic, and he could no longer maintain his indifferent expression. While desperately trying to ward off Fade's attack, he shouted, "Fade, how dare you kill me! I am Saga He's disciple, one of the disciples from the inner circle of the Third River Clan. If you kill me, the Third River Clan will never forgive you."

Fade ignored Yacob and continued to exert pressure with his palm.

Yacob gnashed his teeth in anger. Blood oozed out from the corner of his mouth.

Feeling that the pressure upon him was increasing, Yacob panicked completely. At this moment, he didn't dare to say anything more, and he began to beg for mercy, "Mr. Chen, I was wrong. I won't dare to fight against you anymore. Please let me go!"

Begging Fade now for mercy was useless. Fade continued with his actions.

Yacob could no longer withstand the pressure. His legs gave way and he knelt down on the ground. The tiles on the ground were smashed into pieces.

The corners of his mouth, nose, eyes, and ears began to bleed. The huge pressure seemed to have turned Yacob into a meat pie.



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Feeling the presence of death, Yacob Cui was terrified at the moment. He took out his cell phone with difficulty and called his master, Saga He. Then, he looked at Fade Chen and said, "Mr. Chen, please give me another chance. My master and the Third River Clan will definitely give you the best compensation. I..."

Fade had no intention of negotiating with him at all. As he snorted, his palm, which was like a huge mountain, landed on Yacob's head with a crash.

With this loud sound, Yacob's neck cracked. In an instant, his head fell down and he had died. He crashed to the ground.

When the crowd saw this, they couldn't help but be stunned, and they burst into a loud cheer.

"He won, Mr. Chen won!"

"I didn't expect this. Yacob is one of the core disciples of the Third River Clan, and he couldn't fight against Mr. Chen."

"Yacob was not on the same level as Mr. Chen. He was no match for him. Look, Yacob died with one blow from Mr. Chen. He couldn't defend himself."

"These fu\*king disciples of the Third River Clan, how dare they be so arrogant. Finally, Mr. Chen slapped

him to death, haha!"

"Mr. Chen, you're awesome!"

Everyone was celebrating. At this moment, the phone call that Yacob had made before he died was picked up by someone on the other end.

"Yacob, what's the matter? Have you resolved the issues regarding the guy named Fade?" A faint voice came from the other end of the phone, but there was no response to the question. Instead, there were enthusiastic cheering and loud chattering voices.

In particular, words like "Yacob lost", "Died after one slap" and "Invincible Mr. Chen" caused Saga, who was on the other end of the phone, to become furious.

Through the phone, a fierce roar could be heard, "Fade, how dare you kill my disciple, who was a disciple of the Third River Clan! I will tear you to pieces!"

Upon hearing this vicious threat, everyone who had been excited, could not help but become stiff at this moment. An anxious expression appeared on their faces.

After all, he was an elder of the Third River Clan, a big shot who had been famous for many years. If he really came over, the outcome would be unpredictable.





The crowd suddenly fell silent, leaving only Saga's cold and angry voice from the cell phone. "Fade, I urge you to come to the Third River Clan to confess your guilt within half a month. Otherwise, I'll come and kill you, I promise you that you will regret it..."

Fade took a glance at the phone with the sound of the angry voice. Without waiting for Saga to complete his sentence, he snorted and said, "What a chatterbox." Then he stepped on the phone and crushed it.

In that instant, a few thousand miles away from Bay City at the Third River Clan, Saga heard the word "Chatterbox". Suddenly, he was cut off, and the cell phone indicated that he was disconnected. His eyes burned, and they seemed like they could shoot out fire.

"Fade of Bay City, just wait and see," Saga said, and his eyes were full of anger. "No one has ever dared to be so disrespectful toward the Third River Clan. You're looking for death."

Fade, who was far away in Bay City, was not aware of the wrath of Saga. Even if he knew about it, he wouldn't take him seriously.

Waving his hand, Fade signaled for someone to drag out the bodies of Aaron Wan and Yacob out of his sight. Then, Fade raised his glass again.

Instantly, everyone raised their glasses in unison and cheered loudly, "Mr. Chen is mighty, Mr. Chen is

invincible." Then they raised their heads and drank up the wine in a gulp.

Then, at the beginning of the banquet, everyone began to feast. The atmosphere in the hall became lively and enthusiastic, and everyone was talking about what had just happened.

At this time, they had gained confidence in Fade's strength. They raised their glasses with joy on their faces.

After Fade had ate a little, he went backstage to treat Tom Wei's injuries and gave him some medicine. Then, he left.

After this gathering, the New Year was officially over. Most people returned to what they had been doing before the new year.

On the other hand, Fade's wife, Quin Lin, looked anxious when she found out that Fade had killed Yacob, one of the core disciples of the Third River Clan. It was rare for her to take the initiative to ask Fade if he needed to find a place to hide out.

Fade didn't care about this issue and he said that it didn't matter. Then, he threw himself into his normal working life.

Just as Fade returned to his normal life, a man visited him unexpectedly.

It turned out to be Master Xie. He had helped Fade to expose the truth, when he helped Caesar Du



identify the treasures. At that time, Fade had asked him to wait for his news, and he would find time to look for the Sacred Figs.

This time, Master Xie had come to him for the sake of the Sacred Figs.

"Mr. Chen!" Master Xie said, and he saluted Fade respectfully, with his hands folded in front of his chest. The expression on his face was reverent and even adoring.

Initially, Master Xie was quite dissatisfied when he was under Fade's control. After all, he was a master at the Yellow Level and was highly respected wherever he went.

Therefore, Master Xie was dissatisfied regarding this matter from the very beginning. He wanted to get out of Fade's control.

But then, news about Fade had spread. First, he had killed Shancus Wan, a master of the Black Level, and then he conquered Bay City. Then, he fought against the well-known Hu family in Hanover City. Recently, Fade had killed a core disciple of the Third River Clan.

With such powerful strength, Master Xie surrendered completely to Fade. He did not dare to have any other thoughts.

"What's the matter?" Fade asked.

Master Xie made an obeisance by cupping one hand

in the other before his chest and said respectfully, "Mr. Chen, I'm here because of the Sacred Figs."

"Sacred Figs!" Fade said, and his heart skipped a beat. "What about them?" he continued.

As the current season was not the season for Sacred Figs, Fade had not gone to search for the Sacred Figs.

Master Xie immediately explained, "Mr. Chen, here's the thing. After you told me that you were going to search for the Sacred Figs, I purposely went back to that particular forest and discovered that a tourist attraction was being built near it. Although it is still some distance away from the place where I found the Sacred Figs, I'm worried that the land development will cause harm to the Figs."

Hearing that, Fade touched his chin and said, "Well, that's really troublesome indeed."

If the Sacred Figs were found by the land developer, then Fade still had the opportunity to retrieve it. But if the other party wasn't aware of the benefits of the Sacred Figs, and cut down the Sacred Fig Tree, it would be a tragedy. Fade knew he would weep if the tree was cut down.

Thinking of this matter, Fade nodded. He felt that he should make a trip and check on the situation.

Therefore, Fade said to Master Xie, "This news is important indeed. You did a great job. Please





prepare for the trip too, as you'll be travelling with me tomorrow."

"Yes, of course!" Master Xie said, and he bowed respectfully. He left with one hand cupped in the other before his chest.

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On the same day, Fade Chen told his close friends that he was leaving town. In the evening, he had a special candlelight dinner with his wife, to say farewell to her.

The next day, Fade packed some things and left with Master Xie.

Fade left Bay City without thinking too much about the consequences, but many people misunderstood his intentions.

Some people speculated that Fade was worried about the revenge of the Third River Clan, so he left Bay City to avoid the enemy. Some people also said that Fade had gone to find a secluded place to train, and improve his strength.

No matter what the reasons were behind his departure, Fade caused many people to feel anxious.

Amongst them was his wife, Quin Lin, who was feeling panicked.

Although Quin did not express her feelings when she learned about the division of levels between the martial-artists, the skill level of the Black Level, and the strength of the Third River Clan, she could not help but be greatly shocked.



Initially, she had thought that Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc had large business operations at Bay City, and its assets were worth billions of dollars. Also it was constantly expanding. Even if she couldn't go against these martial-arts forces, she should have the ability to negotiate with them.

But after analyzing the matter in detail, she realized that she was being naive.

No matter how rich she was and how much her business expanded, without any defense or protection from martial-artists, she would just attract others who wanted to snatch her business. She had no ability to fight back at all.

For example, it was definitely not a difficult task for a Black Level clan like the Third River Clan to destroy Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

At this time, Quin finally understood why the top enterprises in Long City and Capital City had close relationships with martial-arts families or established their own defense forces.

Quin understood this matter, but when she thought of how Fade was about to face Saga He's attack, she could not help but worry for Fade. Saga was one of the leaders of the Third River Clan. Fade had told her that he was not afraid of the Third River Clan before he left Bay City, but she still felt anxious.

Quin believed that Fade was just boasting in front of her.

Thinking of this, Quin was worried. Her heart was filled with anxiety. She kept thinking of ways she could help Fade .

It seemed to her that as a weak businesswoman, there was no room for her to intervene in the affairs of these martial-artists.

Just as Quin was lost in her thoughts, an idea suddenly flashed across her mind. She seemed to recall something from a long time ago. "Martial-arts skills, martial- arts family. If I remember correctly, mother gave me a jade pendant before she left. She told me that if there was any trouble, I can use the jade pendant to look for someone in Long City for help."

"Yes, that's it. This jade pendant definitely exists," Quin thought to herself. She became excited and began to rummage around the mansion.

After searching for four hours in the spacious mansion, Quin finally found an ancient-looking jade pendant from a pile of random items. It was green in colour.

She wiped the jade pendant, cleansed it, and held it in her hand. Quin noticed that there was the sign of an antique wooden building carved on both sides of the jade pendant. Above the small building, there was a moon illuminating it, and there were stars surrounding it.

Before this, Quin didn't understand much about the



jade pendant. She didn't observe it carefully, so she didn't think that there was anything special about it. But now, as Quin gazed at it and held it in her hand, she instantly felt that this pendant was unusual.

The jade pendant looked very ordinary, just like one of the cheap goods that cost only a hundred yuan or so. But when she held it in her hand, she felt an unusual warmth. It seemed to her like a ball of warm water in her hand. Moreover, a faint fragrance seemed to rise from it, which caused Quin to feel excited.

At the same time, she took a closer look at the carved pattern on the jade pendant. The lines were delicate and clear, without any deviation. Even the corners fitted tightly together without any errors.

Seeing this, Quin was shocked. She said to herself, "This jade pendant is definitely not an ordinary item. My mother was telling the truth, when she asked me to take this jade pendant to Long City to ask for help. After all, only a powerful martial-arts family will possess this kind of jade pendant!"

As she thought of this, a glimmer of hope rose in Quin's heart, and a faint smile appeared on the corner of her lips. She immediately called her secretary and said, "I'll be going to Dragonville of Long City tomorrow. Please reschedule everything that I've planned to do, and send me the timetable."

After the call, Quin began to pack up and get ready.

At this time, Fade and Master Xie had already arrived at the place where Master Xie had found wooden branches from the Sacred Fig Tree.

This was a town in the county. It was not a rich town, but it was surrounded with hills, mountains and rivers. It was quite a beautiful place. In recent years, the tourism industry here was constantly developing, and the popularity of this town rose.

The place Fade and Master Xie were headed to was still a distance away from the town. It was located in a forest at the back of the mountain.

Cars and such vehicles could not be used around this area. Fade and Master Xie bought some items and started walking into the forest.

They were both strong, so it was not a problem for them to walk around the mountainous area. In just two hours, they passed through the area that had been developed for tourism purposes and they reached the back of the mountain. The number of people around them decreased drastically.

After stopping, Master Xie observed the surrounding environment and pointed to the ridge of the mountain in front of him. He said to Fade, "Mr. Chen, our destination is behind the ridge. There is a valley there. I found the wooden branches of the Sacred Fig Tree at the entrance of the valley."

Then, Master Xie pointed to the other side. There were noises and various sounds indicating the



mechanical construction going on. "They are going to build a tourist resort here, which is less than three kilometers from the valley. It will only take two hours to climb over the hill, but I'm afraid that they will discover us in advance, so..."

Fade nodded and said, "Well done. After this incident, I will remove the poison from your body."

"Yes, yes! Thank you, Mr. Chen!" Master Xie said, and he was thrilled.

"Let's go!" Both of them continued their trip.

However, in less than ten minutes of traveling, they suddenly heard loud sounds in the forest ahead.

Immediately, they stopped and looked in that direction.

In the forest, there were a group of people who were wearing suits and leather shoes. They were holding sticks in their hands and shouting intensely, looking extremely nervous.

At this time, a huge wild boar appeared in front of them. It looked like it weighed at least 300 pounds, and it was roaring at the people. It let out a muffled groan, as though it was disturbed by their movements and voices.

These people were obviously unfamiliar with the forest. At this moment, they were very nervous as they had encountered this angry wild boar. They did not retreat. Instead, they held the sticks tightly in



their hands and waved them constantly. At the same time, they shouted in terror.



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"Get out of the way, beast, get out of here!"

"Whoa, whoa, get lost!"

"If not, I'll kill you. Get out of here!"

A few of the people shouted. They did not know what to do.

Seeing this, Master Xie couldn't help but shake his head. He said, "How could they walk into the forest with no experience, and not know what to do. They are obviously looking for death!"

He continued, "What's more, what they are doing now will only irritate the wild boar even more. If the wild boar rushes over, they won't be able to escape at all."

Fade Chen nodded in agreement with Master Xie. Then, he said faintly, "Please help them drive the wild boar away."

Prior to this incident, Master Xie wouldn't have cared about the ordinary people who were dying. However, since Mr. Chen had asked him to help, Master Xie had to make a move.

After bending down, Master Xie picked up a stone and was ready to flick it toward the wild boar and scare it away.

But at this moment, the wild boar roared and took two steps forward. Suddenly, a woman in her thirties or forties was shocked, and she screamed. She threw the wooden stick in her hand toward the wild boar.

Although the stick did not hit the wild boar, it did infuriate the boar.

Immediately, the wild boar grunted loudly. Then, it stamped on the ground and rumbled like a tank, rushing toward the people.

Instantly, the sound of shouting turned into screams of terror.

This group of inexperienced men and women turned around immediately and fled. They were still wearing their suits and leather shoes that were inconvenient for movement. This was tragic indeed. At this moment, they were running in the forest area in the mountains, and they couldn't be quick at all.

Some of them lost their shoes as they ran; others were stuck on the branches with ripped clothes. Some of them fell directly to the ground, and many of them had wounds on their bodies.

The wild boar roared and rushed toward a middle-aged man with a beer belly who was lying on the ground. Its two fangs, like sharp blades, were reaching forward to stab the man mercilessly.

The man's face turned pale suddenly. He had an



expression of horror and despair on his face.

But just at this moment, the sound of a "swish" could be heard in the air and a few small pebbles flew swiftly like bullets, hitting the wild boar. It was struck so hard that it suddenly tilted its body and changed its direction. However, it failed to stab the middle-aged man who had fallen on the ground.

The wild boar's attack was blocked, so it let out an enraged roar. It changed its direction and attacked the man again.

"Get lost!" At this time, a shout could be heard, and a gust of air surged up, and a strong wind stirred in the forest.

The strong wind rose up and rushed toward the wild boar, causing it to howl in horror. Then, it turned around immediately and rushed into the woods.

Seeing the wild boar running away, the frightened and scattered men and women heaved a sigh of relief. All of them fell to the ground, gasping for breath.

The pot-bellied man who had fallen to the ground got up and spotted Fade and Master Xie in the dense forest not far away. He immediately shouted, "Thank you for your help."

When the others heard the man's voice, they also got up and walked over to Fade and Master Xie, expressing their gratitude.

Although these people were in such an awkward predicament, there was no danger at this time. Therefore, they recovered their usual demeanor instantly.

After tidying up their clothes, they stood neatly in front of Fade and Master Xie.

After thanking them, the pot-bellied man, who was the leader of this group of people, said with a smile, "Both of you have saved us from this dangerous situation. May I ask what are your names?"

Master Xie said in a deep voice, "My surname is Xie, and this is Mr. Chen."

"Mr. Xie, Mr. Chen!" The pot-bellied man said, and he looked at Fade and Master Xie. He felt curious about their relationship. By observing the way they interacted with each other, it seemed that this younger Mr. Chen had a higher status than Mr. Xie. But judging from his imposing manner, it seemed that Mr. Xie's social status was higher than Mr. Chen.

These thoughts flashed through his mind but he didn't talk about his opinion. The pot-bellied man said, "My name is Lager Zu, and I own this resort here. Today, I came to visit the resort with a few friends. On the spur of the moment, I came to the forest to take a look. I didn't expect that I would lose my way and be attacked by wild boars. If Mr. Chen and Mr. Xie didn't help us just now, we would be



dead."

"No worries. It's just a small matter!" Master Xie said, and he gestured his hand. He didn't take Lager seriously at all. After all, he had seen more than a hundred bosses like Lager, and they all wanted to flatter him. Therefore, Master Xie didn't care much about Lager.

Lager Zhu, or Chief Zu, observed the two of them. When he saw Master Xie's indifferent attitude, he could not help but feel a jolt in his heart. He immediately asked, "Are the two of you traveling here as well? Why don't you take a rest at my place? Even though the construction of my resort isn't completed yet, we still have sufficient space for you to rest and have fun."

Master Xie glanced at Fade, and he was aware that Fade was not interested in this offer. He said, "No thank you. We still have unfinished business. We shall leave now!"

After that, Master Xie and Fade turned around and walked toward the forest. Although the two of them deliberately controlled their speed, their progress still shocked the group of people in front of them.

"They left so quickly. They are really strong!"

"Many thanks to them for their help. Otherwise, we would be in grave danger just now."

"What are they doing here? This is a remote area.



Could they be collecting herbs around here?"

"Maybe! After all, there aren't any famous mountains or rivers around. Also, there are no legends about this area, or rumors of treasures around here. Maybe there are some wild herbs that are valuable."

One of the men there spoke casually, but his words caused Lager's heart to skip a beat. He narrowed his eyes slightly and stared at the direction in which Fade and Master Xie had left. He began to ponder over the situation.

A moment later, Lager's eyes lit up. He took out his cell phone and walked a little slower quietly behind the others. He made a phone call and said, "Secretary Liu, please go to the nearby village immediately and find out if there is anything valuable or anything special around this mountain ridge."

"Also, ask more people to join us here at the mountain ridge. Invite Mr. Wu to come, since he is a master of martial-arts. We may need his help this time."

After finishing the call, Lager cast his eyes at the ridge of the mountain once again, and he looked strangely excited.

At this time, Fade and Master Xie were out of the sight of Lager and the others. They sped up and climbed over the ridge of the mountain. Then, they saw a valley in front of them. At the entrance of the



valley was a grassland. There were many stones, branches, and other things at the entrance of the valley. There were also some droppings of birds and beasts. At a glance, it was a place which people rarely visited.

Master Xie pointed to the entrance of the valley and said, "Mr. Chen, this is where I picked up the wooden branches of the Sacred Fig Tree."

Fade looked around the area, and he did not find any trace of the Sacred Fig Tree. Therefore, he looked toward the valley. "Let's go there and take a look!" he said.

Master Xie nodded and followed Fade into the valley.

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Perhaps because of the surrounding mountain cliffs sheltering the area, there was no breeze. As soon as they walked into the valley, they immediately felt that the air around them was a little warmer.

The valley was not large. Soon, both of them arrived at the deepest area of the valley. The area was lush, and all kinds of trees and flowers were growing there. They were flourishing, even though it was winter.

Fade Chen immediately observed all the trees and plants, looking for the Sacred Fig Tree.

As they walked through the dense vegetation, Fade carefully searched around, and tried to identify the different trees. Master Xie also looked on the other side.

But after some time, they couldn't find any trace of the Sacred Fig Tree. The situation felt strange to them.

Master Xie said, "Mr. Chen, I have done some research. The Sacred Fig Trees are generally tall and large. They often grow more than 20 meters in height. If such a large Sacred Fig Tree exists in this valley, it should be obvious. However, we haven't found anything yet. It could be a coincidence that



the wooden branches from the Sacred Fig Tree appeared at the entrance of the valley."

Hearing this, Fade couldn't help but frown. He didn't want to admit that this could be true. However, after searching for a while, he had to agree with Master Xie's assessment. There was a high chance that he was correct.

"Let's search for it again!" Fade said, and he continued to look around.

At this time, the sun had completely risen. The rays of the sun crossed the mountain ridge and shone into the valley. Suddenly, the temperature in the valley became higher, as though there were flames surrounding them. Even Master Xie, who was a highly skilled martial-artist, had a layer of sweat on his forehead.

But at this moment, Fade raised his head suddenly. He glanced at the sun in the sky, and his eyes fell on a stone wall below him.

Then, Fade walked toward the stone wall. As soon as he approached the place, he felt that the air was warmer, and he felt heat waves rushing toward him.

Fade couldn't help but feel delighted. He stamped with energy on the stone wall. Suddenly, the stone wall was split open by the huge force he exerted, and a large cavern appeared below him.

In this hollow cavern, a Sacred Fig Tree of more than

ten meters high was growing luxuriantly.

The tree was flourishing with leaves and branches. Although it was not exposed to sunlight, the leaves were verdant green, which caused them to look fresh.

Fade became even more excited, because there were more than a dozen small fruits hanging on the tree. The size of the fruits were similar to the size of fingernails.

The fruits glowed brightly, and he could feel the heat emanating from them.

"The Sacred Figs, these are the Sacred Figs!" Fade said, and he jumped into the cavern with joy.

Then, Master Xie jumped in as well. He was surprised to see the huge glowing tree. It was as though he had seen a legendary holy tree.

Fade was not in a hurry to pick the Sacred Figs. Instead, he circled around the Sacred Fig Tree and observed it carefully. He had a rough understanding of the tree. It was at least five hundred years old.

It could survive in this cavern, which was sealed by the stone wall. Fade could not help but sigh in admiration.

While Fade was marveling at the Sacred Fig Tree, his eyes traced the roots of the tree, and he was shocked again because he found that there was a crimson thread in the roots of the Sacred Fig Tree.



This thread grew along the roots upward and crept all the way to the center of the Sacred Fig Tree's huge trunk.

"This crimson thread should be the reason of the growth of this Sacred Fig Tree," Fade thought. At the same time, he followed the roots of the tree to search for the source of the thread.

Along the way, the roots ran deep into the soil below. Fade focused his inner energy on his hands and turned them into two small shovels, digging up the soil quickly. He dug all the way down along the roots of the Sacred Fig Tree.

With a clinking sound, Fade felt that he had reached a solid object. He began to dig carefully along the edge of that object.

Soon, a red stone in the size of a fist was dug out by Fade. The stone was smooth and bright, as though it was transparent.

It seemed like there was crimson liquid flowing inside the stone. Moreover, heat was emanating from the red stone.

"This, this is the Strengthening Ruby," Fade said. Looking at the stone in his hand, Fade couldn't help but be dumbfounded. An extremely surprised expression appeared on his face.

The Strengthening Ruby was a type of stone which was fiery in nature. Under the surface of the stone

was a layer of scorching liquid, which was the essence of the Strengthening Ruby.

At this moment, Fade finally understood why this Sacred Fig Tree could grow so luxuriantly without sunlight. It was due to this Strengthening Ruby.

The thin, crimson line on the roots of the Sacred Fig Tree was the sign that it was absorbing the energy of the Strengthening Ruby.

The Sacred Figs from the Sacred Fig Tree which had absorbed the energy of the Strengthening Ruby would be more powerful in effect. Even for Fade, they would be considered valuable treasures.

In addition to this fact, the discovery of the Strengthening Ruby also gave Fade a huge surprise.

Prior to all this, Fade had brought back the young shoots of the Nine Leaf Ice Flower from the back of the Cloud Clan mountain.

The Nine Leaf Ice Flower was one of the nine cold objects that Fade needed. But because the growth of the Nine Leaf Ice Flower depended on a special environment, it needed to be cultivated in a burning environment. Then its growth would be stimulated.

Therefore, after Fade dug up the Nine Leaf Ice Flower, he always utilized warm jade with his "Burning Power of Nine Suns" to maintain the growth of the Flower.

Although the effects were acceptable, the growth of



the Flower was obviously not as effective, if one compares with the growth utilizing fiery objects of nature.

Therefore, the Strengthening Ruby could be buried in the ground to provide a fiery environment for the growth of the Nine Leaf Ice Flower.

At the thought of this, Fade felt joy in his heart. He didn't expect to find the Strengthening Ruby coincidentally while he was searching for the Sacred Figs. It was like killing two birds with one stone.

He kept the Strengthening Ruby and refilled the hole he had dug with soil. Then, Fade's eyes fell on the Sacred Fig Tree.

The Sacred Fig Tree was more than ten meters high and had luxuriant branches, but there were only a dozen Sacred Figs. Each Fig was considered the essence of the Tree. Therefore, it was very difficult for the tree to bear each of them.

Carefully picking up a total of sixteen Sacred Figs, Fade did not leave in a hurry. Instead, he smashed the stone wall above the Sacred Fig Tree, allowing the sunlight to enter and facilitate the growth of the Tree.

After all, the Strengthening Ruby had been dug out. If there was no sunlight, the Sacred Fig Tree would probably wither and die.

After smashing the stone wall, Fade obtained a few



tiny jade stones and buried them around the roots of the Sacred Fig Tree. He injected several rays of energy into them, and this created a simple way for the tree to absorb the energy it required for growth.

After that, Fade and Master Xie jumped out from the cavern.



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Walking out of the valley, Fade Chen flicked his finger and a red beam was injected into Master Xie's body.

Initially, Master Xie was shocked. Then, he was overjoyed. He almost knelt on the ground and shed tears of gratitude. "Thank you for removing the poison in my body, Mr. Chen. Thank you very much!" He said.

Fade looked at Master Xie and said in a deep voice, "You have done what you needed to do. The poison in your body has been removed. Now, you can choose to follow me or you may leave."

Master Xie became silent and started to ponder over the situation.

After regaining his freedom, there was no doubt that Master Xie's first thought was to leave. The further he got away from Fade, the better. After all, no one wanted to be controlled by others.

But on second thought, Master Xie was reluctant to leave, because Fade was more skillful than he had imagined. Moreover, in terms of combat strength, identification of herbs, refinement of pills, gathering information of treasures or other aspects, Fade was a top expert.

Fade was such a versatile young genius. Master Xie didn't think that Fade trained with an ordinary clan or any other martial-arts forces. There must be a more powerful being or supernatural force behind Fade.

Moreover, even without considering the forces behind Fade, Master Xie had many conversations with him during this period of time. He obtained much knowledge regarding martial-arts training and alchemy from Fade. Master Xie's skills also improved greatly because of that. This was all due to the guidance from Fade, who was a great master and teacher.

Currently, Master Xie was close to reaching the peak of the Yellow Level. He estimated that with his current progress, he would be able to break through to the peak of the Yellow Level in three months at most.

According to his prior experiences, he was still at least a year away from the peak of the yellow level. This drastic improvement that he made was due to the distinct effect of being guided by a great teacher.

These thoughts flashed through his mind. Master Xie's eyes lit up immediately. He looked at Fade, cupped his hands and said, "I will follow Mr. Chen."

"Are you sure?" Fade asked.

Master Xie nodded with a resolute expression. He





said, "I'm willing to work for you, and be of service to you, Mr.Chen."

"You don't need to serve me all day long. I just need your help sometimes," Fade said, "Since you have chosen to follow me, you should follow the rules that I set for you too."

"I'm at your service, Mr. Chen," said Master Xie respectfully.

Fade said in a cold tone, "The rules I have for you are very simple. There is actually only one rule, and that is... you must follow my orders. Can you do that?"

Master Xie was slightly stunned. He nodded and said, "Yes, I can do that. In the future, as long as Mr. Chen gives me his command, I will not hesitate to follow it."

"Alright!" Fade said. He smiled and nodded. He flipped his palm and a brown Sacred Fig appeared on his hand. "Since you're my follower, I can't just ask for your service without giving you any benefits. Take this Sacred Fig and refine it for your training!"

"You are giving me this Sacred Fig?" Master Xie asked, and he looked at Fade in disbelief.

Fade rolled his eyes at him and said, "You don't want it? Then I'll take it back!"

"No, no, I want it, I want it!" Master Xie answered. He stretched out his hand quickly and took the Sacred Fig with an excited smile on his face. "Thank you

very much, Mr. Chen!"he said.

Just now, Master Xie was considering the benefits of following Fade, but he didn't expect that his reward would come so early. Fade had given him a precious Sacred Fig casually.

At this time, Master Xie rejoiced because he had made up his mind to follow Fade. This was definitely the right choice.

Thinking of this, Master Xie was very excited and expressed his thanks to Fade for a period of time.

Fade gestured his hand and said, "You don't need to be so polite. We have finished our business here. Let's go back!"

Master Xie nodded, and he walked ahead to lead the way. Compared to the anxiety he felt when he was on the way here, Master Xie felt much more relaxed on the way back.

Soon, the two of them crossed the mountain ridge and arrived at the location where they had met Lager Zu and the group of people.

Looking at the construction site of the tourist resort that was not far away, both of them prepared to leave immediately.

But just then, the sound of laughter could be heard. "Both of you are back,"someone said.

Their eyelids twitched as they exchanged glances. They looked over to the source of the voice.



It was none other than the pot-bellied man, Lager, that they had rescued earlier.

At this moment, Lager was looking at them with a smile. He rubbed his hands and his expression was enthusiastic. "Both of you are back. It's getting late. Why don't you come to my resort and have a rest?"

"No thank you. We're leaving now!" Master Xie said coldly.

However, Lager gestured his hand and more than 20 capable young men rushed out to his side. Amongst them, many of them were wearing the uniform from the construction site. It seemed that they had just been called over from the construction site of the resort.

The group of young men came forward and they blocked the way in front of Fade and Master Xie.

Master Xie's expression darkened and he said coldly, "Lager, why are you trying to block our way?"

Lager replied with a smile, "Don't take it personally. You rescued us but we didn't get to repay you for that. I felt rather guilty so I waited here to welcome you. Please come to my resort for a visit."

"Welcome us and repay us for our help?" Master Xie snorted coldly. "This doesn't look like you want to thank us," he continued.

Lager smiled and said, "Mr. Xie might have misunderstood me. I have good intentions. I'd like to

invite the two of you to come and take a rest at my resort"

"No, we're not tired. We don't need to rest!" Master Xie said, and he was about to leave with Fade.

Seeing this, Lager's expression turned cold. With a hand gesture, he shouted, "Stop them!"

All of a sudden, the group of men rushed up and blocked them.

Master Xie's voice was as cold as ice. "What's wrong? You want to fight with us!" he said.

At this moment, Lager knew that he wouldn't be able to conceal his motives. He didn't put on an act like how he did earlier. He said coldly, "Since the two of you are unwilling to cooperate with me, I have no choice but to use force against both of you."

"What do you want?" Master Xie asked. His voice was rather angry.

Lager said, "I know why both of you came to this deep forest. It is not because you wanted to tour the place, but because you were searching for something else! I happened to learn from the nearby villagers that there is a mystical tree in this mountain. The tree bears solid fruits, in the size of fingernails."

"These fruits are beneficial to the human body whether they are consumed or worn as a pendant. Twenty years ago, a villager went to the city with a





pendant made from this fruit and a top businessman purchased it instantly for five million yuan."

"That's five million yuan twenty years ago. Now it's definitely worth more than ten million. Furthermore, during these years, the number of rich people has increased. Many people are interested in antiques now. The corresponding price must have increased as well. I won't be surprised if the price of the fruit is worth more than a billion," Lager said. His eyes were filled with greed as he explained all thi in excitement.

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After his explanation, Lager Zu's eyes lit up with excitement. He looked at Fade Chen and Master Xie with a smile on his face and said, "You guys must have found something good to be in such a hurry to leave!"

Master Xie said in a deep voice, "We don't understand what you are talking about. We didn't find anything."

Lager shook his finger and said, "Mr. Xie, your words can't convince me!"

"Then what do you want?" Master Xie asked in impatience. Normally, if he met an ordinary person who dared to challenge him, he would have killed the person in a move. But now, he had decided to be loyal to Fade, so he could not act as unscrupulous as before.

Lager's gaze landed on the two traveling bags. He said, "Since both of you are carrying such large bags, you must be very tired. I'll send someone to carry them for you!"

As he said that, Lager made a gesture with his hand, and his subordinates immediately walked toward both of them. It seemed like they were about to grab their bags and search what was in it.



Master Xie's gaze was cold. He glanced at Fade with a questioning look, wondering if he should take action or not.

At this moment, Fade spoke. He took out a Sacred Fig and placed it in his hand. He looked at Lager and said, "There's no need to search anymore. This is what you're looking for, isn't it?"

Lager looked at the small and smooth fruit on Fade's palm and his eyes immediately lit up. He almost pounced on it. "That, that's it. The old villager had a photo of it. That's it," Lager exclaimed.

"Haha, I didn't expect you to be so lucky to find this treasure!" Lager said.

Fade said faintly, "Yes, we have found this treasure. What do you want, Chief Zu?"

Lager was stunned. He didn't expect this young man to be so stupid. "Wasn't I clear that I wanted to snatch that treasure from him? Yet he is still asking me what I want to do!

Then, he thought of an idea and a smile appeared on his face. He said, "I see, Mr. Chen is smart. Since I am the boss here, I will definitely not treat you badly. How about this, I will buy the fruit in your hand."

"You want to buy it?" Master Xie said, and his expression darkened as his voice turned cold.

Fade still pretended as though he did not understand what was going on. "Buy, you would like

to buy this? How much are you willing to pay for it?" He asked.

Lager immediately took out a stack of money from his bag and showed it to Fade. He said, "This much money. I'm sure you have not seen so much money before. Give me the fruit, and the money will be yours."

Looking at the bank notes in Lager's hand, Master Xie became angry. He shouted, "You were just saying that one fruit is worth five million yuan twenty years ago. Now it's possible for it to fetch more than ten million yuan. But now you intend to buy it from us with ten thousand yuan. Are you kidding?"

Hearing this, Lager's face fell. He kept the bank notes in his hand and said coldly, "To be honest, I offered you the money because I wanted to compensate you for your long journey. Otherwise, I wouldn't have given you any money. The treasure in your hands belongs to me anyway."

"You want to snatch it from us!" Master Xie said, and his face fell.

Lager smiled and said, "Snatch it from you? Why are you using such harsh words? I'm not that kind of person."

"This treasure belongs to me in the first place," Lager spoke, and his expression changed.

"Bullsh\*t, when did this thing become yours!" Master



Xie could not help but yell angrily.

Lager shook his head and said, "You don't know this, but I've planned to sign the contract to acquire the land behind the mountain ridge. Therefore, the treasure you found in this place is naturally mine."

"Give it to me now and I can give you ten thousand yuan for your hard work. Otherwise, you won't get a penny," Lager said arrogantly.

"If you planned to sign the contract, that means the contract hasn't been signed yet. If you haven't sign the contract, how can this thing be yours?" Fade asked.

Lager's expression immediately darkened. He was a little annoyed and shouted, "If I say it's mine, then it's mine. I don't have time to quibble with you. Hurry up and leave this thing here with me. Otherwise, don't blame me for being rude."

While speaking, Lager gestured his hand. More than 20 men approached the two of them again. They seemed like they were going to start a fight.

Seeing that Lager was so arrogant and unreasonable, Fade didn't want to say anything more to him. He nodded to Master Xie and said, "You can solve this matter now!"

As he spoke, Fade put away the Sacred Fig. He took a step back, and stood aside.

When Lager saw this, he immediately shouted,

"Surround him! Don't let him run away!"

In an instant, five or six people were sent out to chase after Fade.

However, as soon as they came forward, Master Xie let out an angry roar. A violent wave of air surged out, which shocked these men. They trembled in fear and froze on the spot.

Then, Master Xie raised his arm and a ray of golden light appeared in his palm. The ray of light shot out energy with the sound of slapping.

In an instant, there was the sound of wailing. Due to Master Xie's attack, these men were hit and they fell to the ground, howling before they could even react to the attack.

Of course, Master Xie did not use full force. Otherwise, these people would not have survived.

Lager, who had a gleeful expression just now, was shocked when he saw that his men were defeated in less than three minutes. He was shocked and he looked at Master Xie in horror. "You, you are a martial-artist," he said.

"Who did you think I was?" Master Xie asked coldly.

Seeing Master Xie approaching him, Lager panicked and he retreated. The sweat on his forehead trickled down.

Just as Lager was about to be pushed to the edge of a cliff, a strong wind blew over them. A man clad



in black drifted over. The man wore long robes and he had his hands behind his back. He looked confident and proud. "Chief Zu, I'm here!" he said.

Lager, who had almost been forced to the brink of death, turned his head when he heard this voice. He immediately became overjoyed and shouted quickly, "Mr. Wu, save me now. That fellow has injured my people, and now he wants to attack me. Quickly now!"

Mr. Wu gave a cold snort and turned to look in the direction that Lager had pointed. Master Xie was standing there.

At first glance, Mr. Wu felt that the person in front of him was familiar. However, he couldn't remember who this person was, and he couldn't help but frown slightly.

At this time, Lager said, "Mr. Wu, they found the treasure. It's the little fruit. When we succeed in taking the fruit from them, we'll split the profits equally."

Hearing this, Mr. Wu couldn't help but feel joy in his heart, and he got rid of the doubt in his mind. He looked at Master Xie with an earnest and proud expression on his face. He said, "Looks like you are also a martial-artist, and you know a few tricks!"

"But, in front of me, your tricks are just some fancy movements," Mr. Wu said confidently. He continued, "I am a martial-arts master at the middle stage of



the Yellow Level. Now, I will give you a chance to hand over the treasure on your own. Don't provoke me to take action. Otherwise..."



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Without waiting for Mr. Wu to finish talking, Master Xie snorted and interrupted him. He said coldly, "Stop talking. Yannic, why don't you open your useless eyes and see who I am?"

"How dare you speak so rudely to Mr. Wu. You are looking for death!" Lager Zu immediately cried out when he heard this.

Yannic Wu was at the middle stage of the Yellow Level. He could be said to be the top expert in the county. He was almost invincible there. Many bosses like Lager would try their best to make friends with this kind of expert.

But now, this man dared to curse Mr. Wu in front of him. In his mind, Lager had given Master Xie a death sentence. Mr. Wu was not a good-tempered man. The last person who dared to do this to him had his leg broken and committed suicide.

Lager smiled proudly, waiting for Mr. Wu to teach them a lesson.

Mr. Wu's first reaction was fury upon hearing Master Xie's words. He glared at Master Xie and was ready to attack.

But when he heard the latter half of the sentence, he couldn't help but tremble. He searched his

memories and actually found Master Xie to be familiar.

Mr. Wu narrowed his eyes and looked at Master Xie.

After ten seconds, Yannic gradually remembered who this man was. His heart trembled violently, and a horrified expression appeared on his face. Then, he knelt down on the ground and groveled. He said to Master Xie, "Master Xie, I was blind and didn't recognize you in the first place. I was wrong. Master Xie, please spare my life!"

Lager, who had been gleeful, was stunned when he saw this scene. Before he came to his senses, he said, "Mr. Wu, what are you doing? You should teach him a lesson. He was..."

"Teach your motherf\*cking lesson..." Mr. Wu said, and he turned around and slapped Lager's face. With a ferocious expression, he roared angrily, "Why aren't you kneeling down and admitting your mistake now? This is Master Xie..."

"Who is Master Xie?" Lager asked. He was not familiar with this man.

Mr. Wu said furiously, "This is Lucas Xie. He is one of the best masters in the city, a master at the late stage of the Yellow Level. Even if the mayor meets Master Xie, he must nod and greet him. Who do you think you are?"

"What, This is Master Xie!" Lager said. He was



stunned at the moment. He felt that the nerves in his brain were suddenly disconnected, and his whole body fell to the ground.

He had heard of the name Lucas Xie, and he also knew how great Master Xie was. However, he was not able to connect the name to the person in front of him. Moreover, in the past few months, Master Xie had suddenly disappeared without a trace. Lager had become more indifferent and insensitive toward Master Xie's identity. Therefore, when he first heard this name, he did not think about who that could be.

Now, knowing the identity of the middle-aged man in front of him, Lager could not help but feel chills all over his body. Fear rose in his heart, and his body began to tremble. Then he begged for mercy, "Master Xie, I was wrong, I was wrong!"

"Bang bang!" Yannic and Lager both groveled so hard that their heads started to bleed. Blood dripped down their foreheads, causing their faces to turn red.

Master Xie looked at the two of them coldly and shouted angrily, "Don't apologize just to me, but to Mr. Chen too. Apologize to Mr. Chen immediately!"

The two of them looked up at Fade and couldn't help but be stunned. Especially Lager, who had a puzzled look in his eyes. After all, Fade looked too ordinary, and he didn't look as though he was on the same level as Master Xie.

But at this moment, according to Master Xie's words, Fade seemed to be someone powerful. His status seemed to be higher than Master Xie.

However, no matter who he was, the most important thing at this moment was to apologize to him.

Hence, the two of them groveled before Fade and apologized profusely.

Master Xie looked at Fade and asked in a low voice, "Mr. Chen, how do you want me to deal with these two guys?"

Fade pondered for a moment, and then said blandly, "Break one hand of each person."

After a brief pause, Fade looked at the resort and then at Lager. He said, "Chief Zu, didn't you want to sign the contract to acquire the land behind the mountain ridge? Now, allow Master Xie to sign this contract so he can protect the Sacred Fig Tree. Don't simply let anyone enter this area."

Upon hearing this, Master Xie's eyes lit up, and a look of joy appeared on his face.

If they built a fence around the valley, it would be equivalent to turning the Sacred Fig Tree into private property. Fade had taken the Strengthening Ruby, so the fruit that the Sacred Fig Tree produced would not be as effective as before. However, it was an ancient tree that had been around for hundreds of years. Even if the fruit was not as effective as



before, it was still good fruit.

Master Xie's expression darkened and he said to Lager, "Lager, did you hear what Mr. Chen said?"

"Yes, I heard his words!" Lager answered. He could not cry even though he felt sad. He wanted to snatch the treasures from the other party and make a lot of money, but instead he lost more than he could earn.

After all, it took a lot of money to acquire that place. What's more, Mr. Chen's request was to surround the area with a fence and protect what was inside, which meant that the land could not be developed at all. The money he had invested would definitely not be earned back.

However, to save his own life, Chief Zu was willing to let go of that sum of money that he had paid to sign the land acquisition contract.

Just as Chief Zu's heart was aching, Master Xie moved quickly and two rays of light shot toward Mr. Wu and Lager.

In an instant, their arms were broken with two crackling sounds.

Chief Zu's heart ache turned into real pain.

"Go back and treat your injuries. Then, immediately follow Mr. Chen's orders and make the relevant arrangements. Do you understand?" Master Xie instructed.

Both of them nodded quickly, and then they

scrambled away quickly.

At this time, Fade's cell phone started to vibrate. He looked at the number and found that Lily Wei was calling him.

Fade immediately picked up the phone. "Hello, Sister Lily!" he said.

"Fade, do you know why Quin went to Long City?" Lily asked.

Lily's words confused Fade. "Quin went to Long City? I didn't know that. What is she doing there? Is she there on a business trip?" he said.

Lily said, "You don't know either? Just on the second day after you left, Quin suddenly changed her schedule. She postponed many business matters and went straight to Long City."

"Initially, she said that she was going to Long City and would be coming back that night. But now, it's already the afternoon of the next day, and she hasn't returned yet. The business matters that were prearranged have all been delayed at the moment, and many partners are somewhat dissatisfied," Lily said.

"I feel anxious also, because when I called her, she didn't pick up the first few calls. In the end, I managed to reach her, but after saying a few words in a hurry, Quin immediately hung up," Lily said. "I'm worried that Quin has gotten into some trouble at





Long City,"she continued.

Hearing Lily's words, Fade could not help but worry. After all, Quin was very well-organized. It was rare to hear that she was not answering any calls or canceling business matters.

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Fade Chen spoke on the phone, "Sister Lily, don't worry. I'll leave the company's business matters to you. I'll contact Quin immediately and ask her what's going on. If I can't get her, I'll personally make a trip to Long City."

"Okay, thank you. I'll leave this matter to you," Lily Wei said. Then, she hung up the phone.

Fade proceeded to dial his wife's number. After a series of beeping sounds, no one answered.

Then, Fade called her three more times. Finally, Quin Lin picked up the phone and said, "Hello!"

"Honey, are you in Long City?" Fade asked her directly. He continued, "Lily is very worried about you because you haven't gotten back yet. I'm also worried about you. What are you doing in Long City?"

After a moment of silence, Quin said quietly, "No worries. I'm doing fine in Long City. I met someone that I used to know, so I stayed one more day. I'm fine, and you don't have to worry about me. I'm hanging up now!"

Although Quin said she was fine, Fade felt that something was off with her tone. So he said, "Dear, I'm coming to Long City immediately. Wait for me there. If there is any issues, I will deal with it."



After hanging up, Fade's face became a little more serious.

"Mr. Chen, what's wrong?" Master Xie asked. "Let's go back to Bay City now," he continued.

Fade shook his head and said, "I'm going to Long City. You can stay here and supervise these people. You have to pay special attention to the Sacred Fig Tree. Don't allow it to be harmed."

"Well, alright!" Master Xie said and nodded. He continued, "After dealing with this matter, I'll go to Long City to look for you, Mr. Chen."

"Sure!" Fade said and he nodded. Then, he walked directly toward the forest.

He wasn't far from Long City. After passing through the forest, he would arrive at the suburbs of Long City. Therefore, Fade did not intend to go down the mountain and use the car. Instead, he decided to walk directly through the forest.

After rushing into the forest, Fade sped up. His figure morphed into a mere shadow and he walked through the forest as though he was walking on flat ground.

Looking at Fade, who had disappeared in the blink of an eye, Master Xie couldn't help but be envious and amazed. He whispered, "I can't imagine how strong Mr. Chen is! I don't know when I can reach Mr. Chen's level."

Fade ran quickly all the way through the forest. He slowed down to rest every two hours.

In this way, Fade finally arrived at the suburbs of Long City, in a part of the town called Dragonville, just as the skies began to darken.

The suburbs were close to the mountains and the forest, so there were few people around. Standing on the mountain, he could see the entire town. Occasionally, he could see some lights in the village. In the distance, there was a magnificent glowing light, which was the center of Dragonville.

After determining the direction of his journey, Fade walked down the mountain and went forward.

Since he was close to the village, he would pass the occasional person along the way. Therefore, Fade slowed down. He walked at the speed of ordinary people.

After leaving the forest, he found himself in a meadow. On the other side of the meadow, there was a road. Fade wondered if he could hitch a ride with a passing car to enter Long City. After all, he was not familiar with Long City. Since he was here, he really didn't know where to find his wife.

However, looking at the dark night around him, Fade shook his head. It was almost impossible to get a ride with a car at this time.

However, just as Fade was shaking his head, he



heard the sound of a car. Then, he heard more cars coming toward him.

"I really can get a ride with a car tonight!" Fade thought to himself, and he was delighted. He quickened his pace and walked toward the sound of the cars.

After passing a small forest, Fade could observe the situation clearly. He immediately knew where the sound of those cars were coming from.

There was a wide sandy area in front of him. At this moment, there were more than ten tents on the ground. Outside the tents, around ten luxurious land rovers were there. Their engines were on, and so were their car lights. This lit up the center of the tents.

Then, he saw a group of young men and women, who were holding all kinds of food. They were also bringing barbecue racks, wood, and other items. They seemed to be preparing a barbecue dinner.

However, this group of people was obviously not experienced in camping. They were busy talking to each other, wasting a lot of food, but the barbecue stand was not built at all. Even the bonfire only produced smoke, which caused their noses to become runny and their tears to flow. However, they still couldn't light the fire.

Instead, the smoke floated into the nearby tents,

causing the people inside to come out. They started to quarrel with each other, and this almost lead to a fight.

Looking at this group of people, Fade understood what was going on. This must be a group of rich young people. Maybe they were too bored, so they decided to come and camp in the forest. Unfortunately, they had no relevant experience at camping. They brought a lot of professional equipment, but they didn't know how to use anything.

They started the cars because there was no light coming from the bonfire, so they could only use the lights of the cars.

Fade couldn't help shaking his head, and he was ready to leave.

Just as Fade was about to leave, someone saw him and shouted angrily, "Who is that? Come here!"

With this shout, more than a dozen rich young people immediately rushed over and stared at Fade with unfriendly expressions. Most of them were still holding knives, shovels and other tools. They looked at Fade in vigilance and excitement.

Fade turned around, spread out his hands, and explained, "I was just passing by."

The group of people looked at Fade's clothes. Looking at his tattered mountain climbing attire,



they believed him.

Seeing that they did not speak, Fade turned around and prepared to leave.

But then, a tall man in his mid-20s walked out of the crowd. He had red Hair and was styled like a punk.

The man kicked a small stone beside his feet at Fade. At the same time, he shouted rudely, "Wait, come here!"

Fade leaned to one side to avoid the stone. Then, he looked at the Red Hair Punk and asked coldly, "What can I do for you?"

The man smiled and said, "Judging by what you're wearing, you enjoy hiking and camping?"

Fade didn't answer. He just looked at the Red Hair Punk and felt a little uneasy.

The man crooked his finger and said with an arrogant expression, "If you agree that you like those activities, come here and set up the tent for us. Don't forget to light the bonfire, and you'll be responsible for the barbecue and dinner."

Hearing this, Fade frowned and said, "I'm sorry. I'm on my way to Long City. I'm not interested in playing house with you."

After that, Fade turned around and was about to leave.

The Red Hair Punk obviously didn't expect that



someone would dare to refuse his request. His expression darkened and he shouted coldly, "Boy, I asked you to come here and help us. Didn't you hear me?"