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Everyone froze when they heard the announcement.

Chu Guodong asked, "Which Lin family?"

Everyone held the same doubt. No one in Chu Guodong's social circle had a surname of Lin.

"It's the Lin family, the most powerful family in Hua City!" the messenger cried with his face flushed, his body trembling with excitement.

"What?"

Chu Guodong was astonished. In his haste, he had knocked over the plate in front of him and it landed on his feet, causing a ripple of pain. But at this moment, he couldn't care less. His eyes widened and he said, "Chu Rong! Are you sure they are the Lin family, the most powerful family in Hua City?"

Chu Rong gulped heavily and nodded vigorously. He had never been more serious. "Yes, Grandfather. It's true!"

Gasp...

Chu Guodong exhaled in shock and everyone else also seemed to be in a trance, unable to believe that this was real. They couldn't react for quite some time.



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Some people thought that they were hallucinating, so they pinched their legs or slapped themselves on the face. "Oh my god, it's painful. I'm not in a dream!"

Chu Guodong shouted hastily, "Then what are you waiting for? Escort them in quickly, quickly!"

They didn't understand why the honorable Lin family would come over and wish Chu Guodong a happy birthday. It was like the aristocracies in ancient times had come voluntarily to please mere commoners.

"Am I hearing this right? The Lin family who has assets amounting to billions has come to wish Grandfather happy birthday? Since when is Grandfather this respected?"

"We're going to be rich! They're the Lin family! If we have connections with the Lin family, we are going to rise to fame! Hahaha..."

"Later when the Lin family is here, everyone has to be smart and please them. This is our chance to be successful and rich!"

Everyone in the Chu family was extremely excited.

While everyone was buzzing with curiosity for



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the reason that the Lin family was coming over to wish Chu Guodong a happy birthday, Liu Qiaozhen suddenly smacked her thighs and shouted, "I know! The Lin family came to celebrate Master's birthday because of Hairong's status!"

Her words made all eyes fall on Zhang Hairong.

Zhang Hairong was obviously frozen.

He had never crossed paths with the Lin family. At most, he had only made a few exchanges with Lin Ximiao the day before yesterday. Was he really this respected? Besides, the one coming in person was the master of the Lin family, Lin Hanhai. A life upside down TK

Chu Ling widened her eyes and looked at Zhang Hairong. She was incredulous. Was Zhang Hairong really this respected?

Chu Guodong believed it and he said excitedly, "Hairong, did you invite the master of the Lin family to wish me a happy birthday? You really are a good grandson-in-law!"

With this compliment, Zhang Hairong instantly became giddy with happiness and thought that the reason Lin family came to wish Chu Guodong a happy birthday was indeed because of him. He coughed twice and said,



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"Grandfather, I am good friends with Lin Ximiao. For your seventieth birthday, I decided on my own to invite Lin Ximiao over to wish you a happy birthday. I didn't expect him to invite Lin Hanhai as well. Grandfather, are you angry?"

Chu Guodong's face became ruddy and he said 'Good!' three times consecutively. He was very satisfied with Zhang Hairong and immediately said to Chu Ling, "Chu Ling, Hairong is a good catch. He is a hundred times better than your ex-husband! After you marry him, you have to care for his family. Do you understand?"

Other females in the Chu family were either admiring Chu Ling or envious of her. They all wanted to be the one to marry Zhang Hairong.

Chu Ling bit her lip softly and didn't speak. For some unknown reason, she thought of Lin Wenjing and what he had said. He said he wanted to make her proud, and the reason that Lin Ximiao let Chu Zhe go was because of his status, and not Zhang Hairong's.

Ten minutes ago, Lin Hanhai was sitting in a Rolls-Royce Phantom and on his way to wish Chu Guodong a happy birthday.

"Dad, do we really have to wish Chu Guodong a happy birthday? I investigated him and Chu Guodong is only a merchant of insignificant



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importance, and the Chu Family is only a minor family. Currently, their company is facing a financial crisis and is about to be broke. You, as the master of the Lin Family, would be slapping yourself in the face if you wished him a happy birthday. If this news got out, you would be the laughing stock of everyone,”

Lin Shaoang, son of Lin Hanhai, said with a frown.

“Sigh, the Lin family is also facing a financial crisis, let alone the Chu family. Your grandfather, that old bastard, left fifty billion to Lin Wenjing before he died. Without this fifty billion, the Lin family will not be able to function properly. We will suffer a great deal if we don't get the money back,” Lin Hanhai sighed. “Later when you see Lin Wenjing, you have to behave nicely and apologize to him. If he hits you or scolds you, you need to bear it. Do you understand me?”

“This is so infuriating...”

When Lin Hanhai and his party arrived at the three-star hotel, he didn't go up. Instead, he let members of the Chu family announce his arrival. The purpose was of course, not to tell Chu Guodong, but to tell Lin Wenjing that they were here and were very sincere.



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Lin Hanhai pulled himself together, put on a hearty smile and strode toward the banquet hall.

“Lin Hanhai, master of the Lin family in Hua City has come to offer his congratulations with two pieces of hundred-year-old ginseng, a pair of precious calligraphy scrolls, a blue and white porcelain from the Song Dynasty, and 9,990,000 in cash. He wishes Mr. Chu longevity and good health!”

Everyone widened their eyes and held their breaths when they heard the gifts he had brought.

The 9,990,000 A life upside down. TK cash gift alone was enough to make everyone's heart stop beating.

Let alone the valuable gifts.

It was truly a grand gift!

When Chu Guodong heard these gifts, his face flushed with excitement and he couldn't hold back his grin.

Who said that his seventieth birthday banquet was shabby? With Lin Hanhai wishing him happy birthday, he was already a winner of life. If this news was spread out, who would dare to look down on him in Hua City?



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Anyone would be in high spirits when involved in happy events. Chu Guodong felt as if he were twenty years younger.

Zhang Hairong was excited as well, and he was light-headed with happiness. If it wasn't for tonight, he wouldn't have known that he was this respected.

If Chu Ling and him held a wedding, would the cash gift double?

Chu Zhenyao and Liu Qiaozhen were already grinning so hard that one couldn't see their eyes. After Lin Wenjing was chased away, fortune had finally arrived upon them. They were elated. A life upside down TK

Then, Lin Hanhai strode in and saw Chu Guodong immediately. He said heartily, "Mr. Chu, today is your seventieth birthday. I hope you won't blame me for intruding."

Chu Guodong had only seen Lin Haihao from the Fortune Magazine. Before tonight, he could only look up to Lin Hanhai at the sidelines. He would never have believed that one day, he would get to know Lin Hanhai. He was too excited to utter a complete sentence.

"Master of the Lin family! It is my pleasure and honor for you to be here to enjoy my banquet!"



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Chu Guodong clutched Lin Hanhai's hand, extremely excited.

Zhang Hairong seized the opportunity to come up and said politely to Lin Ximiao, "Young Master Lin, I didn't think that you would come to wish Grandfather Chu a happy birthday because of me. I am very grateful to you!"

He had said that loudly on purpose so that everyone could hear him. His back was straight and he held his head high, like a smug rooster that had just won a fight.

Lin Ximiao frowned and felt that something was wrong. "What are you talking about? Who said that I was here because of you?" he asked.

Zhang Hairong's grin froze in an instant, and it was embarrassing.

At this moment, Lin Hanhai's expression was one of displeasure, and he glared at Lin Ximiao. It was because he didn't see Lin Wenjing.

Lin Ximiao shuddered under his glare and asked Zhang Hairong directly, "Someone is missing here, right?"



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“Someone’s missing? No there isn’t,” Zhang Hairong replied.

Lin Ximiao frowned even deeper. “Are you sure?”

They were here for Lin Wenjing. If Lin Wenjing was not here, what was the point?

Lin Hanhai stood there expressionless, frightening everyone. Zhang Hairong felt that something was wrong as well, so he asked Chu Guodong hastily, “Grandfather, is someone missing from your seventieth birthday banquet tonight?”

Chu Guodong’s gaze swept across the hall, and everyone from the Chu family, both young and old, were here. Who wouldn’t be? After all, it was his seventieth birthday. He was the protagonist, so who else was the Lin family talking about?

His mind was full of doubt, but Chu Guodong shook his head and replied, “We’re all here.”

All here?

Lin Ximiao and Lin Hanhai exchanged looks. Could it be that Lin Wenjing was testing them, and he was observing them in the dark?



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It was a big possibility...

Soon, they made up their minds and decided to go along with it.

“Haha. Well, I was just curious.” Lin Ximiao laughed.

Soon, they all sat down and drank with Chu Guodong.

Facing such an important person, although Lin Hanhai wore an amicable smile, Chu Guodong still felt very stressed. Their identities were too different, and they didn't have anything in common. So after some casual chit-chat, there was nothing to talk about anymore. The atmosphere turned awkward for a moment.

Chu Hao desperately wanted to become friends with the Lin family. He thought for a moment and said with a smile, “Just then, Young Master Lin said that someone was missing. I suddenly remember that we did chase someone away. That someone is our live-in son-in-law, who is a loser, hahaha...”

“Yes, yes!” Zhang Hairong heard him and his eyes brightened. He had found something to brag about. “I had nearly forgotten about him. That loser isn't capable of anything but bragging. We taught him a lesson here. He was



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in such a wreck and he even cried in the end. Haha, it was very amusing. It's a shame that you didn't come here earlier, or else you would have seen the look on his face when he was chased out by us."

The others laughed with him. They had found something to talk about, so they clung onto it and went on and on about how they had bullied Lin Wenjing and how they had chased him out, no regards whatsoever to Lin Wenjing. They were extremely excited and didn't notice at all that the faces of Lin Hanhai and his party were darkening.

"The loser son-in-law that you were talking about, is he Lin Wenjing?"

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Lin Hanhai was nearly trembling when he asked.

Zhang Hairong was on a roll and after a few glasses of alcohol, he was very giddy with happiness and thought that he had reached the pinnacle of his life. "Yes, Master Lin. How did you know?"

After receiving this confirmation, Lin Hanhai closed his eyes as he burned with anger!

This time, he had put down his dignity and came over to wish Chu Guodong a happy



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birthday personally because of Lin Wenjing...
No, it should be to please Lin Wenjing!

In the end, he found out that Lin Wenjing was chased away by the Chu family, these scums!

This sight was extremely similar to four years ago. Lin Hanhai was not upset for Lin Wenjing, but for himself!

Hearing the mockery of these people, Lin Hanhai had already figured everything out. Obviously, Lin Wenjing had married into the Chu family to escape from the Lin family for the past few years. He had hid his glory and lived like a loser. Now that Lin Wenjing had inherited a huge sum of money, he had told them to come over so that he could hold his head high once more, but something like this happened. Dramatically, it was like history repeating itself. One could easily guess that Lin Wenjing would hate the Lin family even more this time.

Thinking of the even more severe consequences, Lin Hanhai trembled with anger.

Bam!

Lin Hanhai slammed his fist on the table, making a huge noise and scaring everyone who was in the middle of mocking Lin Wenjing heatedly, especially Zhang Hairong. He was the



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nearest to him, and he had lost his balance and fell to the ground because of shock.

Everyone looked at Lin Hanhai in panic.

“M-Master Lin, w-what’s the matter?” Chu Guodong asked carefully.

Lin Hanhai was so enraged that he smiled. Clenching his teeth, he glared at Chu Guodong and said, “Chu Guodong, do you know why I, master of the Lin Family, came to wish you, a person of insignificance, happy birthday?”

Chu Guodong had a bad premonition and stuttered, “N-no, I don’t...”

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“I came here because of Lin Wenjing.” Lin Hanhai wore an expression of iciness. “The loser that you mercilessly chased out!”

Bam!!!

Chu Guodong’s mind was blown away and his face lost color, becoming as white as a sheet. Energy drained from his body and his whole frame trembled.

He was not the only one to react this way. Everyone had the same response. Lin Hanhai’s words had left them in stupefaction.



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Chu Ling stood there, startled. She was gaping and frozen in shock.

Chu Zhenyao and Liu Qiaozhen were astonished as well, and couldn't react for a very long time.

The mighty Lin Hanhai had come to wish Chu Guodong happy birthday because of Lin Wenjing?

How... how could this be true? To them, this was even more ridiculous than seeing the sun rise from the west.

"That's impossible!" said Zhang Hairong, who was still on the floor. A life upside down TK He got up and said loudly, "Master Lin, you have got to be joking. Lin Wenjing is just a loser. Everyone in the Chu family, even a dog, can pick on him. Why would you come because of him? Hahaha..."

Zhang Hairong had drunk a lot of alcohol and was drunk and woozy. He was still laughing but no one joined him. Lin Hanhai and Lin Ximiao looked at him icily, and members of the Chu family were terrified with fear.

He finally realized that something was wrong and said to Lin Ximiao, "Young Master Lin, tell Master Lin quickly that you came here because of my invitation, and that it had nothing to do



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with Lin Wenjing, that loser—”

Before he could finish his sentence, he was slapped in the face heavily by Lin Ximiao. The slap was very loud, and it made him spin around twice before landing heavily on the ground with half his face swollen.

“Who are you to make me come here? Why would I give you face? If it wasn’t for Lin Wenjing, I would have gotten rid of that loser Chu Zhe that day!” Lin Ximiao said menacingly. He was angry, but he was feeling fearful even more. Lin Wenjing had ordered him to deliver the message to Lin Hanhai, but now everything was in a mess, and he had angered both parties. Everything was ruined because of this bastard Zhang Hairong! He would love nothing more than to rip him into pieces!

Zhang Hairong was slapped awake and his eyes widened, looking at Lin Ximiao in fear. He finally realized that he was in big trouble!

Similarly to him, Chu Guodong and the others were numb with fear and regret, but they did not understand how that loser Lin Wenjing was able to successfully invite Lin Hanhai to congratulate Chu Guodong on his birthday. This did not make sense at all!

“Chu Ling, what’s happening? When did Lin



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Wenjing get to know Master Lin? Chu Ling, say something!”

Liu Qiaozhen was extremely flustered and she shook Chu Ling’s hand, hoping to elicit a response from her.

But she seemed to have been petrified and stood there in a daze. Her eyes were red and swollen, and tears flowed down soundlessly. Her heart was aching so much that she couldn’t breathe.

Her head was filled with Lin Wenjing’s face...

“Chu Ling, don’t worry. I won’t embarrass you tonight. I’ll even make you proud!”

“This is a secret, so I can’t tell you now. Anyway, wait for it. I’ll make you proud tonight.”

“Chu Ling, I know you don’t trust me and have a deep misunderstanding of me, but I’ll prove it to you.”

“If I win, I want you to be my wife, both in name and in fact!”

“Chu Ling, for the four years that we have been married, have you loved me for even a single moment?”



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“Sorry that I have made you unhappy for the last four years. I wish you a happy life.”

Every sentence that Lin Wenjing had said surged up in her mind, especially the last words he had uttered as he left heartbroken, soulless and embarrassed. All of these felt like needles that were poking on her heart mercilessly, and it made her whole body convulse, unable to stand steadily.

Lin Wenjing had never lied to her. It was her who had never believed in him, and it was her who had hurt him again and again!

The next moment, she rushed out of the door.

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She was going to get Lin Wenjing back herself!



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Chu Ling's action shocked everyone in the Chu family!

Chu Guodong's eyes rolled back and he nearly fainted.

Other members of the family also realized that they were in big trouble. They regretted it deeply. If they had known that Lin Wenjing was on friendly terms with Lin Hanhai, they would never have treated him in that way, let alone chase him out!

Soon, they put the blame on Zhang Hairong. If this scum didn't propose to Chu Ling, none of this would have happened!

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Now everything was done for, completely done for. They had pissed the Lin family off, and they would have no chance of making a livelihood in Hua City anymore.

Lin Hanhai left with the presents that he had prepared for Chu Guodong.

Exactly half a minute after they had left, someone finally dared to speak up. "How did Lin Wenjing get to know a person like Lin Hanhai?"

He asked the question that was on everyone's mind, but no one knew the answer.



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“Could Lin Wenjing be one of the members of the Lin family?” someone asked timidly.

It was immediately rejected by another person. “It’s impossible. I investigated him. He’s just a poor boy from a rural village! His parents passed away a long time ago, so it is impossible that he’s one of the Lin’s. Besides, if he were one of the Lin’s, why would he marry into the Chu family? Why would he endure four miserable years in the Chu family, with the Lin family doing nothing about it?”

This deduction was supported by the others.

“I guess Lin Wenjing somehow got on Lin Hanhai’s good side by accident. He probably wanted to take the opportunity on Father’s seventieth birthday to hold his head high for once, so he invited Lin Hanhai over to put on a show.”

“This makes much more sense. Didn’t Lin Wenjing say Lin Ximiao let Chu Zhe go because of him?”

“Lin Wenjing really is vermin!”

“Anyway, let’s find Lin Wenjing first. He needs to explain everything to Lin Hanhai and resolve the misunderstanding, or else the Chu Family is doomed!”



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Chu Ling ran out of the hotel in a hurry, but she did not see Lin Wenjing anymore. She called Lin Wenjing frantically, but the phone indicated that he had switched off his mobile. She then asked the security guard who was in front of the restaurant and the shop owners nearby, but no one knew where he went. It seemed like Lin Wenjing had disappeared from her world.

So where did Lin Wenjing go?

Half an hour ago, he came out of the hotel like a lost soul, heartbroken.

He wandered ^{A life upside down TK} aimlessly without spirit and was nearly hit by passing vehicles a few times.

He was walking when he suddenly heard a scuffle behind him. He turned and saw something that enraged him. Two young men and two young women were bullying an old woman.

The old woman was a fruit vendor. Her cart was overturned and fruits were rolling all over the ground. The four young adults were stomping on her fruits, ignoring the old woman's plea. They were even cursing, "Old b*tch, don't you who we are? How dare you sell rotten fruit to us? It made us have diarrhea!"



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The old woman was howling for justice. “I swear I have never sold rotten fruit. You ought to have a conscience when speaking!”

“Old b*tch, how dare you refute us? Let’s stomp all of her fruits and see if she dares to sell rotten fruit again!”

“Please don’t stomp on my fruits, please don’t! I’m begging you...”

The old woman was almost on her knees, but they were indifferent. The group consisted of young adults in their early twenties, and their faces were shining with excitement and pleasure. They got a rush from doing bad things, and it felt like an achievement to them.

There were quite a few pedestrians surrounding them, but no one dared to step forward.

Lin Wenjing couldn’t stand it the moment he saw it, so he strode over to them immediately, yelling at them to stop!

His yell made everyone’s gaze fall on him. The four young adults stopped stomping too.

“Madam, are you hurt?” Lin Wenjing helped the old woman get up and asked concernedly.

“I’m not hurt, but my fruits, my fruits...” Looking



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at the trodden fruits before her, tears welled up in her eyes.

Lin Wenjing was furious, and he glared at the four young adults icily. "How could youngsters like you bully an old woman? Do you have no manners at all?"

"Who are you to tell us what to do?"

"Where did this piece of scum come from? Do you want to play hero? I'll give you three seconds to scam. Or else, you're going down as well!"

"Look at the cheap clothes he's wearing. It's obvious that he's poor." A life upside down TK

"Scram, or I'll hit you too!"

They mocked Lin Wenjing, and one of the guys even came over to shove him.

"Hey, I know you. Aren't you the loser live-in son-in-law of the Chu family?"

One of the young men, who wore a white shirt, recognized Lin Wenjing.

Lin Wenjing recognized him as well. He was Chu Hao's brother-in-law, and they had met a couple of times before. He had forgotten his



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name, but he remembered that he was a troublesome person with no decent job.

“You’re Chu Hao’s brother-in-law right? I see that you are educated. What are the virtues that your teacher taught you? Respecting the old and loving the young, etiquette, righteousness, honesty and shame, have all these gone down the drain? Aren’t you, a man in his early twenties, ashamed to be bullying a weak elderly?” Lin Wenjing glared at him and reprimanded.

Many spectators agreed with what Lin Wenjing had said, and they began to tell the four young people off.

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The face of Chu Hao’s brother-in-law darkened immediately, and he strode over haughtily to Lin Wenjing. Pointing at Lin Wenjing’s nose, he cursed, “It’s none of your business, loser. If it wasn’t for my brother-in-law’s family, you wouldn’t even be able to fill your stomach! How dare you tell me what to do?”

Lin Wenjing frowned. He was in a bad mood and did not want to argue with him. He turned to the old woman and said, “Madam, let me walk you home. I’ll pay for the damaged fruits. Is that alright?”

The old woman looked at the trodden fruits and



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shook her head, her heart aching. She sighed and said, "It's all right, boy. This has nothing to do with you. You don't have to pay me. I was unlucky to have met such bastards."

Her words immediately caused an uproar among the young adults and they seethed with anger. "Old b*tch! Who are you calling bastards?"

"I think you have a death wish!"

Then, Lin Wenjing was cursed by these people as well. Although they were educated young adults, their language was foul and harsh.

Lin Wenjing couldn't stand it anymore and he rebutted them. They were about to hit Lin Wenjing.

At this moment, a surprised and elated voice rang out from the crowd. Immediately, a man in suit strode over while shouting, "Lin Wenjing!"

Lin Wenjing saw this person and instantly frowned. This person was none other than Chu Hao, who had insulted him back at the restaurant.

When Chu Hao's brother-in-law saw Chu Hao, he was delighted. He quickly went over to greet him. "Brother-in-law, you came just in time. This



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loser just said that I was a bastard, and he was bad-mouthing you!”

Hearing what his brother-in-law had said, Chu Hao had a bad premonition. When he saw Lin Wenjing’s icy expression, his skin crawled. He glared at his brother-in-law and asked with his teeth clenched, “Did you just insult him?”

The brother-in-law was too excited to discover that something was wrong with Chu Hao’s expression. He thought that Chu Hao was on his side, and as if he was asking for credit, he said, “Yes, I did! I know you particularly dislike this loser, so I gave him a piece of my mi—”

Smack!

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Before he could finish speaking, Chu Hao had kicked him heavily on his abdomen. He rolled over twice on the floor and screamed in pain. He was dazed, not understanding why his brother-in-law, who was so nice to him before, had suddenly kicked him.



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Everyone on the scene was shocked by Chu Hao's violent action, especially the three youngsters, who were stupefied. All of them had met Chu Hao before, and they knew that Chu Hao was Zhang Long's brother-in-law who had always been nice to Zhang Long. But why had Chu Hao hit Zhang Long all of a sudden?

Zhang Long burst into tears of grievance. "Chu Hao, are you crazy? Why did you hit me?"

Chu Hao was dying to kill Zhang Long now. From the moment Lin Hanhai and the rest left, all of them were in a turmoil because they knew that this situation was serious. If they did not handle this matter appropriately, and if the Lin family decided to teach them a lesson, the Chu family would be destroyed in seconds!

They did not have the time to figure out how Lin Wenjing sought connection with the Lin family. The important thing now was to find Lin Wenjing as soon as possible and ask Lin Wenjing to make a call to Lin Hanhai, explaining that this was just a misunderstanding. Otherwise, judging from the rage Lin Hanhai and the rest showed when they left just now, the Chu family was certainly doomed.

When Chu Hao had finally found Lin Wenjing, he bumped into the scene where Lin Wenjing was bullied by his brainless brother-in-law, and was



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even humiliated with loads of vulgar remarks. Looking at Lin Wenjing's sullen face, his mind could not help but start reeling.

"Hit you? I even want to kill you!" Chu Hao was seething with anger, so he went over to Zhan Long and kicked him a few more times. Only then did Zhang Long realize that his brother-in-law was truly enraged. He did not dare to retort again, and just hugged his head while Chu Hao hit him.

After Chu Hao vented his anger, he walked toward Lin Wenjing hastily and said politely, "Wenjing, what happened just now was just a misunderstanding. Please don't take it to heart. Actually, I've always looked up to you."

Lin Wenjing knew clearly why Chu Hao was acting in this way. After he left, Lin Hanhai must have arrived, causing the Chu family to realize that they had made a mistake. They were just trying to remedy the situation.

Under Lin Wenjing's silent gaze, Chu Hao felt great pressure. Cold sweat seeped out of his forehead and he felt extremely aggrieved. In the past, he had always been high above Lin Wenjing, totally opposite to the situation now where he had to be petty and low. How lucky was Lin Wenjing to be able to get on the good side of such an important person like Lin



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Lin Wenjing sneered and retorted, "I am just a useless brother-in-law. I don't deserve your apology."

After that, he supported the old woman and was about to leave.

Obviously, Chu Hao would not let him go. He jogged toward Lin Wenjing and blocked him while apologizing in a humble manner, "Wenjing, I know that we are at fault just now, and we shouldn't have treated you that way. But please, I beg you to go back. We're sorry, truly sorry. We will surely treat you reverently like our ancestors from now on."

Looking at Chu Hao's lowly attitude, Lin Wenjing felt unprecedented satisfaction. In these four years, he was frequently humiliated by Chu Hao.

"It seems like you have thoroughly offended the Lin family. Let me guess. You told Lin Hanhai about how you chased me out of the Chu family in a flaunting way, didn't you?" Lin Wenjing said with a smile that did not reach his eyes.

Chu Hao's heart thumped. He then cursed inwardly, When did this piece of trash become so clever?



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“It’s all a misunderstanding. You are Chu Ling’s husband and the Chu family’s son-in-law. We could never really chase you out. Wenjing, you are a sensible person who takes the overall situation into account, so you wouldn’t be so small-minded and haggle with us, would you?” Chu Hao spoke while bowing down, displaying the humblest manner he had.

“Misunderstanding? I don’t think it’s a misunderstanding. All of you called me rubbish and worthless. Who has ever treated me as family?” Lin Wenjing could no longer remain calm when he said that. “Since I married into the Chu family, how much injustice and humiliation have I suffered? Especially you, Chu Hao! How much have you humiliated me? You even encouraged Zhang Hairong to propose to Chu Ling just to humiliate me to death! Never in your dreams would you have thought that I would know Lin Hanhai, would you? And you can’t understand why I was able to invite Lin Hanhai to personally wish Chu Guodong happy birthday, can you? Now that you have offended the Lin family heavily, you finally thought of me, hoping that I would call Lin Hanhai and explain that this is all just a misunderstanding, right? Let me tell you something. You wish!” Lin Wenjing snapped behind clenched teeth. Toward the end of his sentence, his eyes were bloodshot.



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Chu Hao was even more anxious at this moment. He implored, “Wenjing, this is a misunderstanding. It’s all a misunderstanding!”

Lin Wenjing ignored him and turned away to leave once again.

Chu Hao did not dare to let him leave, so he caught up with him. He was drenched in sweat and was about to cry.

“Get lost! If you block my way again, I will call Lin Hanhai now and destroy the Chu family!” Lin Wenjing chided coldly.

This time, Chu Hao was truly about to burst into tears. Yet, he could only stare helplessly as Lin Wenjing left.

However, after Lin Wenjing walked out of the crowd, he saw a beautiful girl standing in front of him, staring firmly at him.

It was none other than Chu Ling.

When Lin Wenjing saw her, he trembled. He started to choke up, and the distress in his heart gushed up. He lowered his head to avoid meeting her eyes, then turned the other way and left.

“Lin Wenjing!” Chu Ling shouted his name.



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He stopped for a second, but he did not remain stagnant for a moment longer and walked away hurriedly.

Upon noticing that he was leaving, Chu Ling ran after him.

Lin Wenjing quickened his pace when he heard her footsteps. Toward the end, he even began to run.

Chu Ling also started running, but she was wearing high heels, and she was just a girl. Obviously, she could not outrun Lin Wenjing. Suddenly, she sprained her ankle and fell onto the ground, letting out a scream.

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Lin Wenjing turned back to look in reflex, only to see Chu Ling on the ground with tears on her face. His heart, which he had hardened with great effort, melted at once.

Chu Ling sat on the ground and looked at him pitifully. At last, he heaved a deep sigh and cursed his uselessness silently. He walked back to her and propped her up to rest on a bench at a side. He did not utter a single word as he massaged Chu Ling's injured ankle.

"Lin Wenjing, I'm sorry..." Chu Ling apologized in great remorse.



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Lin Wenjing did not respond to her. After he soothed Chu Ling's pain with massages, he stood up and was ready to leave. Throughout the whole time, he did not look at Chu Ling's eyes.

Chu Ling quickly grabbed his shirt when she saw that he was leaving and pleaded, "Please don't go..."

"Didn't you want to marry Zhang Hairong? Why did you come to find me then?" Lin Wenjing forced himself to speak in a normal tone, but his voice still quivered uncontrollably.

After all, it was impossible to cut off all ties at once after A life upside down TK four years of marriage.

With bloodshot eyes, Chu Ling replied, "I'm sorry. Please forgive me this one time. Please?"

When he heard this sentence, especially with the tearful tone of Chu Ling, Lin Wenjing's heart softened immediately.

Lin Wenjing was not a hard-hearted person to begin with. When Chu Ling pleaded with him and sincerely acknowledged her mistakes, the anger in his heart relented. So he nodded and replied, "Alright."

Chu Ling immediately beamed with joy.



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When they returned to the Chu family house, Chu Guodong and the rest were waiting anxiously. As soon as they saw Lin Wenjing, they rushed toward him and apologized to him. In the meantime, they explained that what happened earlier was a misunderstanding, and they promised to never ever chase him away again and whatnot.

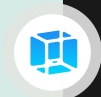
Lin Wenjing felt that they were sincere and he was no longer angry, so he expressed that he had forgiven them.

Once Chu Guodong and the rest received Lin Wenjing's forgiveness, Chu Guodong could not wait any longer and reminded him, "Then, shall you call the master of the Lin family now and explain that this is just a misunderstanding?"

Lin Wenjing nodded and gave Lin Ximiao a call. In a few sentences, he briefly explained the misunderstanding without revealing his identity.

After the call was hung up, every Chu family member was relieved. Chu Guodong asked discreetly, "Wenjing, what is your relationship with the Lin family? Why haven't you told us in the past?"

Everyone held their breaths while staring at Lin Wenjing nervously yet expectantly.



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“During the worship of ancestors in our hometown last month, I bumped into Lin Hanhai who was having a heatstroke when I went down the mountain to buy drinks for everyone. I saved him by chance, and he was extremely grateful to me. He said that he owed me a big one, so since today is grandfather’s birthday, I invited him over to bring some glory to the Chu family. But you...” Lin Wenjing stopped here, yet his meaning could be comprehended without him having to say it.

He could clearly see the awkward look on every Chu family member’s face.

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A thunderous slap rang. Chu Hao slapped himself with all his might and chided, “Damn! If I knew this would happen, I would’ve gone to buy the drinks that day. Then, I would have been the one to save Lin Hanhai!”

Everyone felt the same and regretted it. They were also present during the ancestors worshipping in their hometown last month. At that time, they were on the mountain and had just finished their drinks. All of them were not willing to buy drinks, so they instructed Lin Wenjing to run errands. They did not expect that it would be a twist of fate for Lin Wenjing! If they knew that they would meet Lin Hanhai,



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they would not have missed this chance to rise to the top no matter what!

Looking at their remorseful faces, Lin Wenjing felt extremely satisfied. For the past few years, he was frequently discriminated against and bullied in the Chu family. Last month, when they went back to their hometown to worship the ancestors, everyone had piled the filthy and strenuous work on him. Now, they were all drowning in regret.

Liu Qiaozhen changed her previously abominable attitude toward Lin Wenjing and said to him in a groveling tone, “Wenjing, since Lin Hanhai owes you a great debt of gratitude, he absolutely won't reject your request, will he? You should call Lin Hanhai someday and ask him to introduce a girl from the Lin family to your brother, Chu Zhe. Your brother has also reached the age of marriage.”

Chu Zhenyao chimed in, “Indeed. As a brother-in-law, you should consider your brother. Your brother has always respected you.”

Lin Wenjing felt displeasure when he heard this sentence. When had Chu Zhe ever respected him as a brother-in-law?

“Hey, Chu Zhe is still young. He's still studying in university. I'm sure he doesn't need Wenjing



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to introduce him to a girlfriend!” One of the elders in the Chu family gave Chu Zhenyao and Liu Qiaozhen a glare before continuing to speak to Lin Wenjing with a smile. “Wenjing, actually, I have always looked up to you. I often tell your father and mother-in-law that you are promising, and you will surely be successful in the future, but they don’t believe me. As expected, the truth is before our eyes. A talented person will not remain unnoticed, and one will shine when the time comes! Lin Hanhai is the wealthiest person in Hua City. There are plenty of people who want to meet him, but are not able to. Yet, you were able to get him to come in person to celebrate grandfather’s birthday with just a call, and he even brought loads of precious gifts. Wenjing, you have brought honor to the Chu family!”

This elderly was called Chu Huayou. He was Chu Hao’s father, Chu Ling’s eldest uncle. His flattery could make one feel as if they were walking on air. Those who did not know would really think that he had extremely good prospects for Lin Wenjing.

With a twist in his tone, Chu Huayou’s smile became wider. “Wenjing, you know that the Chu family’s company is in a bad situation now. Why don’t you tell Lin Hanhai about that and ask him to keep an eye on our business in the future? All of us in the Chu family will surely remember



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your contribution!”

Lin Wenjing could not help but sneer when he heard that. In the past, Chu Huayou often humiliated him, called him a bumpkin and despised him from the bottom of his heart. Now that he had connections with Lin Hanhai, Chu Huayou started to butter him up. Lin Wenjing sincerely hated this kind of person.

All the other people refused to be left behind. They besieged Lin Wenjing and listed out their requests, asking him to satisfy them.

Looking at their ugly acts, Lin Wenjing felt sick.

He declined awkwardly, “I’m afraid I can’t help you.”

“What? Wenjing, what do you mean by that?”

“Exactly. We did throw harsh remarks at you just now, but you don’t need to be so petty, do you? After all, we are your elders!”

“You saved Lin Hanhai’s life. Our simple requests are just a small matter to you. As a live-in son-in-law of the Chu family, aren’t you willing to help us with these small matters?”

They started to reproach Lin Wenjing.



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Lin Wenjing secretly sneered while acting as helpless as he could on the surface.

“Respected elders, it’s not that I’m unwilling to help you, but I’m not able to. Indeed, I saved Lin Hanhai’s life and he owes me a debt of gratitude. But he has repaid his debt.”

All of them were stunned when they heard his words.

Lin Wenjing continued, “Initially, inviting Lin Hanhai to wish grandfather a happy birthday was not counted as returning the favor, but you chased me away in the middle of the meal and enraged Lin Hanhai to the extent that he wanted to destroy the Chu family. Just now I’ve called Lin Hanhai to calm him down, which means that he has repaid the debt of gratitude. He is the master of the Lin family, noble and aloof. How can we have him at our beck and call?”

Their expression became rigid, and they felt extremely bad as if they had feces shoved into their mouth. If they knew that this would be the consequence, they wouldn’t have chased Lin Wenjing out no matter what!

Chu Hao suddenly thought of something and asked hastily, “We won’t ask Lin Hanhai to repay his gratitude anymore. But we have the right to get the birthday present he gave to



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grandfather, don't we? Since he has given it to grandfather, it's our property now!"

Everyone else thought about it. Chu Hao was right. Lin Hanhai had given Chu Guodong two hundred-year-old ginsengs, blue and white porcelains from the Song dynasty, precious calligraphy scrolls, and most importantly, almost ten million in cash! All these added up to a worth of twenty or thirty million.

"They took back all the presents they brought?" Lin Wenjing asked strangely.

"Yes, yes! They took back all of it. The presents are worth around twenty or thirty million. Lin Wenjing, make a call, quick. Ask Lin Hanhai to send the presents here. It's unreasonable to take back presents that are given out!" Chu Huayou replied in displeasure. His words were supported by the others. After all, the Chu family was extremely poor now. Even two or three million was a huge number for them, not to mention twenty or thirty million.

However, Lin Wenjing sighed and rejected, "Respected elders, how could you have allowed Lin Hanhai to take back the presents? Now that he has taken it back, how is it possible to get it back? Anyway, I'm totally unrelated to Lin Hanhai now. During the call just now, he sounded annoyed at me. I don't think I can get



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the presents back anymore.”

“It can’t be...”

“Oh god, what have we done?!”

“Presents which are worth twenty or thirty million are gone just like that...”

Many of the Chu family members wailed as if they were at a funeral. They were all drowning in regret.

Even Chu Guodong’s face became pale. At last, he lost his temper and slapped a few of the Chu family members. “It’s all your fault, you beasts! Why did you embarrass Lin Wenjing for no reason and even chased him out, causing Lin Hanhai to be offended? Originally, we had the chance to ride on the Lin family’s coattails and rise to power and position from there. But now, everything’s ruined. Even my birthday present is gone because of you beasts! I’ll beat you to death. I’ll kill all of you!!”

Chu Guodong had lost all control, causing him to hit Chu Hao’s face and a few other family members’ faces as well. It was like he had gone mad, and it was quite a scene.

Knowing that Lin Hanhai would never bother about Lin Wenjing again, Lin Wenjing had lost



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his value instantly, and the Chu family members resumed their abominable attitude toward Lin Wenjing. They even began to blame Lin Wenjing for not telling them earlier that he knew Lin Hanhai, causing them to miss an opportunity to prosper.

On the way back, Liu Qiaozen was still rattling about it. The more she talked about it, the angrier she got. She even poked her finger at Lin Wenjing's forehead several times.

Chu Ling could no longer stand it, so she glared at Liu Qiaozen and rebuked, "Mother! Can you cut it out? From the beginning to the end, Lin Wenjing hasn't done anything wrong. If it wasn't for Lin Wenjing calling Lin Hanhai to plead for mercy just now, the Chu family would have been destroyed by now!"

"Chu Ling, which side are you taking? I am your mother, yet you are talking back at me?" Liu Qiaozen reproached with her arms akimbo. "Besides, is any of my criticism wrong? If he had told us that he saved Lin Hanhai's life earlier, will what happened today have occurred? I think he doesn't care about this family at all! Putting that aside, let's talk about you having to accompany General Manager Wang and gratify him in order to borrow twenty million for a turnover for the sake of the family. If Lin Wenjing had some conscience and was a



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man, would he have sat by idly and remained indifferent? I'm pretty sure twenty million is just pocket money for Lin Hanhai!"

Listening to this, Chu Ling was heartbroken.



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