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Fade bellowed in a cold voice, "Considering your backgrounds, this is already a light punishment, asking you to cut off one of your own arms. Or else, you wouldn't even have a chance to speak."

"Now, do you want me to do it for you, or would you rather do it yourself?" Fade took a step forward, and a surge of energy burst out from his hands. His positive energy formed a razor-sharp sword in midair.

A chill ran down their spines as Mr. Ann and Madam Jodie sensed Fade's strong killing intent. A sense of fear and despair arose within their hearts. At that moment, they could not bother with anything else. They quickly said, "Master Chen, please calm down. We will cut off our arm."

After they finished, the two gritted their teeth, wielded their weapons and brought the weapons down on their left arms.

At once, two muffled yowls of anguish could be heard. Two arms flew into the air with crimson blood spurting out from it. Their countenance instantly turned pale.

Seeing this, Fade snorted curtly, and turned his head in the direction of Shelton.

Shelton could feel Fade's intense gaze on him even though he had his head down. His body remained the motionless posture of a kowtow on the ground.

After glancing at him for a while, Fade waved his hand and murmured in a faint tone, "Get up. I won't punish you since you admit

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your mistake in time."

When Shelton heard this, the intense nerves he felt deep down diminished at once. With much relief, he quickly kowtowed three times to Fade and said, "Thank you, Master Chen. Thank you!"

Fade waved his hand and said, "Get up and tell me exactly what happened."

Shelton stood up and said with utmost respect, "Master Chen, I'm from the Liu family in Southcloud District. Mr. Ann and Madam Jodie are from the Dark Souls Clan and the Quiet Heart Monastery respectively, which are the two major martial arts associations in Southcloud District."

"We are traveling to meet the Yue family in Westamor District. We were invited to the wedding of Yohannes Yue, the brother of Graham Yue, who is the current head of the Yue family. When we bypassed here, we happened to come across..."

Hearing the familiar words of "Yue family in Westamor District" and "Yohannes Yue", the scenes at the Martial Arts Convention of the five districts appeared vividly to his mind. His curiosity was immediately triggered, so he asked, "Tell me about Harrison Yue's marriage."

Shelton quickly said, "We heard that the Yue family had initially arranged a marriage with the Yu family, a famous family of commerce in Westamor District. The marriage is between Yohannes and Melanie Yu, the new generation of the elites of the commerce world. However, at the Martial Arts Convention of the five districts, Yohannes was defeated by you, Master Chen..."

Speaking of this, Shelton cast a nervous glance at Fade and stopped mid-sentence.

Fade waved his hand impatiently and said, "Go on."

Shelton said, "After Yohannes suffered an at the Martial Arts Convention, the Yue family was furious, they exerted pressure on

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the Yu family. The Yu family was no match to the Yue family, so they apologized to the Yu family in public. As a result, the Yue family asked the Yu family to hand over twenty percent of their property, at the same time, they requested for Melanie to marry Yohannes."

Hearing this, Fade's eyes turned icy cold as he asked, "You're trying to say that Yohannes forced Melanie to marry him?"

Shelton trembled and said, "Well, that seems to be the case. However, I heard that the Yu family also agreed to the marriage."

"What!" Fade suddenly burst into anger, and his fiery aura fanned out, causing Shelton, Mr. Ann and Madam Jodie to tremble under the pressure of his momentum.

"Mr. Chen!" Aaron's voice shook Fade out of his fury.

Fade immediately calmed down and gradually retracted his aura. However, the chill on his face did not fade away. Instead, he looked into the distance and whispered in a cold voice, "Yohannes Yue! The Yue family! It seems that the lesson I've taught you before is not enough for you to repel!"

With that, Fade turned around and left.

When he returned to Long City, Fade immediately called Melanie. It turned out that Melanie's mobile phone had been turned off. There was no answer. Fade's expression dropped several degrees as an ominous feeling gripped him.

Therefore, he decided to go to the Westamor District in person.

Fade explained the situation to his wife, Quin, and made adequate arrangements of the affairs in the Sincere Medicine Center. After that, he set off to Westamor District right away.

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Westamor District was not far away from Dragonville. Fade took the high-speed train for two hours and arrived at his destination in no time.

However, Fade did not head for the Yue Family right away. Instead, he dropped by at Thunder Mountain City, which was located in the northeast of Westamor District.

Compared to Westamor District, Thunder Mountain City could only be regarded as a medium-sized city. The density of the population here was quite low, and it was not a very hectic city either. However, it was a popular city in Westamor District, right after Yudson City, the capital of Long City.

The biggest reason for this was that the Lightning Clan, the second largest martial arts association in Westamor District, was located right within Thunder Mountain City.

The Lightning Clan was located on the Thunder Mountain in the northwest of Thunder Mountain City. Due to the fame of the Lightning Clan, there were countless people who came here to practice martial arts each year, which indirectly enhanced the economic growth of the Thunder Mountain City to a certain extent.

When Fade arrived at Thunder Mountain City in the evening, the whole city was bustling with people in an endless stream and hustle and bustle.

Unlike other places, there were a lot of wielders of martial artists in the crowd. This further displayed the influence of the Lightning Clan on the entire Thunder Mountain City.

As time was getting late, Fade found a decent hotel in the city to settle down.

After putting his luggage in the hotel, Fade took a shower and went out to look for a restaurant to quench his hunger.

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The reason why he didn't eat in the hotel was because Fade had wanted to come out to inquire about the latest news of the Lightning Clan. Before he went to the Yue family, Fade wanted to retrieve the Dragon Source Herb Farm that the Lightning Clan had lost to him.

After all, Fade now ran his own medicine center, so he really needed those herbs to concoct medicine to save Jeremy and many other lives as well. Therefore, Fade decided to reclaim the Dragon Source Herb Farm.

The best place to obtain information was no doubt the place where all sorts of people mingled at.

As he asked around, Fade reached a stall in the night market.

The food stall was covered in a pungent smell of char and smoke from cooking, but there were already a lot of people sitting on the crude tables and chairs beside it. They were eating and drinking, bragging and fighting. The night was lively and exciting.

Fade found an empty table and ordered some barbecue and beer. While taking his own sweet time to eat and drink, he eavesdropped on the conversations of the people around him.

Sure enough, the influence of the Lightning Clan was quite great to the locals of Thunder Mountain City. Before long, Fade started hearing many people around him talking about the Lightning Clan.

"Recently, there are a lot of outsiders in our city, all the hotels are fully booked."

"That's not true. Most of them are from the wealthy. Almost all of them came in luxury cars!"

"Don't you know why? That's because the opening day of Dragon Source Herb Farm is just around the corner. It's natural for the wealthy to be here for medicine!"

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"It turns out that the opening day is nearing. I almost forgot about it. If I could get a herb from the Lightning Clan, how wonderful would it be! I can sell it for a handsome profit."

"My buddies, stop daydreaming. Average citizens like us don't even stand for a chance to attend such an occasion at all, do we?"

"Yes, those who are qualified to attend the occasion are either rich or practice martial arts. Ordinary people like us can only watch on in silent envy."

"Ah, such tough lives for us!"

"Well, buddy, don't be so brooding. Let's drink."

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Having listened to the discussion of the people around, Fade couldn't help but feel increasingly curious toward the "Opening Day of Dragon Source Herb Farm" that they could not stop discussing.

He glanced sideways at the table next to him, ready to approach them to enquire more about the opening day.

However, a figure suddenly scurried toward his table and sat down directly in the empty seat beside him.

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The sudden incident made Fade bewildered. He immediately eyed the person beside him in curiosity.

The person was wearing an oversized shirt with a hat on top, and her face was shielded beneath the shadows. However, judging from her figure, it was evident that she was a young lady.

"Miss, you—" Fade was about to ask.

The girl quickly made a silencing gesture at Fade. Then, to Fade's disbelief, she approached Fade. She directly held Fade's arm intimately and leaned her head against Fade's shoulder.

Fade was taken aback by her blatant moves. Deep in his heart, he whispered, "Are the girls in Thunder Mountain City so bold and aggressive?"

"Miss, I—" Fade said.

However, before he could say anything, the woman lowered her voice and said to Fade, "Someone is after me. Give me a hand. Pretend to be my boyfriend so that they won't discover me."

As soon as the girl finished speaking, there was a flurry of footsteps coming from the entrance of the food stall. Several people hurried in, scanning around frantically as though they were after somebody.

The girl stole a glance at them and she stiffened. She whispered to Fade, "They're coming."

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Then, the girl leaned closer to Fade. Her soft body went directly onto Fade's arm, and her cheek inched closer to his. She whispered to Fade within a hair's breadth, "Don't let out a sound."

As the two closed the distance between each other, Fade finally got to take a clear view of the young lady's face which was concealed under the big hat.

The girl was in her early twenties, she was young. The pair of massive bright eyes, small but high nose, and moist cherry red lips made the girl look especially lovely and delicate.

As though she could sense Fade's gaze on her, the young lady shot a disapproving glare at him and whispered, "Stop looking. You will expose us."

At this moment, several people who came in looking for her stalked toward their location.

The young lady was overwhelmed with mounting nerves. She plunged herself deeper into Fade's embrace, and her cheek was so close to Fade's that they were almost glued to each other. They could feel each other's hot and humid breaths of landing on their cheeks.

After a long while, hearing that it had gone quiet, the young lady retreated a little and asked Fade worriedly, "Have they left?"

Fade looked up and found that those people were gone. So, he nodded and said, "Yes."

Immediately, the lady breathed a sigh of relief. She smiled sweetly at Fade in gratitude and said, "Thank you. I'm leaving. Bye!"

As she spoke, the girl attempted to let go and get up from Fade's embrace.

However, at that particular moment, a middle-aged man and woman, dressed in good-looking clothes, came over with gloomy

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faces.

"Cherry Xie! Tell me, what are you doing?"

"Cherry, we've made an appointment for dinner. How can you run away like this?"

Upon hearing the voices of the two, the girl, who was close to getting up, quickly sat back and threw herself back into Fade's embrace. She hugged Fade tightly and whispered in a pleading tone, "Don't let go of me."

At the sight of this scene, the middle-aged man and women's expressions stiffened as they cast a hostile look toward Fade.

"Who are you? Let go of our Cherry."

"Let go of her right now, or you'll have to pay for it."

At this moment, Fade realized that the couple seemed very familiar with the young lady beside him. They were likely to be her parents. But for the sake of the girl's safety, Fade still asked tentatively, "Who are you?"

The two of them immediately answered, "We are her parents. I'd like to ask who you are."

Hearing this, Fade looked at the girl in his arms and asked in a low voice, "Is it true?"

The girl gave a brief nod.

Fade was speechless. He let go of his arms and looked up innocently at the middle-aged couple across him. He said, "I don't know her!"

"You don't know her!" A hint of anger flashed across the man's face and his tone became a little cold. "If you don't know her, why is Cherry so intimate with you?"

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For a moment, Fade was at a loss of words. He tried to explain, "I'm speaking the truth, I have no idea who she is. She was the one who suddenly rushed over and hugged me."

"Brat, how dare you say that when you've taken advantage of my daughter? I must teach you a lesson today, or else you wouldn't learn your lesson!"

The woman beside her whipped out her mobile phone and said, "Hello, I'm going to call the police. There's a scoundrel here who is making a move on my daughter. We're at..."

Hearing this, the girl in Fade's arms couldn't take it anymore. She let go of Fade's arms, stood up, and said, "Mom, stop messing around. He's right, we don't know each other."

"If you don't know each other, why did you throw yourself into his arms?" they asked with dark looks. The woman still had her mobile phone out and about.

The girl pouted, "That's because you sent people to catch me. If I hadn't been pushed into a corner, I wouldn't have simply found someone and jumped into his arms."

"You are putting the blame on us!" The woman said in agitation, "We sent someone to find you because you've escaped from the dinner setting with Young Master Lei."

"We've made an appointment for dinner together tonight. What would they think of us if you ran away like that?" the middle-aged man lectured her angrily.

The girl pouted and grumbled in sheer dissatisfaction, "I don't care what he thinks of me. I don't like him! But you still asked me to dine with him."

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"How dare you talk back?! We are doing this for the sake of your grandfather!" the woman shot back.

The middle-aged man also tried to persuade the young lady in a deep voice, "Cherry, you are not young anymore. You're aware of your grandfather's current physical condition. If he can't obtain the medicine from the Lightning Clan this time, your grandfather may not be able to hold on any longer. As for Young Master Lei, he has connections with the Lightning Clan. That's why we..."

"I know, I know that Grandpa is in poor health and desperately needs medicine for his treatment. I also want Grandpa to recover. Even so, you can't force me to date Young Master Lei." The girl was on verge of tears.

Seeing their daughter breaking into sobs, the couple's tone softened, but they still held firm on their decision, "We are not asking you to date Young Master Lei. We just want you to dine with him and get acquainted with each other first. You can't even make this tiny sacrifice for your grandfather?"

The girl's face was masked with a grievance, "Mom, Dad, it's not that I don't want to make sacrifices for Grandpa! You have no idea what type of man Young Master Lei is. When we first met two days ago, he was already trying to make a move on me. And now, you're telling me to dine with him alone, who knows what's going to happen!"

Hearing this, the middle-aged man and woman went silent.

After a while, the woman said, "I don't think he will do such a thing as Young Master Lei comes from a reputable family after all. It's just a meal, I don't think he'd go too far!"

Hearing her mother's words, the girl's face was drenched in tears. She retorted in despair, "Why not? You have no idea what kind of obscene he texted me. Are you going to wait until it's too late before you believe what I say?"

With this, the girl whipped out her mobile phone and showed them the text messages.

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When the middle-aged man and woman read the messages, their expressions tensed. Their faces turned sullen. For a long time, they were totally at a loss for words.

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In the end, the middle-aged man heaved a sigh. He said to the young lady, "Regardless of that, you're coming back with us!"

Cherry pouted. She wanted to voice an objection, but her mother came over and said in exasperation, "Cherry, don't blame us. We are doing this for the sake of your Grandpa."

At the mention of her Grandpa, Cherry had no choice but to give in. She stood up obediently and went over to her parents.

Seeing this, the middle-aged couple nodded and were ready to leave the food stall with the young lady.

Just as she was about to leave, the girl suddenly thought of something. She turned around and walked toward Fade.

Standing in front of Fade, the girl bowed to him. She smiled, "I'm sorry, I've troubled you. I'm Cherry Xie."

Fade was surprised before a faint smile tugged on his lips. He nodded slightly and said, "No worries. I'm Fade Chen."

"Thank you, Fade!" The girl nodded in gratitude and was ready to leave.

However, Fade stopped her, "Cherry, wait a minute."

The girl turned to look at Fade with curiosity. "Er, Fade, you..."

Meanwhile, Cherry's parents also turned to look at him warily. It seemed that if Fade made any fishy moves, they would rush up and give him a good thrashing.

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However, Fade did not make any inappropriate move. He merely handed Cherry a name card and chuckled, "I am a doctor. If you need any help, you can contact me."

His words were totally out of Cherry's expectation. It seemed that he had overheard her grandfather's condition.

After a brief hesitation, Cherry took his name card. She nodded and said, "I will. Thank you, Fade!"

With that, the girl turned around and walked toward her parents.

His parents asked warily, "Cherry, what did he give you?"

Cherry showed them the name card, "His name is Fade. He is a doctor. He said I can contact him if I need him."

"A doctor!" When Cherry's parents heard this, they couldn't help but turn to look at Fade in disbelief. However, they later frowned, "We have consulted who knows how many famous doctors. You'd better not simply put your trust in a roving doctor."

Clearly, they did not trust Fade's medical skills at all. They were even doubtful of his identity as a doctor. They strongly suspected that this was just a trick of him to accost their daughter.

Although Cherry did not have much confidence in Fade's medical skills, she carefully kept his name card in her purse. After all, Fade mere did so out of goodwill.

After Cherry and her parents had left, Fade went on to satiate his rumbling stomach for a while. While he did, he took this opportunity to engage in a lively chat with the other diners around him.

It didn't take long for Fade to figure out the opening day that they were talking about.

The opening day was apparently a tradition of the Lightning Clan dating back to many years ago. The occasion would be held

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every four years. When the herbs in the Dragon Source Herb Farm of the Lightning Clan matured, the herb farm would be opened for visitors who did not come from this place.

They would set up some examinations for the visitors. Only those who have passed would be granted entry into the Dragon Source Herb Farm to pick any herb of his desire.

It was widely known that the Dragon Source Herb Farm was the place where the Lightning Clan carefully cultivated herbs. Even the least valuable herbs on the farm were worth millions of yuan on the market, let alone those precious herbs. These rare herbs worth invaluable, and even if one had the money, one may not be able to procure them on the market.

Therefore, the opening day of Dragon Source Herb Farm is certainly to attract an influx of people once every four years. After all, nobody would want to miss a golden chance to acquire precious medicinal ingredients. There was no harm in trying their luck.

Fade was fascinated by what he had heard. He went on to ask, "Wouldn't there be a lot of people who'd grab this opportunity? If every one of them takes one plant, can Lightning Clan take it?"

When the people in the vicinity heard him, they burst into laughter, "Bro, you think too much. There's no way the Lightning Clan would let everyone go in without having any restrictions? To be able to enter, you are either a practitioner of martial arts or a rich person."

"Commoners like us have no chance to visit the Dragon Source Herb Farm at all."

"That's not it. Even if we could go, we couldn't pass the test anyway!"

"That's right. After all, the Lightning Clan spent so much to open the farm, they're not giving out herbs out of kindness, but they are up to something else."

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"Up to something else? What is it?" Fade asked in a casual tone.

The others said, "Bro, you are still too young to understand the evil of the world!"

"Although the Lightning Clan is a powerful and influential martial arts association with a rank of Black Level, they are no different from ordinary people! They are profiteers who worship money. Why would they organize the opening day years after years if it doesn't benefit them?"

"That's right. Although the Lightning Clan's opening day looks just like a giveaway, you must bear in mind that those who are qualified to attend are no ordinary people. If they are given a precious medicine by the Lightning Clan for free, they will certainly remember the favor given by Lightning Clan."

"In the future, whenever the Lightning Clan needs help, they will naturally lend a helping hand to repay the favor, be it financial or authoritative support. This is the true motive of the Lightning Clan."

Upon hearing this, Fade came to a dawning realization.

There was no way Lightning Clan would trade in a losing business. The so-called opening day was merely an occasion for them to use the precious herbs of the sect to create a bond with the influential people.

Although he understood why they were doing so, Fade could not control the distaste that had evoked.

After all, the Lightning Clan had already lost the Dragon Source Herb Farm to him a few months ago. Now, the herb field actually belonged to Fade.

As a result, the members of the Lightning Clan were using his own property without his knowledge to hold this opening day. It was no different as to using his belongings illegally for their own profit.

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Thinking of this, Fade's eyes turned cold. He snorted inwardly and whispered to himself, "Franklin, oh, Franklin, it seems that you have forgotten my lesson when I'm not here to put a leash on you!"

After he bottomed up his wine, Fade bid goodbye with the folks and returned to the hotel.

The next day. It was the first day of Dragon Source Herb Farm's opening. Fade set off early in the morning and headed for Thunder Mountain.

Similar to Fade, there were a lot of people heading to the same destination. Along the way, Fade met a lot of wealthy businessmen and martial arts practitioners. They were bubbling with much fervor and enthusiasm.

Fade restrained his positive energy and advanced alone.

Halfway through the journey, a loud cry came from behind, "Fade!"

Fade heard the voice and turned his head around, only to see a small car slowing down behind him. When the door opened, it revealed the pretty face of a young lady. She waved her hand eagerly at Fade and greeted him warmly. She was none other than Cherry whom he met at the food stall yesterday.

When Fade saw Cherry, he smiled and raised his hand to return the wave. "Cherry, hello there!"

Seeing Fade's friendly response, Cherry continued to wave with a huge grin, "Fade, are you going to the Lightning Clan? Hop on! Come with us!"

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"Yes, I am going to the Lightning Clan," Fade nodded. Then, he caught sight of the wariness on her parents' expression through the front window. So he turned to Cherry and said, "I'll pass on the ride, thanks! I will walk there myself."

Hearing this, Cherry could not help but felt disappointed. However, much to everyone's shock, she immediately opened the car door and jumped haphazardly out of the car that was still moving.

This startled her parents. They exclaimed. "Cherry, what are you doing?"

Cherry winked at her parents and smiled, "Mom, Dad, you guys go ahead with driving. I'll walk with Fade. Since we are already close to the foot of Thunder Mountain, where we'll need to get down and hike the mountain on foot anyway. I'll take it as a warm up. "

Cherry's parents were about to say something, but the impatient blare of honks from the drivers behind them shattered the tense atmosphere, forcing them to drive forward.

When Cherry saw her parents driving away, a cheeky grin appeared on her face. She leaned over to Fade and said with a chuckle, "Fade, thank you for your help yesterday!"

Fade smiled and said, "You already thanked me yesterday. Besides, it's not a big deal. You don't have to be so polite."

Hearing this, Cherry giggled. She looked at Fade and asked, "Fade, are you really a doctor?"

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Fade nodded and said, "I'm a doctor in Chinese Medicine."

"Chinese Medicine?" Cherry was a little surprised. "You practice Chinese Medicine?"

Fade read through her mind and couldn't help laughing. He said, "You should change your mindset. Traditional Chinese medicine practitioners are not all white-bearded old men like what you're thinking right now. There are still a lot of youngsters in this profession."

"I see! I thought Chinese Medicine doctors are all old men like what I've seen on dramas!" The little girl stuck her tongue out, giving her a cute and lovely demeanor.

Then, she stared at Fade with widened eyes and asked tentatively, "Fade, are your medical skills good?"

"Well, I guess so!" Fade chuckled.

When she heard this, Cherry couldn't hide the joy on her face, "For real? My grandpa is seriously ill. It'd be wonderful if you could cure his illness."

When Fade heard this, he said, "Tell me your grandpa's symptoms. Who knows, I might actually have a way to save him!"

At first, Cherry merely brought up the topic as a casual conversation without expecting anything in return. After all, she was born with a silver spoon. Her family had employed countless famous doctors locally or from abroad, but none of them could not cure her Grandpa. Therefore, her family opted for the last choice, which was to seek for medicine from the Lightning Clan.

As for what Fade had just said, Cherry merely treated them as a figure of speech.

Seeing Cherry's indifferent attitude toward his words, Fade said, "You can tell me. Even if I can't cure him, maybe I know someone who can."

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Hearing this, Cherry felt tempted. She was thinking that even if Fade couldn't treat her grandpa, as a doctor of traditional Chinese medicine, he should know many people in the profession such as his seniors, masters and the likes of it. There might be a way out somehow. After all, the more friends you have, the more options you have.

Having thought of this, Cherry started telling Fade about her grandfather's condition.

After listening carefully to her descriptions, Fade pondered for a moment and said, "To be honest, your grandfather's condition is not as complicated as you think. Just take some ginseng, psyllium husk powder, argy wormwood..."

Fade went on with his list of jargons, only to stop when he noticed Cherry's look of utter puzzlement. He broke into laughter and said, "Well, I'll write down the prescriptions for you. When you go back, you can go to a traditional Chinese medical center to get you the ingredients."

Cherry didn't expect Fade to say that he could cure her grandfather's illness. Although she was not really convinced, Fade was being nice. She passed a pen and paper to Fade. Fade jolted down the prescriptions swiftly and handed it back to her.

Cherry took the prescription and glanced at it. Realizing that she couldn't understand a single word on it, she folded the paper and shoved it into her pocket.

"Thank you, Fade!" Cherry said with delight.

At this moment, a sneer could be heard. "Cherry, he is a scammer. You don't need to thank him."

Hearing this, Fade and Cherry whipped their heads in unison and noticed a young man in his late twenties sauntering toward them.

The man was dressed in designer clothes. The corners of his eyes and eyebrows were slightly raised in complacency. He carried

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an air of pride around him.

Cherry's expression darkened when she saw the man. She said coldly, "Hugo Lei! Don't meddle into my business."

The man's last name was Lei. It did not take Fade long to come to a realization that he must be Young Master Lei, the man Cherry had mentioned yesterday.

Hearing what Cherry had said, there was a trace of displeasure on Hugo's face. He immediately rebuked, "Cherry, I am not trying to meddle but this is a serious matter that concerns your grandfather's illness. How will your parents react if they find out that you've taken an unruly prescription from a lousy conman?"

Cherry's face immediately dimmed at his words. She knew only too well that her parents would not believe Fade's prescription at all.

For a moment, Cherry was frozen, she did not know how to react.

Seeing this, Hugo revealed a triumphant grin and continued, "Cherry, you'd better stay away from this trickster. I've already told you that I know someone in the Lightning Clan who can help you. I'll take you up the mountain and ask the master of the Lightning Clan for a prescription to cure your grandfather's illness. It's not troublesome."

While speaking, Hugo approached Cherry and tried to hold her hand.

However, Cherry quickly stepped back and steered away from his outstretched hand.

Without saying another word to Hugo, she turned directly to Fade, "Fade, let's go!"

Cherry took Fade's hand and scurried forward.

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Seeing this, Hugo's eyes turned livid with jealousy. He cast a venomous glare at Fade. Quickening his pace, he followed them silently.

Soon, Fade and Cherry arrived at the foot of the Thunder Mountain.

At this moment, the atmosphere at the foot of the mountain was as lively as a market. Myriads of luxury cars parked at the foot of the mountain. Looking at the crooked lane along the mountain, trails of people akin to a colony of ants could be seen hiking up the mountain.

In the face of the spectacular nature, we sure looked tiny.

When they walked toward the parking lot, Cherry's parents were already there, anxiously looking around for their daughter.

When they saw Cherry from far, they couldn't help but heaved a sigh of relief and strode toward their beloved daughter. However, when they saw Cherry walking hand-in-hand with Fade, their faces suddenly turned sullen.

Seeing his parents' expressions, Cherry's heart skipped a beat. She quickly let go of Fade's hand and walked toward her parents. "Mom, Dad, I..."

Before she could finish, her parents pulled a sullen face on them, "What was that?"

"What?" Cherry pretended to be oblivious.

His parents said coldly, "Don't play dumb. You and Fade are holding hands. What were you thinking?"

For a moment, Cherry didn't know how to explain it to her parents. At this time, Hugo also came over and greeted Cherry's parents with a cordial smile, "Mr. and Mrs. Xie, nice to meet you!"

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"Hugo!" When Cherry's parents saw Hugo, they beamed in a friendly manner and nodded at him as a form of a greeting.

They tried changing the subject right away. This was because they had introduced their daughter to Hugo before, so it was inappropriate to be talking about Cherry holding hands with another man in front of Hugo.

However, Hugo asked bluntly, "Mr. and Mrs. Xie, I noticed that Cherry seems to be very close to that man. Is he a relative of Cherry's?"

When they heard this, their expressions stiffened. They quickly broke out into a flurry of explanation, "No, he's not a relative. He's just an acquaintance."

"An acquaintance?" Hugo emphasized the word and said, "Mr. and Mrs. Xie, please don't blame me for being a busybody!"

"I saw the man writing a prescription to Cherry on my way here. He claimed that this prescription could cure Elder Xie's illness. I was worried that Cherry might have been scammed by him. It's not a big deal to be deceived, but if he wrote a fake prescription that might harm Elder Xie, the consequences will be grave," Hugo said deliberately.

His words immediately sent a fury of anger down Cherry's parents. They glared furiously at Cherry. "Is he telling the truth?"

Cherry shot a glare at Hugo and tried to explain, "Dad, Mom, Fade is not a conman. He is a Chinese medicine doctor. I told him about grandpa's condition. He was kind enough to give me a prescription."

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"Chinese medicine practitioner? Kind? How dare he prescribe at such a young age!"

"It's not that we've not seen a traditional Chinese medicine doctor before. Those old doctors of Chinese medicine personally visited your Grandpa for a detailed check up and diagnosis, yet they did not dare to simply prescribe any medication for him. By merely listening to your description, he came up with a prescription in haste. What is he if not a conman?"

Cherry's parents were agitated.

Cherry tried to explain further, but her parents were so cynical and agitated that they refused to listen. What's more, they demanded her to tear the paper into shreds.

Cherry felt wronged. She could only give Fade a look of apology.

Fade merely gave her a faint smile, he did not take the matter to heart. He said softly, "Cherry, goodbye. I'll be going first."

As he spoke, Fade walked away from them and continued up the mountain.

With Fade's departure, Cherry's parents did not press on the topic but headed for the mountain along with Cherry. Hugo followed them. Along the way, he engaged in a lively conversation with Cherry's parents with a polite smile on his face. He even took the initiative to speak to Cherry from time to time, but Cherry simply turned a cold shoulder to him.

They walked out of the car park and arrived at the trailhead, getting ready to conquer the mountain.

At this moment, there were many people at the trailhead. Some had gone up the stairs and started the climb.

However, the majority of them were gathering in an open area in front of the trailhead. They seemed to be engrossed in a hot discussion with fervent enthusiasm.

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As the Xie family and Hugo approached, they noticed a lot of hawker stalls in front of the trailhead, on which there were all kinds of Chinese herbs on sale. The stall owners were yelling non-stop as a means to attract customers.

"Don't miss it when you walk by. You'll regret it if you don't buy the herbs of the Lightning Clan!"

"I have a special relationship with the Lightning Clan, and these herbs are personally handpicked from Dragon Source Herb Farm itself. They've received positive comments even from Black Level masters. Please come and take a look! "

"100,000 yuan for one plant. This is not a con job, you will definitely benefit from buying our goods, drop by for a try!"

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Hearing these yells and shouts of the vendors, a disdainful smile appeared on his face, and said, "A bunch of liars! Don't mind them."

Cherry and her parents did not believe in these so-called precious herbs as well. After glancing around, they shook their heads and were ready to leave.

However, Fade, who was in front of them, suddenly stopped and walked toward a tiny stall.

Cherry's heart skipped when she noticed Fade heading to the stall. She dragged her parents over and said, "Mom, Dad, let's go over there!"

"Cherry, Hugo already said that these are..."

Without waiting for her parents' retort, she quickly interrupted, "Mom, Dad, let's go. We can just have a look, we don't have to buy anything."

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And so, they made a beeline to the stall.

This stall was somewhat different from the others. There were very few herbs on sale, and the stall owner did not promote his products like the others did. He merely sat quietly in his place, watching the customer picking at the plants in hushed silence.

Someone picked up a herb and asked for the price. The vendor said directly, "One million yuan."

The person who asked for the price was startled by the answer and immediately tossed the herb back onto the stall. He said indignantly, "This kind of herb only costs 100,000 yuan in other stalls. You're selling it for a million yuan, which is ten times higher. How can you be so dishonest?"

The stall owner was extremely cold and lofty. He merely said icily, "Why don't you buy it at the other stalls."

"You—" The person who was asking for the price was rendered speechless at his blatant answer.

Next to him, another person asked, "Could you reduce the price?"

The vendor said coldly again, "If you want to bargain, go elsewhere."

His attitude irritated and deterred the customers, which made his stall seem even more deserted than before.

Seeing this, Hugo immediately whispered to Cherry and her parents, "This is a common trick of businessmen. He deliberately put on an indifferent attitude so that everyone will think that his herbs are extraordinary and buy them."

"I see. If it weren't for you, Hugo, we might have been fooled." Cherry's parents said gratefully.

Cherry twitched her lips and looked to the other side. Fade was crouching down over there, having chosen a ginseng-like herb. He asked the vendor, "How much is this?"

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The vendor replied faintly, "Two million yuan!"

Hearing the price, Fade didn't say anything, but the people around him started a heated discussion at once.

"Oh wow, this is worse. Two million yuan, twice as much as before."

"Young man, don't be fooled by him. Almost 99% of the herbs in this kind of stall are fake!"

"Young man, there is a similar herb in my stall. I will sell to you with just one hundred and fifty thousand yuan. Come over for a look!"

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Hearing the discussions around him, the vendor's face was as cold as before, he had no intention to explain or to defend himself.

Fade was ignorant of the opinions around him. He nodded and said to the vendor, "Okay, two million yuan. I'll take this one."

Upon hearing this, the people around him were stunned. They looked at Fade with dumbfounded eyes.

Shortly after, a lot of people started persuading Fade.

"Kid, don't buy it. The herb must be fake."

"Young man, why won't you listen? It's fake. Don't be fooled!"

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Amidst the bombardment of frenzied voices, Cherry was overwhelmed with consternation. She looked at Fade quizzically. In her opinion, since so many people were questioning its authenticity, there must be something wrong with it.

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Hugo sneered and said, "Ha-ha, a guy who never listens. I don't know whether to call him stubborn or stupid!"

Cherry's parents also shook their heads in disapproval. They dragged their daughter back and warned her in a low voice, "Don't mingle with him anymore."

"But..." Cherry wanted to rebuke, but she suddenly did not know what to say.

Hugo continued to ridicule him and said, "Don't tell me that guy is trying to cheat for herbs now? After all, he was spurting nonsense to Cherry before, maybe he has other schemes now."

Hearing this, Cherry's parents were somewhat curious and whispered among themselves, "That's right. Fade doesn't seem like someone who can afford two million yuan!"

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The vendor's indifferent attitude and Fade's bizarre move of buying a single herb for two million had attracted heaps of attention. Many eyes landed on them, with clamor of opinions lavishing on them.

However, Fade paid no heed toward their opinions. Instead, he took out his wallet, ready to pay by card.

The ginseng in the stall was definitely not an ordinary one, but a very rare Fire Blaze ginseng. Ginseng was a great tonic, but it normally grew in shady areas, so it was inevitable that it'd carry some Yin energy with it.

However, this ginseng was different from the average ginseng. It grew up in a place full of sunlight. Therefore, there was no cold energy in it. Naturally, the nourishing effect was ten times higher than that of the average ginseng.

This kind of Fire Blaze ginseng was exceptionally rare due to the limitation of its growing environment. And it was the best thing to treat Quin's Ice Lotus illness or as a tonic for Jeremy.

Therefore, when Fade heard that it cost only two million yuan, he was ready to pay for it without a second thought. After all, this kind of rare gem was hard to come by. Not to mention two million yuan, even if it was twenty million yuan, it was still worth it. If he hadn't come across it by luck today, he'd not be able to get one even if he had the money.

Thus, Fade ignored the teases and ridicule from the crowd and was set on purchasing it.

Just as Fade was about to pay the bill, a figure suddenly came forward and said, "Wait a minute, I'd like to take a look at this

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herb."

Hearing this, the vendor and Fade turned to look at the newcomer.

The man was about 28 years old. He was wearing an ancient long robe with a hair bun. He looked like an elegant young man from the ancient times. In addition, the man was attractive, his skin was fair, one could not help but to relate him to the famous Chinese term, "a young man as beautiful as jade".

All at once, all the young ladies around eyed him with interest. They looked at him longingly in a daze.

Even Cherry was looking unconsciously at the eye-catching, elegant young man.

Such a situation made Hugo, who was right next to Cherry, on tiptoe. He thought to himself, "I've just gotten rid of Fade Chen, here comes another gigolo. This is really annoying!"

Just as everyone was marveling at the handsome young man, the center of attention was looking at the Fire Blaze ginseng in great detail. A hint of astonishment flashed across his eyes. He reached out to pick up the ginseng as he asked, "How much is this herb? I want it."

The vendor was still as indifferent as before and said, "Two million yuan!"

After listening to this price, the elegant young man with a smooth face didn't hesitate at all. He nodded and said, "Okay, I'll take it."

As he spoke, he made a gesture with his hand. Behind him, there was a follower who seemed like a servant, immediately stepping forward to pay the bill.

This made Fade frown. He said coolly, "Wait a minute, I had my eyes on this herb before you and I was in the midst of paying the

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bill."

Having heard this, the elegant young man turned to look at Fade thorough once-over. Then, a strange light flashed across his eyes as he said firmly, "I'm buying this!"

As he said so, there was a deliberate emphasis in his tone along with an air of confidence as if the herb was destined to be his.

Fade hated such self-righteous people the most. He pulled a long face, he did not intend to argue with him anymore. He looked directly at the vendor and handed over his bank card. He said, "Here's the money. I'll take the herb."

Seeing that the stall owner was about to take the money from Fade, the elegant young man panicked and shot Fade a glare of displeasure. Then, he turned to the stall owner and said, "How much money did he pay? I'll pay more."

The vendor's cold expression changed slightly for the first time. He said, "He paid me two million yuan."

Hearing this, the elegant young man revealed a confident smile and said, "I'll pay two million two hundred thousand yuan, sell it to me."

Hearing this, the vendor rolled his eyes but remained silent. Instead, he turned to look at Fade. Clearly, he wanted Fade to bid.

Although Fade disliked the stall owner's sudden change of attitude, Fade was willing to purchase the Fire Blaze ginseng at a higher price, since it was not easy to come by.

As such, Fade said directly, "Two million five hundred thousand yuan!"

As soon as the bid was made, the elegant young man was shocked, he looked at Fade in surprise. It seemed that he didn't expect this ordinary-dressed guy to be able to afford such a massive sum and to compete with him at that.

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After a brief moment of hesitation, the elegant young man raised the price. "Two million eight hundred thousand yuan!" Fade's face remained unchanged and he immediately raised the bid. "Three million!"

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All the onlookers were dumbfounded by the scene of the fierce and incredible bidding between the two men. They watched in total disbelief and once again started discussing fervently among themselves.

"The herb only costs one hundred thousand yuan. But they are willing to buy it at three million, and the price is still on the rise, are they crazy?"

"Do we have so many wealthy people nowadays?"

"Is there really something extraordinary about that herb?"

"However, it just looks like any other ginseng to me!"

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Amidst all the wild guesses and heated discussions of the crowd, Cherry and the gang were also thunderstruck.

Cherry's parents didn't expect that someone would be willing to pay such a high price for an unremarkable item. Moreover, there was a fierce bidding going on at this moment.

Hugo was even startled by what he witnessed. He frowned and said, "Fade must have invited this guy as an accomplice for his scam!"

After all, in Hugo's eyes, Fade and that pretty boy were good-for-nothings. So, he naturally thought that they were up to no good.

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When Cherry heard this, she couldn't help frowning and said, "Stop thinking that everyone is as horrible as you! You're absurd!" Hugo's face distorted. He tried to think of something to defend himself.

Right at this instance, his attention was attracted by the bidding between Fade and the elegant young man that had intensified.

The elegant young man said, "I offer four million and eight hundred thousand yuan!"

After that, he stared at Fade with a fiery gaze. In his opinion, although this herb was valuable, it was not worth buying if it goes five million.

Hence, he was gazing at Fade at this moment to convey a hint of threat to him. On the other hand, he wanted Fade to think wisely before he acted, so that he would not behave rashly.

But he had obviously underestimated Fade's capability.

When he heard the offer, Fade raised the bid again without hesitating. "Five million!"

Having heard this figure, not only the onlookers were aghast, but the elegant young man was also taken aback. He gritted his teeth and glared furiously at Fade, "Why must you go against me? Do you know who I am?"

Fade glanced at him indifferently and said in an icy tone, "I don't care who you are. I'm only aware of the fact that if you want to buy something, you must be able to pay. If you can't afford it, get out of here."

"You!" The elegant young man had never been humiliated by anyone on the basis of money. He was so furious at what Fade had said, his whole body trembled uncontrollably. He shot a hateful look at Fade and gnashed his teeth. "I offer five million five hundred thousand yuan."

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This time, he added 500,000 yuan right away as a means to intimidate Fade .

However, he had miscalculated. Fade didn't care about this mere sum at all. He frowned slightly and waved his hand casually, "6,500,000 yuan."

"It's no fun at all raising the bid little by little. Don't bid if you don't have money. After this, no matter how much you bid, I will raise it by a million!"

His words caused the crowd around them to gasp. Although most of them who were present were rich, no one was willing to spend so much money on an ordinary herb from a stall. Moreover, Fade had said that no matter how much the elegant young man offered, he would raise the bid by a million.

This was no longer a purchase, but throwing money extravagantly. For a moment, everyone looked at Fade in shock. It was hard to believe that a man dressed in ordinary clothes was this lavish.

The young man was so angry he gnashed his teeth. He glared at Fade, he even felt like making a bid to get back at Fade, making Fade pay at a much higher price.

However, as he was about to bid, he was worried that Fade was just provoking him to place a bid. If he placed a higher bid and Fade stopped bidding, this would detriment the young man.

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Although the young man was rich, he had his limits after all. He could not casually spend so much on this one herb. Thinking of this, the young man gritted his teeth and shot Fade a hard glare. In the end, he turned on his feet and stormed off the stall.

Finally, he withdrew from the bidding. The final price reached an unexpected 6,500,000 yuan.

The vendor looked at Fade, waiting for him to pay. The rest of the people around also looked at Fade, seemingly curious to see if Fade's piggy bank held water.

Under everyone's gaze, Fade handed his bank card over without a second thought and swiped the card on the vendor's machine.

Some onlookers with sharp eyes were surprised to see the series of numbers behind the bank card's balance on the machine. There were at least nine digits. That was to say, Fade's assets were at least within the scale of billions.

In turn, everyone viewed Fade under a new light. Disbelief was written all over their faces.

Hugo, who had maliciously speculated that Fade was a swindler just now, had a weird expression on his face. This was because, even if he was the Young Master Lei with a household asset of dozens of billions, he would not simply put a couple of billions in his card.

Cherry's parents were also flabbergasted. They didn't expect Fade to be an ultra-rich man!

For a moment, Hugo stood still. He couldn't say a word. He could only stare with a face of unwillingness and malice, "You have money, so what? You spent so much to buy an ordinary herb. You've been cheated. How could you still be hovering around in delight? You're ridiculous!"

Hearing this, Cherry's parents seemed to have found a reason. They nodded as if they were comforting themselves and

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whispered among themselves.

"Hugo is right. Even if you have money, you shouldn't spend it like this!"

"That's right. At such a young age, he's spent so much of his parents' hard-earned money. He's not being considerate of his parents' circumstances at all. Tsk tsk!"

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Just as they were exclaiming, the vendor handed the Fire Blaze Ginseng to Fade. He then took out a herb that looked like a withered tree root and gave it to Fade. He said, "Young man, I'm thankful that you were willing to pay so much. I found this together when I dug out the ginseng. I'll give it to you for free."

As he spoke, the vendor handed Fade the herb that looked like a withered tree root.

When Fade saw the herb in his hand, his eyes lit up. A trace of glee flashed across his face.

This was because the ordinary-looking root was an Icy Boehmeria.

Boehmeria was a herbal medicine with a cooling effect, which was the total opposite of a nutritious ginseng. Like the Fire Blaze Ginseng, this Icy Boehmeria was a rare mutation. Its effect was much better than that of an ordinary Boehmeria. It was also extremely hard to acquire. Its value was not less than that of the Fire blaze Ginseng.

The vendor said that the two were dug out at the same time, this would mean that the Icy Boehmeria and the Fire Blaze Ginseng were likely grown together. Herbs that were Yin and Yang that grew together had a better effect than what Fade would expect.

If they were consumed together, it would have a better effect on specific illnesses.

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Thinking of this, Fade was delighted. He didn't expect to get anything extra from buying the Fire Blaze Ginseng. After thanking the vendor, Fade stashed the two herbs away and was ready to leave.

When the people around saw this, some were exclaiming, some were bewildered, and some were gasping. However, most of them couldn't understand why Fade bought the ordinary-looking herb at such a high price. What was his intention? Or was he simply dumb and innocent?

Just as everyone was shaking their heads in confusion, the elegant young man, who was about to leave, turned his head at the last moment and saw the withered tree root taken out by the vendor.

At that moment, his eyes lit up. He too recognized at a glance that the withered root was no ordinary herb at all, but the extremely rare Icy Boehmeria.

At the same time, he immediately realised that the ginseng that grew with the Icy Boehmeria was definitely no ordinary ginseng. It was very likely to be the precious Fire Blaze Ginseng.

Both of them were so rare one could not find it easily even if he's rich. If anyone of them appeared on the market, it would easily cost more than 20 to 30 million yuan.

But now, Fade had only paid 6,500,000 yuan to acquire both into his possession. The elegant young man was so envious his eyes almost popped out their sockets.

Seeing that Fade was about to pack up the herbs and leave, the young man immediately rushed over to block Fade's path.

When Fade saw him coming over, he moved his eyes and said in a cold tone, "What do you want?"

The young man looked at Fade and said, "Sell me your medicine!"

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Fade looked at him with some amusement and said firmly, "Not for sale."

With this, Fade was about to leave. Seeing this, the young man was a little anxious. He stopped Fade and said, "Sell it to me. I'll pay a high price!"

"I said, not for sale!" Fade still refused coldly, "On a side note, do I look like I'm short of money?"

The young man's face fell. He quickly said, "I don't want that ginseng, I just want that withered branch."

Before Fade could refuse, he immediately said, "I'll pay 2 million. Two million for that withered branch."

As soon as the price was announced and Fade was yet to speak, the people around him were already aghast.

Especially Cherry and the others, who were not far from Fade, who this scene unfolded with incredulity. They couldn't figure out why the young man was willing to pay so much money for a withered branch.

However, although the price was excessive in their way, Fade still went on to reject it with an icy "not for sale".

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The elegant young man gritted his teeth and went on to increase the price. He said, "I, Jerry Lin, will not back down. I'll double the price. Four million for your withered branch!"

His actions once again shocked Cherry and the others. They rubbed their eyes in disbelief as if they could not believe what was happening in front of them.

At this moment, Hugo couldn't help but say to Jerry, "Hey, don't be fooled by that guy. What's the point of fighting over a dead branch? With such an extravagant price of four million, you could easily buy it elsewhere!"

Jerry glared at Hugo and said coldly, "You don't know anything. Don't interrupt."

Hugo was told off and looked a little unhappy. He couldn't help saying, "We came here with that guy. There is nothing we don't know. Let me tell you, that guy is not a good person at first glance. Maybe he is colluding with the vendor to cheat people like you."

After Hugo finished speaking, Cherry's parents couldn't help but backed him up, "Yes, kid, it's not easy to make money. You must be alert!"

At this moment, Jerry shot them a hard glare. He felt that these commoners were ignorant. That withered branch was an Icy Boehmeria. Its value easily went beyond 30 million yuan. If he could buy it, he could make a fortune

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However, he could not voice his thoughts out loud. He could only say, "I am in urgent need of that herb. So long as you are willing to sell it to me, the money is not a problem."

Fade looked at Jerry and shook his head without a word. Fade knew that he must have recognized the Icy Boehmeria and Fire Blaze Ginseng. Otherwise, he would not have U-turned back to buy them.

Thinking of this, Fade did not waste time, he cut to the chase, "Since you said that the price is not a problem, fine then. 50 million yuan for each of them. 1 billion in total. I will sell them to you if you pay up."

As soon as the price was announced, Jerry's face paled, he was rendered speechless.

At this moment, Cherry's parents and Hugo burst into an uproar and started shouting.

"1 billion? How dare you, a liar, ask for so much!"

"Kid, don't be fooled by him. Let's go."

"It's totally bullsh*t."

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Jerry's face was gloomy. He looked at Fade and said, "I genuinely want to buy it. For you to offer such a price, you're not respecting me at all."

"Respect?" Fade sneered. He looked at Jerry and said, "Why don't you just admit that you want to make a fortune? How dare you talk about respect."

"What do you mean?" Jerry felt something was off and he asked nervously.

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Fade sneered and said, "Do you really think that I have no idea that these are the Icy Boehmeria and the Fire Blaze Ginseng? Or did you really treat me as a fool and you're trying to take advantage of me?"

"You, you knew!" Jerry obviously didn't expect Fade to be aware of these two herbs, and his face changed greatly.

"Don't treat everyone like they are fools," Fade said coolly.

Jerry's face fell, "Since you knew, you shouldn't have offered to sell them at 50 million each. This is too far-fetched. The market price is around 25 to 30 million each."

Fade looked at him and said, "Did I say that I'm selling? Besides, even if you can afford it, do you think you'd be able to find them on the market?"

"I—" Jerry was speechless.

At this time, the people who overheard the conversation were shocked. The atmosphere was instantly filled with heated discussion.

Hugo was puzzled and said, "What? What Boehmeria, what Fire Blaze Ginseng? How can it be so valuable?"

"Yes, a herb that costs 20 million yuan. What kind of herb is that? Is it made of gold?" Cherry's parents queried in bewilderment.

Some people beside them heard what they said and could not help sneering.

"Commoners like you don't know jack about the world of martial arts, you shouldn't be spurring nonsense."

"To a martial arts practitioner, gold is valueless. Nothing is as valuable as these rare herbs!"

"In the eyes of martial arts practitioners, those two herbs are extremely effective medicine. It's natural for them to reach a bid of

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tens of millions!"

"What's more, that's just the opening price. Now, the two herbs are scarce. If you take them to an auction, the price of 50 million yuan each is not absurd at all. It could go even higher."

"That young man has a good eye. He was extremely lucky."

"Yeah, why didn't we see through it just now?"

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Listening to the discussions of the people around, Cherry's parents and Hugo were utterly dumbfounded. They looked at Fade in disbelief.

"Tens of millions for a martial arts practitioner's medicinal ingredient!"

"I-it's worth so much. He really has a good eye!"

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Cherry was full of jumping in glee. She glanced at Hugo and scoffed icily, "A few moments ago, someone even called him a liar, but they turned out to be ignorant ones, humph!"

Hugo's face turned pale, but he couldn't refute her words. He could only look in Fade's direction.

At this time, Fade shot a glance at Jerry and was about to leave.

At the sight of this, Jerry was unwilling to give up. His face darkened as he rushed toward Fade again. He stopped Fade and said, "I want to buy the herbs."

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Fade frowned impatiently and said, "Is there something wrong with your ears? I've already told you that I won't sell."

Jerry's face darkened. He lowered his voice and said in a cold voice, "I, Jerry Lin, am a disciple of the White Jade Palace. I want to buy the herbs right now."

"The White Jade Palace!" Fade frowned and his eyes flickered slightly. He went silent as if he was thinking about something.

Upon seeing this, Jerry smiled and looked at Fade in delight. He wore a confident expression on his face.

However, just as he was puffing up with delight, Fade shook his head and said coldly to him, "I've never heard of the White Jade Palace. Even if I have, I won't sell it."

Hearing such words, Jerry's face darkened. He glared at Fade and said in a cold voice, "Are you sure you don't want to sell it? Listen carefully, I'm a disciple of the White Jade Palace!"

Jerry deliberately slowed down his pace and emphasized the words "White Jade Palace". His expression was also filled with a threatening chill as he glared at Fade.

At this moment, the people around them heard Jerry mention the name "White Jade Palace", and their expressions changed. They were shocked and began to talk about it.

"I can't believe he's a disciple of the White Jade Palace. No wonder he's so elegant!"

"A disciple of the White Jade Palace! Young man! Hurry up and sell it. Don't butt heads with him!"

"That's right. The White Jade Palace holds the power of the Black Level. You can't afford to mess with them."

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At this moment, when Cherry's parents and Hugo heard the discussion around them, they were surprised and looked at Jerry in shock .

They were businessmen, they didn't know much about the Martial Arts world. However, they still knew what Black Level meant.

The Lightning Clan was at the Black level, while the White Jade Palace and the Lightning Clan were at the same level. This would mean that Jerry was no ordinary man. He was likely to possess extraordinary ability in martial arts.

Thinking of this, their expressions tightened.

Immediately, Hugo and Cherry's parents couldn't help but approach Jerry. Obviously, they wanted to curry favor with him!

Cherry, on the other hand, looked at Fade with a concern in her eyes. She wanted to persuade Fade.

However, before she could move, her parents immediately pulled her back with a vigilant look. At the same time, they warned her in a low tone, "Stop having any contact with that guy anymore. He won't have a good end if he offends the people in a martial arts clan."

"But..." Cherry frowned.

However, her parents directly glared at her and said, "No buts. Say no more. Stay with us. You are not allowed to run around without our permission."

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Cherry's parents held her back from both sides.

Jerry looked at the shocked expressions of the crowd around him as the smug look he was wearing intensified.

He looked at Fade and said again, "I'll take the Icy Boehmeria and the Fire Blaze Ginseng!"

When he said this, he ordered Fade with a condescending attitude, as if Fade must sell it to him.

Fade looked at the self-righteous man, shook his head with a ridiculous smile, and went straight up the mountain without a word. He didn't want to heed to him at all.

Jerry didn't expect Fade to be so disrespectful to him. He shouted coldly, "Didn't you hear that? I told you to sell the herbs to me."

Fade frowned unhappily and said to Jerry, "I've already made myself clear. I won't sell it, and you're still pestering me. Why are you so annoying?"

"You..." Jerry's face darkened and he clenched his fists. He waved his hand in front of Fade and threatened, "Kid, you'd better think it over. I'm a disciple of the White Jade Palace. You can still make some money if you sell them to me. If I change my mind, you might not even get a penny."

Hearing this, Fade curled his lips and said to Jerry, "Are you saying that you're going to forcefully take it from me? Try it if you dare."

When Jerry saw Fade's look of nonchalance, his handsome face suddenly reddened with anger. His eyes darkened as he said in a deep voice, "I'll teach you a lesson, you punk. I'll put you back in your place."

Seeing that Jerry was about to attack, Cherry was really anxious. She wanted to rush out to stop him.

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However, Cherry's parents were prepared for such a scenario. They stopped her and shouted coldly.

"What did we tell you, you're forbidden to have anything to do with that guy anymore!"

"You can't get involved in this. If we accidentally piss off a martial arts practitioner from a Black level Clan, our Family will be finished!"

At this time, Hugo also spoke.

"Cherry, you don't have to worry about that kind of person. Jerry is a disciple of a Black level Clan. He was willing to buy it from him. However, he refused without considering the consequences. Now he has angered Master Lin, he brought it upon himself."

"You're the one who deserves it!" Cherry glared at Hugo before she turned her head angrily. She refused to see what was going to happen.

As she was still worried about Fade, she couldn't help but look this way to check on Fade's condition.

At this point, Jerry's fist was ready. He was charging up his energy. He was about to swing his fist at Fade.

Fade's eyes narrowed. He slightly shifted his body and changed his stance to face the side, so it was easier for him to take in the attack.

Just as the fight was about to break out, a loud shout came from the side. "What are you doing?"

Hearing the voice, everyone looked toward the direction of the voice and saw a man in his late 20s, wearing a dark blue robe, walking over.

At the sight of the man's dressing, everyone was shocked. Many of them even knelt down. This was because he was from the

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Even Jerry had retracted his attack when he saw the arrival of the people from the Lightning Clan. He explained, "Senior Brother, there are some disputes between me and this man about some medicinal herbs. I was just about to teach him a lesson."

The Lightning Clan disciple waved his hand unhappily and said, "This is the foot of the mountain of the Lightning Clan. No matter what kind of dispute you have, you are not allowed to mess around here. Or else, you won't be allowed to go up the mountain. Leave now."

Hearing this, Jerry's face fell. However, he immediately smiled and explained, "Senior Brother, I'm Jerry Lin, a disciple of the White Jade Palace. My senior and master have already gone up the mountain, I was just running late because of some matters at hand."

After hearing Jerry's identity, the Lightning Clan disciple's facial expression slightly changed and he said in a better tone, "I didn't realize you were a junior from the White Jade Palace. However, today is the Opening Day of the Dragon Source Herb Farm of our Lightning Clan."

"The Guardian and the Elders have instructed us to ensure the safety and stability of the opening day. They don't want to see any accidents today. I hope you understand."

Jerry was silent for a while. He glanced at Fade and shot him a warning look before saying to the Lightning Clan's disciple, "Thank you for the reminder. Since it's the rule of the Lightning Clan, I'll obey it. My personal affairs will be dealt with later."

A smile appeared on the disciple's face. He nodded at Jerry and said, "Junior Lin, thank you for your understanding. The opening ceremony of the Dragon Source Herb Farm is starting soon. I'll take you up the mountain."

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"I'll have to trouble you then, thank you," Jerry immediately thanked him and followed him. Cherry's parents immediately followed them.

Whereas Fade walked up at a calm pace.

Along the way, Jerry got close to the Lightning Clan disciple and began to greet him with a smile. "Senior Brother, may I know your honourable name? Who is your master?"

Upon hearing this, the Lightning Clan disciple smiled and said, "Honourable name? Don't be so polite. My name is Joseph Min. I'm an apprentice under Master Tyrion Chien. "

When Cherry's parents heard these names, they didn't know much about them so they didn't have any special reaction.

However, Jerry's expression changed instantly and he said with a smile, "So you're Master Chien's disciple. I've heard from my master that he's very powerful. He's only second to Guardian Chang from the Lightning Clan. Since you are able to learn from Master Chien, you must be highly talented and skilled. You are admirable! "

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Hearing this, Joseph waved his hand and said, "Jerry, you're being polite. You're the disciple of Laurant Pai, the Guardian of White Jade Palace. That's really amazing! "

"You're too modest, Senior Joseph. As compared to you, I'm nothing," Jerry said politely.

"Jerry, you're too modest. Guardian Laurant is a master at the late-stage of Black Level. You're his disciple, you must be powerful." Joseph said with a smile.

The two of them flattered each other, talking and laughing. They were almost beaming at each other's flattery.

Hearing these, Cherry's parents and Hugo, who were standing behind them, couldn't help but be moved. They kept glancing forward.

Obviously, they wanted to get acquainted with them.

Cherry's parents thought for a moment, before pushing Cherry forward, "Cherry, you're about the same age as Jerry and Joseph. Talk to them."

Cherry pouted unhappily and said, "I don't have anything to talk about with them. They are only interested in boasting about themselves. They're so pretentious. It's disgusting."

Hearing this, Cherry's parents were shocked and quickly scolded in a low voice, "Don't say that. Didn't you hear it just now?"

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Jerry's master is the Guardian of White Jade Palace while Joseph's master is an elder of the Lightning Clan."

"Those people are all important figures, and their disciples are definitely not ordinary. It's certainly beneficial for you to get acquaintance with them."

Cherry pursed her lips and said, "I don't want to have anything to do with them!"

Her parents' faces darkened. They were about to reprimand her.

At this time, Hugo said, "Cherry, even if you don't think about yourself, you should think about Elder Xie. Both of them are disciples of the Black Level forces. If you have a good relationship with them, it will be easier for you to ask for the medicine to cure your grandfather's illness."

At the mention of her grandfather's illness, Cherry's expression suddenly changed. She fell silent and looked a little hesitant.

Seeing this, her parents hurried to persuade her.

"Cherry, Hugo is right. We came here to look for the medicine for Grandpa. You must mingle with these martial artists."

"That's right, Cherry. Grandpa loves you the most since you were a child. For grandfather's sake, can't you do such a small thing?"

Hearing their persuasion, Cherry looked forward with a hesitant expression. When she saw Jerry and Joseph talking and laughing, she instinctively frowned. She didn't really like them.

At this time, Hugo and Cherry's parents began to persuade Cherry again.

When Cherry was hesitating, she suddenly thought of the prescription that Fade had previously written for her. Suddenly, an idea

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came to her mind. She took out the prescription and turned her head toward Fade's direction.

When her parents saw this, they couldn't help but ask with a gloomy face, "Cherry, what are you doing?"

Cherry took out the prescription and said, "Fade gave me a prescription before, saying that it can cure Grandpa's illness. With this prescription, there's no need to ask for..."

Hearing Fade's name, Cherry's parents' faces immediately changed and they shouted at her at once.

"Cherry, didn't I tell you to throw that liar's prescription away? Why are you still keeping it?"

"Cherry, when did you become so disobedient?"

Hugo also joined in and said, "Cherry, don't be fooled by him. He wrote the prescription without any real thought. What if the prescription did not heal him but made things worse instead?"

"That's right. Give me the prescription. You can't keep it anymore!" Her parents snapped.

Cherry didn't want to hand over the prescription and wanted to hide it, but her mother moved faster. She grabbed the prescription and tore it into pieces without even looking at it.

Seeing this, Cherry's eyes were filled with tears. She cried, "Why are you doing this? Fade is a good man. He won't lie to me. You..."

At this moment, Fade, who was walking behind, caught up with them. When he saw Cherry crying, he couldn't help asking, "Cherry, what's wrong?"

Cherry cried even more as soon as she saw Fade. She threw herself into Fade's arms and burst into tears, saying, "Fade, they are

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all mean. They don't believe me and they don't believe you. They even shred the prescription you gave me."

Hearing that, Fade immediately understood what was going on. He immediately patted Cherry's shoulder and comforted her, "It's okay. If the prescription is torn off, I'll write a new one for you. It's not a problem."

"Okay..." Cherry nodded with tears in her eyes.

On the other side, Cherry's parents immediately rushed over. They pulled Cherry away and glared at Fade, saying in a bad tone, "Don't get close to my Cherry."

Hugo also stared at Fade with a dark face and snapped, "Liar, don't deceive Cherry with your gimmicks. Or you will regret it."

Listening to them, Fade felt a little speechless. He felt like leaving. But when he saw Cherry's face full of tears, he couldn't help but soften, so he said, "Cherry, don't cry. Your grandfather will be fine."

"Really? But the prescription..." Hearing this, Cherry's eyes revealed a hint of surprise.

However, her parents and Hugo stared at Fade with a serious look.

"Conman, you're still talking nonsense. You're trying to lie to my daughter!"

"Kid, this is the territory of Lightning Clan, a Black Level martial arts clan. You'd better leave right now, or you'll only meet death's end."

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Fade ignored their threats and looked at Cherry with a smile, saying, "Don't worry, Cherry. You can cure your grandfather's illness without that prescription. I have a better way."

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"What better way?" Cherry asked in surprise.

Fade said blandly, "When we reach the mountain later, I'll get some Yellow Medicago from the farm. You can bring it back to your Grandpa for him to consume it. He'll be able to recover."

"Fade, can you really get the Yellow Medicago?" Cherry asked.

Fade nodded and said, "Of course. When I reach the mountain, I'll pick some for you immediately."

Cherry was delighted. She looked at her parents and said, "Mom, Dad, did you hear that? Fade mentioned Yellow Medicago. The doctor who asked us to come here had mentioned the same medicine. Fade is not a liar. He is really a doctor."

At this moment, Cherry's parents also looked at Fade in surprise, with a puzzled look in their eyes.

After all, there were not many people who knew that Elder Xie needed Yellow Medicago for his illness. Fade, an outsider, could actually point it out accurately. Naturally, they were a little surprised.

Just then, Hugo said, "Mr. and Mrs. Xie, don't be fooled by a conman!"