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Sasha Li didn't want to miss this golden opportunity, so she decided to bid for the chance. After all, money was never an issue for her. She asked again, "Two hundred million yuan, is that enough for you? It'll be enough for you to spend for a lifetime, maybe even for your next few generations! Since I've already shown you my sincerity, I hope you can give me what I need."

"Miss, are you kidding me? I've told you that I don't want to talk about this." Fade Chen was speechless.

He did not want to talk to someone who valued money above anything else anymore and instead walked towards the Cloud Clan disciples and said, "Hello, I would like to make my request!"

"Well, theoretically, you can make any request. However, it must be within the Cloud Clan's ability, and it must not be offensive either." The disciple explained before hearing Fade out.

Fade nodded under the intense gaze of the spectators. Although they couldn't buy Fade's wish off him, they were interested in what kind of request he was going to make.

After all, the opportunity to make a request like this was rare. 20 years ago, the last person who

managed to pass the trial had requested for a herb that cost more than 5 million yuan.

5 million yuan from 20 years ago could easily be worth at least tens of millions now.

Besides, many people even believed that the request that the person had made 20 years ago was too fickle. Take the billionaires who were here as an example, they probably had even stranger requests to make.

Some wanted to become Cloud Clan apprentices, some wanted the secret to their martial arts, and others wanted precious elixirs that could save lives... These were all extremely precious things, worth at least tens of millions of yuan.

Under everyone's guesses, Fade thought for a moment before pointing to Winnie Huo, Mr. Liu, and a few old people he knew and said, "It's getting late. Some of us here are old and may not be able to last the night. Can you let us into your clan and give us a place to stay for the night?"

"Ah!" When the disciple heard this, he couldn't help but be stunned. He looked at Fade in disbelief and confirmed once more, "You mean your request is for these people and yourself to come in to rest?"

Fade nodded and said, "Yes, that's my request!"

Everyone was dumbfounded upon hearing Fade's request. They looked at him in complication, not

knowing if they were supposed to think of him as dumb or kind.

No one expected Fade to make such a simple request of letting everyone rest for a night in the clan. This was a wish that people would spend millions to get, yet was spent on such a fickle issue.

In particular, Sasha was furious. She would've never expected Fade to turn down her offer of 200 million yuan for a mere request like this.

She couldn't hold back and reprimanded him for wasting such an opportunity on this, "Boy, are you out of your mind? This is a chance for you to make a wish to the Cloud Clan. How can you make such a stupid request?"

Fade turned to look at her puzzledly before replying, "I know! But does my request have anything to do with you?"

"You....." Sasha was pissed off and was about to make a remark about something again. However, she was reminded that she had no authority to tell Fade off since he was the one who passed the trial. He had all the rights of making the request, regardless of how dumb it would be.

The Cloud Clan disciple was momentarily astonished before informing Fade, "I'll have to report your request to the elders, please hold on."

Fade nodded and sat back down.

Winnie Huo, Mr. Liu and a few others took this moment to scooch over to him and gawked at him in bewilderment.

"Fade, that's hundreds of millions of cash gone. Don't you envy them at all?"

"Fade, even if you didn't want the money, you should've also tried to maintain a good relationship with that Sasha Li. She's from the Li family, the richest family that you can find! If you are able to get on her good side, then....."

"Yeah, not only did you not befriend her, you made her angry. This will be a problem for you later on!"

"Fade, it really is a big pity that you lost this chance!"
Everyone felt remorseful over it, but Fade himself was calm and unfazed. He commented, "It was already a miracle that I was able to make this request, so we shouldn't focus on it too much. Besides, I already have enough money to spend. I won't need that much anyways."

Mr. Liu sighed and said, "Fade, you're definitely calmer than the rest of us who have lived years ahead of you."

At that moment, the disciples returned with permission from the elders to allow Fade and the rest of the crowd to enter and rest in the clan.

Therefore, he brought Winnie, Mr. Liu and the others into the clan.

Outside the gates, a group of people could only stare as they entered. They couldn't make out what they were feeling, possibly a mixture of envy, regret, pity and confusion. They sighed heavily and could only proceed with finding ways to survive in the cold wind of the night.

Sasha didn't bring anything to stay for the night. She glanced around and finally bought a brand new tent from a young man with the stack of money she had.

Currently, Fade and the others were brought to the Cloud Clan's guest rooms.

It was a little shabby but clean and homey. The bedroom had been prepared especially for them in advance, and everything was prim and proper in place.

Upon seeing this, Fade couldn't help but feel something was wrong. Based on the situation, it looked like the Cloud Clan had made preparations to welcome the guests in. Yet, now they had refused anyone seeking medicinal treatment from entering. It was as if something bad had happened.

Everyone chose their rooms to stay. After the disciples informed everyone of the rules to abide to in the clan, they were prepared to leave.

Suddenly, Fade stopped one of the disciples and said, "Please wait!"

"Mr. Chen, do you have any other requirements?" Ever since he was defeated in one move, the disciple was much more reverent towards Fade.

Fade said, "Please take me to your elder. I have something to talk to him about."

"Our elder, this..." The disciple looked like he was in a tight spot. After a moment of hesitation, he agreed and said, "Alright, Mr. Chen. Please follow me."

Fade followed the disciple all the way through the guest rooms, going around the main hall and arriving at the resting areas for the disciples of the clan. The boy had Fade wait outside shortly while he went in to make a report.

A few minutes later, he returned with permission for Fade to speak to one of the elders there called Weston Chai, but only for a short while.

Fade nodded and went into the room.

Inside the room was a burly and tough-looking man in his fifties. Upon seeing Fade, he looked up and closely examined him from top to bottom suspiciously.

Fade smiled as though he pretended not to know and greeted politely, "Greetings, Elder Chai."

"Hello Mr. Chen. What business do you have with me?" Elder Chai asked.

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Fade Chen took out a booklet and handed it to Elder Chai, saying, "I'm here to return this."

"This..." The elder took over the booklet and examined it closer. Instantly, his eyes widened and he exclaimed, "The Cloud- Reaching Skill, this is something that the clan has been looking for for ages."

"Mr. Chen, are you the one who killed the traitor, Feather Gu, in Hanover City?" Elder Chai looked at Fade expectantly.

Fade nodded and said, "Yes, that's me. I happened to come here on my way, so I thought about returning this booklet back to the Cloud Clan."

"Thank you so much, Mr. Chen." Elder Chai saluted deeply towards Fade.

Fade Chen was about to leave but was stopped by Elder Chai, who wanted to get all the elders together to thank him in person.

Fade agreed and 15 minutes later, 8 elders had gathered in the clan's side hall. As the Guardian of the clan, Donovan Zhuo was not there, Elder Chai was the one who had the most authority there. He took out the booklet and started explaining the whole incident to the other elders.

After hearing the story, all the elders were in ecstasy and quickly took a look at the Cloud Reaching Skill booklet. After confirming that it was the real deal, the elders immediately thanked Fade politely.

Fade responded by waving his hand as a gesture of goodwill.

But at this time, a somewhat unfriendly voice could be heard amongst the crowd, saying "Mr. Chen, may I ask you a question?"

Everyone including Fade turned towards the voice. An elder in his fifties that had eyes as sharp as daggers was glaring at him sternly. Fade lowered his gaze and replied, "Yes, please do."

The elder glanced around and asked, "I would like to know, how did you find Feather, how did you kill him, and how did you find the Cloud Reaching Skill?"

As soon as these questions were asked, Fade's expression hardened.

Everyone's expression froze in awkwardness and Elder Chai quickly came over. He snapped, "Elder Hu, Mr. Chen has done a great favor for us. What do you mean by this?"

Elder Hu shook his head and looked at Fade, saying, "If everything is true, Mr. Chen is naturally the benefactor of our Clan. But I'm worried that something is wrong."

"Wrong? What do you mean?" Fade asked coldly.

Elder Hu's eyes narrowed as his gaze was fixated on Fade and asked sternly, "According to the rumors, Feather has now reached mid-Black Level and has overwhelming strength. I want to ask you, Mr. Chen, you're in your mid twenties, so how did you manage to kill Feather since he's at mid-Black Level?"

When everyone heard this, they couldn't help but stare at Fade. Although they didn't doubt what he said, but they were still curious to how he was so powerful.

Upon hearing this, Fade simply said, "How, you ask? I merely defeated him, then I killed him. That's all there is."

"Defeat him?" Elder Hu let out a muffled snort. "That's easy for Mr. Chen to say. Then, may I ask you, Mr. Chen, how did you defeat an expert at the mid-Black Level? You should know that with Feather's current strength, even a few elders like us would be at a disadvantage if we were to fight against him."

Fade sneered and said, "I defeated him with strength alone. How else would I have defeated him?"

"Nonsense!" Elder Hu sneered. "Mr. Chen, you're exaggerating. To defeat a professional at the mid-Black Level, you would have to be at the peak of the Black Level. Or do you mean that you've already attained that level?"

As soon as he finished asking, Elder Hu shook his head with a look of disbelief. The elders around him

did not think it was possible.

Elder Chai tried to calm everyone down, "Perhaps, Feather isn't as powerful as the rumors say? Or perhaps he didn't expect Mr. Chen's strength?"

Elder Hu shook his head and said, "Elder Chai, you're trying to say that it was a sneak attack, aren't you? Even if it was one, it still would be no easy feat to defeat a mid-Black Level martial artist. One would need to be at the early-Black Level stages to do so. Mr. Chen, have you attained this level maybe?"

With that, he turned back at Fade with a glint of doubt in his eyes.

Fade's eyes narrowed with the accusation, secretly fuming inside. However, he chose not to directly confront them or explain. Instead, he turned around and fixed his gaze upon a big bronze pillar situated in the middle of the hall. He walked to it and stared at it, deep in thought.

"What are you going to do?" Elder Hu asked in confusion. "Are you trying to avoid my question?"

All of a sudden, Fade gave a loud war cry and jabbed his right index finger out.

Immediately, a fiery-red aura wrapped around his finger and shot out like an arrow headed for its target.

The crowd saw this and could not help but be shocked.

"What, what is he going to do?"

"Mr. Chen, stop it!"

Amidst the surprise, Fade thrust forward his finger towards the pillar. A loud crack sound could be heard and he quickly withdrew his hand and placed them behind his back, as though nothing had happened.

The elders all looked at the pillar wide-eyed. What they saw shocked them all, as a finger-sized hole had appeared on the sturdy pillar. The hole had been cleanly drilled through the pillar as though it was there all along.

All the elders gasped and looked at Fade in disbelief.

"Did he just stab a hole through the pillar with one finger? What, what kind of strength is this?"

"I'm at the early stages of the Black Level, and I can am only able to smash the pillar with my palm due to its thickness. To be able to drill a hole with one finger is too advanced for me."

"So, has Mr. Chen really reached late Black Level? Or has he reached the legendary Earth Level?"

"Then what Mr. Chen said just now was completely true. He must've crushed Feather completely!"

All the elders were very excited. Fade turned and looked at Elder Hu who was full of doubt. He asked coldly, "Elder Hu, do you still have any doubts?"

Elder Hu's expression was uncertain and his face paled. He didn't expect Fade to be so powerful. With such strength, it was more than easy for him to defeat Feather.

After a moment of silence, Elder Hu looked up at Fade and said, "Even if Mr. Chen is powerful enough to kill Feather, I still have one more question."

"What is it this time?" Fade sighed impatiently.

Elder Chai and the others desperately tried to send signs to Elder Hu to stop provoking Fade. If he had made an enemy out of Fade, it would be a big blow to the Cloud Clan who had just regained its place in the Black Level clans.

Elder Hu pretended not to notice and continued asking Fade sharply, "Since Mr. Chen found the booklet containing the Cloud Reaching skill from Feather, you must have read it."

After a slight pause, he continued, "The Cloud Reaching skill is one of the most renowned skills from the Cloud Clan. Even if some Earth Level clans tried to request them from us, we have never agreed to their requests. Since Mr. Chen has looked through the booklet, may I know how much you remember?"

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As soon as he said this, Weston Chai's eyes widened and he quickly shouted at Elder Hu, "Elder Hu, stop talking nonsense. Apologize to Mr. Chen quickly!"

The other elders also pitched in and tried to persuade Elder Hu to stop and apologize.

What Elder Hu was trying to say was that Fade Chen was secretly duplicating the Cloud Reaching Skill of the clan. In other words, he was trying to accuse Fade of stealing from the clan.

Such an accusation was a sign of suspicion and distrust, and was also a sign of Elder Hu's malice towards Fade. This could easily trigger Fade's anger and spur him to attack the Cloud Clan, explaining why Elder Chai and the others were desperate to stop him.

However, Elder Hu was determined. He looked at Fade and continued, "I would like to ask Mr. Chen to answer my question."

Fade raised an eyebrow and glowered, "If I said I didn't write it down, would you believe me?"

"Humph!" Elder Hu snorted and said, "I don't believe you are not interested in a martial arts technique of such a high level."

Hearing this, Fade sneered and said, "Since you're

already so sure that I've copied the Cloud Reaching Skill, what's the use of asking me?"

"I just want you to admit it yourself!" Elder Hu said.

Fade sneered and said, "Admit it myself? Ridiculous. I'll say it again, I didn't copy the Cloud Reaching Skill. I wouldn't even try to remember it even if I did because it's of no use to me."

"Lies!" Elder Hu berated furiously.

Elder Chai and the others didn't believe Fade either and thought that he was just joking.

Fade snorted and mocked, "Lies? You overestimate yourself. Not just the Cloud Reaching Skill, the entire Cloud Clan is nothing to me."

As soon as he said this, Elder Hu's expression gravened as he reprimanded, "Nonsense, boy. Apologize immediately, or face the Cloud Clan's wrath."

Elder Chai and the others were also equally shocked. Despite feeling that Fade had gone slightly over the line, they knew that they were in the wrong since the one who started it was one of them. They quickly attempted to make up for it.

However, Fade sneered as he threw out a jade amulet towards Elder Hu, "Do you really think that someone like me would need to steal from you?"

"Don't try to fool me with this. You..." Elder Hu glanced at the amulet and said, but was

immediately cut off the moment he saw the characters written on it.

Seeing this, Elder Chai and the others immediately came over to take a look and froze in place. They looked at the amulet incredulously, and then at Fade.

No one dared to move a muscle or utter a word. A full 10 seconds later, Elder Chai came back to his senses and handed the amulet to Fade with trembling hands, saying "Mr. Chen, your amulet!"

Fade grabbed hold of the amulet and asked Elder Hu, "Do you have any other questions now?"

Without waiting for Elder Hu to respond, Elder Chai and the others hurriedly waved their hands and said, "No, none at all."

No joke! They clearly knew what the three words "Tianwu Clan" on the jade badge represented in martial arts world.

In the current martial arts world, the four levels of martial arts could be separated into four levels, Heaven Earth, Black and Yellow levels. Currently, their clan Cloud Clan had just regained their place within the Black Level clans, but they were still at the very bottom of the ladder.

Above the Black Level, there were still the Earth and Heaven levels. Earth Level clans could easily dominate an area due to their overwhelming skills

and strength. Heaven Level clans would be considered a miracle and spectacle due to their scarcity.

One of the famous Heaven level clan was the Tianwu Clan on Tianwu Mountain.

Yet now, Fade had taken out the jade amulet belonging to the Tianwu Clan apart from demonstrating his strength.

Elder Chai and others immediately knew that he was a disciple of the Tianwu Clan. He had concealed his identity and went down the mountain, killing Feather Gu along the way and returning the booklet to the Cloud Clan. Unfortunately, he was suspected by Elder Hu and was forced to reveal his identity.

Elder Chai and the rest glared angrily at Elder Hu, their eyes full of rage.

Because of his inexplicable suspicion, Fade now had a bad impression towards the Cloud Clan, maybe even resenting them for this. If a disciple of the Heaven Level clans held a grudge towards them, no one would be able to handle their revenge.

After all, for Heaven Level clans, it was easy to destroy the Cloud Clan.

It was only now that they realized why Fade had no intention of stealing the Cloud Reaching Skill from them, and why he had disregarded it as useless.

He was telling the truth.

However, what they didn't know was that although Fade came from Tianwu Mountain, he was not a disciple of the Tianwu Clan. The amulet from the Tianwu Clan was given to him by an old man there when he descended the mountain.

Elder Chai and the others fiercely glared at Elder Hu and shouted, "Elder Hu, apologize to Mr. Chen!"

Elder Hu was discontented and looked annoyed. His face was that of sheer surprise as though he still couldn't believe what had happened. Although he was irritated, the thought of Fade belonging to the Tianwu Clan was just too intimidating. He shuddered and couldn't think of anything else as he knelt in front of Fade and prostrated himself in apologies.

Fade looked at Elder Hu and didn't say anything even though his head was already bleeding profusely. Only then did he say, "Since you asked me so many questions just now, let me ask you something."

"My pleasure, Mr. Chen." Elder Hu's attitude was extremely respectful at the moment.

Fade asked faintly, "Why would you suspect me?"

As soon as he heard the question, Elder Hu's face turned pale.

Elder Chai and the others also noticed and frowned. They had noticed how Elder Hu had treated Fade. Despite being gloomy and uninteresting at times, he

wouldn't try to shift the blame onto Fade without any good reason. Yet, he had continued to accuse him even after Fade had displayed his true strength, and even tried to accuse him after that. It was clear that this was too much.

Elder Hu's mouth quivered. He wanted to say something, but then he shut up.

Fade glanced at him coldly and shouted, "What's wrong? Do you really want me to make you answer by force?"

Elder Hu trembled and shook his head. The thought of being forced to admit his wrongdoings by a skilled martial artists like Fade was terrifying. He couldn't stand it and started sobbing while kowtowing on the ground, crying, "I was wrong, I'm sorry!"

"Because, because I actually know Feather!" Elder Hu finally admitted.

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Hearing this, some of the elders felt something was amiss. "What do you mean by you and Feather knowing each other? We all know him too! After all, he used to be our Senior Brother!" They exclaimed.

However, a thought suddenly came to Elder Chai, and his face changed greatly. He stared at Elder Hu sternly and shouted, "You mean that you've been in touch with Feather all the time? You are the hidden traitor that he arranged in our clan?"

Elder Hu's expression changed. Finally, he nodded and cried, "Back then, Feather asked me to steal the booklet and pills from Master's room with him. I didn't dare go. I didn't expect that he would kill Master and Senior Brother that day."

"At that time, Feather, who was preparing to run away, gave me some herbal medicine and asked me to help him escape by being his eyes and ears here. I didn't agree at first, but he threatened me. I was so scared that I had no choice but to agree."

"So, when we were chasing after Feather, I occasionally revealed some information to him."

Hearing this, all elders looked ferocious and glared angrily at Elder Hu.

"Now we know why we didn't catch Feather in the

end. It turns out that you, the hidden traitor, had been sending him messages!" They exclaimed.

"He colluded with a traitor, he's a traitor too. Arrest him right now."

Fade looked at Elder Hu and said faintly, "You are in touch with Feather, so when you heard that he has been killed, you were worried that he had told me about you."

"So, you deliberately made things difficult for me. You wanted to make other elders distrust me so that I can avoid revealing that you are the traitor. Am I right?" Fade looked at Elder Hu and said in a low voice.

Elder Hu was silent for a while. He then nodded and said, "Yes."

As the head of punishment for the clan, Elder Chai's face turned cold when he heard these words. He shouted, "Arrest him and lock him up in the dungeon. The Guardian will deal with him after he is done with his self-isolation."

Two elders then walked over and started to grab Elder Hu.

Suddenly, there was a violent explosion, and the whole side hall seemed to be shaken.

Everyone was shocked and quickly rushed out, looking at the place where the explosion occurred. There were caves built on the mountain side behind

the Cloud Clan building. From one of the caves on the mountain, flame and smoke was billowing.

Upon seeing this, the expressions on the elders faces immediately changed. They cried out in alarm, "Oh no, Guardian, he..."

"What's going on?" Fade asked.

As he walked, Elder Chai explained to Fade, "Half a month ago, Guardian Zhuo was preparing to produce the Inner Strength Pill to reward the disciples who had outstanding performances, as well as to those who requested for this medicine."

"We didn't expect that when the Guardian was refining the medicine, a very precious herb suddenly disappeared. Instead, it was replaced by another kind of herb. After the herbs were put into the furnace, a violent reaction happened, which almost caused the whole furnace to explode."

"The Guardian was shocked and used all kinds of means to control the furnace. But he couldn't bear to waste the pills, so he manipulated the furnace with his powers, and then ordered us to locate the lost herb immediately."

After listening to Elder Chai's explanation, Fade came to a realization. "And because you have to look for the herb, you have stopped allowing in those people who are requesting for medical help."

Elder Chai sighed and said, "That's true. We can't do

anything about it. It will be more difficult to find the herb if there were more people coming in and asking for medication."

At this moment, Fade suddenly noticed that Elder Hu, who was being pressed to the ground, had a cold smile flashing across his face.

Immediately, Fade's eyes darkened. He stepped forward and shouted coldly, "What do you know about what happened to Guardian Zhuo?"

Elder Hu's face darkened, he looked surprised, and then he fell silent.

Fade gave a fierce grunt. He raised his palm, and said coldly, "Do you want me to force it out of you?"

Elder Hu was shocked. His body trembled for a moment before he stuttered, "I, I was the one who switched Guardian Zhuo's precious herbs."

"What? How could you do that?" Elder Chai shouted angrily, he was appalled.

Elder Hu lowered his head and said, "I heard that Feather has been killed. I was worried that my identity would be exposed. So I made another preparation."

"You, you..." The elders around him were so angry, they wanted to kill Elder Hu on the spot!

On the contrary, Fade asked calmly, "Where is the herb you took?"

Elder Chai and the others suddenly came to their senses and hurriedly asked, "That's right. Where's the herb?"

Elder Hu smiled and said, "I've already refined and consumed it."

"How dare you..." Elder Chai and the others were boiling with anger!

At this time, there was another explosion from the cave on the mountain wall, and the billowing smoke was massive.

When Elder Chai and the others saw this, they grew anxious. "Oh no, the furnace might have gone out of control. The Guardian is in danger."

"Take him away!" Elder Chai asked for two elders to escort Elder Hu back to the dungeons. The rest of them rushed towards the cave, and Fade followed suit.

Soon, the group of people arrived outside the cave where Guardian Zhuo was.

The cave was built into the mountain wall, equipped with a Magic Furnace, a source of fire, a storage room, and other items. These items were specially designed for Guardian Zhuo to perform his pill refining operation.

At this moment, the large cave was filled with thick smoke. A huge medicinal cauldron was placed on a fire. From time to time, explosions could be heard

from within the Magic Furnace. Beside it, a long-haired man with a darkened face was doing his best to control the situation. It was as though he wanted to rescue the medicinal pills from within the Magic Furnace.

However, the explosions from the Magic Furnace kept injuring the long-haired man, causing him to tremble violently and spit out a mouthful of blood.

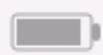
Seeing this, Elder Chai and others were very anxious. They rushed into the cave and shouted simultaneously, "Guardian, it's dangerous. Come out quickly."

When the Guardian saw this, he bellowed, "Don't come over. The Magic Furnace has lost control. If I leave, there will be a huge explosion. I'm afraid that the entire cave system behind the mountain will be destroyed. The Cloud Clan cannot afford such losses."

The hearts of Elder Chai and the others sank. There were dozens of caves in the mountain, some of which were used to refine pills and some to store priceless treasures. Many of the clan's precious herbs and weapons were at stake. There were also some outstanding disciples who were practising in the caves at this moment.

If the caves were to really be destroyed, the Cloud Clan would definitely be greatly weakened, and their skill level would fall from Black Level

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immediately. There would be no chance for them to rise again.

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"However, Guardian, if you don't leave now, you'll be in danger," said Elder Chai anxiously.

Guardian Zhuo was a little relieved but determined. He said, "Now, I'm the only person who can control the furnace and slowly calm it down. As long as the foundation of the clan is protected, I will have no regrets even if I die."

"Guardian Zhuo, you can't die! We..." Elder Chai and the others were extremely anxious, but they couldn't think of any other way. At this moment, they were like ants on hot bricks.

At this moment, Fade, who had been watching the furnace for several minutes, walked toward the cave and said, "Let me give it a try!"

Guardian Zhuo was shocked at his words. He quickly said, "Young man, don't come over. This place is too dangerous. You..."

Elder Chai and the others immediately explained, "Guardian Zhuo, this is Fade Chen. He killed the traitor, Feather Gu, and he also returned the Cloud-reaching Skill booklet to us."

"So you are the saviour of Cloud Clan," Guardian Zhuo said gratefully, "Since Mr. Chen is our saviour, then we can't let him take the risk. Elder Chai, you

should take him away quickly."

Fade did not leave. Instead, he continued to walk closer. "Don't worry, Guardian Zhuo. I'm confident," he said.

When Guardian Zhuo saw this, he became a little anxious and said, "Mr. Chen, you can't get any closer. This place is really too dangerous."

Then, he yelled at Elder Chai and the others, "Elder Chai, take Mr. Chen away quickly."

Elder Chai did not move. Instead, he explained, "Guardian Zhuo, Mr. Chen is from Tianwu Clan."

"Tianwu Clan!" Guardian Zhuo was stunned, and then he looked at Fade in shock.

At this moment, Fade walked to the side of the Magic Furnace. He took a look at it, then he used his palm to press against the furnace. Immediately, he said, "Guardian Zhuo, you can let go of the furnace now. Leave the rest to me!"

"But, this Magic Furnace is very dangerous. Inside..." Guardian Zhuo said anxiously.

Fade smiled lightly and said, "Don't worry, Guardian Zhuo. If I'm not mistaken, when you refined the Inner Strength Pill, you used willow branch instead of catalpa branch and you threw it into the furnace. As a result, the energy of the Purple Sun Flower, which was supposed to be mixed with the willow branch, could not be neutralized, which led to the loss of

control of the furnace."

"Right now, you are using your inner energy to forcefully suppress it, but it won't solve the fundamental problem. Once the burning exceeds the limits that you can suppress, you will not be able to control it and it will explode. I will find a way to stabilize the furnace."

Guardian Zhuo was shocked when he heard Fade speak with knowledge and assurance. He knew all the herbs used in his Magic Furnace.

He felt a bit helpless. He shook his head and said, "I know that I need to stabilize the burning as soon as possible. However, I can't find any Catalpa branch, and there is no other way at all!"

Hearing this, Fade shook his head and said with a smile, "No, Guardian Zhuo, there are other ways."

"There are other ways? Are you going to find herbal medicine that can replace the Catalpa branch? It's impossible to find such herbs in a short time," Guardian Zhuo said, and he looked curiously at Fade.

Fade looked at the cabinet where herbs were stored and said, "No, we will use ordinary herbs. After processing them, they will have similar effects."

"Ordinary herbs, to replace medicinal herbs?" Guardian Zhuo asked. He did not believe him.

Fade chuckled and said, "I'll temporarily suppress

the burning in the furnace. Guardian Zhuo, please help me to find some medicinal ingredients. Three stalks of Cloud Falling Grass, Two Star Radiance Flowers, and one White Beard Root..."

Guardian Zhuo moved his hand away from the furnace doubtfully. To his surprise, the violent furnace didn't explode. Instead, it was pressed down by Fade, and it seemed more stable.

Guardian Zhuo's confidence in Fade increased tremendously. He rushed to the cabinet and began to collect herbs according to Fade's instructions.

Soon, Guardian Zhuo brought the herbs that he had prepared to Fade. Fade pressed one hand on the furnace and channeled his inner energy in order to stabilize it. With a gentle pat on the lid of the furnace with his other hand, he selected a few types of herbs and threw them into the furnace according to different order and timing.

At the same time, he exerted the strength of his left hand, which was attached to the furnace, to shake the furnace gently, and to mix the herbs in it according to his willpower.

The huge furnace was very active in Fade's hand. Every small action he took could influence the position of herbs in the furnace.

Looking at Fade's deft movements, Donovan Zhuo was stunned. He said in surprise, "He's worthy of being a disciple of Tianwu Mountain. At such a

young age, he has such excellent alchemy skills. I can't catch up with him!"

Fade's movements were accurate and stable, and he made no errors. He controlled the furnace perfectly.

Beside him, Donovan could clearly sense that the raging burning energy within the Magic Furnace was gradually stabilizing. The furnace came under Fade's control.

"Finally, the burning energy is under control. There is no danger of explosion. This cave is safe, and the crisis of Cloud Clan has finally been resolved," Donovan said, and he could not help but let out a long sigh of relief. A rare smile appeared on his face.

Elder Chai and the others, who were standing a little further away, finally felt relaxed when they saw Guardian Zhuo smiling.

However, at this moment, a huge gust of energy suddenly surged out of the Magic Furnace. It was as though the energy had transformed into a black dragon that was about to charge out of it.

Suddenly, the expression of Guardian Zhuo, which was relaxed, changed. He said, "Oh no, the magic furnace is out of control."

Elder Chai and the others were shocked as well. Immediately, they shouted, "Guardian, Mr. Chen, we have to go!"

Guardian Zhuo's expression was grave. He looked at

Elder Chai and the others, who were anxious. He then looked down at Cloud Clan below the cave. He gritted his teeth and walked toward Fade with a resolute look in his eyes. He said, "Mr. Chen, thank you for your help. Now, leave the furnace to me. I should be able to control it for more than ten seconds. You should escape as soon as possible!"

Hearing this, Fade turned to Guardian Zhuo in astonishment and said, "Escape? Why should I escape?"

Guardian Zhuo was stunned and quickly said, "Mr. Chen, the energy in the furnace is out of control. It's about to explode. You'd better run. This is Cloud Clan's issue, and we shouldn't get Mr. Chen in trouble."

Hearing this, Fade did not stop his hand movements. He was still controlling the furnace with ease. On the contrary, he smiled. He said, "Who told you that it was going to explode? There's no problem. The furnace is fine now."

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"But, that wild and violent energy?" Guardian Zhuo asked, and he was still extremely worried. He pointed to the gust of energy that was hovering above the furnace like a dragon.

Fade Chen didn't speak. He shot out several beams of energy with his right hand. Like chains, they bound the dragon which was flying in the air. Then he put forth his strength with his fingers, and the chain instantly tightened. The roaring dragon was pulled back into the Magic Furnace.

Then, Fade quickly patted the Magic Furnace with his left hand. The liquid in the furnace captured the energy, and the furnace rotated, freezing the dragon.

Finally, Fade clapped on the furnace, and dozens of black pills in the size of fingernails popped out. He immediately picked up a jade plate and raised his arm in the air. Then, he put all the pills perfectly in position on the plate.

Putting the jade plate on the wooden table beside him, Fade said to Guardian Zhuo with a smile, "Guardian, the Inner Strength Pills are ready!"

Guardian Zhuo looked at the round and fragrant pills on the jade plate. His mouth and his eyes were wide

open as he looked at this scene in disbelief. He said, "Are these really Inner Strength Pills?"

"Of course! Without the Catalpa branch, they'll be less effective though," Fade said with a smile.

"This, this is incredible. Mr. Chen, your alchemy technique is really superb. I can't describe it in words," Guardian Zhuo said in excitement.

Outside, Elder Chai and the others, who witnessed this bizarre situation, walked over curiously. When they saw the pills on the jade plate and heard Guardian Zhuo's words, they immediately understood what had happened. They looked at Fade in disbelief.

"Well, Mr. Chen, how did you achieve this?" they asked.

"Yes, the Magic Furnace was about to explode. But, you controlled the burning energy and successfully refined the pills which were ruined beforehand. This, this is perfection!" someone said.

All the elders were moved. Fade smiled and gestured his hand, saying nothing.

After that, Guardian Zhuo and the others expressed their gratitude to Fade. They were willing to present all the treasures in the clan to him, allowing him to choose a present.

Fade's kindness to them was not just due to his refinement of pills. He had rescued Guardian

Donovan Zhuo and the foundations of Cloud Clan. Without his help, half of the clan would have been destroyed.

Therefore, Fade's kindness and actions had protected Cloud Clan. He had killed Feather Gu, returned the Cloud-reaching Skill booklet, and spotted the hidden traitor Elder Hu. Fade had saved Cloud Clan, from a huge crisis, all by himself.

No wonder Guardian Zhuo and the others were so moved, and they had great respect for Fade.

Fade declined Guardian Zhuo's offers of gratitude. He excused himself, saying that it was already late and that he was ready to go back to rest.

But just as he was about to leave, a unique scent wafted into his nose. Then, he looked at the fire below the Magic Furnace.

"Mr. Chen, is anything the matter?" Guardian Zhuo asked.

Fade stared at the fire and said, "Guardian Zhuo, where did these flames under the furnace come from?"

Guardian Zhuo was surprised. He wondered why would Fade inquire about this matter. He replied, "At the back of the mountain, there is a hot spring. Below the hot spring, the ground is scorching hot. We have investigated the matter, and we discovered lava underneath the ground. Therefore, we dug a

tunnel, allowed the lava to seep out, and built this fire place."

"Mr. Chen, is there something wrong with the fireplace?" Guardian Zhuo asked.

"Nothing at all!" Fade shook his head and said nothing. Then he turned and left.

After everyone left the back of the mountain, Guardian Zhuo returned to the side hall and found out that Elder Hu was a spy. He was instantly angry, and then he was grateful to Fade.

Finally, Guardian Zhuo, along with Elder Chai and the others, sent Fade back to the resting area.

Then, while Guardian Zhuo was dealing with matters in the clan, he asked disciples to open the gates and let the people waiting for medicine to come in.

They were busy until around midnight. The entire Cloud Clan was ablaze with lights, and the place was bustling.

At dawn the next morning, the entrance of Cloud Clan was full of people. As time passed, more people gathered in front of the mountain gate.

As the sky-worshipping ceremony of the Cloud Clan would be held today, many people came to the mountain.

The Cloud Clan had mobilized almost all the disciples for this event. They began to prepare for the ceremony, entertaining guests and dealing with

other relevant matters.

During the busy time, Elder Chai came to look for Fade. He wanted to arrange for Fade to be an honored guest of the Cloud Clan, as a gesture of respect.

Fade declined his kind offer and told them that he would just sit with the general public. Then, he took seats next to Winnie Huo, Old Mr Liu and the others.

Before ten o'clock, thousands of people had gathered on the mountain. People came from all over the country to acquire medicine. There were envoys from other clans who came to congratulate them, and local officials as well.

Sharp at ten o'clock in the morning, a melodious bell was struck and the ringing sound indicated the official start of the Cloud Clan Sky-worshipping ceremony.

The noisy crowd became quiet. Guardian Zhuo wore a brand-new robe, and he proceeded to walk out with the elders and disciples. His expression was serious. Then, a sophisticated and majestic ceremony commenced.

Although the public didn't know much about the ceremony, their commanding presence, respectful attitude and the solemn atmosphere of the procession caused everyone to feel a sense of great power and authority .

After the opening procession, the disciples of Cloud Clan took their seats. Guardian Zhuo went up to the stage and briefly announced the order of events. He also spoke of his high expectations for the future of the Clan, and expressed his gratitude to everyone who had supported Cloud Clan.

After an eloquent speech, the Cloud Clan was officially proclaimed as a Black Level clan. Instantly, warm applause could be heard.

Finally, the event that everyone was anticipating would commence. the Cloud Clan would start distributing medicine to the crowd.

For some time, hundreds of people were bustling with noise and excitement.

The Cloud Clan was experienced in this matter, so they were not in a hurry. The elders and disciples proceeded in an orderly fashion and inquired about the relevant information of each person who requested for medicine. Then, they handed out the medicine to the person without charge.

Many people who obtained the medicine were so excited that they knelt down and groveled in front of members of the clan. They were truly grateful. They even burst into tears. The scene at the ceremony was lively and full of enthusiasm.

Because there were too many people rushing forward, Winnie Huo was not willing to go forward with them, due to her identity. She sat in her seat

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next to Fade and remained still.

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As they were seated together, Fade Chen began to chat with Winnie Huo. He said, "Winnie, you're a big star. Why did you come to Cloud Clan to ask for medicine?"

As he said this, Winnie's face fell slightly. She shook her head and said, "My main purpose coming here is not to ask for medicine, but to travel to a new place and enjoy myself. I heard about Cloud Clan, so I came here for a holiday."

"You are here on holiday? Is your work causing you stress?" Fade asked as he smiled.

Winnie nodded, and she complained to Fade, "Many people think that the lives of film stars are glamorous, but we face many issues secretly. Especially for an aging actress like myself, I might not regain popularity any time soon."

"Why would you say that? You are only around 27 or 28 years old. Your popularity is waning?" Fade asked.

Winnie sighed, "You don't know the enormous pressure and stiff competition we face in our industry. Nowadays, those young and beautiful girls in their early twenties are all stunning. It's quite normal for us to be called aunts."

"I see, you are stressed about work," Fade said, and he tried to console her. He said, "With your great qualities, you can still earn a good income, even if you are not the top star!"

Winnie said, "These issues have been getting on my nerves recently. I am stressed out all the time, so I decided to travel and take it easy."

When she spoke of her personal affairs, Winnie felt rather annoyed. She stopped talking about these issues, and she changed the topic. "By the way, Fade, you seem quite young. How can you be so powerful?"

Then, both of them started conversing. Fade finally discovered Winnie's authentic side. She was beautiful in person and straightforward in personality, which was more attractive than her image as an actress.

Jonathan Dai was beside them. His cheeks were still red and swollen. When he saw that Fade and Winnie were chatting animatedly, he became furious. He couldn't help but whisper, "Present our gifts later, and the leader of Cloud Clan will teach that guy a lesson."

Karson Mao nodded and said, "Master, don't worry. Our gift is considered precious. The master of Cloud Clan will definitely agree to our request."

Both of them immediately smiled confidently, and they were not in a hurry to walk forward.

There were two others who didn't follow the crowd. They were the eldest daughter of the Li family of Peony River, Sasha Li, and an elder beside her.

Sasha held her hands in front of her chest and looked disdainfully at the crowd. With a contemptuous smile, she whispered, "Look at these group of ants behaving like beggars. How terrible!"

The elder beside her said, "Miss, do you want me to drive them away?"

Sasha said, "No, I still have time anyway. Besides, I'm worried that Guardian Zhuo will be annoyed if I drive them away now."

At the mention of Guardian Zhuo, the elder pondered for a while. Then, he said, "Miss, do you think you can personally get Guardian Zhuo to take action?"

There was a confident smile on the corner of Sasha's mouth, and she said, "I didn't have confidence yesterday. But now, I'm sure he won't decline our offer. Once he sees the gift that arrived yesterday, he will accept our offer."

As they talked to each other, both of them glanced at Donovan Zhuo, who was smiling as he distributed medicine.

It was a busy time. After nearly two hours, almost all the people who were there for medicine got what they wanted, and they were pleased.

Seeing that there were fewer people, Jonathan

made his move at this moment. He walked with Karson Mao toward Elder Chai, smiling confidently.

"May I help you?" Elder Chai asked.

With a smile on his face, Jonathan approached him and took out an item from the pocket on his shirt. He handed it to Elder Chai and said, "Master, this is a high quality jade that I specially ordered. Please accept this gift!"

Elder Chai's face fell when he saw this. He yelled, "What are your intentions?"

Jonathan smiled and said, "Master, it's just a little gift to show my gratitude. I wanted to request for Guanyin Drunken Medicine."

He wanted to use this medicine to take down Winnie.

Hearing his request, Elder Chai's face turned cold instantly. He said icily, "Cloud Clan does not have that kind of medicine. Get out, quickly leave right now!"

Jonathan wasn't expecting Elder Chai to get angry, he quickly explained, "Master, this is a high quality jade. I spent ..."

Without waiting for Jonathan to finish his sentence, Elder Chai's body erupted with a wave of violent energy, causing Jonathan to be blown away. At the same time, he shouted, "Medicine from Cloud Clan is meant for healing, to cure sick people, and not for

selfish purposes. You are insulting Cloud Clan!"

Jonathan didn't expect this to happen, and he was dumbfounded.

The people around gazed at Jonathan as though they were watching a drama unfold. They kept shaking their heads and started talking about him.

"This guy thought that he can buy anything with money! This is not any ordinary city. This is a clan!"

"He is used to doing things this way in the city, and he thought that he could bribe the masters of Cloud Clan!"

"How ridiculous. If the clan leaders were after money, they would just need to open a pharmacy in the city. The profit they can earn there would be higher!"

Jonathan's face suddenly fell. He didn't expect to become the laughingstock of the public. His face changed.

At this time, Sasha and the elder held their heads high and walked over with confidence. They glanced at Jonathan with disdain, and then walked directly to Donovan.

Sasha said, "Guardian Zhuo, I'm Sasha Li from Peony River."

As soon as Donovan heard her name, he knew why Sasha was here. He immediately said in a low voice, "Miss Li, forgive me, I can't help your grandfather."

Sasha smiled and said, "Guardian Zhuo, don't reject me in a hurry. This is a little gift from the Li family."

After that, the elder clapped his hands. Suddenly, the whirring sound of a helicopter could be heard. A huge parcel was hanging from the helicopter as it flew toward the square.

Hearing this sound, Elder Chai's face fell. He said sternly, "Miss Li, do you need me to repeat my words? Cloud Clan will not allow requests for selfish reasons."

Guardian Zhuo smiled and nodded. Clearly, he agreed with Elder Chai's words.

However, Sasha had a confident look on her face. She shook her head and said, "Elder Chai and Guardian Zhuo, don't be anxious. Let's just wait and see what this gift is."

Then, the helicopter approached, and the parcel fell to the ground. The elder opened the parcel, revealing what was inside.

Seeing the gift in the parcel, everyone's eyes lit up and their faces were full of surprise.

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This was because the large bag contained one ton of precious herbs of all varieties. Each herb was worth at least ten million.

Roughly estimated, the bag of herbs was worth more than a billion yuan.

The crowd was amazed. They could only sigh at the wealth of the Li Family.

Even Elder Chai and Guardian Zhuo's eyes shrank at this moment, and their faces twitched slightly.

However, Elder Chai immediately reinstated his cold expression and said, "I'm sorry. No matter what the gift is, our rules will not be changed."

Guardian Zhuo nodded as well, agreeing with Elder Chai. Their clan had lived by these principles for many years, and they would not easily change the rules.

However, Sasha Li smiled and said, "Guardian Zhuo, Elder Chai, I think there may be a misunderstanding. This gift is not for both of you, but for the entire Cloud Clan."

"My grandfather heard that Cloud Clan has been giving medicine for free throughout the years and had done many good deeds. He admired your clan, but he never had the opportunity to visit you, so he

sent me here to present these herbs to you."

"These herbs are actually not considered precious. However, they are necessary items for the disciples of the clan. I don't think Guardian Zhuo will reject this contribution to the disciples!"

After listening to her, the eyes of the disciples lit up. At this moment, Guardian Zhuo was a little hesitant.

He didn't care for these herbs, and he could reject them if he wanted to. But for the entire clan which had just recovered from a crisis, it would be a huge assistance to the disciples if they could get such a large amount of herbs. It would improve their strength, and it would be a positive situation for the clan.

Donovan Zhuo was at a loss for words.

As long as he nodded and agreed to accept this gift, then the strength of Cloud Clan could increase in a short period of time. This would help build a solid foundation for the future development of the clan.

But on the other hand, he was unwilling to accept the gift. If he accepted the gift, he couldn't decline the Li family's request. They were asking him to treat Fenrir Li.

And the principles of Cloud Clan would be lost. No matter who came, so long they had money, the disciples would refine pills and make medicine for them.

In that case, only powerful people would be able to acquire the pills, and ordinary people would have no chance at all. If things went on like this, the clan would completely go against the ancestral teachings of Cloud Clan, which had been passed down from generation to generation.

Moreover, Fenrir was not a good person. He had taken the lives of many and became wealthy. This was also one of the main reasons why Donovan did not want to refine the pills for him.

Thinking of this, Donovan made up his mind. His eyes became determined. He shook his head at Sasha and said, "Miss Li, please take these herbs back. Cloud Clan will not accept gifts like this."

Hearing his words, her expression changed. She didn't expect him to reject such a magnificent gift.

"Guardian Zhuo, are you sure you don't want to consider this matter again?" Sasha asked.

Donovan was silent. He just shook his head to express his view.

Sasha's expression on her face suddenly became gloomy. She felt that she was disrespected. She was the granddaughter of the richest man in China. Yesterday, she had failed to bribe a young kid with money. Today, she had failed to convince Donovan.

Sasha had always believed in the power of money. These experiences were like slaps to her face.

Moreover, everyone witnessed these events, and she felt embarrassed.

When she thought about how she would be talked about and mocked by others if word were to spread, she started to become furious and resentful.

She glanced at the elder beside her and at Donovan again. Her voice was low and there was a sharp glint in her eyes. She said, "Guardian Zhuo, I've shown you great respect. Are you really not willing to go to Peony River?"

Upon hearing her words, Elder Chai's voice turned cold. In a deep voice, he asked, "What do you mean by your words? Are you threatening our Guardian?"

Donovan also spoke in a deep voice, "Miss Li, Cloud Clan has no intention of pursuing any relationship with the Li family. Please return home."

Sasha's expression on her face darkened. She said in a cold voice, "Guardian Zhuo, you will come to Peony River, whether you want to or not."

"How dare you!" Elder Chai shouted and raised his eyebrows. He glared at Sasha and stood in an imposing manner. He was ready to attack.

However, Sasha was not intimidated, and she nodded to the elder beside her. "Sorry to trouble you, Uncle Fenrir."

The elder nodded and walked out with his hands behind his back. He faced Elder Chai directly.

Elder Chai felt that his inner energy, which was about to erupt, was stifled. It seemed like he had been blocked by a wall.

In an instant, Elder Chai's expression changed drastically. He looked at the elder in front of him and said in a deep voice, "You are a master beyond the Black Level!"

Elder Chai himself was already an early stage Black Level Master. As for Uncle Fenrir, who was able to suppress his energy, his skills were definitely higher than the Black Level.

Uncle Fenrir glanced at Elder Chai and said lightly, "There is no enmity between Cloud Clan and myself. I do not intend to hurt anyone. We only request that your Guardian makes this trip."

"Such arrogance! No one knows who will emerge as the winner of this fight!" Elder Chai said with a glare, and he gritted his teeth and launched a blow with his fist.

Suddenly, there was a whirlwind. This blow sounded like a fierce tiger running down a mountain, and the energy rushed ferociously toward the thin elder.

But the elder didn't move at all. As elder Chai's fist drew close and was about to strike him, he turned gently. His right hand twisted elder Chai's arm like a snake.

In an instant, Elder Chai felt that his ferocious punch

was weakened . He was unable to exert any strength. It was as though the fierce tiger had been trapped by a giant python. He could not move at all.

Elder Chai felt his whole arm being twisted by his opponent. His arm gradually became limp and numb, and he fell down helplessly. He had no strength to resist this attack.

"Retreat!" Uncle Fenrir shouted. With a gentle twist of his flexible arm, it seemed like a snake was slamming the fierce tiger. He pushed Elder Chai backward, and Elder Chai staggered a few steps back. Blood was oozing from the corner of his mouth, and his face turned pale in an instant.

Witnessing this scene, Guardian Zhuo's face fell and he shouted, "How dare you hurt him!"

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Uncle Fenrir immediately stopped and looked quietly at Guardian Zhuo. He said softly, "Guardian, the Li family does not want to become an enemy of the Cloud Clan. We would like to request for Guardian to slightly exert himself and make a trip to Peony River."

He was definitely threatening them. The Guardian, Donovan Zhuo, said coldly, "You have taken action and hurt people. Are you trying to threaten us? Is our Cloud Clan so weak, that you feel you can subjugate us?"

Sasha Li snorted and said bluntly, "Guardian, we haven't taken action against you as we are being respectful of you. You'd better not cut off your nose to spite your face. It's not advantageous for both of us."

"Over my dead body!" Donovan stood up in anger. He rarely lost his temper. With a loud cry, energy surged from his whole body, swirling violently.

Sasha shook her head at the sight of this. She looked at Uncle Fenrir and said, "Don't exert yourself too much. Otherwise, it will affect grandfather's recovery. That will be burdensome."

Her words seemed insolent and instantly caused all

the Cloud Clan disciples to become enraged. They glared at the two of them and their angry voices seem to rise in volume.

"Guardian, let's teach them a lesson and have them experience the power and might of the Cloud Clan."

"Agreed. Just because they are rich doesn't mean they can behave in any way they like!"

"Let's drive them out. The Cloud Clan should never tolerate such people again!"

As they roared and protested in anger, Donovan made a gesture with his right hand, launching a gust of energy in attack, directly aiming at Uncle Fenrir's chest.

In comparison to Elder Chai, whose gust of energy was like a ferocious tiger, this gust of energy was similar to that of a solid and steady bull. Although it did not possess the same level of ferocity, it was concentrated and full of power. Its brute strength was even greater than that of an attacking tiger.

Uncle Fenrir quickly defended himself from the attack. In a split second, the solid and steady bull found itself fighting off a slithering snake, which was encircling it. The snake was looking for an opportunity to entrap the bull.

At this moment, the two experts of the Middle Black level seemed like two phantom beasts. Each attacking move was backed by powerful inner

energy. There were constant collisions and crashes, and the surrounding trees, grass, and rocks were upended and crushed.

In no time, the two had exchanged more than ten blows in the attack against each other.

Donovan's battle moves seemed slower, but were generally sturdy and effective. He hardly took any risks, putting up a solid defense. Uncle Fenrir's snake was completely unable to find any weakness to take advantage of. It could only circle repeatedly around the bull.

At the sight of this, Fade Chen couldn't help nodding his head in approval. He said softly, "Guardian is a true disciple of the clan. The foundation of his skills are deep and solid. With such a steady attack pattern, as long as one does not lose control, he would be almost invincible."

Just as Fade predicted, Uncle Fenrir's continuous strikes had no effect. He had to clench his teeth and increase the strength of his attack. Like a violent storm, he launched many blows against the Guardian.

The intensity of the battle increased greatly, but Guardian Zhuo's skills were impeccable. As he defended himself against the onslaught of attacks, he remained solid as a rock, blocking his opponent's every move.

On the contrary, due to the huge amount of energy

he was expending in his attack, Uncle Fenrir inadvertently revealed his weakness. Guardian Zhuo seized this opportunity and launched a huge blow directly at his heart.

Uncle Fenrir was shocked and quickly tried to dodge it. However, it was too late, Guardian Zhuo's powerful blow landed on its target, crushing him down in pressure. He didn't seem to have the ability to escape this blow.

It seemed like the pressure would completely obliterate his heart. At this moment, Guardian Zhuo's eyes flashed with pity and he shifted the blow to his belly. It landed with a loud thump.

Instantly, Uncle Fenrir felt excruciating pain. His face was dark in expression and he could not stand properly.

Guardian Zhuo, on the other hand, ceased the attack and said in a low voice, "Please leave..."

However, before Guardian Zhuo could complete his sentence, Uncle Fenrir, who was clutching his belly, rushed forward suddenly. His two hands stretched out like a slithering snake towards Guardian Zhuo's neck.

Guardian Zhuo was caught off guard, not expecting this sudden move. He was unable to dodge Uncle Fenrir's hands and they landed on his neck in attack. In an instant, his face turned pale as he started spluttering blood from his mouth. He had to take a



few steps back.

"Guardian!" The elders and disciples of the Cloud Clan were anxious and quickly rushed over.

Sasha walked over to Uncle Fenrir with a proud expression on her face and said arrogantly, "Did you see that? The Cloud Clan is absolutely worthless in the eyes of the Li family."

"Now, you, Donovan, pack up and come with us." Sasha said in a commanding tone.

All the elders and disciples were enraged. They rushed out one after the other to continue the battle.

Sasha looked disdainful. She said coldly, "If death is what you long for, I don't mind exterminating all of you."

As she spoke, Uncle Fenrir launched another powerful gust of energy against the renewed attacks.

The power and pressure of this gust of energy caused the disciples of the Cloud Clan to stop in their tracks. They could not move forward at all, and they turned pale.

Seeing this, Sasha was even more gleeful. She looked at Guardian Zhuo, who was injured, and said, "I'll let you have half an hour."

Indecision was etched on Donovan's face. He gritted his teeth, wanting to refuse. But when he saw the situation the disciples of his clan was in, his eyes

dimmed. Finally, he sighed and shook his head, saying, "I'll agree..."

But at this moment, a cold voice rang out. "Guardian Zhuo, don't agree to the request of these shameless people."

Hearing this, Sasha's face sank. She looked over and saw that the person who spoke was Fade. She couldn't help but look even colder. "It's you?"

"Are you going to interfere with the affairs of the Li family?" Sasha Li asked harshly.

Fade snorted and said, "Shameless villain, you have to leave!"

"You are courting death!" Uncle Fenrir gritted his teeth and his expression became cold. He stretched out his hands and they rushed towards Fade's neck like a snake.

At the sight of this, Fade's eyes became cold and he raised his arms gently. "You are brazen and treacherous, you are the one that will die!"

"Guardian Zhuo took pity on you with his last blow. He deliberately ceased his attack and did not injure you fatally. But you took advantage of his compassion and sneaked up on him."

When the crowd heard this, they finally understood how Guardian Zhuo, who had gained the upper hand earlier, had suddenly been defeated.

Immediately, one could hear many people scolding

and cursing. The sound rose in volume, as these admonishments were directed towards Sasha and Uncle Fenrir.

Uncle Fenrir's expression changed slightly, and then he snorted and shouted, "In martial-arts, it's a winner-takes-all situation. Whoever wins will have the say in the situation. You are all just sore losers!"

As he spoke, Uncle Fenrir's hands were moving faster, increasing in ferocity, and they came at Fade with great speed.

Fade's eyes narrowed. "Shameless bastard. You are like a malignant tumour in the martial-arts world. I will eliminate you today!"

"Eliminate me! Huh, are you really that capable." Uncle Fenrir snorted. His snake-like hands had arrived in front of Fade.

At this instant, Fade Chen raised his arms and pushed them down. A stream of inner energy flowed down, and like a sharp blade, it sliced through the air and cut open Uncle Fenrir's hands.