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When Fade Chen heard this, he couldn't help frowning and said, "Just now, Fletcher Bi's attitude was a little outrageous. I was actually on your side, but I didn't expect you to be a piece of trash who bullied women."

"You said that I'm a piece of trash!" The Blonde-Haired Foreigner said. His eyes were a little cold.

"Isn't that so?" Fade said blandly, looking as though this was an obvious fact.

When Jaycie Zhu heard this, she was so anxious that her tears were about to flow out. In her heart, she thought that Fade was being too reckless. Although this foreigner was indeed a good-for-nothing, there was no need to provoke him at this time. After all, he was too strong and no one could defeat him.

As expected, the foreigner was irritated. He let out a cold snort, released Jaycie's right leg, and turned toward Fade. He clenched his fists so hard that they creaked. He was about to beat Fade up.

Upon seeing this, Jaycie was so anxious that she wanted to rush over to help.

But at this time, Fade put his hands in his pockets and looked indifferent. He squinted at the Blonde-Haired Foreigner and said, "Do you think that making a sound with your fists will cause you to seem more powerful? You are too young to scare me with this action."

While speaking, Fade also clenched his fists. Suddenly, there was a crackling sound, which was much louder than the foreigner's. "See, I also know how to do that!"he said.

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This huge crackling sound really shocked Jaycie and the foreigner, because they had never seen anyone squeezing their fists so loudly, as if their bones were being broken.

The Blonde-Haired Foreigner's expression suddenly became serious, and he looked warily at Fade.

At this time, Fade loosened his hands. He threw aside a bamboo chopstick that had been broken into several pieces, and then said, "Oops, the quality of the chopsticks on this train is still considered good. It took me some time to break it."

Seeing this, Jaycie, who was still puzzled and shocked, suddenly felt speechless. She felt reproachful in her heart.

"Big brother, now is not the time to play tricks. It is completely meaningless for you to play these little tricks. On the contrary, you have provoked this foreigner even more!" She thought in her mind.

Jaycie was extremely worried. At this moment, Fade seemed not to have noticed her anxiety at all. He opened his hand that had been poked by the bamboo chopsticks and sighed, "Oh, no, there is a small thorn in my skin."

As he spoke, Fade lowered his head and began to pull out the small thorn.

Seeing this, Jaycie almost cried.

"Big Brother, you didn't see that the foreigner's pale face is almost dark with anger. How could you still have the mood to provoke him!" she thought to herself.

At this moment, the Blonde-Haired Foreigner raised his hand and move toward Fade. He was about to give him a slap. "You're a buffoon. You're courting death!"he said.

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Seeing this, Jaycie rushed over and tried to stop him. However, it was too late. She could only watch as the foreigner's palm fell on Fade's face. It seemed that Fade was going to be hit, but at the critical moment, Fade suddenly exclaimed out loud. He pinched on a small thorn with his right thumb and forefinger, and suddenly pulled it out. He cried out in surprise, "The thorn has been pulled out!"

- With such a surprising action of leaning sideways and lowering his head, he just happened to avoid the palm of the Blonde-Haired Foreigner. This caused the foreigner to miss his target.
- The foreigner was stunned. He didn't expect that his first attack would fail.
- Jaycie was also stunned. She did not expect this guy to have such good luck. He was lowering his head and playing with his hands, but he was still able to avoid the opponent's attack.
- But at this time, when the foreigner failed to hit him, he immediately started to attack and proceeded to slap Fade again.
- He was about to hit Fade again, but Fade lowered his head and let out another scream. He actually evaded the foreigner's attack again. "Haha, it has been pulled out. I was able to pull out another one!"
- The foreigner suddenly became furious, and his good-looking face was full of anger at the moment. With a loud shout, he swept his legs and attacked Fade directly.
- There was no room for Fade to dodge the blow. Just as Jaycie was worried about Fade, she saw Fade frowning and saying, "Why are you shouting so loudly? You frightened me so much that my hand trembled, and the remaining half of the thorn was broken inside."
- As he spoke, Fade slapped him across the face.
- This simple action seemed like an action that would happen in a quarrel between shrews, but unexpectedly, the foreigner's face was slapped and

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a clear sound could be heard.

The foreigner was also stunned by this attack. He didn't expect Fade to attack him. He was shocked for a moment. Then, he became furious and rushed toward Fade.

At this moment, Fade was like a lively fox, and he turned around flexibly. He avoided the foreigner's attack. He stretched out his foot and directly tripped the foreigner to the ground. Then, without waiting for the foreigner to get up, he punched him and kicked him directly.

Suddenly, the foreigner let out a series of miserable wails. His whole body was beaten up and he rolled on the ground. He screamed and groaned in pain. Finally, he cried out for mercy with snot and tears.

Upon seeing this, Jaycie was completely dumbfounded.

It should be noted that this foreigner had defeated Fletcher, who was at the late stage of the Yellow Level. However, he was beaten up by Fade until he had to kneel down and beg for mercy. Fade seemed like an ordinary person, and she felt incredulous.

Before Jaycie could figure out this situation, Fade was like an obedient child. He handed the foreigner with a bloody nose and swollen face to the police who was rushing over. Then, he returned to his seat and began to fiddle with his hand, muttering, "Ahhh, there is still half a thorn in it. How can I get it out?"

Looking at Fade, Jaycie really didn't know whether this guy was lucky or hiding his strength. For a moment, she looked at Fade in a daze and couldn't speak at all.

However, Fade fiddled for a while and finally got out the remaining half of the thorn. He turned his head and grinned at Jaycie, showing his white teeth. He said, "Beauty, if you look at me like this, I will be shy."

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Hearing this, Jaycie blushed and realized that she had been staring at Fade. She lowered her head quickly and turned around. Then, she said, "I'm sorry, I didn't mean to do that. Thank you for helping me just now."

Fade waved his hand and said, "It's nothing. We're all Chinese Citizens. We can't allow foreigners to bully us. It's my duty to help you."

"Anyway, thank you very much," Jaycie thanked him again. Then, she took out a business card and handed it to Fade, saying, "My name is Jaycie. This is my business card, if you—"

Before Jaycie could finish, Fletcher, who was clutching his stomach, came back with a limp. He looked at Fade unhappily and shouted, "You can defeat the Blonde-Haired Foreigner, so why didn't you take action in the beginning? Why didn't you fight until I was beaten up?"

Hearing this, Fade's face suddenly turned cold.

Jaycie's expression changed immediately. She quickly grabbed hold of Fletcher and explained quickly, "Mister, I'm sorry. Fletcher didn't mean that. He, he's just... he just said something wrong."

Fletcher said discontentedly, "I didn't say anything wrong. Did you want to watch me being beaten up on purpose? I don't think you are a good person at all. You deliberately approached us, and maybe you have evil intentions. Perhaps, you are in cahoots with those foreigners."

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"Fletcher, stop talking," Jaycie Zhu said. She glared at Fletcher Bi and hurriedly apologized to Fade Chen.

Fade took a look at Fletcher and said coldly, "It's not my duty to save you. I saved you due to my sense of honor. Don't be confused. Other people don't have any obligations to help you."

- Fletcher still wanted to speak, but Jaycie stopped him. He could only glare at Fade and return to his seat.
- Everyone was silent, and the train arrived at South Hanover City.
- After getting off the train, Jaycie and Fletcher departed guickly.
- Half an hour later, they arrived in front of an old street. The street looked ancient, but there were quite a number of people there, and the area was somewhat lively with traffic.
- There was an old courtyard on the side of the road, with a plaque hanging above it. There were five large words carved on it: "Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center".
- This was Jaycie's home, but the martial-arts center was much emptier than it used to be. The disciples of the martial- arts center who were standing guard at the door could not be seen. The shouting of the disciples in the courtyard could not be heard as well.

Looking at the dark red walls with spots and the front door of the martial-arts center, Jaycie's heart could not help but tremble. Thinking of all the

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- things that had happened to the center, her father, and the disciples during this period, Jaycie's face could not help but fall.
- When Fletcher saw this, he comforted her. "Jaycie, don't be so sad. This time, my master and I are here. We will definitely help them. When the time comes, we will definitely defeat those foreigners, make them kneel in front of the martial-arts center, and apologize for their actions."
- When Fletcher's master was mentioned, Jaycie's face showed some relief. She looked forward to his arrival and said, "I don't know where Master Bi is. Has he arrived yet?"
- Fletcher took out his phone and looked at it. Then, he smiled and said, "Jaycie, don't worry. My master's private car will arrive soon. They are only a few streets away from here."
- "Alright!" Jaycie said. She nodded and was about to enter the door. "I'll go in now and quickly ask my father to come out to welcome Master Bi,"she said.
- Fletcher smiled and nodded. He was prepared to go in with Jaycie. In his opinion, it was natural to let Casper Zhu welcome him together with Master Bi.
- But before the two of them entered the door, a somewhat familiar voice sounded in their ears. "Ah-ha, I have finally found it. This is the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center."
- Jaycie and Fletcher turned their heads and looked in the direction of the voice. They were immediately surprised and pleased because Fade had appeared in front of the martial-arts center at this time.
- "You, why are you here?" Jaycie asked in surprise.
- Fade laughed and said, "Didn't I ask you about the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center before? I am here to help out."

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"Help out? You really wanted to come and help out at the martial -arts center? Don't joke around." Fletcher sneered and said disdainfully. "If we were looking for help, we would look for someone like my master, Master Bi. Who do you think you are? What qualifications do you have to come and help out here?"

After mocking him, Fletcher immediately said to Jaycie, "Jaycie, you have to be careful about this kind of person. He looks carefree and he looks like he has no ulterior motives. But he is definitely not a good person. He talked to you on the train just now, and now he is following you on purpose. Perhaps, he is a perverted stalker."

"It can't be, Fletcher. Don't talk nonsense," Jaycie said. She shook her head and looked at Fade. She thought to herself, "Is he really here to help us? Did my father invite him over to assist us, or is he here because of another reason?"

Just as Jaycie was thinking about this, a car horn sounded.

They turned their heads and saw a black BMW stopping, and then a middle-aged man in a dark red traditional suit came down. He seemed energetic and had a commanding air.

When Fletcher saw the man, he immediately shouted with a smile, "Master, you're here."

Jaycie also quickly said respectfully, "Greetings to Master Bi."

At this time, the gate of the martial-arts center creaked open. A middle-aged man in his forties or fifties with short hair was standing there. His hair was short and stiff.

When the man saw Jaycie at the door, he couldn't help but smile and said, "You're back." Then, he looked around, as if he was searching for something.

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Seeing this, Fletcher walked over with a proud smile on his face. He raised his head slightly and said in a clear voice, "Chieftain Zhu, my name is Fletcher. I'm a friend of Jaycie's. You have to greet my master, Master Bi. He's over there. Go ahead and meet with him!"

With that said, Fletcher pointed in the direction of his master.

Casper looked in the direction of Master Bi. With a smile on his face, he was ready to greet him. But at this moment, he saw Fade who was beside him.

He couldn't help but stop in his tracks, and then an excited expression appeared on his face. He immediately changed his direction and walked quickly toward Fade.

Walking in front of Fade, Casper was like a primary school student meeting a teacher. He stood straight and asked nervously, "Sir, are you Mr. Chen?"

Fade nodded and said, "Yes, I am Fade. Jimmy Wei asked me to come here."

Hearing Fade's words, Casper knew that this legendary person had arrived. He immediately became excited. He bowed deeply to Fade,reached out his hands and greeted him respectfully. "Mr. Chen, thank you very much for coming here,"he said.

On the side, when Jaycie and Fletcher witnessed this scene, they were dumbfounded. They didn't know what had happened to Casper. Master Bi, who was at the Early-stage of the Black Level, wasn't welcomed by him, but he went to welcome such a young kid.

Fletcher frowned and said, "Chieftain Zhu, you must have made a mistake! My master, Master Bi, is here. You—"

Without waiting for him to finish, Casper interrupted him directly. "I didn't make a mistake. How can I make a mistake on such an important matter?"he said.

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Then, he welcomed Fade respectfully into the house. "Mr. Chen, please come in. Come in quickly. Brother Wei is also waiting for Mr. Chen's arrival!"he said.

Seeing this, Fletcher became even more confused and his face was full of doubts. Even Jaycie was confused at this time.

As for the grandiose Master Bi, who was smiling, he was waiting for Casper to welcome him. He did not expect that Casper wouldn't come forward to greet him. Instantly, his face fell, and he could not help but snort coldly, with an unhappy expression.

After welcoming Fade into the courtyard, Casper came out again to welcome Master Bi. "Master Bi, you are welcome here. I'm sorry. Please come in, please come in!"he said.

Although Casper's face was still full of smiles at this moment, Master Bi's expression could not help but darken when he saw what had happened just now. Obviously, he was unhappy with the previous incident. He snorted and said, "Chieftain Zhu, you are so busy welcoming your honored guest that I can understand what happened just now."

Although he said that he understood the matter, Master Bi didn't seem like he grasped the matter at all. His unhappy expression was displayed clearly.

Seeing this, Casper also felt a little uncomfortable in his heart. The person he was welcoming was Fade, Mr. Chen, the most powerful person in Long City, and he was likely to be an expert at the Earth Level.

Compared with Mr. Chen, this master Bi, who was at the early stage of the Black Level, was not worth mentioning at all.

Besides, Fade was sent by Jimmy to help Casper. This Master Bi was just invited by Casper with a lot of money. The difference between them was self-evident.

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However, thinking of the enemies that he was going to face after this, Casper Zhu still smiled and cupped his hands to Master Bi in obeisance. He apologized and welcomed Master Bi in.

Fletcher Bi followed beside his master. He looked at Fade Chen's back, as he walked into the martial-arts center, and he couldn't help but frown. He thought in his heart, "Who is this guy? Why is Chieftain Zhu welcoming him so enthusiastically? Is he a famous person?"

As he thought of this, Fletcher followed his master into the martial-arts center. They passed through the courtyard and came to the living room.

At this time, Fade, who had gone in first, had already sat down. He was chatting with a burly middle-aged man beside him. Apparently, they knew each other. Jaycie Zhu stood gracefully next to Fade, serving tea for the two people with a respectful attitude.

Seeing this, Fletcher couldn't help but feel sour, and he snorted coldly.

Casper invited Master Bi and Fletcher to have a seat. Then, he did not speak in a roundabout way and went straight to the point. "I'm really grateful that all of you have come here to help our Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center this time. I can't thank you enough, and I will definitely remember your kindness in my heart,"he said.

"First of all, let's get to know each other."

While speaking, Casper began to introduce each of them.

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"This is Tristan Bi,or Master Bi, a martial-arts master from Clearwater City. His strength is at the early stage of the Black Level, which is admirable," Casper introduced.

"This is Master Bi's disciple, Fletcher. His strength is at the late-stage of the Yellow Level. This young man has potential and will be feared in the years to come," Casper introduced Fletcher.

Hearing the introductions, Master Bi and Fletcher raised their heads slightly and displayed proud expressions on their faces.

However, Fade and Jimmy Wei didn't have any special expressions on their faces. Obviously, they didn't think highly of the strength of these so-called masters.

Seeing this, Master Bi and Fletcher could not help but narrow their eyes slightly, revealing a look of displeasure.

Then, Casper introduced Jimmy and Fade. "This is Jimmy from Bay City. He is my good friend, and he is at the peak of the Yellow Level."

"This is Fade, or Mr. Chen. He is here to help out, I am really grateful to you for coming to help."

Hearing Jimmy's name, Master Bi and Fletcher could not help but feel slightly surprised. Lunatic Chen, who used to be so popular, was from Bay City. Therefore, in the martial-arts world, everyone had some impression of this name.

However, after hearing that Jimmy's strength was only at the peak of the Yellow Level, Master Bi immediately showed a faint smile. He thought in his heart, "The troubles that Casper encountered this time will need to be resolved by us. Once that is done, we can make some demands."

As for Fade, he did not mention his strength and identity. Obviously, he was a nobody. The disdain on Fletcher's face was even stronger. He even looked at Fade provocatively a few times, and a smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.

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Fletcher's expressions were just useless. They were not effective at all. Fade did not even notice Fletcher's expressions at all.

Now that they knew each other, it was time to discuss the real matter.

Casper couldn't help sighing and said, "Let's start from a month ago-"

Then, Casper explained to them what had happened clearly.

Fade listened carefully. His story was similar to the general course of events that he had heard before, but there were more minute details this time.

Finally, Casper said with a serious look, "In addition, after some investigation in this period of time, I suspect that these foreigners are likely to be from some organization and have some detailed plans. After causing trouble to our Eternal Pride Martial- Arts Center, they also caused trouble to the other martial-arts centers. They also injured many people. Some martial -arts centers were even forced to close down. Even similar things were happening in the surrounding cities."

"They're from some organization and have detailed plans!" Hearing this, several people couldn't help but frown.

However, Master Bi immediately snorted and said proudly, "No matter what kind of plans they have, and how big their organization is, I'll definitely defeat them."

Fletcher immediately replied, "Don't worry, Chieftain Zhu. As long as my master takes action, there will be absolutely no problem. They are just some foreigners. How can they compete with our Chinese martial-arts, which has a long history?"

Casper smiled, but he still warned him,saying, "Master Bi, we can't underestimate them. The strength of these foreigners are really extraordinary.

To be honest, one of the bald old man and I had a first fight. I was not a match for him and I was also injured."

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As he spoke, Casper lifted his sleeves, revealing many bruises.

Seeing these bruises, Jaycie couldn't help but look worried and distressed. She stood beside her father and said, "Dad, I'm going to fight too."

Casper looked at his daughter and said, "Jaycie, don't be stubborn. Your strength is not enough. If you go out to fight, you can't help much. On the contrary, you will be in danger."

Jaycie was a little unconvinced, but when she thought of her strength, which was only at the Middle-stage of the Yellow Level, she could only shake her head helplessly.

Seeing this, Fletcher stood up directly. He patted his chest and made a promise, saying, "Jaycie, Uncle, you don't have to worry. My master is at the early stage of the Black Level. The Black Level and the Yellow Level are not the same at all. If they come again, my master will take action and they will undoubtedly lose."

Although Jaycie did not like Fletcher's grandiose attitude, the Early-stage of the Black Level was indeed impressive. Jaycie could not help but calm down. She smiled and then nodded gently.

When Fletcher saw this, his eyes lit up, and he was overjoyed.

However, Casper did not care much about Fletcher's words. Instead, he turned his eyes to Jimmy and said, "Brother Wei, Mr. Chen, what do you think?"

As he asked this question, Casper's gaze fell on Fade. Jimmy also looked at Fade.

Fade pondered for a moment and said, "According to Chieftain Zhu's explanation, it will not be difficult for us to defeat these foreign warriors. However, there's one thing that needs to be clarified. Why are the foreigners here at South Hanover City, and why do they want to challenge the

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martial-arts centers for no good reason? The background and reason behind this matter is worth exploring." Casper nodded with a look of approval.

Fletcher curled his lips disdainfully and said in a low voice, "Your words sound nice. However, If my master is not here, do you still dare to say that? What is so important about the background and reason behind this matter? You make this matter sound so lofty and mysterious, as if it was a case needed to be solved. We just need to defeat them directly, and that will be enough."

Master Bi seemed to be a little unhappy and said, "Chieftain Zhu, those foreigners are coming tomorrow, aren't they? If there is nothing else, I'll go to rest first. I'm a little tired after taking a long journey all the way here."

Casper nodded and said, "There is nothing else for us to discuss. I have arranged a table of light wine in the backyard to welcome everyone."

"Then, let's go!" Master Bi snorted and nodded slightly. He was satisfied with Casper's arrangements. Then, he got up, and Fletcher followed him.

At this time, Casper glanced at Fade with an inquiring look in his eyes. After Fade nodded in agreement, Casper took them to the backyard.

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Witnessing this scene, Fletcher Bi was not happy at all. He scolded in his heart, "What's going on with this kid? Why does Casper Zhu value him so much? Is it because of Jimmy Wei?"

- After thinking for a while, there was no answer. Fletcher could only snort coldly and stop thinking about it.
- After having dinner in the backyard, they chatted for a while and then went to rest.
- Of course, Fade Chen and Jimmy sat together and had a good chat.
- Jimmy talked about his experience of venturing out in the world during this period of time. Sometimes he was triumphant and displayed his great powers and skills, other times he was beaten black and blue. He specifically mentioned the battle between Fade and Francesca Sun at Green Peace Lake.
- Speaking of this matter, Jimmy's eyes lit up and he couldn't help praising Fade. In the end, he also revealed that Fade's victory had caused him to win hundreds of millions of yuan. He made a lot of money from that bet.
- Fade laughed and talked about events that had happened during that period of time. Of course, the main topic was about Madam Wei, Lily Wei, and Tom Wei. After all, Jimmy had not gone back for almost half a year, so he missed them a lot.
- He talked about Tom's intention to open a martial- arts academy, as well as Lily's blind date and birthday. Of course, there were some details, such as the intimacy between Lily and himself, that he had to hide.

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When Jimmy heard all of this, he couldn't help but laugh and said, "I don't think a blind date is an effective approach. But Lily has been working hard for so many years and has no time to date. As a father, I am not qualified to talk about this matter. I don't even know what kind of person she likes! Fade, what do you think of this matter?"

Fade was shocked and he almost blurted out that his daughter liked him. He could only laugh and said, "I don't know. But with Lily's qualities, you don't have to worry."

"You're right. After all, my baby daughter's qualities are amazing. She is a rare person, like one in a thousand, or maybe even one in a million," Jimmy said. He laughed heartily.

After chatting about his family, Fade asked about the martial -arts center. "Uncle Wei, what do you think we should pay attention to this time?"he said.

Jimmy said seriously, "I am not worried about those foreigners who are coming tomorrow since you are here. The main issue is what you mentioned before. Why would these foreigners come to South Hanover City to challenge the martial-arts center? It's really a bit strange."

"After all, South Hanover City is neither a large coastal city nor a famous town for martial-arts. It can only be regarded as an ordinary city. Moreover, these foreigners came here within a month. I estimate that there are at least more than 20 of them."

Hearing this, Fade nodded with a gloomy face and said, "It's indeed a little strange. Since we don't have any clues, we can just catch them and interrogate them tomorrow."

After chatting, Fade got up and was ready to leave.

At this moment, Jimmy suddenly thought of something and said, "Fade, there's one more thing that is a little strange."

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"What is that?" Fade asked.

Jimmy said, "The local army and police force were somewhat involved in these matters. When Casper learned that his disciple was beaten up, he was so angry that he pummeled a few foreigners. As a result, he was arrested by the police."

"Casper has deep roots here in this area for many years. I thought that he might just get a slap on the wrist, but I didn't expect the police to be strict with him and treat him rudely. During that period of time, some soldiers from the military were involved in this matter as well. In the end, Casper found someone in the police force to help him, by virtue of his accumulated connections over the years. Otherwise, he would have been locked up in prison."

After listening to these words, Fade was even more confused. "The local police and military personnel are helping the foreigners! What's the reason behind this?"

After thinking about this matter for a while, there were really no clues and there was no way for them to guess the truth. Fade placed these things at the back of his mind. He would deal with these questions when he met those foreigners tomorrow.

After a day of rest, it was noon the next day.

The atmosphere in the whole Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center seemed a little tense. The disciples looked nervously in the direction of the gate. They held wooden sticks tightly in their hands, and a layer of sweat oozed from the palm of their hands.

In the hall, Fletcher and Master Bi sat on the chairs on the left, looking imposing.

Fade and Jimmy sat across each other. Their expressions were calm and there was no change in their emotions. They continued to drink their tea calmly.

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As for Casper, he looked out of the room from time to time with an uneasy expression on his face.

Seeing this, Master Bi smiled and said, "Chieftain Zhu, don't worry. As long as I'm here, these foreigners are not worth mentioning."

Fletcher also said, "Chieftain Zhu, there's no need to worry. With my master's help, there's no doubt that we'll win."

At this moment, there was the sound of footsteps outside, and then the nervous voices of the disciples could be heard. "They are coming!"they said.

In the blink of an eye, everyone turned to look in the direction of the gate.

Two burly young foreigners strode over, with smiles on their faces and arrogant attitudes.

As soon as they came in, they saw that the people in the room were waiting for them. They smiled instantly.

A bald foreigner sneered and said in somewhat broken Chinese, "Oh, I called a helper to come with me but a few minutes is needed to deal with this matter. The martial-arts in this city is not worth mentioning."

"Ha-ha, the martial-arts in this city is overrated!" A blonde-haired foreigner next to him also laughed.

Suddenly, everyone in the room was furious and their gazes became cold.

The crowd stood up and was about to rush out to the foreigners.

At this time, Master Bi glanced at Fade and Jimmy, and then said to Casper, "Chieftain Zhu, I don't like too many people to be present when I'm fighting. Otherwise, it will affect my performance."

Fletcher also said, "That's true. Besides, the strength of my master is enough. We don't need others to assist us."

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Obviously, these words were aimed at Jimmy and Fade.

Casper was clear on Fade's identity. When he heard this, his expression changed and he seemed nervous. If he provoked an expert like Fade,he really could not imagine how serious the consequences would be.

Instantly, a thin layer of sweat oozed from Casper's forehead. He looked nervously at Fade and asked, "Mr. Chen, don't-"

Fade noticed Casper's nervousness. He waved his hand and said, "Don't be nervous. Master Bi told us to do so. Let him take action! Let's just wait and see."

Master Bi snorted. Fletcher immediately smiled and said, "You know your limits. There's no need for us to waste our breath."

After that, Fletcher looked at Jaycie Zhu with a proud expression and said, "Jaycie, just wait and see how we defeat those foreigners!"

As he spoke, Fletcher followed behind his master. He walked out of the hall and came to the courtyard in front of him.

At this time, several disciples at the door looked nervously at the two foreigners. They stood in front of them, trembling slightly.

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"You came to the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center to make trouble?" Fletcher Bi raised his head slightly and said with pride in his tone.

However, as soon as he finished speaking, the blonde-haired foreigner among the two foreigners let out a cry of surprise, then laughed and said, "It's you. Didn't I teach you a lesson on the train before this? Now you appear in front of me again."

Hearing these words, Fletcher couldn't help but look at them carefully. Only then did he realize that the blonde-haired young man among the two foreigners was the foreigner he had met on the train.

At that time, Fletcher wanted to teach him a lesson, but he was taught a lesson by the foreigner instead. If it weren't for Fade Chen's help at that time, Fletcher would have been humiliated by this foreigner.

- In an instant, Fletcher's expression darkened, and he stared fiercely at the blonde-haired foreigner in front of him.
- The blonde-haired foreigner smiled and mocked him, saying, "You are not happy about the lesson you had? Now, I'll teach you another lesson!"
- "Who is this old man, your helper? Come on together, I'll teach all of you a lesson," The blonde-haired foreigner pointed at Master Bi and said arrogantly.
- Fletcher's eyes suddenly became gloomy. With a shout, he threw a punch at the blonde-haired foreigner.
- However, the blonde-haired foreigner was obviously prepared. He struck out a palm and blocked Fletcher's attack. At the same time, a huge force

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surged from his arm and Fletcher was instantly pushed backward. He took a few steps back and almost fell to the ground.

Fletcher's expression suddenly became unpleasant.

At this moment, Master Bi said in a deep voice, "Young man, you've gone too far."

As he spoke, Master Bi waved his robe and a gust of energy swept toward the blonde-haired foreigner like a tornado.

Seeing his master's attack, Fletcher's face suddenly displayed a smile. He looked at the blonde-haired foreigner in front of him ferociously and said, "Hey foreigner, let's see how you can fight against my master's skills."

After saying that, Fletcher seemed to feel that it was not enough. He turned his head to look at Fade and said deliberately, "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for my master to make a move. You'd better be more open-minded and learn from others. Don't be arrogant and unaware of your level."

Fade shook his head slightly and ignored Fletcher's arrogant words.

At this time, opposite Master Bi, the blonde-haired foreigner saw that the attack was coming toward him. He hurriedly retreated and shouted at the same time, "Bald guy, it's your turn."

The bald foreigner next to him stepped forward. Facing Master Bi's tornado, he didn't move. His strong body was like an iron tower, and his palms launched out in the air in a slicing movement.

Rays of light burst out and crashed into Master Bi's tornado.

The howling tornado, after being hit by the surging energy of the bald foreigner, had a gaping hole. Then, after a few explosions, the tornado of energy was forcefully broken by the bald foreigner.

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Seeing this, Master Bi faltered, and the proud expression on his face turned into shock. He looked a little stern. Then, his face fell and he said coldly, "You have some abilities. No wonder you are so arrogant! However, take on my next move!"

While speaking, Master Bi kept slapping his palms, and waves of inner energy emerged in a whirlwind. The inner energy surged in the air and became concentrated in one spot. In the end, it transformed into a solid wall of air and moved toward the bald foreigner.

This wall of energy, which was thick and oppressive, caused everyone to experience a heavy and overwhelming atmosphere.

"Go!" Master Bi clapped his hands and the wall of energy sped up suddenly, like a huge brick. It moved toward the bald foreigner.

Seeing this, Fletcher smiled and said complacently, "Have a taste of my master's skills!"

The bald foreigner had a serious look on his face when he encountered this wall of energy. He moved back a few steps, and then with a loud shout, he stamped on the ground with his feet. With an explosive sound, he used his palms to slam against the wall of energy.

When Fletcher saw this, he sneered disdainfully and said, "You're looking for death. You are trying to resist my master's energy wall? You don't know what's good for you."

With a boom, the wall of energy collided with the foreigner's palm.

Just as Fletcher and Master Bi were waiting to see the foreigner being squashed by the wall and spitting blood, the next scene stunned them. They did not expect this to happen at all.

After the loud noise, the thick wall of energy trembled suddenly, and two clear palm prints appeared on the surface.

Then, with a crashing sound, the wall of energy was directly broken by the palm prints. Then, more palm prints appeared on the wall. Finally, the

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whole wall was shattered by the palm prints, and it exploded into countless waves of energy. In the end, these waves of energy dissipated without a trace.

- Then, with a smile on his face, the bald foreigner raised two arms which were so thick that his sleeves were broken. He rushed toward Master Bi like a tank.
- Master Bi did not expect this foreigner to be able to fight off his attack, so he was caught off guard. He could only hurriedly send out several beams of energy to hit the bald foreigner.
- However, the bald foreigner was extremely fierce. No matter what kind of energy he faced, he smashed through it directly with his thick arms. In just a few seconds, the bald foreigner had rushed to Master Bi.
- Master Bi immediately felt a pain in his chest. A hand which was as big as a fan had struck him. Then, he was sent flying, and he spat out blood from his mouth.
- "You, you are a master at the Middle-stage of the Black Level!" Master Bi said. He was sent flying out, and he finally realized the strength of this bald man. His eyes couldn't help showing a sense of shock.
- However, when Fletcher heard the words 'Middle stage of the Black Level', he was shocked and quickly stepped back to dodge the attack.
- But when he was about to take action, the blonde-haired foreigner came over with a smile on his face. He appeared behind Fletcher and said coldly, "Where do you think you are going?"
- Fletcher was shocked. He placed both his arms in front of his chest in an alert manner and was ready to block the incoming attack.
- However, before he could position his arms properly, the blonde-haired foreigner had thrown a punch at him. Fletcher tasted blood in his throat.

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He spat out a mouthful of blood and fell heavily on the ground.

Before Fletcher could fight back, a large foot stepped on Fletcher's chest, causing him to be unable to move.

At the same time, Master Bi was also knocked down by the bald foreigner. He was also trampled on the ground, looking extremely embarrassed.

"We lost. Let us go!" Master Bi shouted.

Hearing this, Fletcher also hurriedly shouted, "We surrender, we surrender. Let us go."

Hearing this, the blonde-haired foreigner raised the corners of his mouth, revealing a strange smile. Then, he immediately said, "Surrender, do you think we are here to compete with you?"

Fletcher and Master Bi couldn't help but be stunned, and then their voices trembled slightly. They asked, "What, what do you want to do?"

The bald foreigner cast a cold glance at Fletcher and Master Bi. He said in a low voice, "What we want is very simple. We just want a finger from each of you!"

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"What!" Fletcher Bi and Master Bi's expressions could not help but change when they heard this. An expression of anger and fear appeared on their faces. "Impossible, we—"

Without waiting for them to finish the sentence, the blonde-haired foreigner and the bald foreigner pressed hard on the soles of their feet. A powerful force immediately caused the chests of both master and disciple to feel suffocated, and they directly spat out a mouthful of blood. Their faces became even paler.

- "I will give you one last chance. A finger or your life!" The bald foreigner said in a deep voice.
- Fletcher and Master Bi's faces were pale, and their lips were trembling. They couldn't speak at this moment.
- After a few seconds, the two men did not respond. The blonde-haired foreigner snorted, took out a dagger directly, and leaned on it. "Since you didn't choose, then I have to do so myself,"he said.
- Seeing that the sharp dagger was about to cut his finger, Fletcher suddenly screamed in fear. Tears mixed with snot appeared on his face, causing him to look extremely anxious and embarrassed.
- Even though he was struggling desperately, he was still unable to get rid of the blonde-haired foreigner's large foot. He could only look at the blade approaching his fingers in horror.

Just as the blonde-haired foreigner was about to take action, a soft voice was heard. "That's enough. You've been playing around for so long."

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Upon hearing the voice, the blonde foreigner suddenly stopped, and then looked up at the person who had spoken. When he saw the face of this person clearly, his expression couldn't help but become cold, and he said fiercely, "It's you?"

Fade Chen smiled faintly and said, "Yes, it's me. The fight on the train didn't seem to be enough! You're looking for trouble again!"

The blonde-haired foreigner snorted and shouted, "You're looking for death."

As soon as he finished speaking, the blonde-haired foreigner rushed to stab Fade with the dagger in his hand. The dagger was aimed at Fade's heart, and he intended to kill him.

Seeing this, Fade's eyes flashed with a touch of coldness, and he snorted coldly. Then, he launched out his fist with the sound of whistling wind. It was extremely fast, and it hit the blonde-haired foreigner's chest even before anyone could realize what was happening.

The blonde-haired foreigner spurted out a mouthful of blood at once, and he was sent flying backward.

Upon seeing this, the bald foreigner next to him slipped slightly and hurried to catch the blonde-haired foreigner. Then, he asked in a cold voice, "What's the deal with him? Do you know him?"

The blonde-haired foreigner said with a gloomy face, "He is the person I mentioned to you who had defeated me on the train. He is a little weird and I can't estimate his powers."

"It's him!" The bald foreigner narrowed his eyes slightly and looked at Fade. His body emitted a trace of inner energy, and he reached out to probe Fade .

However, the probe showed that Fade was just an ordinary person. He was not a martial-arts practitioner at all.

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Such a result made the bald foreigner frown. However, he immediately snorted, with a disdainful look in his eyes, and said, "I don't care what method you use to hide your strength, but what I want to tell you is that you are dead."

As soon as he finished speaking, the bald foreigner took a heavy step forward. His body was like a tank, and he struck out a palm with a loud bang.

- This slap instantly stirred up a gust of wind, bringing along it a sense of wild and violent pressure.
- His strength caused the expressions of the people there to change instantly.
- The blonde-haired foreigner looked at Fade with a smile on his face, as if he had already seen the scene of this guy being beaten to death by his companion.
- At this moment, Fletcher and Master Bi couldn't tell what expressions they should have on their faces. They didn't like Fade, but they didn't want him to be defeated at this moment. After all, if he lost, the two of them would be dead.
- Although they didn't want Fade to lose, this bald foreigner was a master at the Middle-stage of the Black Level. He had even defeated Master Bi just now. They didn't have much hope for Fade.
- In the hall, Jaycie Zhu was very anxious. She looked at Casper Zhu and Jimmy Wei and said, "Dad, Uncle Wei, why are you still standing there? Step forward to assist Fade! The bald foreigner is a master at the Middle-stage of the Black Level. Fade—"
- When Casper heard her words, he was not anxious. Instead, he interrupted his daughter and said with a chuckle, "Jaycie, don't worry. Mr. Chen will be fine."

Jimmy also smiled and said, "Don't worry. With Fade's strength, that bald foreigner is not a big deal."

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Listening to their words, Jaycie was surprised and suspicious. She was surprised that both of their evaluations of Fade were so high, as if he was very powerful. However, she had doubts whether they were being truthful.

If it was not the truth, Fade would be beaten up by the bald foreigner. Even if he did not die, he would be seriously injured.

Thinking of this, Jaycie still felt a twinge of uneasiness in her heart. She shook her red lips and ran toward Fade, ready to do her best to help him.

However, just as Jaycie made her move, the bald foreigner's powerful palm had already reached Fade's chest. Jaycie was far away, but she already felt the tremendous power of this blow.

For a moment, Jaycie's face was pale and she rushed toward Fade. At the same time, she shouted, "Mr. Chen, dodge quickly!"

The bald foreigner snorted, "There's no way for you to escape!"

The wind whistled as his palm slammed hard on Fade's chest, bringing with it an oppressive and powerful force.

Seeing that it was too late to block this move, Jaycie couldn't help but feel a sense of despair. She closed her eyes and couldn't bear to watch the tragedy unfold.

Just at this moment, the palm of the bald foreigner landed on Fade's chest. There was a slight sound, and then the wind around the palm dissipated directly.

As for Fade, he was not sent flying out. Even his clothes were not damaged at all. It seemed that he had not been hit at all.

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At this moment, Jaycie, the two foreigners, Fletcher and his master were all shocked. They didn't understand how Fade could be completely fine after being hit by such a strong force.

However, the bald foreigner had great experience in combat. He immediately came to his senses, gritted his teeth and growled after a short pause. He then launched blows at Fade with his palms continuously.

All of a sudden, huge gusts of inner energy rushed forward and pressed down on Fade.

Seeing this, Fade's face was calm, and he defended himself against this attack.

Then, these fierce attacks were transformed into gentle gusts of wind. The gusts of air dissipated after touching Fade's body. They did not hurt Fade at all.

"How is this possible? My attacks have no effect on you!" The bald foreigner looked incredulous. Then, he seemed to have thought of something, looked at Fade in shock, and said in surprise, "You, are you—"

Without waiting for him to finish, Fade narrowed his eyes. He raised his right hand and said placidly, "You've attacked me for so long. Now, it's my turn!"

While speaking, Fade's index and middle fingers of his right hand turned into a sword and he waved it slightly in the air. Instantly, a stream of energy whizzed out with fiery red light. The sword seemed to be burning. It chopped toward the bald foreigner at a high speed.

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When the sharp sword approached him, the bald foreigner felt a sense of powerful scorching aura. He immediately turned pale with fright and tried to dodge Fade Chen's attack.

- However, this sharp sword came ferociously. The bald foreigner was struck directly by the sharp flaming sword before he could do anything.
- The sharp sword sliced him, directly cutting through the bald foreigner's waist. He fell directly to the ground, and his body was broken into two halves. The blood along with his internal organs flowed all over the ground.
- Such a scene immediately stunned the people on the scene, and they looked at Fade in disbelief.
- Fletcher Bi and Master Bi did not expect Fade to be so strong and they rubbed their eyes in disbelief. The blonde-haired foreigner widened his eyes and looked at his companion in horror.
- As for Jaycie Zhu, she had already covered her mouth and vomited by the side.
- Fade tapped his fingertip slightly, and a scarlet flame fell on the bald foreigner. The flame began to burn fiercely, and it quickly turned the bald foreigner into a pile of ashes, which was scattered away by the wind.
- The ground was clean, and even the bloodstains were completely burned, as if nothing had happened just now.
- At this time, Fade walked toward the blonde-haired foreigner again and said lightly, "Do you still want me to take action?"

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- The blonde-haired foreigner knelt on the ground and groveled, begging for mercy. "No, don't kill me. I'm wrong, I admit that I'm wrong. I will promise to do whatever you want me to do!"he said.
- Looking at the blonde-haired foreigner who was crying bitterly, Fade's heart was moved. He put down his right hand and said, "Come with me. I have something to ask you."
- The blonde-haired foreigner, who seemed like he had been granted amnesty, scrambled and followed Fade into the room.
- As for Fletcher and Master Bi, they couldn't tell what they were feeling when they saw Fade passing them. The expressions on their faces were constantly changing, and their emotions were extremely complicated.
- After taking the blonde-haired foreigner to the hall, Casper Zhu ushered Fade politely to the main seat.
- Fade looked at the blonde-haired foreigner on the ground and said, "You have to answer all my questions. If you hide anything, you know the consequences."
- The blonde-haired foreigner trembled and guickly nodded. "I won't lie. I won't,"he said.
- "Excellent!" Fade nodded. Then, he said, "Introduce yourself to me first, and then tell me why you came to South Hanover City to deliberately cause trouble with the martial-arts center."
- The blonde-haired foreigner quickly replied, "My name is Thompson. I'm 27 years old this year. I'm a member of an organization called the "Flamebird". We are here at South Hanover City to cause trouble for the martial-arts centers here. This was an order given by our superiors."
- "Flamebird!" Fade frowned slightly. He had never heard of this organization, so he continued to ask, "Why did your superiors instruct you to come to South Hanover City and look for trouble with the Martial- Arts Centers here? What's the reason behind this order?"

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Thompson hesitated for a moment, glanced at Fade, and then said cautiously, "Our superiors won't tell us the specific reasons. But—"
Seeing Fade's expression change slightly, Thompson hurriedly opened his mouth and said, "But these members who came here with us can vaguely guess the intentions of our superiors."

"What's their intentions?" Fade asked.

Thompson said, "This time, Flamebird dispatched a total of 21 martial-arts practitioners. All of their levels are between the peak of the Yellow level and the middle stage of the Black Level. They form the backbone of Flamebird."

"Before we came here, we were ordered to come to South Hanover City and the nearby counties to challenge local masters of martial- arts. Moreover, we should cut off one of their fingers as a souvenir after defeating them."

Hearing this, Fade couldn't help but frown slightly.

Thompson hurriedly explained, "Keanu and I just arrived here, and we haven't defeated any martial-artists yet, so we didn't cut anyone's fingers. Keanu is—"

As he spoke, Thompson looked at the place where the bald foreigner had been burned. He couldn't help but feel a chill in his heart, and a terrifying fear of death welled up in his heart.

Fade thought for a moment and said, "According to your explanation, Flamebird deliberately sent people to challenge warriors in China. What's the purpose of them doing this? And why did you choose South Hanover City, a city that is not well-known?"

Thompson paused for a moment and said, "According to our guesses, Flamebird wants to invade China's businesses. So, they sent us to battle first, to build up our reputation in advance, and then officially introduce Flamebird to the people. As for the reason why they chose South Hanover

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City, I'm not sure about that."

He was worried that his answer would not satisfy Fade, so he looked at Fade in great fear.

At this moment, Fade was also thinking about this matter. It was possible that they wanted to invade the Chinese businesses, but he was confused on why South Hanover City was their choice.

At this moment, a disciple was panting and came running in. He said, "Chieftain Zhu, Chieftain Zhu."

Upon seeing this, Casper Zhu stepped forward and said, "What? Why are you yelling so loudly?"

The disciple handed over an envelope and said, "Chieftain Zhu, this was just sent here by someone. It was shot directly with a bow and arrow and was nailed on the gate of the martial-arts center."

Upon hearing his words, Casper couldn't help frowning. Speaking of ways to send messages, society in general was no longer poor. Whether it was through the post or sending a text message on the phone, there were much more efficient ways than this traditional way of sending a message.

However, the other party had chosen to send a message in such a vintage manner. So, there was only one possibility. The other party wanted to demonstrate their strength and threaten them.

He quickly opened the envelope and scanned the contents of the letter. Casper's expression darkened, and he looked unpleasant.

"What's wrong?" Jimmy Wei asked.

Casper displayed the letter in front of everyone and said, "This is from the Zhan Family. In three days, the Zhan Family will hold a Martial-Arts Contest. He will invite members of the martial-arts circle to participate in it. Those who don't want to participate will have to bear the

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consequences."

Everyone's gaze fell on the letter. In particular, the words "bear the consequences" were all scarlet-red and particularly blinding.

"The Zhan Family!" Fade thought about this name. Then, he thought of Quintus Zhan, whom he had crippled in Long City. However, now they were in South Hanover City. "Could it be that Zhan Family?" Fade thought to himself.

"Mr. Chen, this Zhan Family is the most powerful family in South Hanover City. The former Old Master Zhan was a senior member who had retired from the army. Although the old master has passed away, the relationship between the Zhan Family and the military is still very close. Moreover, the Zhan Family has been working hard for so many years, and the strength and skills of the family members are excellent."

"Although the Zhan Family is powerful, they have been keeping a low profile all this time. We have never encountered this type of direct message before. Moreover, it was sent in such a threatening way," Casper hurriedly explained the situation of the Zhan Family.

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After listening to Casper Zhu's introduction, Fade Chen was sure that Quintus Zhan was a member of this Zhan Family in South Hanover City.Previously, Fade had taught Quintus a lesson.

The foreign warriors had entered South Hanover City and challenged local warriors everywhere. The Zhan Family was holding a martial-arts contest at this moment as well. They forced everyone to participate. Also, the military and police forces seemed to be involved and taking actions in this matter. Fade and the others started to deduce that Flamebird's expedition to China was related to the Zhan Family. After all, the Zhan family had a military background.

Jaycie Zhu stood beside her father and said with a worried expression, "Dad, what should we do now? The martial-arts center is a mess. If the Zhan family puts pressure on us, I'm afraid that our center will not be able to operate anymore."

Casper's expression froze, and it turned unpleasant. Finally, he nodded and said, "I have to go on this trip."

"But, dad, if they have evil intentions, you will be in danger," Jaycie said anxiously.

Casper shook his head and said, "The Zhan Family has given me this invitation. If I don't go, the Eternal Pride Martial- Arts Center will definitely shut down. But if I go now, maybe we will still have a chance to survive. Hence, I must accept this invitation."

Jaycie knew that her father's words made sense, but she still felt worried.

At this point, Fade said, "I'll go with Chieftain Zhu!"

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Casper was stunned, and then he looked at Fade in surprise. With a look of disbelief, he said, "Mr. Chen, this is a matter of the martial- arts center. I troubled you just now, and now—"

Fade waved his hand and said, "Chieftain Zhu, you are too courteous. I have decided to go, not just on behalf of the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center, but also because I have my own plans."

Casper still bowed to Fade and thanked him.

Upon hearing this, Jimmy Wei also stood up and said, "In that case, let's go together!"

"Brother Wei, this—" Casper looked at Jimmy.

Jimmy laughed and said, "Brother Zhu, there's no need to persuade me otherwise. I ventured out into the world because I wanted to broaden my knowledge and make contact with the other martial-arts practitioners. Since this is a martial-arts contest, there must be a lot of martial-arts practitioners coming. I can't miss such an opportunity."

Upon hearing this, Casper felt warm in his heart.

Although Jimmy had given many excuses, the most important reason for his decision was definitely to help Casper and the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center.

Hence, Casper bowed again to thank him.

The discussion about the Zhan Family's martial-arts contest was temporarily over. The next round of questioning was even more severe for Thompson. This guy was a coward, so he told them everything about Flamebird, including the arrangements of the relevant personnel, the secret communication codes and signals.

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However, Thompson did not know the real reason for Flamebird entering South Hanover City.

There was no more useful information from Thompson. Hence, Casper locked up Thompson in a place he found at the martial-arts center, and he drove Fletcher Bi and Master Bi away. Finally, he started preparing for the Martial-Arts Contest.

In the evening, after making arrangements for Fade and Jimmy in the guest rooms,

Casper then went back to his room. His daughter, Jaycie, came to him with a cup of tea and said rather anxiously, "Dad, you look tired. Let me massage your shoulders!"

Casper chuckled and sat down to enjoy his daughter's service. Suddenly, a smile appeared on his face. "My daughter still cares about me! It's so nice to feel that,"he said.

Jaycie smiled, and at the same time, she was a little confused. She asked Casper, "Dad, I know that you have been under a lot of pressure recently. We are also indebted to Uncle Wei's help. However, you seem to be very kind to Fade. You are more respectful to him than Uncle Wei, and even a little bit flattering toward him. Why is this so?"

When it came to Fade, Casper's expression suddenly became serious. He quickly gestured to his daughter to keep quiet and said nervously, "Jaycie, keep your voice down. If Mr. Chen hears us talking about him behind his back, he may become angry."

Jaycie looked at her father's nervous expression and was even more puzzled. She said, "Dad, do you need to be so nervous? I know that Fade is extremely powerful, and that he had defeated the bald foreigner who was at the middle stage of the black level. However, you don't have to be so humble. After all, our Zhu family is still considered a powerful martial- arts family."

Casper shook his head and said, "I am not humble, but I respect Mr. Chen a lot."

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- "Respect?" Jaycie was puzzled. "He's still so young. Even if he's powerful, it's still a little too much to use the word 'respect', isn't it?"

 "No,it isn't too much at all," Casper replied. He quickly waved his hand, and then sighed. "Jaycie, the reason why you are saying this is because you don't know Mr. Chen, and you don't know his real identity. If you knew it, you will definitely understand my way of doing things."
- "Mr. Chen's true identity?" Jaycie frowned in puzzlement. "Could it be that Fade is a son of a rich and powerful family, or a descendant of a prominent and mighty family?"
- Casper sighed with emotion and said, "Mr. Chen's status was achieved by his own strength, instead of depending on others."
- "By his own strength? Is Fade a famous martial-arts master?" Jaycie made a guess. "However, I have never heard of such a martial-arts master in South Hanover City!"she added.
- Casper said, "Of course you didn't hear of him in South Hanover City. Mr. Chen's reputation is well-known in the whole of Long City."
- "What? The whole of Long City? Dad, you're exaggerating!" Jaycie didn't believe him.
- Casper looked at his daughter and said, "Don't doubt my words. Let me tell you, Fade, or Mr. Chen, is the current top master in Long City."
- "What? The top expert in Long City is Fade? How old is he? How, how is this possible? Dad, I think you made a mistake," Jaycie said. She was extremely surprised.
- Casper made a gesture to his daughter to keep quiet and said, "Keep your voice down. I can assure you that I'm absolutely right."
- "Before Mr. Chen became famous in Long City, he was in Bay City. At that time, he had a nickname called Lunatic Chen. Are you aware of this name?" Casper asked.

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Jaycie nodded quickly and said, "I'm quite familiar with the name Lunatic Chen. The name is not only well-known in Bay City, but also in South Hanover City."

Casper said, "That's right. Your Uncle Wei comes from Bay City, and he is one of Fade's subordinates."

"What? Uncle Wei is only one of Fade's subordinates?" Jaycie found it hard to believe.

Casper said, "You don't know how many people wished to be Fade's subordinate now, but they still don't have a chance. Uncle Wei is proud of his identity now!"

"What's more, without your Uncle Wei's help, how could a master like Fade come to assist me, since I am a stranger to him?"

Listening to her father's words, Jaycie felt a sense of shock and disbelief.

She thought that Fade's strength and identity were amazing, but she didn't expect that he was so extraordinary.

Jaycie could not describe how she felt when she thought of the scene on the train where she had rejected him. She had thought that he was trying to strike up a conversation with her.

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Looking at his daughter who was shocked, Casper Zhu said, "You don't have to worry too much. Mr. Chen is very kind."

"The reason why I told you his identity is because I want you to be careful. Don't say what you shouldn't say, and don't do what you shouldn't do.

If you accidentally provoke Mr. Chen, it will be terrible."

Jaycie Zhu nodded hurriedly and said, "Dad, don't worry. I won't talk nonsense."

Casper said, "Don't be too nervous. It will be okay, as long as you act like nothing happened."

Jaycie nodded, but she felt regretful about her past behavior. After knowing Fade Chen's identity and knowing that he was such a big shot, how could she treat him the same way she used to!

Both father and daughter went to rest after chatting for a while.

Soon, it was time for them to pay a visit to the Zhan Family. Fade, Jimmy Wei, and Casper embarked on the journey together. Jaycie had also requested to go together with them, but in the end, Casper was still worried about his daughter's safety. Therefore, he denied her request.

Although the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center and the Zhan Family were both in South Hanover City, they were far away from each other. One was in the north while the other was in the south. The distance was nearly 30 kilometers. It took Fade and the others several hours to reach their destination.

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The closer the three of them got to the manor of the Zhan Family, the more they could feel that there were many vehicles and pedestrians on the road. 90% of these people coming were martial-arts practitioners. Obviously, these people were here for the martial-arts contest organized by the Zhan Family.

After driving for a long distance, they could see the Zhan Family's Manor a thousand meters away. However, there were too many cars on the road, and their vehicle was stationary.

The three of them had to stop the car on the side of the road. Then, they got off the car and rushed to the Zhan Family's Manor.

After Casper took a few steps, he suddenly heard a strange voice. "Old Zhu, why are you also here? Didn't your Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center collapsed?"

Casper turned his head and looked at the direction where the voice came from. He saw a scrawny man with big ears walking toward him with a smile. Beside the man, there were several strong young men. It seemed that they were his disciples.

Seeing this person, Casper's expression suddenly became cold, and he said coolly, "Nickel Xu, the matters of the Eternal Pride Martial- Arts Center have nothing to do with you!"

Looking at Casper who was angry, Nickel became proud and more excited. He reached out to pat Casper on the shoulder and said with a smile, "Old Zhu, we are all colleagues. I still care about you. Why are you so angry? It will be bad for your health if you got mad."

Casper leaned to one side and dodged Nickel's hand. He said coldly, "You don't have to worry about me. I'm in good health."

Nickel was not upset after he failed to pat his shoulder. Instead, he set his sight on Jimmy and Fade behind Casper, with curious glances in his eyes. "Both of you are probably Casper's helpers. Let me give you a piece of advice. Sometimes, following the wrong person may be worse than

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being weak. I think it's not too late if both of you decide to leave him. "

Immediately, he looked at Jimmy with the intention of recruiting him. He said, "If I am correct, your strength is at the peak of the yellow level, and that is good. However, if you follow the wrong leader, it is probably a waste of effort on your part."

Jimmy snorted coldly and said, "You don't have to worry about this. We know who is the right person."

Nickel was slightly humiliated. He snorted, and his eyes fell on Fade. He probed his strength, but he couldn't figure out the level of his strength at all. Then, he immediately frowned slightly and shook his head. He sneered at Casper and said, "Old Zhu, your Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center was once the most powerful center in South Hanover City. I didn't expect it to decline to such a state. You actually brought a silly boy who doesn't know any martial-arts to come here to fill up the space. I don't think your martial-arts center can continue to operate. Haha!"

Casper looked at Fade nervously, and then snorted. He stared at Nickel and said, "Don't worry. Even if your Far Peace Martial-Arts Center closes down, our Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center won't collapse."

Nickel shook his head, looked at Casper with a smile, and said, "Old Zhu, since you have reached this state, it's not necessary to say these angry words. Everyone nearby knows what happened to your Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center! Your disciples were injured, and even you, the chieftain of the center, was arrested by the police. What a joke!"

After that, everyone around them started to chuckle. They couldn't hide their glee. Immediately, Casper's face became more gloomy.

Nickel came over and said to Casper, "Old Zhu, I can help you with your problems if you surrender to my leadership now. What do you think of that?"

"Pui!" Casper spat on Nickel's face and shouted angrily, "Surrender to your leadership? Dream on! A loser is always a loser. You can never stand

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above me."

Although Nickel dodged him, the saliva landed on his face. His face suddenly fell and his expression became extremely gloomy.

A few young disciples behind him also rushed out, and they looked fierce with their fists clenched. They seemed like they were going to start a fight.

Casper's eyes darkened. He also clenched his fists and was ready to fight.

However, at this time, Nickel raised his hand to stop his subordinates. Then, he looked at Casper coldly and said in an icy voice, "Casper, there is a way to heaven, but you chose not to take it. There is no door to hell, but you barged in anyway. You asked for death. Don't regret it next time."

"After today's martial-arts contest, you will kneel and grovel before me. Hmph!" Nickel gave Casper a cold look, then snorted heavily and left with a flick of his sleeve.

Behind him, several disciples also left. Their eyes were also fierce, especially one of the short-haired young men. He looked at Fade provocatively, pointed at Fade's heart, and said, "Kid, just wait!"

Fade ignored their threats and turned his eyes to Casper.

Casper sighed and then explained about the situation.

This person was called Nickel, and he also started a martial-arts center. The Far Peace Martial-Arts Center he belonged to was said to be the second-best martial-arts center in South Hanover City. One was the first, and the other was the second. Naturally, there were all kinds of disputes.

In the beginning, it was just a fight between the disciples and drill masters of both sides. In the end, the fight became more fierce, so the

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chieftains of the two families began to fight directly.

In the end, Casper was better than Nickel, so he defeated him. The Eternal Pride martial-Arts Center completely suppressed the Far Peace Martial-Arts Center.

Nickel, who was not pleased about losing, couldn't win in terms of martial-arts skills. Therefore, he began to play tricks secretly and caused trouble to the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center. In this way, the conflict between the two sides became more intense. They turned into direct enemies.

Before this month, Casper and the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center were able to steadily suppress the other party based on their superior strength.

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The Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center was disrupted by the foreigners and Casper Zhu was taken away by the police. Far Peace Martial-Arts Center had then taken the opportunity to rise up and kick them when they were down. They caused a lot of trouble for the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center. Disciples of the Far Peace Martial-Arts Center had even helped the foreign fighters to bully the disciples of the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center.

- In this way, the conflict between the two sides was ignited to a point where it was about to erupt.
- This year's martial-arts contest might be the point of eruption.
- After listening to Casper's story, Jimmy Wei patted Casper's shoulder and said with a smile, "When this contest comes to an end, we will deal with this despicable scoundrel once we go back."
- "Thank you, Brother Wei," Casper said gratefully.
- Jimmy smiled and said, "We've been brothers for so many years. There's no need to say thank you."
- They felt relieved, and the three of them continued to move forward.
- Soon, they came to the front of the Zhan family's manor. There were all kinds of vehicles parked in front of the gate, and many people were moving around continuously. It was very lively.

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The three of them looked up at the manor of the Zhan Family. The manor was very large, and it was definitely a few thousand square meters. Perhaps due to the military legacy of the Zhan Family, the architectural style of the entire manor was similar to that of a large barrack with open spaces. The whole building looked square and proper, and it didn't look very beautiful.

From the perspective of an army, the Zhan Family's manor could definitely be regarded as a place with good defenses and others would find it difficult to attack it. It seemed like an impenetrable tower which was as solid as iron.

At this moment, the entrance was teeming with people.

Many martial-arts practitioner were lining up with invitation letters and were ready to enter the Zhan Family's manor. Among the teams, many familiar figures of martial-arts practitioners could be seen. Casper and Jimmy greeted them one after the other.

Just as they were waiting in line, Nickel Xu and his disciples went straight to the door and said something to the housekeeper of the manor. Then, they were led into the manor by the housekeeper in a respectful manner, in front of everyone's surprised gazes.

When he was about to enter, Nickel deliberately glanced at Casper and said in a clear voice, "Brother Zhu, I'll go in first!"

Seeing this, everyone could not help but look over. When they glanced at Casper, the locals immediately understood the relationship between the two. They also knew that Nickel's greeting was definitely not friendly. At that time, voices of discussion were heard one after another.

Some martial-arts practitioners from other cities did not understand the situation. At this moment, they began to inquire about the identities of these people and the relationship between the two parties.

Someone asked, "Why do they not need to wait in line, and why are they allowed direct entry?"

When this question was heard, it immediately attracted the attention of many people, and they began to talk about this matter.

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"That's Nickel, a famous martial-arts practitioner in South Hanover City. He is the chieftain of the second most powerful martial-arts center there. Perhaps it's normal for him to have direct entry with his strength and reputation!"

"It's not normal at all. As you said, if Nickel's martial-arts center is in second place, then Casper 's center is first place. Why do they need to queue up then?"

"Maybe, maybe it's because the Eternal Pride Martial-Arts Center is going through hard times these days!"

"This is obviously not the main reason."

"Then tell me, what's the main reason?"

"I think Nickel has some secret connection with the Zhan Family, or maybe he flattered them in advance. Therefore, he was able to go in directly."

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Amid all the speculations, a voice could be heard suddenly. "Don't make any wild guesses. I'll tell you the truth right now!"

Looking at the direction of the voice, everyone spotted a thin and frail old man.

The old man was hunchbacked. With a secretive expression, he lowered his voice and said, "Nickel was able to enter the Zhan Family in advance because he prepared a rare gift for the Zhan Family."

"A gift? What gift?" Someone asked.

"With the power of the Zhan Family, are they lacking anything?"

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"That's right. Even if the Zhan Family needed something, will Nickel be able to get it with his abilities!"

Everyone was confused and they looked at the old man. However, the old man kept his mouth shut and didn't say a word. He kept waving his hand instead.

"Old man, this isn't fun at all! You have to finish explaining to us about the situation!"

"That's right. We'll give you what you want. Just reveal some more information!"

"There is one million yuan in this card. Please give me some advice!"

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Quite a few people came over. Obviously, they wanted to know how Nickel could gain favor with the Zhan family. They wanted to imitate his behavior and get close to the Zhan family.

However, the old man was very tight-lipped. No matter how many people tried to persuade him, he didn't say anything. In the end, he just pretended to be mysterious and told everyone, "I only want to tell you one thing. Don't disobey the will of the Zhan family. Do whatever they want you to do. That's the best way."

Upon hearing this, many martial-arts practitioners frowned. They were confused and began to mutter to themselves.

"If we follow your advice, won't we become the subordinates of the Zhan family? What's the point then?"

"That's right. Although our family is not very powerful, at least we live a free and happy life. What's the point of being someone else's subordinates?"

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"Hey, Nickel is suddenly favored because he is now a subordinate of the Zhan family!"

"The Zhan family does not have such intentions before this. What's wrong with them this time? Do they want to conquer South Hanover City?"

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Some were doubtful, and some had other ideas. Looking at Nickel, who was already far inside the manor, and at the old man's back, they lowered their heads and began to contemplate the matter.

Seeing what happened just now, Fade Chen, Jimmy and Casper frowned. They began to discuss the matter in a low voice.

"The Zhan family seem ambitious!"

"Does the family intend to take us all down? If we unite to fight against them, our powers can't be underestimated."

"Let's wait and see. I wonder what kind of tricks the Zhan family has up their sleeve?"

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Their minds were wandering. Then, they entered the manor of the Zhan family one by one.

The manor was very large. They were led by the housekeeper of the Zhan family. They passed through rooms and small buildings like units from barracks. Finally, they arrived at an open space like a field.

At this moment, there was a stage in front of the open space. The Zhan family members and their helpers were busy onstage. Below the stage, there were rows of seats which were densely packed. They were led by the housekeeper of the Zhan family to their respective seats.

Seeing these seats, many people became even more dissatisfied.

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"These small stools, which are densely packed together and placed under the sun, are truly absurd. What is the Zhan family thinking about? Do they regard us as primary school students?"

"The field, the podium, and rows of stools. Look at this scene, the Zhan family is really treating us like elementary students."

"I hope not. Although we are not big shots, we will not be bullied. It's better for them not to bully us."

"Let's wait and see. The situation may not be as bad as we thought!"

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Although everyone was dissatisfied, they sat down on the small stools after some discussion.

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