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Fade Chen couldn't afford to wait any longer. He pushed Fabian Lin away with one hand and pierced the long needle into Chief Zheng's heart.

The entire needle was nearly as long as 3 fingers. It was pierced into Chief Zheng's body, leaving only the small head of the needle on the outside.

At the same time, Chief Zheng seemed to be triggered by this. He immediately leaned forward from his bed and coughed out a huge amount of blood, soaking his sheets dark red. Then, he fell back onto the bed.

Seeing this, the doctors couldn't help but feel startled. All of them exclaimed as their faces turned pale.

"This can't be good. Chief Zheng coughed up so much blood!"

"That needle must have gone straight to his heart!"

"This is ridiculous. He's just toying with a human life."

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Fabian was so anxious that he felt like he was about to explode. His pupils shrank as he glared at Fade in utter horror. He quickly leaped toward Fade and said, "What have you done? Now, I'm going to be blamed for this! Move aside!"

At this moment, Daphne Tao flung the paper that she had been busy scribbling at Fabian. She said in a cold voice, "I've written

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the agreement, and I'm signing it right now. Now, Chief Zheng's condition has nothing to do with you. You won't need to bear any responsibility for him. You can relax now. "

Fabian studied the paper carefully. After seeing that Daphne had gotten all the details correct, he couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

However, at this moment, he saw Fade pulling out another long and thin needle. He was aiming it at Chief Zheng's heart. His heart couldn't help but skip a beat. He pointed at Fade and reminded them," He needs to sign too."

Daphne's eyes burned with fury, and she felt like slapping Fabian right at that moment.

At this time, Fade had just freed up his left hand. He reached out from behind him without turning back and said," Give it to me."

Suddenly, a strong gust of wind blew the paper out of Fabian's hands. The paper drifted in the air for a while before landing right in Fade's hand.

Fade wrote his name down swiftly and pressed his bloodstained fingers onto the paper. He proceeded to throw the paper behind him and shouted," Now leave!"

Along with Fade's order, the paper landed right back in Fabian's hands.

Fabian saw the bloodied imprint on the paper and his heart couldn't help but skip a beat again. However, he felt relieved and overjoyed. He smiled with delight as he left the ward.

Although it was a bit embarrassing to be called out by Fade, he did get rid of a huge burden. He had taken the easy way out.

In the beginning, when he learned that Chief Zheng was the director of the provincial health department in Long City, he had

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come up with the plan to show off his skills in front of Chief Zheng. He wanted to build more connections. Therefore, he brazenly went up to his uncle, Principal Lin, and he requested to be the doctor in charge of Chief Zheng.

He had planned everything. He was going to heal Chief Zheng and give him a good impression. Then, he was going to seize this opportunity to climb his way up in the hospital hierarchy.

However, he did not expect Chief Zheng's condition to be more complicated than he expected. He simply didn't have the capability to treat Chief Zheng's illness.

If Chief Zheng were to die in this hospital, Fabian, who was the attending doctor, would definitely not be able to get away with it.

Just now, when he saw that Chief Zheng's condition was getting worse, his heart nearly leaped out of his chest. He was worried that he would have to bear all the responsibility for this matter.

However, he did not expect things to take a turn. At the very last moment, there were two fools, Fade and Daphne. They would take the torch from him and take on this matter with open arms. At this point, if anything were to happen, the responsibility would be on them.

Knowing that he wouldn't be held accountable, Fabian couldn't help but rejoice in his heart. He even had the audacity to look forward to seeing the expressions on Daphne and Fade's faces when Chief Zheng died.

All these thoughts were running through his mind. Suddenly, a loud sigh could be heard from the ward behind him.

Fabian's heart began to beat violently. He quickly turned around and walked back to the ward, saying, "What's wrong? Is there no hope left for Chief Zheng? Did he pass away? Boy oh boy, now you're in trouble. The responsibility is on you, haha--"

Before Fabian could burst out in laughter, Principal Lin slapped him across the face. Glaring at him angrily, he said, "Shut up!"

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Fabian was shocked by the slap, and he didn't understand what was going on. Looking at Principal Lin, he asked, "Uncle, why did you hit me? I have evidence here saying that if Chief Zheng died, I will not be held responsible. You—"

"Are you still not shutting up!" Principal Lin slapped him another time. He was glaring at Fabian so hard, as if he was going to burn a hole through him.

Fabian felt confused and shocked. Walking through the crowd, he looked toward the bed.

In an instant, he was stunned.

Right at that moment, Chief Zheng, who had been unconscious and half-dead a few minutes ago, was sitting upright on his bed. He was awake. He was even staring at Fabian with a deep gaze.

Suddenly, Fabian felt dizzy. His legs gave way and he nearly fainted.

Chief Zheng said with a deep voice, "Dr. Lin, is this the attitude you have when you treat me?"

"No, Chief Zheng, I, I just—" Fabian scrambled to explain himself.

Before he could say anything, Chief Zheng fixed his gaze on Principal Lin and said, "Principal Lin, if this is how you treat patients in City Medical Center, I think we'll need to do a thorough inspection of this place. Also, I think that we will need to switch you with someone else, and have someone else take your place."

Upon hearing this, Principal Lin's heart turned cold. He was so mad that he wanted to curse, and he glared at Fabian.

Struggling to smile, Principal Lin quickly explained, "Chief Zheng, there, there has been some sort of misunderstanding here. City Medical Center is a good hospital. We—"

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Chief Zheng said coldly, "No need to explain to me. Tell the inspection team later!"
After saying this, Chief Zheng waved his hand and said, "Leave now. I need to rest!"

Principal Lin's face was burning with embarrassment. He led his team as they lowered their heads and exited the ward together. Then, they closed the door carefully behind them.

After this, all of them glared at Fabian in a cold manner. Their eyes were burning with fury, as if they wanted to kill someone. When Fabian saw this, he trembled and his heart raced. Unable to bear the tension any longer, he fainted, and he landed on the ground with a loud thud.

Seeing this, a nurse bent down and she started to help Fabian up.

Immediately, Principal Lin, who was furious, looked away and he said coldly, "No one is allowed to help him up. We're leaving now."

After saying this, all of them dispersed. Fabian was left on the cold floor, and everyone ignored him.

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At this time in the ward, Chief Zheng, who was just scolding Principal Lin a few minutes ago, turned pale. He fell back onto the arm rest.

Fade Chen immediately supported Chief Zheng with one arm and he pierced another needle into him. He started generating inner energy and inserted some energy into his body to help him become more stable. At the same time, Fade reminded him, saying, "Chief Zheng, your body is very weak right now. You shouldn't get upset."

Chief Zheng smiled weakly at Fade and said, "I know that, but the doctors here have crossed the line. They had the guts to treat someone in my position like this. If it were just someone ordinary, I couldn't imagine how they would've handled the situation."

"As a member of the Provincial Health Department, I must put an end to things like this. Otherwise, our medical industry will only become worse and there will be no potential for further development."

Chief Zheng was after all someone with great authority in Long City. His way of thinking was different from the thinking of ordinary citizens.

After saying this, Chief Zheng sighed and said, "I apologize for talking about this boring topic with you guys ."

Daphne Tao responded quickly, "Chief Zheng, you are correct. The medical field really needs to change."

Fade also agreed. "If everyone was as sincere as you, everything would be fine," he said.

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Chief Zheng looked at the both of them and sighed. "Having officials like me is not very useful. I believe if we had more doctors like the both of you, then the medical industry can be saved,"he said.

Daphne was polite and she said that she wasn't that great.

On the other hand, Fade pulled out a needle and helped Chief Zheng to lie down on the bed. He instructed him,saying,"Chief Zheng, I just used inner energy to clear the obstructed blood vessels in your heart. Your condition is no longer critical. However, you still need some time to recuperate from the healing of your heart valve perforations. "

Chief Zheng was grateful and he immediately thanked Fade, saying, "Thank you, Dr. Chen. if it weren't for you this time, I wouldn't still be here."

Fade smiled and said nothing.

At this time, two anxious-looking men were walking into the ward. Behind them were another two more younger-looking men dressed in black suits. With just one glance, Fade could tell that they were powerful people who were almost at the Black Level. He figured that they were his bodyguards.

Chief Zheng's status in society wasn't low. Instead, he was highly respected.

Thereafter, the two men with anxious expressions walked in and rushed to Chief Zheng's bed.

Chief Zheng immediately reported to the two men that he was safe, and then he explained that it was Fade and Daphne who had saved him. They immediately bowed and thanked the both of them profusely.

Subsequently, the two men quickly completed the relevant documents and were ready to transfer Chief Zheng to another hospital. After everything that had happened, they had truly lost all hope in City Medical Center.

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Before leaving, Chief Zheng suddenly thought of something and he stopped one of the men. He whispered an order to him. After receiving the order, the man held a business card and handed it to Fade. He explained that Chief Zheng had given it to him. If he were to encounter any difficulties in the future, he could seek Chief Zheng for help.

Fade knew that this was the way Chief Zheng was repaying him for saving his life.

Since that was the case, he didn't reject the offer. After thanking him, he kept the business card in his pocket and then he bade farewell to Chief Zheng.

After sending off Chief Zheng, Daphne couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief. She relaxed her entire body which was tense the whole time and she collapsed against the wall. She almost fell and sat down on the ground.

Seeing this, Fade couldn't help but chuckle. "Dr. Tao, seeing how bold your behavior was earlier, I really didn't think you would be this anxious!" he said.

Daphne glared at Fade and said, "Do you think that everyone is as fearless as you? After all, we were dealing with Chief Zheng. All the specialists in this hospital couldn't come up with a treatment for his disease. No one could be 100% confident in their actions!"

Fade was stunned. Then, he smiled and said, "Since you weren't that confident, why did you support me so much? Dr Tao, what if something bad really did happen earlier, then you would have to bear the consequences!"

Dr. Tao said, "To be honest, this did cross my mind. However, Chief Zheng was in a critical condition at that time and I had no other options."

After a pause, Dr. Tao looked up and met Fade's eyes with a firm and sincere gaze. She said to him, "Besides, I had faith in you."

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Seeing Daphne's trusting expression, Fade couldn't help but feel stunned again. He smiled and said to her, "Thank you for having faith in me. Since it's already quite late, why don't I treat you to a meal to repay you for your trust?"

Daphne answered, "About that, I should be the one treating you. After all, you helped me a lot today. You helped me with Old Mr. Liu, Fabian Lin's drama, and Chief Zheng's condition. I'm just worried that a meal isn't enough to cover all of this. "

Hearing this, Fade couldn't help bursting into laughter. "In that case, you'll have to treat me to more meals in the future!" he said.

Daphne said generously, "As long as you have time, I'm up for it."

"Let's go out for a meal then!" While saying this, Daphne hooked Fade's arm and pulled him toward the hospital exit.

Both of them left the hospital. The nurses saw them laughing and whispering intimately. They couldn't help but stare at them with shocked looks on their faces.

At the same time, rumors accompanied by photos and videos were going around City Medical Center at the speed of light.

"Did you hear? One of the beauties of our hospital, Dr Tao, actually has a boyfriend?"

"Really, I have seen it. The man looks quite young. He is somewhat handsome, and he was walking and laughing side by side with Dr. Tao."

"I didn't expect anyone to be able to get an ice queen like her."

"Ah, my goddess. How could someone else get her before me? I won't let this slide!"

"Wait, wasn't Dr. Lin pursuing Dr. Tao? Did he not get her?"

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At this moment, Fabian had just gotten up from the cold floor. He finally arrived back at his office. Looking at the various videos and photos in the hospital group, his expression was unpleasant.

He gritted his teeth and threw the phone to the ground fiercely, saying, "Daphne, you bit**. You would rather be with someone cheap like him over me. How am I not better than him?"

At this moment, Fade and Daphne, who had just arrived at the restaurant, had no idea what was going on in the hospital.

The both of them had chosen a simple restaurant near the hospital. After ordering some dishes, they finally enjoyed their meal.

While talking over the meal, Daphne was naturally interested in Fade's impressive medical skills. Therefore, she brought up the relevant topics to him. Without hesitating, Fade told her everything without reservation.

Thus, this meal turned into a two-person discussion on medical affairs. In the end, they spent nearly an hour there. They ended up leaving the restaurant reluctantly as they had so much more to talk about.

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After saying goodbye to Daphne Tao, Fade Chen headed home.

After a night's rest, Fade received a call from Charles Wu the following afternoon. Charles reminded him about the jewelry exhibition he had told him previously. He needed Fade's help to appraise the items there.

Since it was something he had promised before, Fade wasn't going to go back on his own word. He asked for the address and time of the exhibition. After washing up, he left for the venue of the exhibition.

Just as Fade was rushing to the exhibition, Enya Entertainment's boss, Salazar Xu, was driving his limited edition sports car to pick up Rowena Song from the airport.

In the sports car, Rowena pouted in dissatisfaction and said, "I just returned from Micovia and you're already dragging me to some exhibition. Doesn't it hurt you to see me so exhausted?"

Salazar persuaded her and said, "My sweetheart, I know that you are tired. However, this isn't just any exhibition. Participating in this exhibition will benefit us."

"What's so special about it? Isn't it just a jewelry exhibition? I've been to so many before," Rowena whined.

While driving, Salazar reassured her, "Baby, let me tell you, this jewelry exhibition isn't just any regular exhibition. This time, the Emerald Plum Jewels company will be participating."

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As soon as Rowena heard the words "Emerald Plum Jewels", her eyes lit up. All the tiredness she felt earlier vanished and she couldn't help saying excitedly, "Emerald Plum Jewels is the top jewelry company in our country. Moreover, their jewelry is of high quality and they don't fall far behind famous international brands."

"I heard that the lowest price of jewelry from Emerald Plum Jewels is 500,000 yuan. I'm sure all their jewelries are highly rated."

Salazar said, "That's right. Also, I've heard a rumor that Director Yu of Emerald Plum Jewels will be attending this exhibition. If we meet her, we have to get on her good side and leave a good impression on her. We can take advantage of this if the chance arises in the future. Who knows, maybe you can use this opportunity to become the representative of Emerald Plum Jewels. "

When he said this, Rowena's eyes became even brighter than before. "The previous representatives of Emerald Plum Jewels were all famous national actresses. If I could endorse Emerald Plum Jewels, that'll definitely help me take a huge step forward in my career and boost me to the top. "

Salazar said proudly, "Now you understand my good intentions!"

With a smile on her face, Rowena leaned toward Salazar's greasy face and she pecked him on the cheek, saying, "Director Xu, I know that you treat me the best."

Immediately, Rowena brought out all her makeup and started patting her face.

After half an hour, they arrived at the exhibition grounds. Salazar flung the keys of his luxury car to the valet, and he grabbed Rowena, who was beaming. Then, he led the both of them into the exhibition center.

Although this jewelry exhibition had many famous people around, Salazar and Rowena's arrival managed to turn many heads.

After all, Salazar was a veteran boss of the entertainment industry in Long City and Rowena was a hot and trending idol. When

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this couple appeared, the other guests were attracted to them, and many journalists rushed toward them.

This made Salazar and Rowena even more happy. They smiled and greeted the crowd while waving at the cameras.

After all the hustle at the entrance, which took almost half an hour, the two of them could finally enter the exhibition.

Just when the two of them were about to enter the venue, Rowena suddenly commented in a surprised tone, "Ah, why is he here?"

When Salazar heard her tone, he couldn't help asking: "What's wrong?"

Rowena pointed at the other direction of the entrance and said, "There."

Salazar looked over and saw a young man in his early twenties at the entrance. He was now lining up and walking toward the exhibition center. Suddenly, Salazar's eyes froze. "It's that kid from Scott Entertainment, Fade!" he said.

Recalling the time Fade had beaten him up as a lesson, Salazar felt so mad that the expression on his face became cold.

Rowena was even more irritated. Wanting to cause trouble, she said, "Director Xu, while I was in Micovia, this guy still had the time to investigate my hit-and-run accident. He even beat up my manager. We can't let him go so easily."

Upon hearing her words, Salazar's expression grew colder. After thinking for a while, he said, "Well, I have a solution. I will embarrass him today."

While talking, Salazar grabbed Rowena and walked quickly into the exhibition hall. Instead of looking at the exhibits, they headed straight to the other entrance.

Seeing this, Rowena was a little puzzled and asked, "Director Xu, what's your plan?"

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Salazar said coldly, "This isn't any ordinary exhibition. The guests here aren't ordinary citizens either. They are mostly famous people in the business community of Long City. I'm afraid that this kid is here representing Scott Entertainment. This means that Scott Huang is also here."

"Well, yes, but why does that matter?" Rowena still couldn't understand what Salazar meant.

Salazar's voice was even lower than before as he was right next to Rowena, and he said, "The two major shareholders of Scott Entertainment are here. Also, there are so many other famous people here. What do you think will happen if a piece of jewelry goes missing?"

Rowena was shocked. When she finally gathered her thoughts again, a smile spread across her face. Looking at Fade who was entering the exhibition hall, and then looking at Salazar again, she said, "Director Xu, what you mean is, you want to frame Fade for stealing jewelry and then expose him, causing him to look bad."

Salazar nodded, and then he said coldly, "That's right. I don't just want to embarrass him. We have to embarrass Scott too. We have to drag Scott Entertainment's name in the mud today. Let's see how they defend themselves."

As soon as Rowena heard this, she was ecstatic. She couldn't help saying, "Director Xu, this must be your most powerful move."

"We must be careful on how we proceed. There's so many people here, not to mention there are CCTVs around. The jewelries also have sensors around them." Rowena couldn't help saying.

Salazar said smugly, "Don't worry. Do you see that merchant over there? I know him well. With just a few words, I can settle this matter."

"No wonder they call you the great Director Xu," Rowena said in ecstasy.

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Immediately, Salazar went to the merchant to arrange their plan while Rowena stayed put and observed Fade. Soon after that, Salazar returned with a smile on his face and made a gesture of "OK" to Rowena. Immediately, the two of them followed Fade without hesitation and blended into the crowd.

At this time, Fade entered the exhibition hall and began admiring the dazzling array of jewelry.

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In this way, Fade Chen followed the crowd and arrived at a small exhibition booth. This booth belonged to a small-scale jewelry company. Their exhibits weren't very special. The materials and the design of their jewelries were ordinary. Fade showed little interest in these items. After a few glances, he moved on to the next booth.

On the other side, Salazar Xu and Rowena Song were eyeing Fade. At this moment, when they saw Fade walking alone, both their faces lit up with delight. They made a signal to the staff at the booth.

Suddenly, a middle-aged man who looked like a manager walked out from the booth. With a nervous expression, he said out loud, "Oh, this is bad. Help me look for it. Hurry!"

Upon hearing such an anxious cry, the surrounding guests couldn't help but turn their attention to him. All of them piped up, "What happened? What's the problem?"

The manager was visibly anxious and he said in a loud voice, "I just noticed that a diamond ring worth 100,000 yuan from our booth has gone missing. Maybe we just misplaced it. Everyone, please help us to look for it."

The manager's tone was humble and polite. Many of the guests present that day were honorable and well-known. They did not want their names to be associated with the word 'thief', so they frantically helped to look around for it. Some people even opened their handbags and briefcases to show that the jewelry wasn't inside, in order to prove their innocence.

As a result of this chaos, the guests at the other booths became curious and they drew closer to this booth. More people started

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to crowd around them.

At this moment, the manager pretended to look for the ring around the guests in front of the exhibits while saying, "All the guests here are VIPs. I'm sure you all don't care about such a small sum of money and a ring like that. There are many people attending this exhibition today. I'm afraid there might have been some strange people among us who used this opportunity to steal the ring. That's why I need all of your help to recall if you've seen anyone suspicious earlier."

The guests frowned, but nobody wanted to offend anyone else. Therefore, no one spoke for a while.

Thus, the manager said with a loud voice, "Have any of you seen someone who was dressed very casually? Maybe you saw someone who's not from this industry, and perhaps they left this booth in a haste."

After the manager planted this thought in their heads, some guests suddenly remembered Fade who was with them earlier. After all, Fade's attire did seem a little plain among such VIPs. In addition to this, Fade only took one look at the booth and left very quickly. He matched every single detail the manager had just described.

Therefore, everyone was suspicious of Fade.

Some of them whispered to the manager and pointed toward the direction he went.

Upon hearing this, the manager frowned. Together with a few other staff members, they headed to where Fade was resting.

Fade didn't pay attention to what was happening. He saw a bunch of people heading toward him, and he felt that something wasn't right. He frowned.

The manager of the booth approached Fade. Although his expression was calm, there was a hint of suspicion in his tone when he asked, "Sir, I just want to ask you a few questions."

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Upon hearing his tone, Fade frowned even more. Looking at them, he said coldly, "What's the matter?"

The manager dived straight in. He said in a straightforward manner, "We have a diamond ring worth 100,000 yuan exhibited at our booth earlier, but now it has gone missing. Earlier, I noticed that you were at our booth, so I was wondering if you saw anything?"

As soon as these words left his mouth, Fade naturally understood that he was being accused of stealing the diamond ring.

Immediately, Fade frowned and said, "I didn't see it."

Upon hearing this, the manager frowned as well. His face turned cold and he glared at Fade. With an icy tone, he asked, "Do you mind if we ask you to undergo inspection?"

"What do you mean by this?" Fade's expression turned ice-cold. Looking at the manager, he said, "I told you, I didn't see your diamond ring."

The manager did not flinch, and he said in a low voice, "Sir, I think it's best if you let us check you. Otherwise, we won't be able to prove your innocence. If it's not on you, then that would make things easier for the both of us."

Fade said coldly, "Why do I need to prove my innocence, just because you guys are accusing me?"

The manager said coldly, "Sir, we would like to settle this matter in a calm and orderly manner. If you don't cooperate with us, I'm afraid I might need to be rude."

Fade looked at the manager and said coldly, "Cooperate with you? Why should I cooperate with your inspection just because you think that I am suspicious. What if the situation was reversed? Now, I think that you have stolen 10,000 yuan from me. Does this mean I can check your pockets too?"

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The manager's expression at this moment was cold. He glared at Fade and said, "Sir, please be reasonable. Otherwise, things will get ugly."

One of the surrounding guests took the lead and laughed sarcastically. He said, "Hey everyone, look at this guy. He brags that he has 10,000 yuan while looking like this. He should come up with a better lie."

With someone taking the lead, the surrounding guests immediately chuckled in glee.

"I think it was this kid who stole the ring. Look at him, he looks exactly like a thief."

"That's right, if you look at the way he's dressed, he definitely doesn't fit in with us."

"Haha, I'm sure his guilty conscience is eating him up. The ring must be on him, that's why he doesn't want to let the manager check him."

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For a while, everyone surrounding Fade was pointing at him. They couldn't help whispering about him. In their eyes, they seemed sure that Fade was the thief.

At this moment, the manager shouted for two burly security guards to come over. As they stood in front of Fade, the manager's eyes were serious and cold. He said, "Sir, this is the last time I'm warning you. Please cooperate with our inspection. Otherwise, we won't be polite anymore."

Fade looked at the manager coldly and said, "I have already told you that I didn't take your diamond ring. I have no idea what's going on."

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The manager fixed his gaze on him. Anger was revealed on his face. Then, he waved his hand and said, "Since you're not cooperative, I'm afraid that we have to take action against you."

While saying this, the two security guards and the two other staff members from the manager's booth walked toward Fade. They stretched out their hands and they were about to press Fade down. The manager also walked over, and he was prepared to conduct an inspection.

Fade's eyes were cold, and he was prepared to make his move.

However, at this moment, a shout rang out. "Everyone stop!"

Immediately, the crowd parted. A corpulent young man walked over with a solemn expression.

Seeing this man, the guests at the scene were shocked. They started whispering.

"Wait, isn't this the boss from Scott Entertainment, Director Huang?"

"Yeah, why is he here? He's even helping this thief?"

"Do they know each other?"

"That's highly unlikely. Director Huang and this thief are on two completely different levels."

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Among the whispers of the crowd, Fatty Huang glared at the manager with an ice-cold stare, saying, "What do you think you're doing?"

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The manager turned around and immediately recognized Scott Huang. The expression on his face changed slightly, and he said, "Director Huang, someone has stolen a diamond ring worth 100,000 from our exhibition booth. We are asking this gentleman to cooperate with the investigation."

"Cooperate with the investigation?" Scott grunted coldly, glaring at the manager. He continued speaking in anger, "Is this what you mean by cooperating with the investigation? Asking the security guards to take action?"

The manager tried to explain, "Director Huang, I have no choice. We asked this gentleman to assist in the investigation, but he did not cooperate. Therefore, we are forced to--"

"Rubbish!" Scott retorted directly, interrupting his words.

"Do you know who he is?" Scott pointed at Fade and asked angrily.

At this moment, all the people around them had curious and confused expressions. They glanced at Scott and Fade.

The manager had a slight change of expression, saying, "I don't know who this gentleman is, can you clarify for me?"

"He is my—" Scott was about to speak.

At this moment, a clear booming voice suddenly sounded, interrupting Scott's words. "Oh, isn't this Director Huang?"

The crowd looked towards the direction of the voice. They spotted Salazar Xu and Rowena Song walking towards them, side by

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side, with smiles on their faces.

When the surrounding guests saw Salazar and Rowena, they immediately started to chatter, and some of them even started greeting them with enthusiasm.

Scott's face fell, and he glanced at Salazar, saying coldly, "Mr. Xu, why are you here?"

Salazar seemingly did not notice the anger on Scott's face. He said with a smile, "Nothing really, I just caught sight of Director Huang here, and came over to greet you."

Salazar then acted rather surprised, as he pointed at Fade, saying, "Oh, is this not the second largest shareholder of Scott Entertainment, President Fade Chen? Director Huang and President Chen, you are both here at the jewelry exhibition together. "

As soon as he said these words, the surrounding guests were astonished. They fixed their gazes at Fade.

They would never have imagined that Fade, with his simple attire and suspicious demeanor, would be the second largest shareholder of Scott Entertainment.

For a moment, the sound of whispers could be heard again.

"I didn't expect him to be a shareholder of Scott Entertainment."

"Yeah, I can't see it at all."

"If he is a shareholder, then he probably would not need to steal the diamond ring!"

"That's not necessarily true. Some rich people still commit theft ."

"Yes, besides, look at his appearance. Who knows whether this shareholder is nominal or financial."

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Listening to the gossip and speculation around him, Scott's expression gradually sank. He glanced at Salazar and seemed rather distracted.

He then yelled loudly, "What kind of joke is this, Brother Fade is like a brother to me. If he wanted the whole Scott Entertainment enterprise, he would have it with one sentence. He would not need this diamond ring."

"You think Brother Fade will be short of 100,000 and steal this ring?" Scott glared fiercely at the exhibition booth manager.

The exhibition booth manager was silent as he gazed at Scott. He did not respond.

At this moment, Salazar spoke again, "Director Huang is such a loyal man. He stands by his own major shareholders, that is truly admirable indeed!"

"However, there is something that I don't understand at all. President Chen is Director Huang's brother, but why does he dress so shabbily. It is really confusing indeed!"

Salazar intentionally tried to insinuate that Fade was not who he claimed to be. This caused the crowd to become skeptical of Fade.

At the same time, Rowena added fuel to the fire, saying, "This President Chen, I seem to remember him as well. It seemed like just a few days ago, he accompanied another man to cause trouble at our company. However, he was driven out by the people at our company. They thought he was maybe a farmer or migrant worker. No one would have expected that Mr. Chen had such a high status. I'm afraid there was some misunderstanding at that time!"

Rowena deliberately misconstrued the situation in regards to Fade's assistance of Big Brother Liu, exaggerating the facts.

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Her words instantly changed the perception of the crowd.

Everyone became even more skeptical about Fade, and their expressions flickered.

When Scott heard this, the expression on his face fell, and he became furious. He said, "What are you trying to insinuate? How dare you suspect my brother of theft. I don't think you are aware of his true identity, you— "

Without waiting for Scott to finish speaking, Salazar spoke again, "Director Huang, there is no need to lose your temper! We are all aware of the honorable status of President Chen. However, valuable items are missing. This is not a situation that anyone wishes for. It would be better to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. That would be of utmost importance right now. "

"Well, I'll take the lead and let the manager inspect me, so that I can prove my innocence!"

As he spoke, Salazar had a self-righteous expression on his face. He took off his jacket, opened his bag, and then spread out his arms, looking as though he was inviting the manager to inspect him.

The manager glanced at Salazar. His eyes flickered slightly, and he said, "Director Xu, you are a man of great integrity. Many apologies in advance for having to inspect you."

Having said that, the manager stepped forward and frisked Salazar, inspecting him thoroughly, rummaging through almost all his pockets.

Finally, the manager shook his head and made a bow to President Xu, saying, " I did not find the diamond ring, many apologies to you, President Xu!"

Salazar put on his jacket with a smile, seemingly unaffected, and said, "This is a trivial matter, no worries at all. Besides, by doing this, I can assist in this matter. Anyhow, everyone present is a suspect in this case. Anyone who is unwilling to undergo

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inspection will not be able to leave this venue!"

Salazar's actions and words were well-rehearsed.

People instantly perceived him to be a fair and just person. In comparison, Scott and Fade seemed petty, and gave people the impression of being guilty.

Thus, the crowd's discussion became more heated, and the volume of their voices became higher. At the same time, some people imitated Salazar and began to take off their jackets for inspection.

As a result, the atmosphere at the scene became rather bizarre.

As each person took the initiative to be inspected, Scott and Fade seemed to be backed into a corner, causing them even more embarrassment.

Everyone was inspected in this way one after the other, and still the diamond ring was not found. Finally, everyone's eyes fell on Scott and Fade. Of course, Scott had arrived later, therefore everyone looked at Fade with suspicion.

In the end, the cold eyes of the exhibition booth manager fell on Fade again, and he said, " President Chen, many apologies. You are the only one left that hasn't gone through the inspection. Sorry to trouble you and hope you can cooperate with us."

Fade's face was gloomy, and Scott's eyes were red with anger.

In this situation, it did not matter if Fade underwent inspection. The final result would still be a failure for them.

After all, letting Fade become a public suspect of crime was a shameful failure in itself.

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Salazar Xu didn't feel this was enough. With a smile on his face, he deliberately said, "President Chen, there are so many people here, and many of them are of high status. All have them have undergone inspection. President Chen, are you looking for special treatment?"

Rowena Song sneered sarcastically beside him: "I don't think so. After all, President Chen is different from us. He likes the company of farmers and migrant workers, haha!"

For a moment, the atmosphere in the hall became tense and awkward, and the air seemed to freeze.

Fade Chen and Scott Huang looked even more gloomy, and was hesitant to speak.

The exhibition booth manager could not wait any longer. He gestured his hand and said, "Director Chen, many apologies."

While saying this, two security guards and two staff members approached Fade to inspect him.

When Scott saw this, he shouted, "Stop it now, you guys--"

However, before he had finished speaking, Salazar stood up again and deliberately said, "Director Huang, I understand your feelings. However, everyone here underwent inspection and President Chen is still unwilling to cooperate. Is there anything that is causing him inconvenience? "

He deliberately accentuated the word "inconvenience", and Rowena also added fuel to the fire, "Maybe it's a guilty conscience

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that is causing him inconvenience?"

The two of them worked in perfect harmony. Immediately, everyone got the hint from them that Fade had stolen the ring. For a moment, the suspicion of the people towards him became even more pronounced.

At this point, the people in charge of the inspection was about to take action against Fade. Fade stared at them blankly, and said icily, "Get lost!"

A strong gust of energy emerged from him, and the four approaching men swayed in shock. They took a few steps back, their faces turning pale.

In that instant, Fade fixed his gaze at Salazar and Rowena. The expression in his eyes was piercing, like a sharp sword. He glared at them fiercely, his eyes boring into them.

As they made eye contact with Fade, both of them twitched and shuddered involuntarily.

Fade now understood the chain of events. He had a cold expression on his face. At the beginning, he had thought that it was just a misunderstanding, and that the people at the counter was suspicious of him due to his outfit and demeanor.

But after seeing how Salazar and Rowena acted, Fade was almost sure that all of this was planned by them in advance. Their purpose was to seek revenge and embarrass him.

At that moment, Fade snorted coldly. He continued to fix his gaze at them, and his eyes were like sharp piercing knives.

Salazar could not help but panic in this situation. He quickly gave the exhibition booth manager a look. When the manager saw this, his expression became stern. He walked towards Fade and said, "President Chen, everyone here has a high status, and they have underwent inspection. We have tried to be respectful of President Chen's feelings. If President Chen does not want to

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cooperate with us, then I will have to call the police to handle this incident. If this issue blows up, I'm afraid it will be not a good situation for President Chen and Scott Entertainment. "

As soon as he spoke, Scott's face fell. He clenched his jaw, looking like he wanted to hit someone.

The manager, with an impatient expression, gestured his hand and said "Arrest him!"

Immediately, even more security guards rushed towards Fade.

Upon seeing this, Salazar and Rowena smiled smugly. The surrounding guests also seemed to enjoy the drama that was unfolding.

At this critical moment, suddenly a cold snort was heard. "What do you think you are doing?"

The crowd froze and the action was paused, and they turned to look towards the voice.

They spotted a middle-aged man in a suit and leather shoes. Everyone in the crowd could see the man's face clearly and their expressions turned to surprise and excitement.

It was Charles Wu, the president of Crimson Star Group.

Charles, and Quin, who was president of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, had defeated the three major business families of Long City at that fateful business meeting. They were the Dai, An and Qian families. After that incident, Charles's Crimson Star Group had become the second largest business in Long City and increased in strength. It also enjoyed rapid growth.

Charles definitely had a unique status. Compared to the other big bosses in the hall, he was at a higher rank. Many of them were worth at most one billion, but Charles's estimated worth exceeded 10 billion.

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At that rank, even if he wanted to come to the exhibition, he would have an exclusive gathering specifically catering to him. He would not mingle with the crowd.

Therefore, Charles's sudden appearance and his words caused everyone at the scene to feel a little surprised and curious.

"Why is President Wu here?"

"What does President Wu mean with his words? Is he saying that on behalf of Fade?"

"How can it be possible that President Wu knows him? He is a unique person, and that Fade Chen is someone unimportant."

"In my opinion, President Wu just happened to be here. He probably noticed the noisy situation here and couldn't resist trying to stop it."

"That makes sense. Let's see. If someone explained to President Wu what was happening, he should understand. After all, no one likes thieves."

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As people discussed this new turn of events, Salazar sensed vaguely that something was wrong. In that instant, He gave the booth manager a look.

The booth manager plastered on a smile, and walked towards Charles. He explained, "President Wu, we are experiencing some minor problems here. Our exhibition booth---"

Without waiting for him to finish speaking, Charles directly interrupted him and said coldly, "I don't care. How can you take action against Mr. Chen?"

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"What?" The booth manager was quite confused at his words.

The crowd was also stunned. They froze for a few seconds before recovering. They gazed at Fade, shocked and surprised.

"Wu, President Wu just mentioned Mr. Chen, wouldn't it--"

"Really, President Wu and him, how?"

"This, what the hell is happening!"

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The crowd could not believe what they heard. Charles pointed at Fade and asked the booth manager again, "Mr. Chen is my invited guest. What do you mean by taking action against him?"

The booth manager came to his senses. Seems like Charles was really speaking about Fade. For a moment, he was dumbfounded and didn't know what to do. He could only turn to Salazar for assistance.

Salazar and the others were also completely shocked. They did not expect that Charles would step in for Fade. Also, listening to Charles's words, Fade seemed to have a high status. Charles also seemed to think highly of Fade Chen.

At this moment, the people who said Charles was not here for Fade were stunned. They gaped at Fade Chen and Charles .

They would never have imagined that this person, who was dressed so plainly, was Scott's sworn brother and a invited guest of Charles'.

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However, Salazar Xu was truly cunning. He quickly came to his senses and immediately plastered a smile on his face. He went forward to Charles Wu and explained, "President Wu, this is just a misunderstanding. The manager of this exhibition booth is missing a diamond ring which cost 100,000 and everyone is trying to help find it, so – "

"What then?" Charles retorted, glaring at the manager and Salazar . "You suspect Mr. Chen of theft?"

"No, no, we just asked President Chen to cooperate with us, so we can investigate this matter. We did not have malicious intentions." The manager also came to his senses, and gestured his hand as he explained.

But Charles did not believe them. He said with a cold tone, "No malicious intentions? The security guards have been called in, and you were prepared to call the police. Isn't it clear that you have malicious intentions?"

"Also, with Mr. Chen's status, it would be ridiculous to think that he would want your diamond ring which is worth only 100,000!"

The manager didn't know what to say in reply, so he grimaced.

Salazar wanted to explain further and quickly said: "President Wu, this is really a misunderstanding, and Manager Huang doesn't know--"

"Really? He doesn't know?" At this moment, Fade sneered. He came over, looked at Salazar and said, "Director Xu is very enthusiastic about this matter, he even took the lead to undergo inspection. It seems clear to me that Director Xu and Mr. Huang

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have a good relationship! "

Salazar's face fell, and he glared at Fade. He then shifted his expression and started to deny this fact.

But Charles was shrewd. As he heard these words, he was vaguely aware of what was going on. He looked at Salazar coldly and said, "Salazar, I know that Enya Entertainment and Scott Entertainment have a competitive relationship. Are you dissatisfied with this situation and try to use underhanded means? "

Salazar quickly denied this, "President Wu, this is not true. President Chen misunderstood me. I just--"

Charles had no interest in hearing any of his excuses. He took out his cell phone and quickly dialed a number. After saying something, he hung up. He then spoke to Salazar, "You don't have to explain anything to me. President An is coming now. You can explain to him then!"

When he heard the name "President An", Salazar's expression changed suddenly.

President An was head of one of the three major businesses at Long City. The An family was involved in the media, as well as in advertising and in the entertainment industry.

The An family had invested in Enya Entertainment before. Therefore, President An is considered the boss of Salazar, and Enya Entertainment can be considered the property of the An family.

His boss was coming, and Salazar felt the heat.

As for the crowd, they were numb from all the excitement. They could not imagine that Fade could have so much influence. Scott, Charles, and now President An would be stepping in.

Within a few minutes, a group of people walked towards them.

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Everyone was surprised when they saw this group of people. President An was there, but President Dai and President Qian was also there with him.

The three of them walked forward quickly and greeted Charles with a nod.

Salazar stepped forward, wanting to greet them and explain the situation to President An.

But as he walked forward, President An just glanced at him and pushed him away. He quickly walked towards Fade.

Then, to the astonishment of the crowd, the three major businessmen of Long City- President An, President. Dai and President Qian, all walked forward to Fade. They bowed respectfully and greeted him, "Good day, Mr. Chen!"

Fade nodded faintly and greeted them in response.

President Dai and President Qian immediately stepped aside and stood next to Charles .

President An, at this moment, bowed even deeper. It was a bow of an angle of ninety degrees. He looked at Fade with an earnest and respectful expression, saying,"Mr. Chen, I did not manage this matter well, I have offended you. Please punish me."

Fade snorted coldly and did not speak.

At that instant, President An became even more frightened.

Some time ago, Fade had gone to South Hanover City, and had a huge conflict with the Zhan family there. After that, he had been pursued by foreign regiments. At that time, most people assumed that he had been killed.

Some people in Long City began to plan for their future. The An family made some small quiet moves to escape the dominion of Quin Lin and Charles. They wanted to be one of the three major businesses of the town. However, Fade had returned quietly to

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Long City as well.

A few days ago, President An had received this news, which made him tremble with fright. He wanted to look for an opportunity to apologize and declare his loyalty to Fade. But Fade's itinerary was uncertain, and he didn't dare to disturb him. Later, he got the information from Charles that Fade was coming to this exhibition, so he specifically came over to explain the situation to Fade.

However, he did not expect that his own company employee would offend Fade, before he had a chance to explain his side of the story. President An was mortified, so he had to be deferential and respectful to Fade in front of everyone to show his loyalty.

"Please forgive me, Mr. Chen!" President An said.

Fade was silent, and finally said lightly, "Do get up! Never mind about the other matters, please ask Director Xu what is this issue with the diamond ring."

"Thank you, Mr. Chen." President An felt calmer. He stood up and walked with a stern expression towards Salazar. He asked him coldly, "What is the matter with this diamond ring?"

Salaza's expression flickered, and he glanced at the booth manager. He stammered, "President An, I, I don't know. I'm only familiar with Manager Huang, so I'm eager to help, I--"

Fade heard the words and snorted softly.

President An yelled immediately: "Tell me the truth now, or you will die"

At this moment, Salazar's expression was twisted. He kept thinking, whether he should tell the truth and risk the embarrassment, or carry the secret to his death.

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As Salazar pondered over this, President An's cold words sounded, "Think about it, President Dai, President Qian, President Wu and myself in Long City treat this person with utmost deference. Who can this person be? "

These words immediately made Salazar's heart beat faster and he quickly thought about it.

Indeed, there were not many people in Long City that commanded the respect and deference of several major business giants. And these few people were almost all in their 50s and 60s. There seems to be no one of this young age.

Except one person, that is--

As he realized this, Salazar had a shock. He glanced at Fade again, and looked at his average-looking face. The expression on Salazar's face became more agitated, and his body shuddered involuntarily, trembling in fear.

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"You don't say, that he is --he is--" His body kept shuddering, and Salazar Xu's voice began to quiver.

At this time, President An said coldly, "Apart from him, who else can have such power!"

When he heard this, Salazar was so shocked that he couldn't control himself. He fell to his knees on the ground, disregarding the judging looks of the people around him. He groveled and cried, "Mr. Chen, I was wrong. I beg for my life, have mercy on me."

Rowena Song, who was next to Salazar, still didn't understand why he was so shocked. She wanted to pull him up, and said "Director Xu, what's wrong with you, how can you --"

However, before she could finished speaking, Salazar slapped Rowena on the face and yelled angrily, "Be quiet, Mr. Chen is an honorable and distinguished person, don't be insolent."

Rowena was completely stunned, and she patted her cheeks in confusion. She glanced at Fade , but she still didn't understand what was so special about Fade , that he could instill such fear in Salazar .

At this moment, President An came over, and while he bowed and gestured in respect to Fade , he shouted at Salazar, "Tell us the truth about the affair of the diamond ring!"

Salazar trembled, and his face twitched. He did not dare to conceal anything. He revealed his plan. He had partnered with Manager Huang to frame Fade . After that, they found the missing diamond ring, in a gap behind the chair, which Fade was

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sitting on. They were going him to accuse him of theft.

Instantly, there was an uproar at the scene, and everyone's faces were surprised. Almost all of them had identified Fade as the thief. No one expected this incident to be a scam planned by Salazar.

Everyone started to view Salazar in a different light.

President An was furious. He slapped Salazar multiple times, causing his cheeks to become red and swollen. But at this moment, Salazar did not dare to do anything.

Finally, when President An had beaten Salazar to a pulp, he came forward to Fade, and said respectfully: "Mr. Chen, I was not aware of this situation with Salazar. Otherwise, I would never have allowed this to happen. Please tell me how I should punish him."

Fade glanced at Salazar, who was so arrogant just now. At this moment, he was afraid to even look at Fade. When he saw Fade Chen coming over, he immediately lowered his head and shuddered.

Immediately, Fade spoke to President An without emotion, "This is your employee, you can deal with him accordingly."

President An knew that Fade was testing his loyalty. He did not dare to try his luck, and immediately replied, "Rest assured, Mr. Chen, I will deal with this matter seriously. Salazar will be fired from his post as the general manager of Enya Entertainment and be held responsible for his actions.

Fade snorted softly in agreement with President An's suggestion.

At this moment, President An felt a sense of relief. Salazar's face was pale, and he lay on the floor as if he was paralyzed. Salazar had worked hard for many years in the entertainment industry at Long City to get to his position

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However, at the words of Fade, all this was in vain and he lost everything he had worked for. He was back to square one, all the way back to the time when he was poor and first stepped foot in Long City. Salazar had grown accustomed to the privileged lifestyle that he led, and this loss was for him worst than death .

For a time, Salazar passed out.

At this moment, the surrounding guests were embarrassed and did not dare to make a sound. They had surprised and curious expressions on their faces, as they gazed at Fade with an odd gleam in their eyes .

Some of them vaguely guessed Fade's identity, and were shocked at that moment. Many others were ignorant of his identity due to the huge difference of status between them. They only knew that he was someone of utmost importance.

Rowena was one of them. At this moment, she was standing dumbfounded beside Salazar. She patted her cheeks and could not move. Her backer, Salazar, had no more power or influence, so she did not know how she could further her career in the future.

The scene was silent. At this moment, the sound of clattering high-heeled shoes could be heard, and everyone looked towards the direction involuntarily.

They saw a beautiful girl who was tall with long hair. There were slight curls in her hair and she had a charming face. She was walking towards them with a smile.

The woman looked quite mature. As she walked , she swayed her hips slightly. This sensual and enchanting sight caused the men at the scene to breathe a little quicker.

Finally, she came up to Charles and smiled slightly. She glanced at Fade and said, "President Wu, is this Mr. Chen, who you wanted to introduce to me ?"

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Charles nodded with a smile and said, "Yes, this is Mr. Chen."

Charles introduced her to Fade, saying, "This is Melanie Yu of Emerald Plum Jewels."

"Director Yu, nice to meet you!" Fade nodded slightly. Charles had mentioned to him that a director of a jewelry company would like to meet him. Looks like this was that person.

"Greetings, Mr. Chen." Melanie smiled. As she moved slightly, it was as though her expression had changed. She was alluring and attractive, and had a seductive quality about her.

Fade had the strength of character to resist her charm.

However, for the other guests there, their sense of shock increased twofold. It was because Melanie was so captivating and elegant, and they were surprised at her position as director of a jewelry company.

She was the owner of Emerald Plum Jewels and a well-known entrepreneur in the beauty industry. She was so well-known, that people knew about her at Capital City.

Also, in this jewelry exhibition, Emerald Plum Jewels was the largest sponsor and assisted in the organization.

Such an important and well-known figure had taken the initiative to greet Fade. Many guests could not imagine who this Fade was, and why was so many important people treating him in such a deferential manner.

As for Rowena, she was completely stunned. Initially, Salazar and herself had planned to get to know Melanie in order to become a spokesperson for Emerald Plum Jewels. Due to having to deal with Fade, all their plans fell apart. Instead, Fade was being treated with respect by Melanie.

As everyone gazed at them in astonishment, Melanie smiled sweetly at Fade and said, "Mr. Chen, directors, let us not continue to

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stand here. Let's go upstairs and have some tea."

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Fade Chen nodded and followed Melanie Yu as they walked towards the special exhibition area on the second floor of the theater. Behind him, Charles Wu, President Qian, President Dai, President An and a few other important businessmen from Long City also came with them. They walked cautiously, like school children in a march, and had respectful expressions on their face.

All these important personages had left. The guests felt that the tension had melted. They took a long breath and started discussing this new turn of events.

Concurrently, Fade and the other men arrived at the special exhibition area on the second floor.

It was called the special exhibition area because almost all of the items on display were priceless jewelry. Even the exhibit at the lowest value would exceed tens of millions. Most ordinary guests would not have access to this area. For this reason, there were fewer guests here, and the atmosphere was quieter.

Several of them started to take a look at the items displayed. Melanie brought Fade to a jewelry exhibition area and asked with a smile: "Mr. Chen, President Wu said that you are an expert in appraising and curating valuable treasures. May I ask Master Chen to evaluate these exhibits. "

Fade looked at the exhibits in this area. At first glance, it was evident that they were different from the previous exhibitions.

Although the items in the previous exhibitions were valuable, their style and design were typical of the western culture. There were rings, pendants, necklaces and other items which were more commonly seen. However, the items displayed here were of

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authentic Chinese design. Many of them were antiques and seemed as though they were transported here from ancient times. After a closer look, Fade realized that these items here were in the elegant style of Chinese classical jewelry, and the designer had integrated some modern ideas in their conception as well. They were quite pleasing to the eye.

Also, these exhibits demonstrated a high level of craftsmanship. The material used to create them were of high quality as well. This exhibition was definitely the jewel in the crown in terms of all items displayed.

Fade smiled slightly and said, "These items are of excellent quality and extraordinary craftsmanship. Most importantly, amongst the monotonous exhibitions in the western-style, these items showcase the Chinese style very well. I like them very much."

After listening to Fade's appraisal, Melanie smiled and looked pleased.

Charles also introduced these items to him, saying, "Mr. Chen, these exhibits are all created and designed by Director Yu's company, Emerald Plum Jewels. Several of them were designed by her personally."

"I see, this exhibition is Director Yu's crowning masterpiece, no wonder it's so extraordinary." Fade said and smiled softly.

"Thank you, Master Chen, for your high praise," Melanie simpered, and then she sighed slightly. "Although these items are of high quality, they are not the best in our exhibition."

"There are other jewelry?" Fade asked.

Melanie explained: "Master Chen, during our exhibition, in addition to jewelry companies bringing their products for display, there will also be a small auction. The directors of various jewelry companies, gem collectors, aficionados of precious stones, appraisers and curators will bring all their unique treasures for this auction. The items up for bidding in the auction are the real

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priceless treasures. "

"I see!" Fade said and nodded.

Melanie lowered her head slightly and said to Fade , "Master Chen, the auction will begin in ten minutes, and there are a few exhibits that I have my eye on. Could I ask Master Chen if he could assist me in appraising these items?"

Charles and Fade had already spoken about this matter. Fade naturally would not refuse, he nodded and said, " Thank you for your invitation, I would be delighted to."

"Thank you, Master Chen!" Melanie was pleased and she smiled softly, in an alluring manner.

A few business leaders around them turned red and took a few steps back, slightly clamping their legs.

Fade remained calm as the intoxicating fragrance of Melanie's perfume wafted over to him. She gently lifted up her tea cup and drank from it slowly.

Ten minutes passed by quickly and the auction began. A group of people started walking into the venue.

This was a small auction, and there was only a small stage with around thirty seats. It was quickly filled up with people who came one after the other.

When everyone had arrived, an elder in a traditional suit came onto the stage. He cleared his throat and explained to the audience regarding the bidding rules of the auction. After that, he announced the commencement of the auction.

The rules were very simple. Those who would like to sell their items will exhibit them one by one, and the people below will be bidding on them, raising the price of their offer one after the other. However, because the authenticity and quality of the exhibits cannot be guaranteed, almost everyone who is interested in bidding will bring with them a professional appraiser or purveying

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specialist.

As the auction began, a chubby businessman brought a simple western-style necklace onstage. He introduced it as a necklace from a jewelry collection of the Victorian era, belonging to a member of the British royal family. The starting price was 50 million.

Subsequently, people who were interested in bidding on the item would come onto the stage to have a clear look at the item with their purveying specialist. After observing it and coming to their own conclusions, they would start bidding.

In the end, the necklace was acquired by a wealthy businessman in Hong Kong City for 80 million.

In this way, each item was brought onstage for viewing and bidding.

Melanie also brought for auction a limited edition piece, one from her jewelry collection from ten years ago, and it was sold for 60 million.

The auction was in full swing and the atmosphere was lively.

Finally, after almost twenty successful transactions, a middle-aged man in his 60s, wearing a gray robe and carrying a string of gold religious bracelets, came onto the stage.

Standing on the stage, he glanced at the audience and clapped his hands a few times. At this instant, a gray-haired old man came up with a simple wooden box.

The man with the bracelets took the wooden box and placed it on the stand. He slowly opened the wooden box to reveal a transparent jade sculpture.

This jade sculpture had a simple yet interesting shape. It was made of pure jade and was flawless. At first glance, one could tell that it was an antique of the highest quality. Significant was the fact that when the wooden box was opened, the jade sculpture

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would exude an elegant fragrance. When this scent wafted into the nose, it would cause the person to feel as though they were floating. The whole person would become relaxed, as though they had ascended into the heavens.

For a time, almost all the people in the auction were intoxicated with this fragrance.

At this moment, the man with the bracelets closed the cover of the wooden box and said clearly, "I would like to auction off this jade sculpture."

"As for the specifics of this jade sculpture, I would like to invite Master Hu to introduce it to you." Then, the man with the bracelets made a gesture to the elder with white hair.

The elder stroked his long beard as he walked over slowly. He glanced at the crowd and said, "This jade sculpture is not only an antique jewelry, but also a weapon used by the Earth level martial-artists."

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As soon as he spoke these words, the audience cried out in astonishment. All the men present were wealthy and powerful men, and even if they were not practicing martial-arts, they definitely had bodyguards who practiced it. Therefore, they understood the significance of this item.

Therefore, when the elder with the white beard said that the jade sculpture was a weapon of the Earth Level martial-artist, they could not help but feel a shock. After all, they understood the power, might and authority of the Earth level martial-artist.

The weapons used by Earth level martial-artists were definitely treasures. Even if the jade sculpture was not a weapon, it was a priceless antique of high quality.

These words caught the attention of everyone present and they were excited about it.

The elder with the white beard nodded slightly at their reaction. He said: "You are all experts and specialists in the industry, I won't need to say too much. This jade sculpture has a starting price of 500 million. Those of you who are interested to bid on it can come onstage with your purveying specialist and take a closer look. "

After saying that, the elder retreated to a corner.

When the crowd heard this starting price, they were astonished. Previously, most of the exhibits, which were precious jewelry and antiques, were sold for around two or three hundred million. Now, the price of this jade sculpture was so high, at 500 million, it was truly an astronomical price.

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After feeling surprised, there were many who began to feel interested in this item. After all, if this jade sculpture was a weapon of the Earth level martial-artist, 500 million would be an appropriate price. Even if the price was one billion, it would be worth it.

As a result, an eager businessman brought his purveying specialist onstage to appraise the jade sculpture.

After the appraisal, the businessman's purveying specialist nodded in approval and said, "This jade is unique indeed, and there is a nebulous cloud of energy swirling around it. I am 90% certain that this is an authentic weapon of the Earth level martial-artist. "

As soon as he spoke these words, the businessman's eyes lit up. He started to bid even before he stepped off the stage. "550 million for this item."

Before the middle-aged man with the bracelets could even respond, there were other businessmen who spoke up: "Old Huang, you only added 50 million to the starting price. It's too little for such a priceless treasure."

As they spoke, one of these businessmen brought his purveying specialist onto the stage. His purveying specialist also nodded in approval. The businessman immediately made a gesture with his hand to make a bold offer, "I have 600 million, Chief Qin, this jade sculpture, I will bid on it." He told the middle-aged man with the bracelets.

Chief Qin remained silent. Another businessmen came onto the stage, and he was a rich man in his fifties.

This time, the man did not bring a purveying specialist. He came onstage alone.

In this situation, Fade Chen could not help but be a little confused, and cast a curious look at Melanie Yu.

Melanie whispered to Fade, explaining, "That is Chief Qi. He is a well-known collector of jewelry and antiques. He is an appraiser himself, therefore he does not attend these auctions with a purveying specialist."

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"I see!" Fade nodded.

At this moment, Chief Qi stepped onto the stage. The previous bidders automatically made way for him to come close to the exhibit and observe the jade sculpture carefully.

Chief Qi moved slowly and meticulously, and each movement was calculated and professional. He gazed at the details of the sculpture, and one had the impression that he was a seasoned connoisseur of antiques and jewelry.

About ten minutes later, Chief Qi was still deep in concentration as he placed the Jade Sculpture down. He heaved a sigh of relief, looked at Chief Qin and made his bid: "700 million."

As soon as he spoke, everyone at the scene was flabbergasted. All their expressions shifted.

Still below were some other businessmen who did not go onstage. They proceeded to make their bids.

"750 million."

"Old Wang, do you want to get into trouble! You haven't brought your purveying specialist onstage to appraise the item, and you have already made a bid?"

"Chief Qi is the best appraiser here, and I trust his judgement. He has personally made a bid, so I have no reason to doubt the authenticity of the sculpture. Chief Qin, I bid on it for 750 million."

"Old Wang, don't get so excited. I have 800 million, so don't fight with me."

"I-I, bid on it for 850 million!" Chief Qi hesitated and made his offer.

However, his offer was soon overshadowed by the other businessmen.

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"Nine billion, I have nine billion."

"950 million, 950 million!"

Hearing this offer, Chief Qi shook his head dejectedly. He leaned to one side and did not continue to bid on the sculpture. After all, he was only a collector, and compared to these businessmen who were worth billions of dollars, he did not have such financial resources.

At this moment, 950 million seemed to be the highest offer. No one made a higher bid.

Chief Wang, who made this bid, looked excited and pleased. He glanced at Chief Qin and said, "Chief Qin, no one is bidding anymore. This jade sculpture belongs to me. Come on, you can declare it sold."

Chief Qin glanced at the crowd below, and was about to declare the sculpture as sold.

At this moment, Melanie raised her slim hand and said softly, "Chief Qin, wait a second."

As soon as Melanie spoke, all eyes were on her.

She stood up, took Fade's hand, and whispered, "Mr. Chen, I am interested in this jade sculpture. Can I ask for your assistance?"

Fade nodded and went onto the stage with Melanie.

When the crowd saw that Melanie was bringing a young guy onto the stage, they were dumbfounded.

Chief Wang, who had made the highest offer, couldn't help but speak up, "Director Yu, are you kidding me? I am serious about bidding, why are you onstage with a mere child?"

Melanie glared at Chief Wang and introduced Fade, "Chief Wang, you need to be more careful with your words. Mr. Chen is the

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purveying specialist that I invited here today."

Chief Wang was astonished when he heard her words. He chuckled, "Is he a purveying specialist? Director Yu, are you sure about this? I don't think this young kid has experience in appraising priceless treasures."

At this moment, the other businessmen and their purveying specialists were shaking their heads in disdain.

Chief Qi shook his head repeatedly and said, "Director Yu is such a well-known figure in our circle. She seems to have lost her mind. Bringing this young kid to appraise such a treasure is truly a miscalculation on her part."

As they jeered at Melanie, she looked slightly distressed. She started to explain, "Mr. Chen--"

However, before she could finish speaking, Fade interrupted her. He had circled the jade sculpture and had taken a closer look at it. After doing that, he walked back, shaking his head slightly at Melanie.