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Damien Wang's eyes fell on Lily Wei, and his eyes lit up momentarily. Then he took a sip of his red wine and said with a smile, "Miss Wei, you seem to hold your liquor well. If you want to drink with me, let's have a drink alone later."

"But now, I'm toasting to President Lin. If President Lin doesn't drink, that means she's not giving me face now, isn't she?" When he said this, his tone was low and he looked displeased.

Lily froze on the spot.

Fade's gaze suddenly became even colder and he was about to step forward.

But at this time, Quin held him back gently, took a step forward and said with a smile, "Thank you, Team Captain Wang, it's my honor. I'll drink this glass of wine."

While speaking, Quin poured herself a glass of wine and drank it all.

Seeing this, Damien smiled smugly. He picked up a bottle of red wine. When Quin finished the wine in her glass, he took the initiative to come over to pour more wine and said, "President Lin, you can really drink. It seems that this little bit of wine is nothing for you! Let's drink some more!"

This time, even Quin's face turned a little cold. She wanted to wave her hand to refuse.

Seeing this, Damien smiled and said, "President Lin, everyone is watching. You won't disappoint us, will you?"

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He was making her drink on purpose. Quin was silent for a while and didn't hand her glass to Damien for a long while. Damien's face darkened and his expression turned cold when he saw this. He said, "What's wrong? President Lin, you don't want to give me face!"

Quin was about to say something, but Fade couldn't bear it anymore. Stepping forward, he grabbed a glass of wine then said to Damien, "You want to drink? Let me drink with you!"

With this, Fade splashed a glass of red wine on Damien's face.

Damien didn't expect anyone to treat him like this. He was furious and glared at Fade. "You, how dare you splash wine on me!"

"Not only that, I'm also going to beat you!" Fade raised his fist instantaneously and was about to throw a punch at him.

Seeing this Quin and Lily held him back quickly and tried their best to persuade Fade against acting impulsively.

"Fade, don't act rashly. I'm just having a few glasses of wine. It's not a big deal."

"Yes, Team Captain Wang has direct influence on the appraisal result of our company's products. Let's not offend him."

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Fade really wanted to beat Damien up. However, after considering the efforts Quin Lin and Lily Wei had put in for the product appraisal, he had no choice but to grit his teeth and hold back his anger.

When the two ladies saw that Fade had calmed down, they exchanged a look, thinking of ways to turn things around.

But right at this time, a young man with colorful hair came over to Damien and said nonchalantly, "Dad, I've run out of money. Please give me some more."

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While asking for money, the young man with colorful hair turned and looked towards their direction. Suddenly, his eyes flashed as his expression changed to hatred while looking at them. He gnashed his teeth and said, "It's you! How dare you show up in front of me again!"

Fade and Lily recognized him immediately when the man with colorful hair stared at them. This guy was none other than the rich and young Master Song, whom they met when Fade picked Lily up at the high-speed rail station a few days ago.

That time, Master Song was driving recklessly and obstructing Fade's car deliberately, almost causing danger to others. Fade rammed his sports car and beat him up. They didn't expect to meet him here today. Furthermore, he turned out to be Team Captain Wang's son.

"It's you!" Fade and Lily's expressions also turned hostile almost instantly.

At this moment, Master Song's face was painted with hatred. He pointed to Fade and Lily and told Damien, "Dad, it's them. They are the ones who damaged my car and beat me up."

"You must avenge me!" Songford Wang looked at Damien and exclaimed.

Damien wiped the wine off his face and stared at Fade and the other two ladies gloomily. His expression darkened. Damien said menacingly, "President Lin, your Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc is really something! I've seen enough today! For the appraisal this time, I will have to give your company a good result."

Damien emphasized the words "good result" as he spoke. He meant the opposite obviously.

Hearing this, Quin's expression changed into a worried look. She stepped forward in an attempt to explain. After all, the company spent a significant amount of resources including manpower, materials, and money for this product appraisal. She did not want

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all the efforts to go down the drain!

But at this time, Lily leaned over and whispered to her about the conflict they had with Songford.

After Quin listened to Lily, her face fell instantly. She glanced at Damien and Songford, her expression frigid. Next, she retracted her steps.

Up till just then, Quin still held a glimmer of hope that she could salvage the appraisal. But after hearing about the incident with Songford, Quin knew that the conflict between the two parties could not be resolved.

What's more, Songford's behavior had crossed the line. He was overtaking cars at a high speed and endangering the other drivers on the road. If Fade had not reacted quickly enough and if his driving skills were not up to it, he might have been killed.

At the thought of this, Quin didn't hesitate the slightest bit. She snorted and said to Damien, "The result of the appraisal is a fair assessment by the entire group of appraisers based on standard assessment guidelines. You cannot decide the results on your own."

"If such an outcome really happens, I will be very curious about the standard operating procedures of the appraisal team," Quin said.

These words seemed to be a threat to Damien, to warn him against changing the appraisal results of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc on his own. Otherwise, the internal scoring system of the appraisal team would become questionable.

How could Damien not understand what she meant? He snorted, "President Lin, you don't need to worry about the affairs of our team."

"Let's not talk about the appraisers. What about my son? I demand an explanation from you." While speaking, Damien shoved

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Songford forward. Then he pointed at Fade and Lily, and bellowed, "They beat my son and destroyed his car. Tell me, what should we do about it?"

Songford said through gritted teeth, "We can't let them off so easily! I want them to kneel before me and beg for mercy!"

Damien shot a dagger look at Lily and Fade as he shouted, "Did you hear me? Come over and kneel down to apologize!"

The three didn't move. Fade stepped out and said coldly, "You want me to kneel down? I'm afraid you can't handle the consequences!"

"Can't handle the consequences? What a joke. I want you to kneel down in public now!" Songford yelled and waved his hand to call for the security guards. The security guards surrounded Fade and were about to take action.

Quin's eyes darkened when she saw this. She said to the security guard sternly, "Stop! Don't you dare act rashly before the issue is being clarified!"

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As soon as she finished speaking, Damien snorted and ordered loudly, "It's already clarified. Do it!"

In an instant, about seven or eight security guards surrounded Fade Chen, ready to hold him down on the ground.

Fade glanced at them coldly and said, "Master Song drove into us deliberately and almost caused a serious car accident. Yet you are asking us to apologize. You are really amazing at distorting the truth!"

As soon as he said that, the faces of the people who were present changed slightly. They began to point fingers and debate quietly.

Many people believed in Fade's story. After all, they had seen Master Song's conspicuous characters during this period of time and were aware about the kind of person he was.

However, those at the spot were mostly businessmen and even though they knew of the situation, they would not say it out loud.

After all, the appraisal results of their products were still in Damien's hands. At this juncture, no one wanted to be involved in any disputes with Damien.

Moreover, from another perspective, if Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc had a fallout with Damien, the company would most likely be ousted from the final appraisal results. For businesses in the same industry, eliminating one of their biggest competitors seemed like good news.

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Therefore, although there were a lot of people debating about it, not a single person came forward to seek justice. Judging by the situation, a smug smile flashed across Damien's face. He exclaimed, "It's clear that you guys hurt my son deliberately, and yet you are still creating trouble here. Guards, what are you waiting for? Arrest him!"

The security guards dashed over and made their moves on Fade.

At the same time, Damien's eyes flickered and he pointed in the direction of Quin and Lily quietly.

One of his subordinates received the order and engaged two security guards to surround the two girls.

Presently, smiles crept over both Damien and Songford's face.

It seemed that they could already see what was going to happen next. Fade would be pressed to the ground and apologized. Quin and Lily, the two beautiful women, would be taken to their rooms for some good time.

However, just as they were waiting for things to go in their favour.

Fade shouted. His bellow sent out a shock wave that pushed away the security guards around him. All of them collapsed to the ground in a daze.

Next, Fade glanced at the two bodyguards who were approaching Lily and Quin. His eyes darkened with a killer intent.

He dashed over to the two women. Then, he gave them a big slap and sent the two of them flying.

Then, Fade moved again and rushed to the front of Damien and Songford with a hostile expression. He blurted, "Die!"

The two of them were fantasizing about the blissful ending when they suddenly realized that Fade was in front of them. They were dumbfounded. They stepped back, trying to avoid Fade's attack.

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However, it was impossible for them to dodge his attack.

Before the two of them could move in time, Fade punched them on their faces. In an instant, their cheeks became red and swollen, and blood gushed out from their noses.

They groaned while covering their noses. Fade once again kicked both of them to the ground. They landed with a thud and passed out immediately.

Fade was still not satisfied so he continued to throw punches and kicks on the two men until they had bruises everywhere. In the end, Lily and Quin had to drag him away to make him stop.

The gala couldn't go on any more after such a clamor.

The trio from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc left the event venue promptly. Outside, Lydia Zu, who had slipped out of nowhere suddenly came over to Fade and asked with concern, "Are you guys all right?"

Fade shook his head and said, "We're fine. How are things on your side?"

Lydia nodded with a smile and said, "I've gotten something useful. I can publish it after I sort it out later when I get home."

Fade smiled and said, "Okay. I wish you success."

"Thank you!" Lydia nodded. They parted and left.

The people at the venue only called an ambulance for Damien and Songford, who had passed out after Fade left.

The next day, there was no news about the incident at that gala in Long City.

After all, this gala was an event for all the cosmetics companies to lobby for support. Its objective was dubious. In addition, it

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was not appropriate to report the news as the team captain of the appraisal team and his son were beaten on the spot. However, although the news was not being reported, it did not mean that it had no significance.

The incident resulted in a turmoil within the cosmetics industry.

Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc was a big shot in Long City and their appraisal result was almost certain. The company also had a very high chance of being awarded the final quota to participate in the international exhibition.

However, because of this incident, there were uncertainties surrounding the appraisal results for Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. Some of the second tier cosmetics companies began to make their moves in an attempt to get the quota.

For the past few days, visitors swarmed the hospital where Damien and Songford were admitted.

On the other hand, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's morale was somewhat low. After all, the company had prepared for the appraisal for more than half a month. Knowing that they would fail because of this reason, many employees feel upset and depressed.

Quin knew that they would most probably fail the appraisal, but she didn't bother much. After all, the quality and reputation of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc was well established, and this appraisal result was just a bonus. The impact was insignificant and would only delay the development of the company just slightly.

Therefore, Quin held a town-hall meeting to express her stance. At the same time, she declared a bonus of a total of 10 million yuan for all the employees, of which successfully raised the morale of the company.

The company was back to normal, and the final results of the appraisal would be released soon.

The preparation for the exhibition was already in full swing. Some local and internationally big cosmetics companies had

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already sent their people to standby at the venue. However, the final quota for companies from Long City had not been confirmed yet.

As tension grew, the appraisal team finally announced the results.

Among the 20 cosmetics companies that participated in the appraisal, a total of 18 companies passed. And five of them were graded as excellent, while the rest were graded as satisfactory. Green Leaf Cosmetics, which was the most popular contender among the five companies, got the final spot to represent Long City in the exhibition.

If these results were still within everyone's expectation, then the next piece of news announced by the appraisal team would cause an uproar within the entire market.

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As for the remaining companies that did not pass the appraisal, the appraisal team made a special announcement that listed the scores the companies got for each category. The announcement also outlined the reasons why they did not achieve the national brand standard.

Among them, the scores of the other companies were relatively normal, and the reasons they failed were due to marginal inadequacies in some aspects. They just had to make some improvements and they would very likely pass the appraisal and secure the national brand status next time.

However, only one company, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, got very low scores for all assessment categories. There was a long list of reasons why the company was not selected.

Not only that, the appraisal team put Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc into the cosmetics industry blacklist and made an announcement that the company's products were not up to standards.

The result naturally caused an uproar within the entire cosmetics market in Long City.

Everyone participated in this appraisal with the initial intention to get recognition as a national brand. Even if they didn't succeed in the end, the impact would not be too significant.

However, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc not only failed to get the national brand, it was being blacklisted straight away. As a result, the effect was completely different from what everyone had expected at the beginning.

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The entire Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's morale was once again dampened by the results.

Quin summoned the top management of the company to have a meeting immediately to discuss a counter measure.

Some suggested announcing the dispute between Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc and Damien Wang, who was the culprit for the deliberate slander. Some suggested that they go to the Ministry of Manpower to lodge a report and file for further investigation.

These were all good suggestions, but none of them were the most effective. After all, the exhibition would begin in a few days' time.

Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc had established a good reputation in the hearts of the consumers in Long City. Although this blacklist had a great impact on the company, it had little effects on its sales and reputation in Long City.

However, when the exhibition commenced, the cosmetics industry players and customers from all around the world would converge. If they heard of the blacklist, it would greatly affect the sales and reputation of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's products. The people in Long City were familiar with Fei Enterprises and their good reputation all the while. However, foreign customers were not, and would believe in the blacklist, thinking that Fei Enterprises was not a good company to work with.

Therefore, they had to clarify this matter as much as possible before the exhibition so as to restore the reputation of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

Hence, during this period, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc issued a lot of notices and test reports from domestic and international authorities, as well as their regular customers' testimonials. They also conducted various on-site product demonstrations and samplings.

Although they managed to reverse the negative effects in Long City, they couldn't stop the negative news of the blacklist from

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spreading outside of Long City.

As the situation got worse, Quin and Lily were also exhausted from trying to resolve the crisis in the company. The day of the exhibition was drawing near. The next day was the day of the exhibition's opening ceremony.

Under such a desperate situation, Quin and Lily still couldn't come up with any good ideas.

Fade was anxious too. Right at that moment, he suddenly received a phone call. When he saw the caller ID, it was Lydia Zu.

Fade picked up the phone immediately. Lydia didn't waste any time and went straight to the point, saying, "Fade, I know the recent situation of your company is not very good. So, I have good news for you!"

"What's the good news?" Fade was stunned and asked immediately.

Lydia said, "Remember the evidence I have acquired? I've finished sorting them. I am going to announce the news at tomorrow's exhibition."

"I will announce the names of the members who have taken bribes, as well as the fake companies. I think this will be of some help to Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc."

After hearing this, Fade couldn't help but feel happy and said, "Yes, that will be really helpful. Thank you so much."

"Don't thank me! I managed to collect all this evidence because of your help," Lydia said.

"No matter what, I have to thank you," Fade said earnestly.

Lydia paused for a moment, then she seemed to recall something and said, "If you really want to thank me, I have a favor to ask."

"What favor? Tell me!" Fade replied.

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Lydia asked, "You're a doctor right? Can you treat skin allergies caused by seafood?"

Hearing this, Fade smiled and said, "Of course I can. It's a small matter! What's wrong? Are you allergic to seafood?"

Lydia asked, "How then?"

"In fact, it's very simple. You would have seen the latest advertisements of our company, one of them is on a scar-removal product. Use that for application together with some anti-inflammatory medicines. The allergy reaction will soon be healed," Fade said.

Hearing this, Lydia was a little surprised and exclaimed, "Ah, your company's cosmetics can cure diseases too?"

Fade said, "Indeed. In the beginning, I formulated the cosmetics products according to the drug prescription. They definitely have some medicinal healing benefits."

"I see. That's amazing. I'll try it right away," Lydia said.

"Sure, go ahead!" Fade said goodbye to Lydia, then hung up the phone.

Immediately after that, Fade went to the president's office and told Quin and Lily about the good news.

Hearing the news, the two ladies' expressions eased a little. Then, Quin said to Fade, "Tomorrow, we will go to the exhibition to set up a demo booth, can you help us?"

"No problem!" Fade nodded. Then, he was puzzled and asked, "But our company did not get the allotment to participate in the exhibition. How do we set up a demo booth?"

Quin explained, "We're not going to set up the demo booth in the exhibition hall. Instead, we're going to set one up outside the

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exhibition hall."

Lily added, "This is a very common practice. Many disqualified companies will set up booths outside the exhibition hall to promote their own products, leveraging on the exhibition's reputation and crowd. Anyway, it is not against the rules, and the organizer usually doesn't care."

"I see!" Fade nodded and then thought of another problem. He frowned and said, "But our products have been blacklisted. Can we set up a demo booth?"

Quin snorted and said, "That blacklist was created by the appraisal team. It's not released by the relevant commerce and business departments. It can only represent their opinions and has no legal effect at all. Therefore, it can't affect us."

"That's good!" Fade nodded and then said to the two ladies, "In that case, we should go back early today and have a good rest. Tomorrow will be the real battle."

"Okay!" The two women nodded, then packed up and went home.

After a night's rest, Long City was bustling the next day.

As the launch day for the international cosmetics fair had come, there were many foreigners visiting the city. This also attracted curiosity and discussion among the local community. Many major cosmetic companies would be participating in the event, hence, many female citizens swarmed to the venue.

There were tens of thousands of people gathering outside the venue before the opening ceremony of the exhibition. It was a lively scene.

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At this moment, all the merchants who were already in the exhibition hall were making their final preparations nervously.

Among them was a huge display booth at the most prominent location near the entrance. Right then, a group of people had gathered at the booth, attracting a lot of attention.

The group of people were led by Damien Wang. His face was bruised and his cheeks looked a little swollen because he was beaten by Fade Chen not long ago. However, he was still as arrogant as before. He had his hands behind his back as he scanned the exhibition floor.

Beside Damien, a group of bosses in business attire had gathered around him, as they talked and smiled with Damien.

Among them, a man in his forties who was dressed in a custom-made robe was particularly conspicuous. He seemed to have a good relationship with Damien as he kept talking and laughing with Damien.

"Team Captain Wang, as the host of the exhibition this time, please provide us more guidance!" The man in the long robe smiled at Damien and said.

Damien waved his hand and said with a smile, "Well you can't say it was my doing. Initially, President Zu was supposed to oversee today's exhibition personally. I'm just the assistant. Unfortunately, President Zu is a bit under the weather, and he can't attend the exhibition at the last minute. Therefore, I'm here on behalf of him."

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When the man in the long robe heard this, he smiled and said, "You will do an equally outstanding job at hosting the event. President Zu will be happy to know this."

A middle-aged man with glasses and in a business suit also said, "You and President Zu are both high-level officials of the Cosmetics Association. It is a great honor for us no matter who is in charge. We are very privileged!"

Damien smiled when he heard the comment. He put his hands behind his back and paced back and forth looking rather satisfied.

At this moment, a staff member came over and reported to the middle-aged man in glasses, "Director Xu, it's about time. The exhibition hall will be open soon."

Hearing this the spectacled guy looked at Damien and Director Yu in the long robe, and said, "Team Captain Wang, Director Yu, the hall is about to open. Do you have any other instructions?"

Director Yu cupped his hands and said to the spectacled man respectfully, "Director Xu, you are in charge of this exhibition and the preparation was excellent. I have no comments!"

Damien also nodded and said, "Yes, the exhibition is well organised. Especially the main stage, which is reserved for our very own local company, Green Leaf Cosmetics instead of foreign big brands. It represents the rapid development of our local cosmetics industry and the improvement in quality of products. Well done."

Hearing this, Director Xu looked at the man in the long robe with a smile and said, "Team Captain Wang, don't be ridiculous. Green Leaf Cosmetics deserves the main stage because they possess the most top quality products from Director Yu's company. Another reason is because of your strict appraisal standard that leads to further improvements."

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"With Green Leaf Cosmetics taking center stage in this exhibition, we are looking forward to seeing our local cosmetics brand shine on the international stage!" Director Xu said.

Hearing this, Damien and Director Yu burst into laughter. Damien waved his hand and said, "Everything is ready. Let's begin!"

Director Xu waved his hand immediately to the staff, who turned and left.

As the door of the exhibition hall opened, the crowd who had been waiting outside suddenly rushed into the hall. The huge hall instantly became lively.

In the hall, a myriad of cosmetics companies from all over the world competed with each other to showcase their best products. Some of them had invited celebrities and models, which attracted the attention of many average citizens. Everyone was busy snapping pictures.

Among the exhibitors, Green Leaf Cosmetics, who occupied the main stage, naturally attracted a lot of attention. The company's reputation was average before this. Hence, it attracted many curious patrons when it suddenly occupied the main stage. Many came over to watch or try on its products.

Even some foreign reporters and tourists came over to try out the products to cover some news.

Seeing how popular the company was, Director Yu, the boss of Green Leaf Cosmetics smiled. He cupped his hands and said to Damien, "Team Captain Wang, thank you for your help this time."

Damien smiled lightly and said, "It's nothing. The credit goes to yourself. You're smart, unlike a certain company."

When Damien said that, many people around him suddenly fell silent. They all knew who he was referring to!

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They didn't dare say anything, but Damien was still angry and pressed on, "What's the situation of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc now?"

The people around looked at each other, but no one spoke. Finally, seeing Damien's unhappy expression, someone whispered, "Team Captain Wang, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc has set up a booth outside the exhibition hall."

"What!" Hearing this, Damien's face fell. He complained in a low voice, "They weren't allowed to participate in the exhibition. How can they set up a booth?"

Someone explained softly, "They set up their booth outside the hall, so it's not against the rules. Moreover, many businesses who are not qualified to participate in the exhibition will set up booths outside the hall. This is also the unspoken rule of the exhibition."

Although he explained it clearly, Damien's face remained gloomy. He snorted and said, "Unspoken rule? That's nonsense! Furthermore, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc is in our blacklist. Why hasn't the relevant department taken any action yet?"

Everyone was rendered speechless by Damien's angry inquisition.

Director Xu paused for a moment and said, "It's my mistake. I'll send someone to deal with it right away."

Damien said, "I'll go with you. I'd like to see why this unscrupulous company can be so arrogant and ignore the rules of our association."

Following Damien, Director Yu of Green Leaf Cosmetics, Director Xu, manager of the exhibition, and the others headed out of the exhibition hall.

When some reporters saw this, they also followed the group of people out of the exhibition hall.

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At this moment, outside the exhibition hall, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc spent a hefty sum to erect a huge display booth near the entrance of the exhibition hall. The scale of their display was comparable to the ones inside the hall.

In addition, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc had a good reputation in Long City. Coupled with free trials and half-priced sales on the spot, there were many people gathering at its booth, even more than the people at Green Leaf Cosmetics on the main stage.

Seeing this, Damien, Director Yu, and the others looked upset.

Director Xu's face was overcast. He waved for the security guards immediately to take action on Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

On the other hand, Quin Lin, Lily Wei and Fade Chen, who were busy serving the patrons, looked at the bustling crowd happily.

But right at this moment, a group of security guards pushed through the crowd, and headed straight for the booth.

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The captain of the security guards pointed at Quin fiercely and shouted, "Who let you set up a booth here? Pack your things and leave. Do you hear me? Leave now!"

Hearing this, Lily's face turned cold and she retorted, "Why do we have to leave?"

"I don't have to explain anything to you, just leave when you're asked to!" the captain of the security guard shouted angrily and started to use force at the same time. Some of the product samples on the table were knocked over by the security guards, which startled many passers-by.

When Fade saw this, his face turned cold. He bolted over, kicked the security guard to the ground and shouted, "Let's see who dares to touch our booth!"

Fade's imposing manner was very effective in deterring the security guards who had flocked over.

Director Xu's face darkened at the sight of this. He scurried over and shouted, "What are you guys waiting for? Get them out now!"

Seeing this, Quin looked at Director Xu and asked, "Director Xu, I want to ask if there is anything we did that violated the rules? Why are we not allowed to display our products here?"

Director Xu glanced at Quin and said, "You are not qualified to participate in the exhibition, therefore you are not allowed to show

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up here!"

Quin replied, "We're indeed not qualified, but we didn't enter the hall, so we didn't break any rules. Besides, there are so many exhibition booths out here, so why are you only go against Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc?"

"What are you talking about? What do you mean by 'go against'!" Director Xu said unhappily, "You have violated the rules. As the organiser, we naturally have to take action."

"Violated the rules? Excuse me, what did we do?" Quin questioned.

Director Xu's face was cold, and his expression didn't look too good. He couldn't explain the reason at all and was stuck on the spot suddenly. His face was livid and red with annoyance.

Seeing this, Director Yu came forward and stood beside Director Xu. With a smile on his lips, he looked at Quin and said, "President Lin, to be honest, your Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc was quite well known in the industry previously. I personally admire you and your company."

"However, with your company's recent blacklist scandal, I can understand that you're trying to take the opportunity of the exhibition to clear your name." Director Yu smiled faintly and continued, "However, there are some things that can't be changed no matter how much you explain, especially when you have already done it."

"Therefore, I advise you to settle down and just focus on improving your products instead of doing all these publicity stunts. After all, quality should be the first priority as a product manufacturer!" Director Yu said in a serious demeanor.

This remark caused an immediate clamor at the scene, especially from the reporters who began to take photos.

Director Yu of Green Leaf Cosmetics was sneaky enough to bring up the subject of the blacklist. This caused the enthusiastic

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crowd to suddenly become skeptical about trying the products.

Quin's expression turned gloomy and she exclaimed, "Our company has made an official explanation on the so-called blacklist scandal, which is non-existent. As for your advice, I advise you to practice what you preach before speaking!"

Green Leaf Cosmetics went from an ordinary second-tier cosmetics brand to the best product in the appraisal, even managing to get to the main stage of this exhibition. Quin believed that there was something fishy going on.

Director Yu was an experienced man. After hearing her words, he remained calm and said, "You said that your company was not on the blacklist. This is the first time I've seen such an abhorrent denial!"

"You should know that Team Captain Wang, the leader of the appraisal team is here. He would know the situation very well!" Saying this, Director Yu made a gesture to Damien.

Damien came forward immediately and looked at Quin and the others. His eyes were full of anger when he looked at Fade.

Then, he glanced towards the crowd and reporters and announced, "As the leader of the appraisal team, we have found that Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's products did not meet the requirements of the 16 test indicators in the process of the appraisal. As an appraiser, I have to blacklist Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's products based on scientific integrity. I have suggested to the relevant departments to conduct investigations and shut the company down. Consumers are advised to avoid buying from them."

His words immediately caused a commotion and animosity towards Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, especially among the foreign participants who didn't know about this matter before. They couldn't help but have a negative impression on Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

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Due to the big hoo-ha, former customers who had trusted Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc began to doubt the company's products. Quin's expression soured and her heart skipped a beat. This was her biggest worry. At this moment, she did not have the best solution, so she explained, "Team Captain Wang has had unreasonable demands from our company, but was in the end rejected by us. Because of that, we have reasons to doubt his judgment and we refuse to accept his statement."

"As for the so-called blacklist mentioned by Team Captain Wang, that's even more absurd. As a small team of appraisers, your blacklist has no legal effect nor relevant credibility. On the other hand, our company's products have gone through stringent tests from relevant departments and large independent local and international tests. I assure you that our products are absolutely of high quality."

After Quin's explanation, many passers-by were still skeptical. It was common sense that when any company encountered a crisis, they would try to defend themselves. Quin's words seemed to be just the same as those companies with problems.

Seeing this, Damien and Director Yu smiled and then gestured to Director Xu.

Director Xu nodded and waved as he said, "Security guards, go ahead and dismantle the display booth of this company, they violated the rules."

Suddenly, more than a dozen security guards rushed over with tools in their hands. They were going to tear down Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's showcase.

Fade's eyes darkened. He confronted the security guards and was about to make his move.

Seeing this, Director Xu shouted coldly, "President Lin, are you going to use violence?"

Quin glared at Director Xu and snapped, "There is no violation of rules here. We can't accept the forced demolition of our booth."

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"Team Captain Wang has already pointed out the areas of violation just now. Why are you still arguing!" Director Xu said.

"That's just his own statement!" Quin said.

"Team Captain Wang is the director of Capital City Cosmetics Association. He is also the leader of the appraisal team this time. His statement means credibility and assurance," Director Xu said.

Director Yu of Green Leaf Cosmetics, also took the opportunity and added, "President Lin, now that things have come to this point, what else do you want to argue on? Or do you want to question the credibility of the entire Capital City Cosmetics Association?"

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Director Yu's words were harsh, of which straight away put Quin Lin in the spotlight and pitted Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc against the entire Capital City Cosmetics Association.

Moreover, it also made the passersby feel that Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc was questioning the credibility of the whole association. Most people, especially those who didn't know about the issue, would almost always choose to believe the association.

For a moment, the skepticism towards Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc reached its peak. Some passers-by even began to yell.

"Tear down the display booth of this unethical company!"

"Shut the company down once and for all!"

"Banish Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc from the cosmetics industry!"

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Damien Wang and the others looked delighted when they saw how the situation had turned out to be. They looked at Quin Lin and the others proudly.

Then, Director Xu waved his hand and said, "Tear the booth down!"

The security guards were just about to take action, when suddenly, they heard a girl's voice. "Stop!"

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The crowd was stunned and then they looked towards the source of the voice. Next, they saw a girl, who looked like a reporter with a camera, walking over.

Director Xu was still a little puzzled when he saw this girl. However, Director Yu and Damien's faces turned serious and ferocious. This was because this reporter was Lydia Zu, and she had photos of their illegal activities. Director Yu had later sent someone to deal with her quietly, but his mission failed when she was rescued in the end.

Director Xu looked at Lydia and said, "Who are you? What are you doing?"

Lydia looked directly at Director Xu and said, "My name is Lydia Zu, and I am a reporter. I am against your actions of tearing down Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's display booth and your slander against the company. I have questions regarding both of your statements."

"You want to object? What right do you have to object?" Director Xu said in a cold voice.

Director Yu also stepped forward and glared at Lydia, saying, "You're just a reporter. What right do you have to object to the decision of the appraisal team or question the credibility of the Capital City Cosmetics Association?"

Director Yu said what was in many passers-by's minds. After all, the words of a small reporter, who suddenly appeared didn't carry much credibility.

However, Lydia was well prepared. She looked at Director Yu with a sneer and said, "I certainly believe in the credibility of the Capital City Cosmetics Association..."

Director Yu was stunned and retorted immediately, "Then why are you defending Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc? They..."

"Please let me finish!" Before Director Yu could finish his sentence, Lydia interrupted him. She continued, "I'm talking about the

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credibility of the Capital City Cosmetics Association! However, is your earlier statement the viewpoint of the association? Can you represent the credibility of the association?"

Director Yu narrowed his eyes slightly at Lydia's words. Then he pointed at Damien and said in a crisp voice, "Team Captain Wang of the appraisal team is the director of Capital City Cosmetics Association. Can't he represent the credibility of the association?"

"Haha!" Lydia sneered. "You said that he's just a director of the association. How can his words represent the whole association?"

Damien was fuming when he heard this. He pointed at Lydia directly and said, "You are talking nonsense. If my words can't represent the association, then who else?"

"Of course, someone here can!" Lydia said at the top of her lungs, and then made an inviting gesture.

"Someone? Haha, I'd like to see who you can invite! I'm the top representative of the association in Long City. I'd like to see who dares to question my words, I..." Damien sneered.

At this moment, everyone's eyes were fixed on a middle-aged man in a jacket. He looked like he was in his late 40s or 50s.

The man was dressed casually. He had some gray hair but his steps were steady. He had an oppressive aura around him.

The middle-aged man walked over, looked at Damien, and said, "Can I question your words?"

"Who do you think you are? How dare you..." Damien snorted. However, when he saw the face of the middle-aged man in front of him, he was shocked. Damien's expression changed dramatically. He said quickly in a respectful manner, "President Zu, why are you here? Didn't you say you couldn't come..."

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Hearing the address, Director Yu and Director Xu were also stunned. Then, their expressions also changed.

After all, there was only one person whom Damien would address as President Zu. He was the President of Capital City Cosmetics Association, Yoshi Zu. President Zu was supposed to attend this international exhibition in person.

But the night before, President Zu had an allergic reaction to seafood, causing red spots to grow on his face. In the end, he decided not to attend the opening ceremony today.

They never thought that President Zu would appear right now. Moreover, President Zu's face didn't show any signs of allergy at all!

Yoshi looked around at the stunned group of people. He looked at Damien as he snorted, "If I didn't come, are you going to continue swaggering here and use the name of the association to oppress others?"

Damien trembled. He shook his head and explained quickly, "President Zu, I, I didn't. I didn't mean that just now!"

"Then what did you mean? Tell me!" President Zu said in a deep voice.

Damien racked his brain to think of an explanation quickly. He explained, "President Zu, the main thing is, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's did not pass the products appraisal, yet they continue to quibble. Therefore, we demand that they tear down the booth."

Director Yu and Director Xu also stepped forward to help explain.

"President Zu, what you don't know is that many of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's products have failed to meet the requirements after the tests. The quality of the company's products is quite low!"

"Yes, we shouldn't let such an unethical company affect the exhibition or deceive the consumers. That's why we took action."

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They tried to explain desperately, but President Zu and Lydia Zu just looked at them with a sneer.

Finally, after their explanation, President Zu put his hands behind his back and said in a deep voice, "So, you're claiming that Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's products did not pass the quality test? And the products are not effective?"

"Yes, that's right..." Damien and the others nodded hurriedly.

However, before they finished talking, President Zu exclaimed, "Nonsense!"

"I've used Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's product personally. I know for sure how good the product is," President Zu blurted.

"Ah, this..." Damien and the others froze. They didn't expect President Zu to react in such a way.

President Zu continued, "I was allergic to seafood last night and had red spots and sores on my face. Initially, I couldn't come. But in the end, after using the product from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc last night, the allergy recovered quickly, that's why I will come here today."

Hearing this, everyone was once again dumbfounded. Their eyes were inadvertently fixed on President Zu's face.

Many people were muttering, "Is Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's product that effective? It was able to cure the severe skin allergy overnight."

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Fade Chen looked at Lydia Zu and remembered their conversation regarding seafood allergy last night. At that time, he really thought she was asking for herself. Never would he have thought that it was for President Zu. Their relationship seemed to be out of the ordinary.

Damien Wang, Director Yu and Director Xu were shocked at this moment. They never thought President Zu would test the products from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc personally. Their faces fell. They had no idea what to do.

When President Zu saw this, he said coldly, "How can you tell me that such a good product does not pass the quality test? If so, then I have a question for you, what kind of product is considered as the standard one?"

Facing President Zu's sharp questions, the expressions on Damien and the rest became gloomy. Their eyes darted around aimlessly.

Finally, Damien looked at President Zu with determination and said through gritted teeth, "Mr. President, maybe Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's product just happened to cure your seafood allergy. However, this doesn't mean their product quality is problem-free."

"After all, many banned products offer amazing short term effects. I still have concerns regarding Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's product quality."

Damien said with a firm tone, convincing many who were around him. Then, they began to ponder. Some nodded faintly,

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seemingly agreeing to Damien's words.

Damien was secretly delighted with the response. He felt a little at ease. After all, if he persisted on questioning the quality of the Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's products, even the president couldn't prove him wrong immediately.

Even though he would offend President Zu, he might still be able to build a reputation for himself as the quality controller for products, and create other opportunities that would benefit him.

But if he gave in now, not only would he completely offend President Zu, his reputation and status would be ruined as well. He would lose everything.

It was because of this that Damien insisted on affirming the poor product quality of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

After listening to Damien's words, Director Yu and Director Xu's eyes lit up. They soon understood what Damien was going for and spoke up immediately.

"President Zu, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's quality problems were determined by the team of appraisers. It's definitely not the sole decision of Team Captain Wang."

"That's right. The short term effect of the product may be good but it may have negative long-term side effects. President Zu, you'd better be careful when you use the product."

Yoshi's face darkened upon hearing their comments. He bellowed, "At this point, you're still arguing with me?"

Damien's heart quivered, but he said firmly, "President Zu, I don't understand what you mean. We have nothing to argue about. We are simply telling the truth!"

Director Yu and Director Xu added immediately, "President Zu, please investigate the situation thoroughly. We are definitely not

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lying."

President Zu's face was livid as he watched the three of them covering each other's backs. He took out several document folders and threw them in front of the trio. He said coldly, "This is the information from your appraisal team. These data have corresponding relevance so they should tally properly. However, I would like to know, why are there huge discrepancies between the numbers? The data doesn't make sense!"

Yoshi pointed out several points in the assessment results and shouted at Damien.

Damien's face turned pale instantaneously. He didn't know how to explain it. After all, he had someone fill out those numbers randomly to make it as though they failed the company's appraisal.

He had not thought about the corresponding pattern. This data might not mean anything to the untrained eye, but to an experienced person like President Zu, he could see the contradictions at a glance.

Damien broke out in cold sweat, and he was trembling as he explained, "These, these numbers may be a testing error!"

"Testing error?" Yoshi snorted, then took out another stack of documents and demanded, "These are the lab test results of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's products from Long City University. There is a three hundred percent difference between the two data. Tell me, is this a mistake?"

"This, this..." Damien couldn't explain.

President Zu glared at him and yelled, "Don't tell me your team made such a big mistake on a basic test. If that's the case, what's good for the association to have an appraisal team like you?"

Damien knew that he had been exposed, but now that things had come to this point, he could only bite the bullet and resist. He

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made an excuse and said, "Maybe the staff who conducted the test was negligent and filled in the wrong data." Director Yu and Director Xu helped him to explain quickly.

"President Zu, it's not like this hasn't happened before."

"Yes, President Zu, Team Captain Wang's team had to appraise more than 20 companies at a time, and there were more than a hundred product samples. It was very likely for errors to happen."

Yoshi turned towards Director Yu of Green Leaf Cosmetics Company. He snorted and said, "Really? Then I have a question for Green Leaf Cosmetics."

Director Yu was startled. He had a bad feeling about this.

At this moment, Yoshi took out two more piles of documents and threw them at Director Yu, saying, "Please explain to me why the test results of your company are so different from the test results presented by Long City University? Is your data due to negligence of personnel as well?"

Director Yu's face turned pale while his heart started to race. He thought quickly, trying to find an excuse. "I, this is..."

Yoshi did not wait for him to continue. He shouted, "There's no need to find an excuse. Do you think I don't know what you guys have been doing?"

Hearing this, Damien and Director Yu felt a chill run down their back. They had a bad hunch.

Right at this time, Yoshi turned to Lydia Zu, then nodded his head.

Lydia came forward. She looked at Damien and the others mockingly and said "As a reporter, I managed to capture some

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interesting scenes during the recent weeks. Now, I would like to show them to everyone here."

As Lydia spoke, she nodded at Fade Chen. Fade immediately gave an order to the team at Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's who was on standby at the booth.

Following that, the big screen at the booth flickered, and then a footage appeared.

The lighting of the footage was a bit dim and it flickered occasionally. The background looked like it was a private room at a nightclub. Then, a few people appeared in the footage.

Needless to say, everyone recognized the figures in the footage immediately. They included Damien and Director Yu.

Seeing this scene, Damien and Director Yu's faces turned as pale as a white sheet. They collapsed to the ground in despair.

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At that moment, the on-lookers and reporters sensed something too, and began to discuss it.

The reporters were going wild, and started taking photos and doing coverage over the matter.

The video continued to play, and it was what everyone had suspected. As the team leader of the appraisal team, Damien Wang took advantage of his position and asked for bribes from Director Yu and the other companies who participated in the appraisal. He modified the results for those he had taken bribes from in the end.

They even mentioned Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc in their discussion. They said that Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc didn't understand their rules and didn't know how to appease them. Therefore, they decided to oppress Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc with the appraisal result.

Additionally, the people in the video involved almost all of the twenty companies that took part in the exhibition. The most obvious one was Green Leaf Cosmetics Group, which occupied the main stage of the exhibition hall.

At that point, everyone understood what was really going on.

Voices of discussion, swearing and accusation could be heard. The passers-by cursed at Damien and others continuously while the reporters snapped away with their shutters.

Damien and the others looked extremely pale at the moment. They went limp on the ground and were completely dazed. This

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was because they knew that their unscrupulous acts had been exposed. They were doomed and there was no hope left. Yoshi Zu looked at them and snorted. He waved his hand and said, "Let the police take them away!"

After that, Yoshi went up to the platform and looked at the crowd and reporters below. He explained the whole incident clearly and apologized to everyone for what had happened. He also promised to personally see to the matter and to organise a strict investigation throughout the cosmetics association.

Soon, the police arrived and took Damien, Director Yu, Director Xu and the other parties away.

Green Leaf Cosmetics' showcase on the main stage was torn down on the spot. On the other hand, after clarifying the truth, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc moved straight into the exhibition hall to replace Green Leaf Cosmetics.

The media also followed up on the matter and made relevant news coverage and publicity.

After the news coverage and publicity, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc finally managed to clear their name and restore the company's image and reputation.

From another point of view, over a dozen companies involved in the bribery and fraud were now under investigation, resulting in a void in the cosmetic market of Long City.

As the local cosmetics giant, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc naturally filled up this void. As a result, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's market share went up by 70%, completely dominating the market in Long City.

Afterwards, Quin and Fade treated Yoshi and Lydia to a meal to express their gratitude for this matter.

Yoshi expressed his regrets and apology for the association's mismanagement and his underlings' mistakes.

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Then, Yoshi toasted to Fade to thank him for saving Lydia.
Only now did Fade and the others realize that Lydia was Yoshi's daughter.

For a moment, they were utterly surprised and moved.

They didn't expect to see the daughter of the association's president working as a reporter in Capital City instead of living the good life.

At this moment, Fade had even more respect towards Lydia.

After the meal, both father and daughter said goodbye and left. Fade and the others also went home respectively.

Everything resumed to its usual peace the following days. As the market for the company expanded, the company increased its scale as well. Quin and Lily were busy again.

However, Fade was not too busy. From time to time, he would go to the company and help in the infirmary, or he would go to the martial arts center to help Tom Wei train the students. Otherwise, he would go to Scott Entertainment to see Fatty Huang and Winnie Huo. Life was interesting.

One quiet but fascinating day, Fade was surprised by Shinnie Sun's sudden visit.

He welcomed Shinnie into the house and asked, "Shinnie, why are you here? What's the matter?"

Shinnie pouted her mouth, glanced at him with a resentful look, and said, "Brother Chen, must I only see you when I have a problem?"

Fade smiled and said, "Of course not. It's just that you're still in school, so you're usually not free."

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Shinnie looked at him and said, "I have applied for leave recently. I'm taking a month off."

"A month's leave? What happened? Or is there something wrong with you?" Fade looked at her nervously.

Shinnie smiled and then shook her head, saying, "Brother Chen, I'm fine. It's my grandmother who asked me to take a leave."

"Francesca Sun? Why did she ask you to take a leave?" Fade asked in confusion.

Shinnie pouted and said, "I heard from my grandmother that there is going to be some sort of event soon and I need to attend it. Therefore, I have to train harder during this period."

"By the way, I came here today to ask you to come home with me. My grandmother said that she has something urgent to tell you," Shinnie said.

Fade was a little curious. He nodded and stood up as he said, "Since it's an urgent matter, let's not waste time. Let's go to your home now!"

"Okay!" Shinnie nodded obediently and then left together with Fade.

Soon, the two of them arrived at the Sun family.

Francesca waved to dismiss her family members before coming over to Fade. She was about to kneel down and show respect to Fade. "Master—"

Fade waved his hand and said, "You don't have to do that! Let's sit and talk."

"Thank you, master!" Francesca got up from the floor and sat down next to Fade. Then she said to him, "Mr. Chen, I've asked Shinnie to invite you here to report two main things."

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"Go ahead!" Fade said.

"Yes!" Francesca said, "Firstly, the Martial Arts Convention of the five provinces will be held in a month's time."

"The Martial Arts Convention of the five provinces?" Fade looked at Francesca, puzzled.

She explained, "The Martial Arts Convention of the five provinces is an event organised by Long City and the four provinces around the city."

"The Martial Arts Convention first started some decades ago. Back then, the martial arts community in different provinces were growing rapidly as they set up their own territories. Naturally, fights were inevitable among them and bloody incidents were a common sight. These martial arts communities often fought with each other over the bloodshed, of which resulted in the fall of both parties. Subsequently, the other forces took advantage of the chaos and overtook them."

"In order to prevent these incidents from happening again, several larger forces joined hands to organize the Martial Arts Convention of the five provinces. The Martial Arts Convention offers the opportunity for forces with dispute and territory battles to fight against each other, in order to decide the distribution of benefits based on the results of the matches."

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"Later on, the development of the Martial Arts Convention continued to evolve until today. The martial arts communities in various places also gradually stabilized. Therefore, the significance of the Martial Arts Convention of the five provinces shifted from the distribution of benefits to a platform for martial arts communities to exchange skills and for the younger generation to compete. Of course, if there are major conflicts of interest, they would also resolve it at the Martial Arts Convention."

After listening to that, Fade Chen understood the significance of the Martial Arts Convention of the five provinces. At first, it was a fierce battle for territory, but now it gradually evolved into a social event.

This was not a bad thing for martial artists. After all, a martial artist needed to exchange skills and learn from each other in order to make progress.

Francesca Sun looked at Fade and continued, "This kind of event is held every three years. This time it's Long City's turn to organise it. As a local representative, our family is responsible for hosting the Martial Arts Convention of the five provinces. Mr. Chen, do you have any suggestions for this convention?"

Fade replied, "I don't know matters related to the convention. You should handle it."

"Yes!" Francesca nodded and continued to speak cautiously, "Most of the time, during the Martial Arts Convention, the juniors from different martial arts communities will exchange skills and learn from each other. I'm afraid my Sun family's juniors are not capable enough. Therefore, during this period of time, I've gathered all the young generation of my family to undergo special

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training."

Fade heart skipped a beat upon hearing this. He understood why Francesca was so cautious.

Because of the conflict between him and the Sun family, he had severely injured numerous middle-level martial artists from the Sun family, resulting in the lack of members with mid-level strength. Hence, Francesca had no choice but to gather juniors to undergo special training.

Thinking of this, Fade said, "Is that the reason why you asked Shinnie to take leave for the sake of the Martial Arts Convention?"

Francesca nodded and said, "Shinnie got talent in martial arts talent, but she has not been very interested in martial arts. I don't want to force her to practice martial arts, however, her strength is just not up to par. If she goes out for the match, I am afraid she can't even protect herself. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to improve her skills."

"You're right about this. It's a good idea to become stronger," Fade nodded. Then he thought of something and continued, "The Martial Arts Convention of the five Long City is the first thing you wanted to tell me. What is the second thing?"

Francesca looked at Fade and said, "The second thing is, Mr. Chen, you asked me to investigate the Skull Mob."

"The Skull Mob!" Hearing these three words, Fade's gaze froze and he had a strange expression in his eyes. He recalled the encounter he had with Quin in Fuma Town.

That time, a group of people with skull masks took advantage of the news about Jeremy Lin to kidnap Quin. The incident left a lasting impression on Fade.

"What clues did you manage to find?" Fade asked intently.

Francesca said, "There are not many clues. I managed to find something by coincidence some time ago. It is said that a group of

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men in black with skull masks appeared in a mountain area in the neighboring city. They hide during the day and only come out at night. The ordinary people usually don't see them nor know what these people are doing. It was by chance that a local resident took a picture of them. That's how I knew where they were!"

While speaking, Francesca handed Fade a photo.

Fade took the photo and looked at it. The photo was not very clear, one could only make out a few dark shadows behind the trees vaguely. However, Fade recognized them at a glance. The masks that the dark shadows wore were the skull masks that he had seen in Fuma Town. In the middle of the mask was a little green bud pattern.

"That's them!" Fade said coldly, "Where is the exact location? I need to go and have a look."

Francesca handed the map immediately and pointed out the location for him.

He nodded and said with all seriousness, "Please look after things in Long City. I'll go over there and have a look."

"Yes!" Francesca nodded and then said, "Mr. Chen, please bring Shinnie along with you!"

"Bring Shinnie along?" Fade frowned and looked at Francesca.

Francesca explained quickly, "Shinnie used to stay there for a while, so she is more familiar with Longxu City. She may be able to help you there. At the same time, I wish to request you to take Shinnie along to help her gain experience."

Fade was silent for a moment, then nodded and said, "Okay. Let Shinnie get ready then. We'll embark in two hours!"

"Okay!" Francesca nodded, then sent him off.

Francesca looked after Fade as he left and murmured softly, "Shinnie, I've tried my best to create opportunities for you. I hope

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you can take the opportunity to leave a good impression in Mr. Chen's heart."

After that, Francesca turned around and called Shinnie over to give her some advice.

Fade went home and told his wife about the matter. Then he met up with Shinnie and set off for Longxu City immediately.

Soon, the two arrived at Longxu City. As the location where they discovered the Skull Mob was in the mountain area, Fade and Shinnie couldn't enter the area directly. They had to find other means of transportation to go up the mountain after arriving in the city area.

It took them more than half a day to get there, and it was already evening when they reached the city area.

Fade thought it was rather late, and he wasn't in a hurry. Therefore, he booked a hotel in Longxu City to rest for a night and planned to continue the journey the next day.

After leaving their luggage in the hotel, they went downstairs for dinner.

The journey was really exhausting. They ordered many dishes and started to gobble up their meals. Even the usually elegant Shinnie was eating greedily at the moment.

Just as they were eating, they heard a surprised exclamation. "Shinnie Sun, is that you?"

Shinnie was busy eating when she heard the sound. She wiped the corner of her mouth before she turned around. She saw a girl in her twenties with long hair standing beside her and looking at her with delight.

"You are..." Shinnie looked at the girl but did not recognize her for a while.

Seeing this, the girl pointed at herself and said with a smile, "Shinnie, I am Fynna Yuan. Don't you remember me?"

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Shinnie suddenly came to a realization when she heard the name. She smiled and said, "Fynna, it's you. I'm sorry that I didn't recognize you for a while."

"It's okay. After all, we haven't seen each other for years," Fynna said to her while smiling.

Then her eyes fell on Fade, who was next to Shinnie. She couldn't help but turn her eyes over and said, "Shinnie, is this your boyfriend? I remember that you once told me that your dream man must be tall and handsome with high literacy and skills in martial arts."

"Fynna!" Shinnie blushed when she heard this. She quickly waved and interrupted her words. Then she explained, "Fynna, this is Fade Chen, my...my friend."

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"Just a friend?" Fynna noticed Shinnie's blushing face and inadvertently scanned Fade Chen from top to bottom.

"Yes, he's just a friend." Shinnie pulled Fynna and explained hurriedly. Then she introduced Fynna to Fade, "Brother Chen, this is Fynna Yuan. She used to be my classmate in junior high school."

"Hello!" Fade and Fynna acknowledged each other with a nod.

At this time, a tall and handsome young man made his way over and said, "Fynna, what are you doing there?"

Hearing the voice, Fynna turned around, held the young man's arm, and walked over with a smile to introduce him to Shinnie and Fade. "This is my boyfriend, Palmer Wu. We are classmates in university. We heard about the beautiful scenery here in Longxu City, and decided to come here for sightseeing together during the holidays."

Students couples travelling during holidays was a very common sight.

Then, Fynna introduced Palmer to Shinnie and Fade. "Palmer, this is Shinnie Sun, my good friend who's now in Dragonville. This is Fade Chen, Shinnie's...good friend."

Palmer listened to the introduction as he scanned the two of them. He glanced at Fade and finally fixed his eyes on Shinnie. Suddenly, his eyes lit up as he stared at Shinnie's beautiful face for a few seconds. He had a strange glint in his eyes. He smiled unwittingly as he reached out his right hand to Shinnie and said, "Hi, I am Palmer Wu."

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Even though Shinnie's skills were not as strong, she was still a martial arts practitioner. Therefore, her sense was better than that of ordinary people. Naturally, she felt Palmer's aura.

Shinnie frowned slightly and felt a little displeased. After all, Palmer was Fynna's boyfriend, and it was really inappropriate for him to look at her this way.

She decided not to shake his hand and just nodded her head gently as a response. Then, she leaned slightly towards Fade.

Palmer narrowed his eyes slightly. He glanced at Fade, then withdrew his right hand with some reluctance.

The overexcited Fynna did not notice her boyfriend's abnormal behaviour. Instead, she moved closer to Shinnie and continued to chatter, "Shinnie, what are you and your friend doing here in Longxu City? Are you guys on a vacation?"

Hearing this, Shinnie shook her head and said, "We are not here for vacation. Fade has some matters to deal with. We came here to settle it together."

"Oh, I see!" Fynna said with some disappointment when she heard that Shinnie wasn't here for a vacation.

Following that, she smiled at Shinnie and said, "In that case, you go ahead with your work. Let's come out again when you are free!"

"Sure!" Shinnie nodded and smiled.

Fynna waved goodbye and returned to her seat. However, her boyfriend kept glancing over at Shinnie, with eager and reluctant expressions on his face.

Fade and Shinnie continued to eat after that.

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Soon, the two finished their dinner and were about to return to their hotel room.

Suddenly, they heard a loud noise coming from the front door of the hotel. All the customers in the hotel turned their heads and looked in the direction of the noise.

They saw a few punks with tattoos whistling as they entered the hotel.

The punks looked around the hotel. When they saw Fynna and Palmer, they fixed their eyes on them in an instant and walked straight towards them.

As they approached, the punks made their moves immediately. Seeing this, Palmer charged towards them while Fynna was blurting something beside him.

However, Palmer and Fynna were outnumbered by the punks and the both of them were no match.

Soon, Palmer was beaten a few times and fell to the ground. Fynna was also caught by several punks, who then dragged her by arm and tried to leave.

The customers in the hotel frowned. Some stood up and shouted, "Who are you guys? Stop! Otherwise, I'll call the police."

However, before the person could call the police, someone stopped him and said with a fearful look on his face, "Don't be hasty. We can't afford to mess with these people."

"What do you mean?" The man frowned.

The man next to him pointed to the tattoos on the punks' body and whispered, "Look at their tattoos! That's Master Zhang's people. Don't stir up trouble."

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"Master Zhang? Is he very powerful?" The man was puzzled.

The others whispered, "Of course he is powerful. Don't you know. Master Zhang is one of the overlords in Longxu City. The Zhang family is the second most powerful family in Longxu City behind the Gong family, of which Master Gong is from."

When the people around heard this, their expressions changed. Then they took a few steps back in horror to move away from the group of punks.

Even the person who wanted to call the police earlier went pale at the moment. Finally, he sighed helplessly, and retracted his steps as he shook his head. Although he had a sense of justice, he knew that he could not afford to offend a family who ranked second in the city.

Seeing this, those punks were even more arrogant and proud. They punched and kicked Palmer a few more times, and then forcibly took Fynna away.

Fynna shouted in horror. She screamed for help but everyone around her backed away cowardly. Even the hotel guards pretended to see nothing as they lowered their heads and left.

Shinnie grew anxious when she saw the situation. She looked at Fade unwittingly.

Fade surely understood what Shinnie meant. He said quietly, "Let's go over and have a look."

The two of them walked towards the punks.

At this moment, the punks were having a tug of war with Fynna as they said teasingly, "Beauty, you guys have offended Master Zhang. Now, he wants you to have a few drinks with him. You won't refuse him, will you?"

Fynna yelled, "That incident was indeed our fault. But we're willing to compensate, we will compensate!"

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"Compensate? Haha, do you know how much Master Zhang's car is worth? Can you guys afford it?" The punks sneered and pulled Fynna with more force.

When Palmer saw that his girlfriend was about to be taken away, he gritted his teeth and shouted, "Don't do anything rashly. Just because I'm not local doesn't mean I'm afraid of you. Let me tell you, I also know people in Longxu City."

"Wow, you know people too! Who do you know? Are you threatening us? I am so scared!" The punks laughed. Next, he waved his hand and shouted, "Take the woman away. As for the man, continue to beat him up!"

In an instant, the punks grabbed Fynna and were about to take her away by force. At the same time, they continued to attack Palmer.

The punks cursed angrily while beating Palmer, "You ungrateful piece of sh*t. How dare you challenge us after offending Master Zhang. You will know the consequences when Master Zhang is done with your girlfriend."