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Overcome with fury, Darren was focusing on the fact that William was in the car with Martin.

In doing so, he failed to notice a very crucial detail!

Martin, the Deputy General Manager of the company, was sitting in the front passenger seat.

Yet, William was sitting in the rear passenger seat, indicating that he was of higher status!

Darren was filled with rage!

D*mn it!

Why would William be with Martin!?

It should have been him instead!

Darren pondered for a while and patted his head!

"F*ck!" he cursed at once!

He realized it could only be one plausible explanation!

That night when he met Frank, William was also there!

William knew that the negotiations were a success!

"He must have secretly asked Martin for credit. I wonder what method he used to ask Martin to take him instead of me!"

D*mn it!

"After beating me up, he even stole my credit!"
Darren thought furiously.

Such audacity for a mere security guard!

"I won't let you off the hook today, not over my dead body!"

He rushed down to the entrance, but the car was already long gone.

As he was injured, he was unable to drive, therefore he had to take a cab to Henderson Media.

He had wasted a lot of time hailing a cab.

He was anxious throughout the ride, but there was nothing he could do about it.

He planned to stop Martin at the office doorway and ask for a clarification!

"I'll make him choose between me and that lowly security guard!"

Darren thought to himself bitterly.

As William and Martin headed towards Henderson Media, Martin was consumed by excitement. No words could describe how elated he was.

Everything would turn out well later!

He even secretly texted Frank to confirm the business deal between them earlier.

In his text, Frank said that he would be a fool if he

gave up this opportunity and that the internal affairs of Lunanica were none of his concern.

After getting the confirmation, Martin felt at ease.

All that was left to do was to watch the comedy unfold.

To see how the most useless director in the history of Lunanica Media faced a crushing defeat before Frank!

He chuckled internally and thought if William begged him for help, he might give William a way out for the sake of their relationship as colleagues.

"But if this idiot doesn't know how to appreciate my favors, then he shouldn't blame me for being merciless."

At this moment, he only had to wait for William to embarrass himself. He could always seek Frank out another day and have the agreement settled.

By then, his reputation in the company would firmly overtake this foolish director.

Even that little b*tch, Janet, would no longer have any hold on him!

Martin couldn't help but chuckle.

"Why are you smiling so happily?" William asked mockingly from behind.

Martin looked at William from the rearview mirror. The more he looked at William, the more he

thought of William as a blockhead. He could not help but say pretentiously, "I never expected to have the honor of attending this talk with you today. I can't wait to see how you get things done."

"Is that so?" William smiled weakly and then closed his eyes.

Martin thought that William was feeling unconfident; that must be why William couldn't bear to look at Martin.

When they arrived at the entrance of Henderson Media, they were greeted by the staff members and were informed that Frank had been waiting upstairs for a while.

William asked for directions to the bathroom and headed there alone.

At that, Martin became even happier.

He laughed as he thought, "What a coward. The negotiations haven't even started and he is so scared that he couldn't hold his pee in."

William would probably pee himself later if he didn't go to the loo!

That would be something to look forward to!

As Martin entered Frank's office, he saw that the latter was making tea.

"Hello, Director Chien," Martin greeted Frank respectfully.

Frank looked at Martin in confusion. "Didn't you say that the director would come here too?"

"That useless guy got scared shitless by your presence that he had to go to the toilet. Isn't that laughable?" Martin made fun of William without a care about the fact that William was the director.

Frank nodded and said, "Don't worry. I won't let you down since you have already paid me last night."

Martin nodded with satisfaction at Frank's reassurance. He sat down and enjoyed Frank's refreshments.

The stage was set, and all that was left was to wait for the lead actor and the curtain call.

After some time, the sounds of the footsteps approached from the corridor.

Martin was in high spirits. "Here he comes, Director Chien. It's your turn now."

Frank nodded and looked towards the door.

A figure slowly made an entrance.

Seeing the person, Frank became petrified at once.

He actually forgot to stand up to welcome him!

He was filled with questions and doubts.

William?

Wasn't William a security guard in Lunanica Media?

Why did the Lunanica people bring along a mere security guard for a negotiation?

However, Martin immediately stood up to greet William.

The duo approached Frank.

Frank, however, stared at the calm and composed William in a daze.

Martin gently nudged Frank, then cleared his throat and introduced, "Director Chien, this is the new director of our company, Director Lu. Director Lu, this is the boss of Henderson Media that I mentioned previously, Director Chien."

Frank was taken aback!

Director Lu?!

William was actually the new director of Lunanica Media!

He was not a security guard of Lunanica Media!

What the f*ck!

The unexpected turn of events sent goosebumps all over Frank's body!

The previous incidents flashed before his eyes!

His face puffed red with anger!

"How dare you, Darren!"

"How dare you take me for a fool!" thought Frank.

William was actually the director, but Darren told

Frank that William was the security guard of their company!

Darren must have gotten tired of living!

And then there was Martin Zhang!

He actually wanted Frank to turn against William despite the latter being the director of the company!

It was no different than asking Frank to jump to his death!

"I can't wait to kill the two of you!" Frank thought vehemently.

However, an even more disturbing thought struck Frank.

William was also there when he made the promise to Darren previously!

William had known about this meeting since the beginning!

Martin doing this was basically digging his own grave!

Fine!

If these two dumbheads wanted to be bigoted, they shouldn't blame Frank for being ruthless.

Frank would make them pay for screwing with him!

Frank gave himself a tight slap to the face.

Slap!

The sound of the slap resounded throughout the otherwise quiet office.

Martin was shocked. "Director Chien, what's wrong?"

Why did Frank slap himself even before the meeting began?

Was it really necessary to put on such a show?

Frank's face was all red now!

"Hello, Director Lu." Frank looked at William apologetically after slapping himself.

William reached out his hand and said placidly, "Hello, Director Chien."

Frank could tell a lot from William's eyes.

William seemed to have forgiven him after he slapped himself in the face.

Ignorance was bliss.

Those who knew not of their sins were innocent.

However, those who knew, must be rightfully punished!

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Awkwardly, the trio sat on the sofa.

As per protocol, William and Frank should have been negotiating.

However, one was sipping quietly at his tea, while the other was shakily brewing tea. The silence was deafening.

Martin couldn't stand it anymore and broke the silence, "Director Chien, the negotiation we mentioned before..."

"Oh, what are the terms of the negotiations?" William asked casually.

Frank's hand trembled as he replied, "Both parties would invest 50 million yuan each. The scripts as well as shooting will be fully handled by Henderson Media. After all, we are professionals in the area. As for the Lunanica Media, you will have the choice of selecting one lead cast as well as one third of the sponsorship quota."

William nodded. "Okay, so what's next?"

Just when Frank was about to talk, Martin gave him a knowing look, as if saying Frank should slow down to drag out the fun.

Martin took the lead by saying, "These terms are right! But these are simply too unreasonable! Why

did you call me and say we should either invest 10 more million or remove our rights on selecting the lead actor?! Aren't you being too much?"

Frank was stunned by Martin's words!

He never said such a thing!

William's impression after hearing this would be awful to say the least.

Plus, nobody in their right mind would bring up terms like this!

Did Frank really seem like the type of person to scrooge on everything and be calculative of every penny?

"Martin, you b*stard!" Frank cursed under his breath.

"It's okay that you want to put on a show, but must you drag me into it as well?"

"You better watch out!" Frank thought.

"No, I never said that. Mr. Zhang, where did you hear it from? Is there any proof? Is there any evidence?" Frank asked Martin.

Martin choked on his breath. How could Frank go against their plan earlier?

He raised his brows frantically at Frank, but the latter merely blinked his eyes at Martin innocently.

Martin was on the verge of erupting with anger.

What the f*ck!

"What's going on?" He thought.

Why didn't Frank go along with their plan?!

Hadn't they made a deal earlier?

"Can it be that I do not tell him about this clearly enough earlier? That's why he is feigning ignorance?"

At that thought, Martin suppressed his anger and answered with an embarrassed smile, "Director Chien, you're joking. Well, in that case, let's let bygones be bygones and start the negotiations again. What do you think?"

Frank nodded and responded, "Okay, where should we start?"

Martin answered, "The terms are to provide one leading actor quota and one third of the sponsorship quota..."

"Alright," Frank replied instantly, much to Martin's surprise.

Martin was mindf*cked.

He was confused!

What trick was Frank pulling?!

What was wrong with Frank!?

Did he forget about their deal?!

Martin had even transferred five million yuan to him!

And Frank even vowed that he would make things

difficult for William!

Why did he turn his back on Martin now?!

Traitor!

"Director Chien, y-y-you..." Martin's tone became unpleasant.

Frank looked at William cautiously and said, "Director Lu, if you think that this condition is unfair, we can still talk about it. For example, we can have half each for the sponsorship quota..."

Frank looked at William expectantly.

He would even be willing to give the fifty million yuan to William if that was what William wanted.

What Frank said sent Martin into a deeper stupor.

Martin did not expect Frank to agree to the terms so readily.

On top of that, Frank was now offering to negotiate the terms in William's favor!

It had already taken them months to arrive at this point!

Even so, they could not come to an agreement!

Frank was obviously a shrewd man who would fight over the terms, down to the last letter.

Why was he being so generous now?!

He was supposed to make things difficult for William, not hand over his fortune!

Did he misunderstand their deal?!

Martin whispered to Frank, "Come out with me. I have a few choice words for you."

William turned a blind eye to the duo as he continued enjoying his tea.

Frank followed Martin out of the office.

Martin was so angry that his eyes turned red. "Director Chien, what are you doing?"

Frank's face hardened. "I'm the one who should be asking, what do you mean by that? Are you trying to get me killed?"

Martin was stupefied. "What do you mean? What are you talking about?"

Frank took a deep breath as he looked into the office respectfully, and then asked, "Didn't Darren tell you that Director Lu was there when I agreed to your requests?"

Martin's legs turned to jelly as he looked at Frank in disbelief. "What did you say? When you agreed to the negotiation, Director Lu was also there?!"

"Yes! Isn't that nonsense? He knew from the beginning that I had agreed to the terms! I didn't know he was the director, so I agreed to your conditions. Now that I know that he is the director, what else can I say? I have to keep my promise!" Frank deliberately prevaricated with a seemingly reasonable excuse.

He didn't tell Martin about William's true identity,

not how powerful William was.

As for Martin, his legs gave out under him. Frank's words continued to echo in his mind—Director Lu was also there!

Darren!

Darren's image suddenly popped up in Martin's mind!

Martin clenched his fists so hard that veins popped all over his arms!

It was all thanks to that b*stard, Darren!

How could he hide such crucial information!

Martin had worked so hard for this scheme!

Now he was but a clown in William's eyes!

What the f*ck!

"Darren, you wanted me dead, didn't you?"

"Don't you ever let me see you again!" Martin thought.

Frank patted Martin on the shoulder and said, "Let's go back."

Martin was hesitant. "Director Chien, then the five hundred million yuan..."

Since their plan failed, he thought he could ask for his money back.

However, Frank asked with a playful smile, "What money? Wasn't it hush money that you gave me?"

"Yes it is, but there is nothing to hush now. Didn't he already know that the negotiation was going to be a success?" Martin looked depressed.

Frank smiled meaningfully. "Are you sure you don't need me to keep quiet about anything? That's fine then."

Looking at Frank's demeanor, Martin's heart skipped a beat as he thought, "D*mn it!"

The five million yuan was to lock in the deal and to ask him to make things difficult for William.

But now, the five million yuan was for Frank to not tell William that he had bribed Frank!

If William knew what he was up to, it would be his last day at work in the company!

What the f*ck!

At the thought of this, Martin was overcome by regret.

Five million yuan... wasted!

D*mn it! D*mn it! D*mn it!

When the two of them returned to the office, William was enjoying his tea by the window.

Frank asked carefully, "Director Lu, do you have anything else to add?"

William got up calmly and looked at Martin teasingly. He turned his attention back to the window and said, "Someone seems to be waiting

for us downstairs."

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Martin and Frank followed William's gaze out of the window. Rage clouded their faces soon after.

It was Darren!

They stared at him with fiery eyes.

They thought it was Darren's fault that things had become like this!

Darren was the biggest culprit!

Yet, he still had the audacity to show himself here!

He deserved to be skinned alive!

William took the tea and looked at Frank. "I'll draft the contract and the terms. We will sign the contract three days later."

Frank momentarily froze, but he agreed with William anyway.

Originally, the contract should have been drawn up by Henderson Media, as they possessed the right of final interpretation.

Now that William was personally drafting the contract, that meant William could easily overturn the terms from before.

As Frank felt guilty towards William, he thought that no matter how unreasonable William's

conditions were, he would still agree to them.
As long as William would forgive him.

Martin was still feeling bitter inside.

"F*ck! Five million yuan!"

Besides losing money, Martin even lost the chance to shine in the limelight! It ended up that William became the focus of all the attention once again!

Martin had sent the helve after the hatchet!

All thanks to Darren!

"Okay, let's call it a day. We should go to meet our visitor. We can't let him wait for too long," William responded teasingly.

The two of them nodded firmly.

They would teach that b*stard a lesson!

The three of them walked out of the office and headed downstairs.

Darren was still holding on to the dismissal notice and a pen as he waited downstairs.

He had already thought about what to tell Martin.

The trio stepped out together.

Darren's eyes lit up as he strode painfully towards them.

He put on a smile and decided not talk to the b*stard, William for the time being.

He would get straight to the point and spare everyone the trouble.

As Darren walked towards them, he realized that Martin and Frank were walking faster and faster.

He was stunned for a while before he came to his senses again.

He chuckled as he thought, "They must have seen me and are coming over to to welcome me."

Just as he was about to speak, Frank came face to face with him.

He gave Darren a slap on the face.

Caught off guard, Darren dropped onto the ground.

He looked at Frank in disbelief as he held his face and shouted, "Director Chien, what are you doing! I am Darren! Don't you recognize me?"

Lividly, Frank hissed through clenched teeth, "I would still recognize you even if you were burnt to ashes, Darren Liu!"

Hearing this, Darren got up from the ground and roared, "Director Chien, since you recognize me, you must know that I am from Lunanica Media! How dare you hit me in front of Mr. Zhang? Are you out of your mind?"

Darren intended to use Martin's name to lay pressure on Frank.

But Frank sneered and kicked Darren mercilessly,

sending Darren sprawling to the ground again. "So what if I am hitting you? How dare you take me for a fool? I will end you!"

As he said that, he continued kicking Darren relentlessly.

After he finished, he glared at Darren. "Don't let me see you again!"

Frank nodded to William in reverence, turned around, and left the scene to return to his office.

Darren, however, was dumbfounded at the sudden beating he received.

He was on the verge of breaking down!

Why was he being beaten up again?!

Since the previous day, it had been one slugfest after another!

All without reason!

Same went for now! Frank owed him an explanation, to say the least.

There was no reason for Frank to hit him in front of Martin!

D*mn it!

Darren was distressed but he dared not say anything so as not to embarrass Frank.

He suddenly saw William standing by the side.

William had a smirk on his face.

Seeing William, Darren almost exploded in anger. It was the b*stard who had him beaten up the day before!

He was once again being beaten up before William!

How could he embarrass himself in front of such trash so many times?!

To this son of a b*tch, he must look like a laughing stock!

Fine!

Darren struggled to get up from the ground. Glaring at William, he walked towards Martin.

He once again forced an awkward smile. "Mr. Zhang, I'm here."

Martin dared not lose his temper in William's presence. He calmed himself and asked, "Didn't I tell you not to come over? What are you trying to do here?"

Darren defended himself, "Mr. Zhang, you've misunderstood. I'm not here regarding the contract, since you already have that in the bag..."

As Darren said that, he noticed that Martin's expression changed.

Even he himself felt it to be strange.

Was there something wrong with his flattery?

Why did Martin react that way?

He glanced at Martin guiltily and continued, "Mr. Zhang, I'm here for him."

Darren pointed towards William.

Martin's face suddenly turned pale when he saw Darren pointing at William!

Darren was here for William!

What a brat! How dared Darren go over Martin's head and seek out William right away?!

Hmph!

No wonder Darren dared to fool around with Martin!

It turned out that he had never taken Martin seriously before!

"Why are you looking for him?" Martin asked coldly.

On cue, Darren handed over the notice to Martin.

Martin merely glared at Darren, not giving the notice so much as a glance.

Darren explained hastily, "Mr. Zhang, this b*stard is the shame of our company! We can't let him stay!"

Martin quivered violently at his words!

What the f*ck!

Had this b*stard gone crazy?!

"How dare he call Director Lu a bastard, a

shame?"

Darren was really here shooting his own foot!

Even so, why did he have to drag Martin into it?

Darren continued, "I accidentally recruited this small-time security guard yesterday, but as per my observations, not only does he not show responsibility towards his job, but he also tattletales on everyone. He is truly despicable! We can't let him continue freeloading here! Mr. Zhang, I suggest that you fire him at once."

Martin felt goosebumps spring up all over his body.

Security guard? William was just a security guard to Darren?!

"Where the f*ck did you find the confidence to say that you recruited Director Lu?"

How dare Darren mention to fire William?

He must think of himself as the director of the company now!

Martin sneered at Darren's explanation.

All of his grievances grew bigger at this moment.

He took Darren's pen and changed a few words on the dismissal notice before he signed his own name and threw it to Darren.