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Upon hearing this, Yuri looked disappointed. She shook her head, stood firmly beside Fade and said decisively, "Brother Barrett, Fade and I are not at fault here. It's their fault and they should apologize to us."

Immediately, Barrett's face changed and his tone turned solemn. He shouted in reply, "Yuri, Young Master An is not an ordinary man. You must think carefully. If you miss this opportunity, it would be almost impossible for you to progress in the music industry."

There was an underlying threat in his voice.

However, Yuri maintained a determined look on her face as she shook her head and concluded, "We are not at fault and we will not apologize. Moreover, I would rather not be in the entertainment industry if everyone in the industry is like you."

"You, you..." Barrett's eyes darkened and he struggled to speak but to no avail.

Concurrently, the voice of an old man rang through the room. "What's going on? What happened?"

Following that, everyone turned to the direction of the voice and noticed Elder Sun, Erasmus Sun.

Barrett instantly got up to greet him. He supported Elder Sun as Elder Sun entered the room. "Teacher, there has been a misunderstanding. Yuri..." Barrett trailed off.

Up to that point, Barrett looked disappointed. He shook his head and hesitated to continue.

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As expected, Elder Sun was curious and asked, "What's wrong with Yuri?"

Barrett pointed at Laird before gesturing at Haward and the others. He had a pained look as he explained, "Previously, Young Master An came. You have instructed us to introduce Yuri to the people within the entertainment industry, therefore I did as I were told and I introduced her to Young Master An."

"However, I didn't expect Yuri to misunderstand Young Master An. Following that, she made a scene by asking Mr. Chen to beat up Young Master An and the others," Barrett sighed.

With a twist of his words, he had made Fade and Yuri the villains.

Immediately, Elder Sun frowned before turning to Yuri and asked softly, "Yuri, what's going on?"

At the same time, Yuri felt wronged and furious. Tears swirled in her eyes and she could hardly speak.

Barrett noticed this and quickly took the opportunity to continue, "Teacher, I think she knows that she was at fault, therefore she had nothing to say. How about we ask her to apologize to Young Master An and we can put this whole matter-"

Before Barrett could finish, Fade laughed loudly and interrupted him coldly, "Barrett, you call yourself a celebrity? I didn't expect you to be so shameless. You're really good at twisting your words!"

"What nonsense are you talking about? Someone get him out of here..." Barrett shouted, trying to drive Fade away.

However, Elder Sun knew Fade's identity and he stopped Barrett. "Wait a minute, let Fade speak," Elder Sun declared.

Upon hearing this, Barrett's face changed and he became a little worried.

Fade had little to say. He merely waved his hand and told Elder Sun, "We will know whether it's a misunderstanding or a

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shameless harassment after watching the surveillance video."

At the mention of the phrase 'surveillance video', Young Master An, Haward and the others were shocked and there was a strange look on their faces.

Barrett wanted to stop Fade as well but Fade was prepared. Fade waved his hand and instructed the staff to play the surveillance video on the TV in the private room.

From the moment Yuri entered the room, Young Master An started flirting with her and toward the end, he started pressuring her.

Following that, Elder Sun was furious. He slammed his palm on the table before glaring at Barrett and snapped, "Is this the misunderstanding you were referring to? This is clearly harassment. You still call yourself musicians? I think you are all criminals."

Everyone looked awkward when faced with Elder Sun's stern voice.

However, Barrett was the first to react. He defended himself and said, "Teacher, I was not present and I don't know what happened exactly. I only heard about it, so-

However, before Barrett could finish his explanation, Fade snorted and interrupted him again, "You don't know? Is this a joke?"

"Previously, Yuri was reluctant when Haward entered our room to ask for Yuri. Yet, he called you and you persuaded her over the phone."

"But now, you are telling us that you didn't know what happened? Don't you think that your excuse is hilarious?"

Upon hearing this, Elder Sun's face dimmed. He gave Barrett a cold look and asked sternly, "Is that true?"

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Barrett's face changed and he instinctively wanted to deny it.

However, Fade uttered coldly, "Do you still need me to show you the surveillance video and phone recording?"

Barrett's face darkened and he could only admit, "I... I did mention it to Yuri before."

"You, how could you..." Elder Sun pointed at Barrett furiously.

Barrett immediately tried to speak his way out of it, "Teacher, I knew that Young Master An and the others were coming but I didn't know that they would do such a thing. I..."

Fade sneered again and cut Barrett short, "Haha, are you laying the blame on your companions and Young Master An?"

Suddenly, Barrett froze and his expression was somewhat unnatural. He could still make up with Haward and the others if he made them shelter him. However, he did not have the guts to blame Laird. After all, Laird's family was one of the major forces in the entertainment industry and he could not afford to offend him.

Barrett was deep in his thoughts but Fade glared at Young Master An and shouted coldly, "Tell me, what did Barrett and Haward tell you? Remember to tell the truth, otherwise, my fists will not hold back."

Young Master An, whose face was already bruised, was shocked. He quickly nodded and replied, "I'll tell you! I'll tell you!"

"Barrett knew that I was in Bay City and he happened to be holding a concert here, thus he invited me to come to his concert. I wasn't interested at first but he knew that I like women, so he arranged for a few beautiful women for me to play with," Young Master An explained.

"So I agreed. However, I noticed that the women that they had arranged for me were of poor quality, so I wanted to leave. However, Haward and others told me that Yuri was here. Additionally, Barrett told me on the phone that she was his junior and

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that it would be okay to play with her, so..." he trailed off.

Given everything Young Master An had said till that point, he did not need to continue for Elder Sun had understood everything.

Immediately, the old man's face was full of anger and sadness. He stared at Barrett and said through gritted teeth, "How can you do such a thing? You... You actually let Yuri..."

Barrett's face changed. After a moment of silence, his face turned cold and he retorted with a straight face, "Teacher, things like this are no secret in the entertainment industry. In fact, it happens all the time, so it's not a big deal."

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"You, what did you... When did I ever teach you that? As a musician, we rely on our hard work and not through these shameful means," Elder Sun replied sharply.

Barrett sneered disdainfully and retaliated, "Teacher, your philosophy has long been outdated."

He continued, "Nowadays, how are musicians going to stand out if they don't have the means or the background? Don't talk to me about talent because there are countless talented musicians who were overlooked in the industry. Besides, even those without any talent would definitely become popular if they have enough resources for funding and promotion."

"Barrett, you... How did you become like this? I..." Elder Sun was so furious that he could not continue.

It should be noted that Barrett was one of Elder Sun's leading disciples. To Elder Sun, he was second only to Susie, the top celebrity in the industry. Initially, he was full of appreciation and expectations for Barrett.

However, he never expected his disciple to be tainted by the entertainment industry. Furthermore, he did not just change drastically but was also willing to sacrifice his junior.

This made Elder Sun extremely angry and disappointed.

He shook his head as he said to Fade and Yuri, "Fade, Yuri, I'm sorry about what happened. I apologize for all the harm that you have suffered."

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Following that, Erasmus bowed to both of them and apologized. After that, he turned to walk to the door and called, "Let's go!" However, Barrett was relieved when he noticed Elder Sun's angry and disappointed looks. He no longer needed to pretend and his eyes turned cold. "Are you leaving? Did you think I would let you?" he shouted.

Hearing this, Elder Sun's expression darkened. Previously, anger and disappointment clouded him but currently, only anger remained. He glared at Barrett and scolded, "What else do you want?"

Barrett put his hands behind his back and replied, "What else do I want? That Chen guy beat up my friends and Young Master An. Are you going to leave without doing anything?"

"Come over immediately and kneel down to apologize to us," Barrett barked.

Young Master An was someone he wanted to approach. Initially, he had invited Young Master An to please him but the incident had brought suffering to Young Master An.

Therefore, Barrett had to make up for it so that Young Master An would not hate him. Therefore, he needed to force Fade and Yuri to apologize. As for his teacher, Erasmus, Barrett no longer cared since Erasmus had made up his mind.

Concurrently, Elder Sun and Yuri were both livid.

Meanwhile, Fade took a step forward and glanced at Barrett coldly as he spoke, "What if we refuse?"

Barrett snorted in reply, "Then, don't blame us for being rude. Let me tell you this, don't ever think about leaving this room if you don't apologize."

"Really?" Fade snorted. Following that, Fade instantly landed a blow on Barrett's face, causing Barrett to bleed and wail as he dropped to the floor.

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"You dare hit me? You..." Barrett covered his bloody nose as he cried out of anger and pain. Another loud bang ensued!

Fade gave Barrett another kick and the latter landed across the room. Barrette's eyeballs almost popped out of his eye sockets from the severe pain.

Barrett spat out blood and his face was full of resentment. He glared at the three of them and shouted, "You dare to hit me. I will have my revenge. Yuri, don't even think about surviving in the entertainment industry. I will make all of you suffer."

Elder Sun was angry and a little worried when he heard Barrett gnashed his teeth. After all, he was very optimistic about Yuri's musical talent. It would be a waste of talent if Yuri could not progress in the industry.

Elder Sun was in a dilemma when Fade sneered and stepped forward. Fade said to Barrett, "I don't know if Yuri would do well in the industry or not but I dare say it's over for you."

As he spoke, Fade took out his mobile phone and made a phone call. "Uncle Huang, it's time. Stop Barrett's concert," he instructed.

Barrett was shocked and anxious when he heard this. After all, it would be a great loss for him if the concert was suddenly cancelled. It was not only a loss of money but also a loss of reputation and a betrayal to his fans.

However, on second thought, he felt that a young man like Fade could not be so powerful. Fade was probably faking the phone call to frighten him, therefore he snorted, "You want to ruin my concert with just a phone call? Who do you think you are? Don't try to play games with me, I..."

Barrett was unconcerned when a broadcast rang across the stadium.

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"Urgent notice, urgent notice. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Barrett's concert has been canceled. I repeat, the concert has been canceled."

As soon as the broadcast was over, the whole stadium exploded in an uproar. Fans shouted one after another and some people began to swear.

Barrett saw all this through the glass of the private room and he was instantly dumbfounded. He did not expect Fade to accomplish this with just a phone call.

He turned to Fade in disbelief and exclaimed through gritted teeth, "How did you... How did you do that?"

Fade did not reply. Instead, he stared at the door of the private room. At the same time, a potbellied middle-aged man came in.

As soon as the man entered, he immediately greeted Fade enthusiastically, "Mr. Chen!"

At the sight of this man, Barrett's face changed. This man was Troy Huang, the local boss of Bay City and the man who was holding the concert for him.

Concurrently, he was sure that Troy had ruined his concert. Instantly, he gritted his teeth and taunted, "Chief Huang, can you afford to pay for the loss after crashing my concert?"

Troy glanced at Barrett and replied indifferently, "Haha, you want compensated? Are you nuts?"

"You!" Barrett did not expect a shameless answer from Troy. His expression changed drastically as he screamed, "You are violating the contract! I'm going to sue you!"

"Go ahead!" Troy was not worried and he did not take Barrett's words seriously. Instead, he stood beside Fade with a respectful

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look on his face.

When Barrett noticed this, he was pissed off. At the same time, he spotted that Young Master An was giving him a wink. Immediately, Barrett felt a little relief and seemed to notice something.

Sure enough, not long after, footsteps approached the door. A stern middle-aged man in suits came in with a gloomy look. Behind the man were eight burly bodyguards in black and it was obvious that the bodyguards were martial artists.

When the man in suits appeared at the door, Laird was instantly excited and he waved and shouted, "Dad, you are here!"

Hearing Laird's greeting, Barrett's eyes lit up with joy. He finally understood the meaning of Young Master An's meaningful look.

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It turned out that Laird's father Seth had arrived. Seth was a pillar in the An family and he had a lot of connections in the entertainment world.

Seth had arrived and things were seemingly getting better for Laird.

Fade's had previously leaned on Chief Huang but Chief Huang was nothing when compared to Seth.

After all, Troy was only a boss in the Bay City entertainment industry. However, the An family was a giant in the entertainment and media industry of the whole province and they completely outclassed Troy.

Barrett's eyes lit up when he thought of this. At the same time, his gaze changed when he stared at Fade and the others. Following that, he immediately shouted at Seth, "President An, they beat Young Master An up so badly. You had better catch the offenders quickly."

Laird exclaimed at the same time, "Dad, teach them a lesson. I want revenge. Viscous revenge."

Seth's face suddenly sank when he heard the shouting. His eyes were lit with anger and he strode over quickly.

Laird and Barrett were delighted when they saw this. They knew that President An was furious and Fade and the others were finished.

They were happily waiting for Seth's bodyguards to teach Fade a lesson but to their surprise, they were startled to see that Seth

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was stomping furiously toward them.

"What's going on?" Barrett and Laird were confused and the latter added, "Dad, the offenders are over there! They-"

Without waiting for them to finish, Seth rushed over and slapped both Laird and Barrett across their faces. "Shut up!" Seth thundered concurrently.

Laird and Barrett were shocked. They covered their cheeks and glanced at Seth in confusion. Laird tried to speak, "Dad, why did you-"

Seth glared at the two of them before marching swiftly to Fade. He bowed respectfully to Fade and greeted, "Nice to meet you, Mr. Chen."

Fade studied the rich middle-aged man in front of him and asked calmly, "Your surname is An. Are you from Long City's An Family?"

Seth nodded and his attitude became more respectful than before. "I am President An's cousin!" Seth replied politely.

The President An that Seth mentioned was their family's leader.

Meanwhile, Laird and Barrett were horrified when they noticed Seth's attitude. They exchanged looks of confusion and they had so many questions.

"Wh... What's going on?" Barrette could not understand.

"Why is Seth so polite to Fade?" Laird thought.

"It seems like Fade is familiar with Long City's An Family!" Barrette was flustered.

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Laird and Barrett were confused while Seth apologized to Fade respectfully, "Mr. Chen, it's our fault. Please punish us!"

Fade glanced at Seth, who was in front of him, before turning to stare at Laird and Barrett. Following that, he waved his hand and replied, "I won't kill anyone since you apologized so sincerely."

Upon hearing that, Seth could not help but heaved a sigh of relief.

However, Laird and Barrett were puzzled and they did not believe that it was possible for Fade to murder anyone.

At the same time, Fade gently raised his arm and shot a stream of energy toward Laird's abdomen.

Immediately, Laird let out a cry of pain and the muscles on his face twitched. Seth seemed worried but he dared not stop Fade.

Fade said blandly, "Since he can't control himself, then I will do it for him. I've just filled him with my energy and he must not touch any woman for three years. Otherwise, he will become a eunuch for the rest of his life."

"Ah!" Seth and Laird exclaimed at the same time.

Following that, Laird's expression changed significantly. He became agitated and shouted furiously, "You... How dare you destroy my life! I'm going to fight you. I..."

After all, it was unbearable for a playboy like Laird to stay away from women for three years.

That was why he was so alarmed currently.

Seth rushed over when he saw his son's behavior. He slapped Laird again and warned sternly, "Shut up and quickly thank Mr. Chen."

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Laird was unwilling but when he spotted his father's murderous glare, he had no choice but to bow his head and apologize to Fade.

Fade nodded slightly as he stared at Laird, who was apologizing, before turning his gaze to Barrett.

Immediately, Barrett noticed Fade's look and his body trembled. A trace of fear appeared on his face and he covered his lower abdomen with both hands. He quickly retracted a few steps back and stuttered, "What... What are you thinking about?"

Fade's eyes turned cold and he turned to Seth, "I don't want to see him in the entertainment industry again."

Seth nodded quickly and replied, "Mr. Chen, please rest assured. The An family would definitely fulfill your request."

Upon hearing this, Barrett went blank.

Previously, he had betrayed Yuri and risked offending Erasmus in hopes of gaining favor with the An family. He was trying to advance in the entertainment industry with their help.

However, he did not not succeed and instead, Fade had sealed his fate for the worst.

For a moment, Barrett's face was pale. His lips quivered and his eyes were full of anger. He wanted nothing more than to rush over and tear Fade to pieces.

Upon noticing that Barrett was so angry that he was about to explode, Elder Sun went over to Barrett. Elder Sun shook his head sadly and sighed, "You'd better not make any move, otherwise you will regret it."

Barrett's eyes darted when he heard Elder Sun's warning but he could not believe it.

Concurrently, Seth cast a glance at them and warned coldly, "Don't you even think about it. Otherwise, even if Mr. Chen does not

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retaliate, our An family will destroy you."

Seth's threat made Barrett freeze and there was a hint of horror in his eyes. His desire for revenge instantly disappeared and he dared not look at Fade.

At the same time, Fade put his arms around Yuri gently and said softly, "Let's go!"

Everyone quickly stepped aside and bowed respectfully to send Fade and Yuri out.

After they had left, the silence in the room continued. Shortly after, Laird was the first to break the silence. He was upset as he spoke to his father, "Dad, what's going on? You treated that boy-"

Meanwhile, Barrett, Haward and the others stared at Seth with curiosity and resentment. Obviously, they did not understand why Seth was so respectful to Fade.

Concurrently, Seth did not wait for Laird to finish and he immediately turned to cut off his son, "Shut up! Go ahead if you want to die but don't drag the whole An family with you!"

Laird was shocked by his father's attitude. He shivered and asked softly, "I barely said anything, so how could it be so serious? You're even talking about me dragging the whole An family down. How is that possible?"

Barrett, Haward and the others could not help but nod in agreement as they stared at Seth.

Seth glanced at the people in the room and uttered coldly, "Impossible? You don't know who that person is but if you did, then you would know that nothing is impossible for him."

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Upon hearing Seth's word, Laird, Barrett and the others frowned and asked, "Who is he?"

Seth's eyes darkened. After a moment of silence, he replied in a deep voice, "He is... Master Chen."

"Master Chen?" Barrett, Haward, and the others were confused when they heard this. They looked confused and asked, "What Master..."

They were outsiders, therefore they were unsure about the situation in Long City. However, Laird's face changed and he immediately looked terrified when he heard the title. "Ma... Master Chen. He... He is Master Chen," he stuttered.

Barrett, Haward and the others were curious and puzzled when they saw Laird's terrified look. "Young Master An, is Master Chen very powerful?" someone asked.

Laird shouted, "He's almighty. Master Chen is practically a god to us!"

"This... This is unbelievable!" Barrett and Haward could not believe what they had heard.

Laird immediately added, "Did you know that Master Chen started out from Bay City and defeated the martial artist from the Wan Family within just a few months? He had become the real boss of Bay City."

"Following that, Master Chen stepped into Long City and defeated Francesca Sun, who was the top master in Long City and the Elder of the Sun family. He gained the title of the top master in the province almost immediately after he came to Long City."

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"Master Chen even easily defeated the previous champion, Yohannes Yue from Westamor District, and won the recent Martial Arts Convention. Following that, He became the number one master of the five provinces."

"Our family is nothing in front of Master Chen," Laird finished.

After listening to Laird's explanation, Barrett, Haward and the others were dumbfounded. They were filled with disbelief and shock.

Concurrently, they finally understood why Seth was so respectful. They felt horrified when they thought about Fade's identity and skills.

Fade would have killed them on the spot if it were not for Elder Sun and Seth's respectful attitude.

Barrett, who was dissatisfied and unwilling at first, was no longer resentful. He would rather lost his career instead of getting himself killed. This could possibly be the best outcome.

Following that, they dared not linger, thus they quickly left in dismay.

Later, Seth left with Laird as well. Seth was going to hurry back to the An family in Long City to convey Fade's request to his cousin and the An family.

Everyone in the private room had left. On the other hand, Fade and Yuri were about to leave the stadium as well.

Yet, Troy approached them and seemed a little troubled as he stared at Fade. "Mr. Chen, I..." he began.

Fade replied softly, "Uncle Huang, Scott and I are good friends. You don't have to be so polite. If you have anything to say, just say it."

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Troy nodded before pointing at the noisy stadium and replied, "Fade, the crowd in the stadium is in a bad mood and they are starting to stir up troubles because Barrett's concert was suddenly canceled."

"We agreed to refund them and even offered some compensation but many of them traveled a long way here, so they are very dissatisfied. It would be very troublesome if this goes on and causes a riot."

"Therefore, I was hoping that you can think of a way to improve the situation," Troy finished.

Fade immediately understood what Troy meant.

In concerts like this, there were tens of thousands of fans and it would be disastrous with stampedes and fighting.

Therefore, Troy was trying his best to appease the audience by promising to refund and compensate them at any cost.

However, for the indignant audience, most of them did not care about money and they only wanted to watch a concert.

Concurrently, Fade could hear the crowd screaming.

"We want to watch a concert!"

"We want to see Barrett! We want to see celebrities!"

"We don't want your d*mn money. We want to listen to music!" the crowd shouted continuously.

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Fade frowned as he heard the jeering of the crowd. He thought for a moment and uttered, "Uncle Huang, can you find some celebrities to save the situation? Let's bring them here first, we can think about the cost later."

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Troy replied, "I've already notified the artists in Bay City. Charlotte Gao, Michelle Chen and Caleb Huang are all on their way here. It will take at least fifteen minutes for them to arrive."

"We have made the arrangements but those three are not enough! They are all local stars from Bay City and on a national level, they are nothing more than third-tier celebrities," Troy explained.

"Besides, only Charlotte could be considered a professional singer among them. Michelle is a host while Caleb is a comedy actor and singing is not their specialty," Troy added.

"Well..." Fade pondered for a while and he suddenly recalled two names. "Where are Ray Mo and Fanny Mo?" he asked.

"Ray Mo is a creative singer and he is considered a second-tier singer. Besides, he's nearly on par with Barrett, so he should do."

"Fanny Mo is a heart-throb. He is not a singer but he is very popular. He should be able to calm down the audience if he shows up!"

Following that, Troy shrugged and replied helplessly, "I thought of inviting them but Ray and Fanny are now attending a program in another city. They can't attend at all."

Fade's temples throbbed when he heard that.

Concurrently, the shouting got increasingly louder and there were even fighting happening. The situation was almost out of control.

Troy was anxious when he noticed this and sweat were dripping down his forehead. He quickly took out his mobile phone and made a phone call. "Are Charlotte and the others here already? Ten more minutes? What's going on? There's a traffic jam!" Troy barked.

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Troy's head was spinning as flames danced in his head. Currently, he did not care about Charlotte's popularity and he only hoped that she would be able to arrive on time to help them.

Fade was deep in thought and he recalled something. Back then, Ray and Fanny were at Bay City University and they had helped Yuri perform. An idea occurred to him and he turned to Yuri. "How about you go onstage and sing a few songs?" he suggested.

Hearing this, Yuri was taken aback. She quickly waved her hands and replied, "Ah, I can't do it. This is a real concert. There are so many people! I'm not good enough..."

Fade persuaded, "Yuri, your singing voice is beautiful and you're going to be fine."

Troy's eyes lit up as he chipped in, "Miss Zhang, there's absolutely no problem with your abilities. You'll definitely be able to do it."

"But..." Yuri hesitated.

Troy continued to persuade her, "Miss Zhang, look at the audience below you. They are so emotional and it would be terrible if an accident happens. You just need to go onstage and calm the audience for the time being. Charlotte and the others will replace you when they arrive and they should be here soon."

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Yuri listened to Troy as she looked at the chaotic scene below her. Finally, she nodded and replied, "I'll give it a try."

Troy was overjoyed and he quickly said, "Thank you, Miss Zhang. Thank you very much. I'm going to get ready now."

"I'll take Yuri backstage," Fade said and started moving immediately.

Soon, Fade and Yuri heard a voice over the broadcasting system.

"Everyone, we're very sorry for canceling Barrett's concert."

"As an apology, we will refund the original price of the tickets. At the same time, we have arranged for many singers to perform here today."

As soon as the broadcast rang across the stadium, the noisy audience immediately calmed down and they began discussing among themselves.

"Other singers? Who are they?"

"Haha, they must be some unknown singers. Otherwise, how would they show up so quickly?"

"However, I think it's not a bad proposition. Let's just wait and see. Besides, the tickets are going to be refunded."

"I don't like this. I'm here to listen to Barrett, not some third-rate singers. It's a waste of time."

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Amidst the discussion, the broadcast continued to offer updates.

"Tonight, the first singer will be Miss Yuri Zhang. Miss Zhang is a famous newcomer of the Bay City music industry. She won the best newcomer music award in Bay City and came in first place during the National Day Art Performance in Long City."

As the broadcast aired, the audience continued to engage in heated discussions.

"Yuri Zhang? I know this name! I seemed to have heard of her somewhere."

"During the concert in Bay City University, Yuri was there and she performed a song called 'Four Seasons' and it was not bad."

"Oh, oh, it's her. I know her. This newcomer is not bad. I'm a little interested."

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The audience who knew about Yuri were the locals in Bay City and they were somewhat familiar with Yuri's name.

However, some of Barrett's fans, especially those who came from other places, did not buy it.

"Who is this new singer? So what if she came first place in the art performance?"

"Don't you understand? She's just a campus singer from a random university and she's here to fool us."

"What, this is all you got? Thumbs down."

"We won't tolerate Yuri Zhang. We want Barrett!"

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Amidst the buzzing crowd, the lights onstage dimmed and the music started.

Following that, Yuri, who was wearing a beautiful dress, paced slowly toward the center of the stage.

All the lights shone on Yuri and the noisy atmosphere immediately quietened down and almost everyone fixed their gaze on her.

Even many of Barrett's fans were amazed when they spotted Yuri's beautiful face and pure demeanor.

"She's so beautiful."

"She's so pure! My goddess!"

"No matter how well she sings, I'm already a fan of her!"

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Tens of thousands of audience were staring at Yuri who was onstage. Concurrently, Yuri felt nervous. She gripped the microphone tightly with both hands and her body trembled as a thin layer of cold sweat appeared on her forehead.

Fade noticed this and gently flicked his finger to send some positive into Yuri's body to calm her nerves. Instantly, she gradually calmed down and her face relaxed.

After calming down, Yuri took a deep breath and raised the microphone to her lips. Following that, she parted her lips to sing the first note.

"Ah!"

The whole stadium was silent as soon her voice escaped her throat and everyone seemed to be enticed by her voice.

Soon after, cheers and warm applause roared through the stadium.

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"Wow, she's so beautiful."

"Her voice is good and clean!"

"Awesome!"

"I'm going to record it for my friends. She's just so awesome!"

"It was worth it to come all the way this time."

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Yuri noticed the enthusiastic reaction of the audience and a smile flashed across her face. Her expression relaxed further as she continued to sing.

The audience was increasingly amazed as Yuri continued to perform. Cheers and applause erupted constantly and some of the lights and boards that fans had originally prepared for Barrett were currently used for Yuri.

There was a roaring round of applause cheers from the audience as soon as the song finished.

Troy let out a sigh of relief as the chaotic atmosphere calmed down.

Yuri peered backstage after she finished and was about to leave.

However, the audience shouted in unison, "Encore! Encore!"

At the same time, Troy informed Yuri via her earpiece, "Charlotte Gao and the others are not here yet. Miss Zhang, please sing another song."

Yuri was no longer nervous and she had regained her confidence. Therefore, she nodded and sang another song for the crowd.

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For a moment, the atmosphere in the stadium exploded.

Concurrently, Charlotte and others finally arrived. However, Yuri's singing was very effective. She had sung five consecutive songs under the audience's request. Finally, she was a little tired, thus she bid farewell to the crowd and left the stage.

Charlotte and the others, who then took over from Yuri, went onstage to perform.

Charlotte's voice may not be as beautiful as Yuri's but with the help of Michelle the beautiful host and Caleb the comedy actor, their performance also won a round of applause.

With that, the chaotic situation eventually calmed down.

Moreover, the other celebrities that Troy invited had made it to the stadium as well. They went onstage one after another and turned the concert into a large open-air gala.

Time flew by amidst the passionate performance and in the blink of an eye, it was about to end.

Troy and the others had a discussion and they decided to ask Yuri to sing the last song to end the concert.

The second last performance was about to end when Elder Sun came over. He told Fade and Troy, "I have brought a guest singer to help with the performance but I don't know if that's okay."

Upon hearing that, Fade and Troy quickly nodded and replied, "Of course! Elder Sun, you're our biggest guest! It would be enough as long as you stand on the stage."

Elder Sun waved his hand and replied smilingly, "I can't but this guest can."

"Come out!" Elder Sun called.

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Soon after, a figure appeared behind Elder Sun.

She was wearing a pair of small leather boots as a pair of jeans wrapped around her slender legs. A white shirt hung over her with part of it tucked inside her jeans. She had a pair of sunglasses over her perfect face and her hair was tied in a bun.

She looked refreshing and clean. The air around her was different and other people were out of her league.

"This is my guest," Elder Sun introduced.

Following that, the woman took off her sunglasses.

Everyone exclaimed at the sight of the face behind the sunglasses.

"Susie Song!"

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The younger generation regarded Susie Song as the goddess of music. She was a top artist and Elder Sun's best disciple.

Nobody expected a superstar like Susie to attend the concert. For a moment, everyone was taken aback and they stared at her with glimmering eyes.

Elder Sun smiled when he noticed their reaction and chuckled, "How's my guest?"

Troy immediately snapped back to his senses and asked, "Elder Sun, is Miss Song going onstage to save us? I don't know if Miss Song..."

Troy trailed off and stared at Susie. Elder Sun had mentioned it but he could not believe that Susie would be willing to perform in a small place like this or that she was there to save the concert.

Susie smiled as everyone stared at her. She had a seductive and playful persona look on her face as she spoke, "My teacher told me about the situation here and it was entirely Barrett's fault. Therefore, I should lend a hand since we were trained by the same teacher."

Troy was overjoyed and he hurriedly replied, "That's great! That's great! Miss Song, I'll make the arrangements right away. Can you close the show?"

Susie did not answer right away. Instead, she turned to Yuri and asked, "Can I?"

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Yuri came to her senses. Susie was asking her for her permission. After all, it was Yuri who was going to perform the original closing act. Naturally, Susie would have to ask since she had replaced Yuri.

Yuri was stunned for a moment but she quickly nodded and uttered, "Yes, of course! Miss Song, you must close the show. There's no need for me since you're here."

Concurrently, Yuri looked at Susie with excitement and admiration in her eyes. It was clear that she was also a fan of Susie.

Upon hearing this, Susie shook her head gently in reply, "You're going to come onstage with me since you're my junior. Besides, I have not heard you sing yet since I got here."

As she spoke, Susie walked over and patted Yuri on the shoulder smilingly. Yuri was so excited that her face turned red and a beautiful smile appeared on her face.

Meanwhile, Fade glanced at Susie and nodded slightly. His impression of her improved from her small act.

Despite the fact that Susie was a top celebrity but she took the initiative to ask a small-time performer politely for her permission and that was proof of her manners and integrity.

At the same time, the staff arrived to remind everyone that the previous performance was about to end and the finale was about to begin.

Following that, Troy and the others turned to Yuri. She was not nervous after her performance but she was breaking down again because Susie was there. Yuri took a deep breath and took the microphone before striding to the stage.

Susie, who was behind her, called softly, "You can do it!"

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Hearing Susie's voice, Yuri turned around and smiled. Her confidence grew and she immediately went on stage. A gentle prelude echoed around the stadium and shortly after, Yuri's clear voice joined in.

All of a sudden, the audience cheered.

Meanwhile, Susie was backstage and her eyes lit up when she heard Yuri's voice. Her expression became serious and she focused on the screen. Her ears perked up, as if she was capturing every subtle detail in Yuri's singing.

With that, Yuri finished the song and was greeted by lively cheers and applause.

Many of the fans were still shouting.

"Yuri, encore!"

"Goddess! Goddess!"

"I love you! Encore! I love you!"

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The host went on stage as the excited crowds continued to cheer and announced, "Everyone, Miss Yuri Zhang's performance was supposed to be the last act but we have a mysterious guest and she is here to sing one last song for you as a token of our sincerity."

After that, the lights on the stage dimmed.

The audience could not help but gossiped about it.

"Another guest? Who is it?"

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"She must be famous to close the show."

"Impossible! It's impossible to find a famous celebrity at this hour."

"Could it be a local Bay City star? Someone like Caleb, Michelle and the others?"

"They're not bad but they're still not good enough."

"I think it's better if Yuri sings another song."

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However, there were discontented voices among the crowd.

"What the hell are you doing? I'm so annoyed. I'm here to listen to Barrett's concert, but you're fooling us like this!"

"Who is Barrett? He is nothing compared to Yuri, okay?"

"Bullsh*t, Barrett is a second-class star and he's so much better than that newbie singer! I came for Barrett and not some unknown newcomer."

"Then why have you been sitting here listening for so long? Why didn't you just leave?"

"I, I spent money, so I won't just leave for nothing."

"Haha. The company had already said that all the tickets will be refunded. If you don't like it, you can leave!"

"I won't leave. I just wanted to see who this organizer is bluffing us with. Humph!"

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Amidst the discussion and arguments, the stage lit up.

Next, a graceful figure appeared under the light. However, the light was relatively dim and everyone could only see a silhouette but her face was not visible.

This situation aroused the curiosity of the audience.

"Looks like a woman. She should be a beautiful woman!"

"She must be beautiful if she's here to close the show!"

"Haha. What dirty tricks. How ridiculous it is to replace Barrett with some random woman. What a joke."

"That's right. I don't know what small-time singer they found!"

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Following that, the spotlights gradually brightened and the face of the singer became clearer.

Silence replaced the noisy crowd when the face of the singer was revealed. Everyone held their breath as they stared at the familiar and beautiful face.

After a moment of silence, the stunned audience began to talk.

"That... That's Susie Song. My eyes didn't deceive me, did they?"

"That's impossible. Susie is a top singer and she's the goddess of music! How could she be here?"

"I don't think it's possible, but there's too much resemblance!"

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"Maybe it's someone who's trying to imitate her."

"I think so. The organizer must have contacted a person like that."

"Haha, the so-called mysterious guest is a fake?" someone snorted.

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Everyone was in disbelief but, Susie, who was on the stage, spoke, "Hello, everyone, I'm Susie Song. I will sing 'Time' for the finale."

Immediately, she started to sing without another word.

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As soon as Susie started singing, every member of the audience was dumbstruck and all of them were exhilarated.

"It's really Susie Song! She's real!"

"I didn't expect to see Susie sing. This is really worth it."

"Haha. Who said that she was fake just now? Can Susie, with such a unique voice, be mimicked?"

"Haha, those who said that they are only here for Barrett are biting their own tongues. Susie is even more exclusive than he is!"

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As Susie sang, a sea of cheers erupted from the crowd. The previous dissatisfied voices were immediately gone.

Meanwhile backstage, even Fade and the others were surprised when they heard her sing. After all, Fade had only heard her sing through different mediums but never live like this.

This time, he had to admit that Susie's singing was excellent after listening to her first handed. Her voice was soft and clear but her singing skills were top notch and there were almost no flaws in her technique. It was not surprising for she to be known as the next generation goddess.

After finishing the song, the atmosphere was electrifying. The crowd cheered Susie's name and asked for an encore.

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She did not respond immediately. Instead, she went to the back and brought Yuri back onto the stage and they did a duet with one of Susie's love songs.

The passionate love song was exceptionally beautiful as Susie's gentle voice was blended with Yuri's clean voice.

After the song, the audience cheered loudly again. This time, they were not just cheering for Susie but for Yuri as well.

The two thanked everyone and finally headed backstage together.

In the meantime, the excited audience began to leave and the special concert was uploaded online via mobile phones.

In particular, Susie's appearance had become an attention-grabber and a hot topic. On the other hand, Yuri became another focus of attention after being brought onto the stage by Susie.

The concert ended on a high note.

Subsequently, the crowd left the stadium.

Elder Sun and Susie beamingly went over to Yuri.

Elder Sun asked, "Miss Zhang, are you able to make a decision now? Are you willing to join Long City Music Academy?"

Yuri was excited as she nodded and was about to agree.

However, Susie suddenly called, "Yuri, wait."

"Er..." Yuri stuttered.

It was not just Yuri, even Fade and Elder Sun were taken aback too. They did not understand what Susie meant.

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Susie stared at Yuri with keen eyes and explained, "Yuri, your voice is brilliant and you have a good sense of music. However, you lack the professional skills in singing. You can't go far if you only rely on talent, so you need professional training."

"Well, I will train hard at Long City Music Academy," Yuri nodded seriously.

Unexpectedly, Susie shook her head and replied, "Not at Long City Music Academy. Would you like to study at Capital City Music Academy?"

"Ah!" Yuri was stunned and she went blank.

Meanwhile, Elder Sun was agitated after a pause. He glared at Susie and exclaimed, "Susie, what are you doing? I know you are an honorary professor at Capital City Music Academy but you can't rob me of my students!"

Susie glanced at Elder Sun and replied, "Teacher, I am not robbing you of your student. I just can't let Yuri go to waste because she has so much talent!"

"Is it a waste of talent to learn from me?" Elder Sun glared at Susie angrily.

Susie quickly held her teacher's hand and answered, "Teacher, please don't be angry. I definitely don't mean that."

"However, as you know, Capital City Music Academy is much better than that Long City Music Academy in every way," she added.

"So what? I will teach Miss Zhang with my heart and soul," Elder Sun exclaimed heatedly.

Susie explained, "Teacher, I'm not questioning your standards. After all, I'm also your student! It's just that Capital City Music Academy has a training program that prepares students for the international singing competition in two years time."

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"You know it too. Our country has yet to produce an internationally-famous artist in the music industry."

"This training program is aimed to cultivate a new generation of international musicians."

"Miss Zhang is very talented and as long as she trains professionally, she'll definitely make great progress. With that, she'll be amazing in the international competition and she'll bring honor to all Chinese musicians and for the whole country too."

Susie's attitude was very sincere and Elder Sun was also a little moved. However, he still had some concerns.

"There must be a lot of people participating in that kind of program. If she goes, can you guarantee that she will get enough attention?" Elder Sun asked.

Susie quickly replied, "Don't worry about that. I will personally recommend Miss Zhang so that they would pay attention to her. Moreover, the teachers in this training program are seniors like Mr. Hu and Elder Qiao. Therefore, you don't have to worry about their standards."

Erasmus felt better after hearing this. After all, Mr. Hu and Elder Qiao were on par or even better than him. They were all top musicians in China.

With them as Yuri's teacher, he no longer had to worry about the teaching standards.

Erasmus sighed as he thought of this and spoke, "In that case, I will not fight you anymore."

As they spoke, they turned to Yuri and Susie asked again, "Yuri, are you willing to join us?"

Yuri was a little confused and she did not know what was going on.

Following that, Susie and Elder Sun gave her a detailed explanation of the situation. Soon after, Yuri agreed to accept Susie's

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invitation and she would study at Capital City Music Academy.

After all, Capital City Music Academy was the leading music institution in this country. The teachers in the training program were all famous teachers. In addition, Susie, Yuri's idol, had personally persuaded her, therefore as a young girl she was, Yuri was moved.

With that, the matter was settled. Next, Yuri went back to Bay City University to deal with the corresponding procedures and paperwork. Meanwhile, Elder Sun left Bay City as well and went back to Long City.

Yuri did not become his disciple but he was relieved that she was going to join Capital City Music Academy and would be trained to become an international musician.

Susie, on the other hand, was free for the next few days, therefore she visited some places in Bay City.

On the other hand, Fade became her tour guide in Bay City out of gratitude.

After touring for two days, the two of them had visited over thirty places and most of them were remote places. Even Fade felt a little tired after touring for such a long time, but Susie was still energetic and lively.

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This piqued Fade's curiosity and he asked, "Miss Song, what is your intention of going to so many places? All the places you visited aren't even scenic or tourist spots. This doesn't feel like a vacation!"

Susie stared at Fade and retorted, "When did I say that I'm here for a vacation?"

Upon hearing this, Fade rolled his eyes and thought to himself, "I was trying to be a good tour guide by taking you to tourist spots and I even looked up the history, but you don't seem to want to see any of them."

Fade complained in his heart but on the surface, he asked, "Then what are you doing here, Miss Song?"

Susie continued to search for the so-called hidden gems she found on the internet. As she searched for them, she turned to Fade and said, "I'm here to find inspiration for my new album."

"Looking for inspiration!" Fade said in surprise.

Susie explained, "I haven't released a new album in a year, so I have to start composing songs as soon as possible. Yet, the songs I wrote earlier are not very good, so I decided to go out and explore. Perhaps, I'll find inspiration and see if it can spark an idea to build upon."

As she spoke, Susie wrote down a few places. "This, this, this and this. Based on the pictures, they look pretty good. Let's go tomorrow..." she uttered.

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Behind her, Fade peeped at Susie's fully-scribbled notebook and he wanted to cry. He was going to be a runner the whole day again.

Early the next morning, Fade waited at the entrance of Susie's hotel. After she got into the car, she pointed at a place she had found and said, "Here."

Fade looked at the name. "Scarlet Spirit Temple," he muttered, "Where's this place? You gave me a schedule yesterday, but it wasn't on the list."

"My friend recommended this to me yesterday. She said that she had been there before and the place is not bad. The Buddhas in the temple are known to be very effective," Susie explained as she closed her notebook and patted Fade on the shoulder.

"You still believe in all that?" Fade asked.

"I would rather believe in something than believe in nothing," Susie continued, "Besides, there's no harm in just going to have a look. We can just think of it as a scenic landmark."

With that, Susie patted Fade on the shoulder harder and said, "Brother Fade, drive!"

Fade did not expect a top celebrity to have such a bold character offstage. He could not help but mutter, "I'm not your little brother."

"I'm older than you, so what else should I call you?" she glared at him and snapped, "Stop talking, little brother. Hurry up and drive. After visiting the Scarlet Spirit Temple, there are still many places I want to go to!"

Fade was speechless. He could only accept his fate as Susie's chauffeur and started driving toward Scarlet Spirit Temple.

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After driving for more than an hour, they finally arrived at a hill in the suburbs of Bay City. The road was not meant for cars, therefore Fade and Susie had to carry their luggage up the hill.

The hill was not very high, but the mountainous road was rugged and difficult. After walking for more than an hour, they saw a small village in front of them.

Susie was delighted when she noticed the village and she exclaimed, "Look at the village. Scarlet Spirit Temple is behind the village. We're close, so let's hurry up."

As the two of them entered the village, they immediately attracted the attention of the villagers and the villagers came over to look.

Susie was high-spirited and she chatted with the village's elder as she walked.

When the elder learned that Susie was heading to Scarlet Spirit Temple, her face changed and she hurriedly said, "My daughter, you can't go there! You can't go to that temple."

Susie was curious and she asked, "Granny, why can't we go there? I heard that it's an old temple."

The elder explained, "That temple is very strange. It's tainted. More than a decade ago, someone in our village came back from work. As he passed by the temple, he went in and rested for a while. However, he died the next day."

"What? That happened? Could it be a coincidence?" Susie asked in surprise.

The elder shook her head and replied, "It's not a coincidence. There's really something lurking in there. Later, the village sought some Taoist priests and monks to cleanse the temple, but they didn't get to finish because they were scared away. For many years, no one dared to go near Scarlet Spirit Temple."

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"My daughter, turn back now. You can't go there," the elder persuaded her.

Susie did not believe in ghosts or demons, so she smiled and assured the elder, "Granny, don't worry, I'll be alright. My friend went there before and she was okay afterward."

"Moreover, I have a master to protect me. There shouldn't be any problems," as she said this, Susie patted Fade on the shoulder and continued, "Am I right, Brother Fade?"

Fade rolled his eyes at her but could only reply, "Yes, I will protect Miss Song."

"Granny, thank you. We're leaving now. Goodbye," Susie got up and bid farewell.

The elder was anxious as she watched the two of them make their way up the hill and she sighed, "Why don't these young people listen to me? I've told them that the place is tainted and yet they still..."

Meanwhile, Fade and Susie hiked up the hill and Fade asked, "Miss Song, are you not worried about what the granny said?"

"Haha, I don't believe in demons and ghosts," Susie snorted and glared at Fade with dissatisfaction. "Don't call me Miss Song. Call me Sister Song or Sister Susie. Got it, Little Brother?" she added.

Fade could not help but roll his eyes.

Susie noticed it and threatened, "Little Brother, if you don't greet me this way, I shall bully Yuri at school. I know both of you have a special relationship."

Fade wanted to cry when he spotted Susie's lively and mischievous look. "Are you even a celebrity?" he sighed.

"Are you going to greet me properly? I'll really bully Yuri," Susie retorted smilingly.

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Fade was at a loss of words. He could only lower his head and murmured, "Sister Song."

"Hey, that's a good boy!" Susie chuckled and ruffled his hair with a smile, as if she was playing with a little pet.

With that, the two had fun and joked around and before they knew it, they had reached the hill behind the village.

They stood on the peak and they saw a dilapidated temple in a dense forest not far away.

They walked over and saw a plat hanging at the gate of the temple. It had decayed but they could still recognize the three words on it that read 'Scarlet Spirit Temple'.

They pushed through the rotten wooden door and entered the temple.

They stepped into a small courtyard with a dense and lush pagoda tree planted in the middle. The pagoda tree's thick branches and leaves covered most of the courtyard, completely blocking the sunlight.

They looked down to notice that the granite floor was covered with moss. It was a little wet and slippery.

They walked cautiously through the courtyard and arrived at the main hall of the temple.

Compared to the ruins of the main gate, the door to the main hall was well maintained and the vermilion paint on the gate was still visible.

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As they pushed open the mottled vermilion door, a damp and sour smell suddenly poured out of the hall. They took a few steps back and covered their noses as they frowned.

The light in the hall was dim, therefore they could not see the interior clearly. However, they could vaguely see a two-meter-tall Buddha statue in the middle of the hall.

As they approached the door of the hall, they suddenly felt a cold breeze from the hall. Susie shuddered and stopped in front of the door.

Following that, Fade could not help but ask, "Why don't you go in, Sister Song?"

Susie kept quiet. Instead, she rummaged through her bag and finally, she took out a black bracelet. She put her palms together devoutly and bowed to the hall. Next, she put on the bracelet and walked into the hall.

Fade chuckled when he saw this, "Sister Song, didn't you say that you don't believe in ghosts and gods? Why are you still..."

Susie touched the bracelet and replied, "My friend gave this bracelet to me. A monk gave it to her and she specifically told me to bring this bracelet with me when I come here. It can bless me."

Upon finishing that, she noticed the disbelieved looks on his face and she added, "It doesn't matter whether it can bless me or not. It's the thought that counts. Besides, bringing a string of Buddha beads is also a kind of respect when visiting the Buddha."

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After that, Fade did not pester. He shrugged his shoulders lightly and said, "Sister Song, please go in. I'll wait for you outside." Susie nodded and walked into the hall.

This was the arrangement they had over the last few days. Fade would wait outside while she visited the places.

When Susie arrived at a venue, she would wander around as she quietly gathered her thoughts to find inspiration. She would need some peace and quiet, so Fade would usually just wait somewhere nearby.

However, Fade was about to turn and find a place to sit in the courtyard when he suddenly noticed the black Buddha beads suddenly glimmered in Susie's wrist and exuded a dark light.

The dark light turned into smoke and entered Susie her body through her mouth and nose as she inhaled.

However, she did not notice anything. She walked into the main hall and she placed her hands together to pray quietly.

Fade frowned when he noticed this and he turned to follow her into the main hall.

Susie, who had been worshiping the Buddha silently, heard the footsteps behind her. She turned around and spotted Fade walking in. "Brother Fade, why did you come in? Do you want to pray too?" she asked.

Meanwhile, Fade walked into the hall with a solemn expression.

He felt a cold breeze the moment he stepped into the hall and the temperature in the hall was much lower than it was outside.

It was not the temperature that one could not feel with one's body but it was a spiritual type of cold.

"Something's wrong. There's really something wrong with this temple," Fade uttered. Concurrently, Fade recalled what the elder in the village said before they went up the hill.

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Without warning, Fade pulled Susie to his side and warned, "Sister Song, follow me and don't go away."

On the other hand, Susie was confused and curious when she saw Fade's expression. "Fade, what's wrong? Is there a problem?" she could not help but asked.

Fade grabbed Susie with one hand and searched the hall as he attempted to find the source of the strange feeling. At the same time, he replied, "There is something wrong with this temple."

Susie could not help but tremble as she heard this and a strange look flashed across her face. Immediately, she seemed to recall something and said, "Brother Fade, don't joke around. I'm not afraid..."

Susie mentioned that she was not afraid but she could not help but remember what the elder at the foot of the hill had said. Following that, she moved closer to Fade.

Fade shook his head and replied solemnly, "Sister Song, I'm not kidding."

At the same time, Fade fixed his eyes on the two-meter-tall Buddha statue in the center of the hall.

The Buddha statue was made of clay with crude workmanship. The patterns on the surface of the statue were mottled from age. There were even cracks on some parts of the statue and one could vaguely see the hollow interior of the statue.

Following that, Fade felt a cold black aura emanate from the statue and drifted into the hall.

It was chilly and one would tremble when the aura entered the body.

Furthermore, this black aura was very similar to the black smoke that was emitted from Susie's bracelet.

Immediately, he grabbed Susie's wrist as he thought of this and said, "Sister Song, give me your bracelet."

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"Fade, what are you doing? My friend gave me this bracelet. If you like it, I'll give it to you later..." Susie replied. Fade shook his head and explained, "There's something wrong with your bracelet."

As he spoke, Fade took the bracelet off her wrist.

Susie was dissatisfied. Following that, Fade held her hand quietly to send positive energy into her body before pointing to the bracelet and said, "Do you see it?"

The positive energy entered her body and lingered around her eyes. Susie's vision suddenly became brighter and she started to notice things that she never paid attention to.

For example, the bracelet resting in Fade's palm was currently emitting black smoke and it was very creepy.

"This black smoke is..." Susie was shocked and she looked horrified.

Next, Fade pointed at the Buddha statue and instructed, "Look over there!"

Susie raised her head and spotted the thick black aura that the clay sculpture was emitting as well. Moreover, the aura from the Buddha statue and the aura from the bracelet lingered and blended together before rushing toward Susie's body.

However, before the clouds could enter Susie's body, Fade gently fanned it with his palm and a red aura burst out of his palm to sweep it away.

Susie was dumbfounded and her face was full of disbelief when she saw it.

After a few seconds, she finally came to her senses. She glanced at Fade and asked, "What's that black smoke? What's going on?"

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"Let's talk outside," Fade replied and pulled her out of the hall.

Following that, Fade studied the bracelet and explained, "The bracelet and the black smoke on the Buddha are universe energies."

"Universe energies?" she repeated and stared at him in confusion.

Fade explained in detail, "You know about martial artists, right?"

As a famous celebrity, Susie had several Black Level bodyguards, thus she naturally knew about martial artists.

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Fade continued, "For martial artists to improve, they need to absorb universe energy from nature to strengthen their bodies."

"However, there are all kinds of energies in the world. There are not only natural energies that can strengthen the body but also auras that will harm the body."

"And that black gas is one of them and it's known as death energy."

"Death energy?" Susie was horrified when she heard the name.

Fade comforted her, "Death energy sounds terrible but in fact, it's not that bad. After the death of human beings and animals, the dead body will produce death energy. However, in general, the energy would not be present in a large amount and will disappear soon after, so it has no effect on human beings."

"However, the death energy in this hall is very strong and it is trapped in the Buddha so it can't dissipate. Therefore, when people come here, they can clearly tell that the hall is colder than outside."

"Once the body inhales too much death energy, it will cause serious harm to the body. In a best-case scenario, one would feel weak and moody and have frequent nightmares. Yet, in a worst-case scenario, it may cause one to lose their minds and their body would turn cold before they eventually die."

Upon hearing this, Susie was petrified. She quickly exhaled a few breaths, as if she wanted to exhale all the death energy that

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she had inhaled.

Fade held her hand after noticing that and reassured her, "Don't worry. You haven't been in the hall for too long and I've transferred some positive energy to you. Therefore, those few breaths of death energy won't have any effect on you."

Following that, she breathed a sigh of relief. However, her face darkened again when she peered down at the bracelet and she asked, "Is the black aura on the bracelet death energy too?"

Fade nodded and replied, "Yes."

Next, Fade stared at her and added solemnly, "Sister Song, I want to know who gave you this bracelet. You mentioned that it was a friend of yours? How did she get this bracelet?"

Susie paused for a moment and answered, "This bracelet was given to me by Loren An. She's my friend."

"Loren!" Fade's heart skipped a beat when he heard the name and continued, "Is it the one who became famous from the singing contest a few years ago?"

"Yes, it's her," Susie nodded and explained, "I'm in the same company with Sister Loren and she's my senior. She has been taking care of me ever since I joined the company."

"She gave me this bracelet a month ago because I was struggling with my new album. She gave me the bracelet saying that she got it from a famous monk in the north."

Hearing this, Fade's face turned cold and he commented, "It was undoubtedly Loren. She did not give you this bracelet out of kindness."

"But Sister Loren has always been very kind to me. I don't think she would..." Susie tried to defend Loren and she could not

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accept the truth.

Fade shook his head and replied, "Sister Song, you may know her but you don't know her real intentions."

"Sister Loren probably wouldn't. We've known each other for five or six years," Susie insisted. They had a close relationship and Susie could not believe that Loren would hurt her. "Maybe she didn't know that there was death energy in this bracelet. Perhaps the death energy just accidentally contaminated the bracelet?" she asked.

Fade stared at her and replied earnestly, "Sister Song, I know that you can't accept this but I can tell you that the death energy on the bracelet wasn't an accidental contamination. It won't be so strong if it was an accident. Someone must have deliberately injected death energy into the bracelet."

"This... This..." Susie's face turned pale.

Fade continued, "Besides, Sister Song, think about it yourself. After Loren gave you the bracelet, did she say that she would take you here? Also, wasn't she the one who recommended you to come here?"

Susie's face turned as white as sheet after she heard this. There was no doubt that Fade was right.

The previous day, she and Fade had planned to visit a lot of places. That night, she told Loren about it when she was resting in the hotel. As a result, Loren told Susie that she had been to Bay City before and knew a good place called Scarlet Spirit Temple. Loren had strongly recommended that Susie go and have a look.

That was why Susie changed her plans and decided to visit Scarlet Spirit Temple.

Moreover, Susie thought about it carefully and realized that Loren had told her that the bracelet was a treasure from an eminent monk. Loren had reminded Susie time and time again to carry it with her at all times to ensure her safety.

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However, Susie did not believe in Buddhism and it was inconvenient for her to carry the bracelet around with her when she participated in activities, thus she rarely brought the bracelet around with her.

On some days where she wore them, Susie did not feel well and she would be very tired.

These were the little details that she never noticed them before and she slowly recalled them now that Fade pointed out to her. Susie was shocked and she muttered, "Does Sister Loren really wants to hurt me? But why did she do that? If she is dissatisfied, why won't she tell me in person?"

Fade put his arm gently around her shoulder to pat her back a few times and comforted her softly.

At the same time, Susie's mobile phone rang. She fished out her cell phone and noticed that it was a call from Loren.

Immediately, Susie's face turned pale and she almost threw her phone away.

Fade pinched her hand and said, "Sister Song, take a deep breath and calm down."

As he spoke, Fade quietly injected a few strokes of positive energy into Susie and she slowly relaxed.

Susie took a few deep breaths and picked up the phone. "Hello, Sister Loren," she answered.

"Susie, have you arrived at Scarlet Spirit Temple?" Sister Loren asked about the temple immediately after the call went through and that made Susie's face to sink.

However, Susie calmed herself down and said blandly, "We're almost there. Only a few hundred meters left. I can see the temple from here."

"That's great that you're arriving," Loren continued, "Susie, listen to me. The temple is not in a good shape but it's very spiritual,

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especially the Buddha statue in the hall, so you should pray."

Susie's face darkened again when Loren mentioned the Buddha statue and replied, "Well, I will."

On the other end of the line, Loren added, "By the way, did you take the Buddha beads with you? When you enter the hall later, you must bring the beads with you. They're from the high monk and it would yield a better result if you pray with it."

Initially, Susie was unwilling to believe that Loren would have ill intentions but Susie was growing suspicious after listening to Loren's unusual remarks.

Susie resisted the urge to question Loren and merely said, "Yes, I will, Sister Loren. I've arrived at the gate of the temple."

"Well, that's great. I won't bother you anymore. Go ahead and pray," Loren replied.

"Well, Sister Loren, goodbye!" Susie bid farewell and hung up the phone. Her arms dropped to her side. She immediately turned blank as she was at a loss.