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Because of Tom's strict demands as well as Fade's guidance from time to time, the martial arts school students had obviously improved a lot.

In the blink of an eye, everyone had already walked more than ten kilometres, but they were still in good shape. This included Pablo Liang, who was a new recruit with no foundation and basics in martial arts. Although he was sweating, he still kept up with the team and did not fall behind.

As they ran from the urban area to the suburbs, the surrounding scenery gradually changed from high-rise buildings to rural forests, and the air was a little fresher. The crowd took a deep breath, and their fatigue seemed to disappear with the fresh air.

After walking some distance, they arrived at the foot of Old Dragon Mountain.

Here, the team stopped because the martial arts school's route was not the regular one, but a steep route that people rarely took. It was much more difficult than the ordinary route.

It was also why the school chose this path as training for the students.

Of course, in addition to exercise, safety was emphasised as well.

After getting detailed instructions, the team marched forward again.

In the beginning, the march was pretty smooth. However, as the team entered the forest, the roads slowly disappeared and

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everyone slowed down.

The undeveloped mountain path was very small and rocky. In addition, the presence of weeds and branches along the way made the journey more difficult.

Fade watched the whole journey hidden in sight. If there was no danger, he would not appear.

When they were halfway up the mountain, the sky was already getting dark.

The team stopped immediately and began to set up camp to rest for the night.

Although it was the first time camping for many students, everything was done smoothly since preparations were made in advance. They managed to settle down properly before nightfall.

After checking on everyone's safety, Fade found a tent to rest in.

With that, everyone retired for the night. However, Fade was woken up by Pablo in the middle of the night.

Fade looked at him and could not help asking, "Pablo, what's the matter?"

Pablo looked at Fade with some embarrassment and said, "Mr. Chen, I didn't mean to wake you up. It's just that there's something wrong."

"It's okay. Tell me, what's going on?" Fade asked as he was immediately awake by the possibility of danger.

Pablo said, "I got up and went to the toilet. I saw a flash of light somewhere on the mountain and heard some people calling for help."

Hearing this, Fade paused and said, "You mean someone is in danger on the mountain?"

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Pablo nodded and said, "I think so. The mountain road is already rugged and difficult to walk. Besides, it's November and the weather is getting cold. If someone is really trapped on the mountain, it will be very difficult for them to survive the cold at night. I want to go and have a look."

Fade understood what Pablo meant. He nodded and said, "Okay. I'll go with you to have a look."

Pablo's face lit up instantly as he said, "Thank you, Mr. Chen."

Fade immediately woke Tom up just to inform him of his momentary absence. Then he took his equipment and went up the mountain with Pablo.

Since it was possible that someone might be in danger, Fade grabbed Pablo and moved quickly.

Within ten minutes, Fade and Pablo arrived at their destination.

They slowed down. Soon, they saw a flash of light hundreds of metres in front of them. The voices of people talking could also be heard louder and clearer now.

Both of them quickly walked over.

Soon, they saw a few figures in climbing gear moving something that was stuck in a ravine. At the same time, there were also groans of pain coming from the ravine.

Fade asked, "Is everyone ok?"

When they heard the voice, the people were shocked. Their faces were lit with joy when they saw Fade and Pablo. They exclaimed, "Finally! Someone's here to save us! We're going to be alright."

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Then, several people climbed up from the ravine. They rushed towards Fade and were shouting.

"Are you from town? Please save us."

"Some people in our team are injured with broken legs. Some of them are bleeding out because of punctured blood vessels."

"Is it just the two of you? What about the other people in the rescue team?"

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There were two people lying in the gully, groaning in pain and visibly suffering from the agony.

When they saw this, Fade and Pablo walked towards the bottom of the ravine and asked, "What's going on?"

The people quickly explained to them what had happened.

It turned out they were from an outdoor activities club in Long City. They loved sports and adventures, and often gathered to participate in activities and group competitions.

This time, they were going to have a competition again. However, they had been to most places in Long City, so someone proposed Old Dragon Mountain as a venue for their competition.

Since it was an exploration, they couldn't take the normal route up the mountain. Instead, they chose this remote road as a challenge for themselves to reach the peak.

However, they realised that the situation was much more complicated than they expected at the very beginning of the hike. Along the way, they encountered a lot of problems and troubles, dispiriting them and slowing their progress.

Nevertheless, the leader of the team decided to continue the hike in the dark since it was still a competition.

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As a result, tragedy struck. Due to nightfall, the rugged mountainous road and rugged grass, the road was very difficult to walk on. Furthermore, the leader was hasty. He accidentally slipped and fell into the ravine and broke his leg.

At the same time, he dragged the deputy leader and the two of them fell together. The latter cut his leg badly and they were currently suffering from severe blood loss.

Given the critical situation, they could only send a distress signal in hopes of rescue.

Perhaps the place was too remote or the management did not notice their signal for help. Either way, a few hours had passed and no one had come to their help.

Just as they were anxious and close to losing all hope of survival, Fade and Pablo appeared.

It was no wonder that they were so thrilled to see Fade and Pablo just now.

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After listening to their story, Fade couldn't help but secretly feel displeased. These people were so reckless to come seek adventure here. Now, not only did the leader injure himself, but he also got his teammates hurt. Bluntly speaking, they had it coming.

Fade didn't mean that they couldn't explore or challenge themselves.

It was just that they were not professionals. Without proper preparation, they should not have attempted something so risky. It would still be fine if they were alone. However, the team leader was leading the team in a competition. It was unwise to risk their lives and lead them up such a rocky mountain path.


Despite Fade's inner grumbles, he did not stop moving. He ventured into the ravine with Pablo for the rescue operation.

Fade glanced at the two men in the ravine. Instead of paying attention to the captain with the broken leg in front of him, he went to the vice captain and said to Pablo, "Help him up. Use some water to wash his wounds!"

Pablo and the rest of the team members immediately got busy.

As a result, the captain was unhappy and shouted, "Hey, what's wrong with you? Why are you saving him but not me?"

His attitude made Fade a little dissatisfied. Despite feeling annoyed, he still explained patiently, "He's losing too much blood from his wound. He's in a critical condition now, so we have to stop the bleeding as soon as possible."

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However, the captain immediately retorted, "You mentioned that he's in critical condition, but isn't my condition dangerous too?" Then, he shouted at several of his team members, "What are you guys doing? Come and help me!"

The team glanced at their vice captain, who was bleeding profusely. Then, they stared uneasily at their captain. After some hesitation, they turned towards their captain and started helping him up.

Meanwhile, Fade glanced at the captain, his expression souring by the second. He made a gesture to Pablo and continued treating the deputy captain's wound.

When the captain saw this, he immediately shouted angrily, "Hey, what's wrong with you? Didn't you hear what I just said? I asked you to treat my injury. Did you hear me?"

Fade glanced at the captain coldly and said, "I've already told you my reason, so stop wasting my time. If you want to be rescued, shut your mouth."

The captain was enraged by Fade's words. He said to Fade, "I don't care why you are here. I asked you to treat me first, so you should treat me first. Do you hear me?"

"I am not your servant. You don't have the right to order me around," Fade retorted coldly as he continued to treat the deputy captain's wounds.

Seeing this, the captain's expression fell. He shouted at the deputy captain, "Ormond, tell them to treat me first. Do you hear me?"

When the vice captain Ormond Li heard this, his face stiffened and his expression looked slightly displeased.

The captain yelled again, "If you don't do as I say now, I will get my cousin to do the talking later on!"

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Upon hearing this, Ormond's face froze. He quickly shook his head and then looked at Fade and Pablo. His face turned pale and he said weakly, "You two, thank you very much. Please go and save Carlos first."

Fade's eyes flickered but he didn't stop. Instead, he said coldly, "I'm here to save you. I am not your servant, so I have no need to listen to your orders. If you don't want me to help, I can leave now."

Hearing this, Ormond's expression froze awkwardly. He quickly apologised and said, "I'm sorry, I didn't mean that. I just—"

He wanted to explain, but Fade waved his hand and said, "I understand. However, as a doctor, I have the ability to judge who should be saved first."

As he spoke, Fade continued to treat the vice captain.

After a while, he finally managed to bring Ormond's wounds under control and stopped the bleeding. In addition, he also injected some positive energy into Ormond's body to make his complexion more rosier.

After dealing with Ormond, Fade finally went to Carlos Meng, the captain with the broken leg.

When Carlos saw Fade coming over, he sneered and said in delight, "Took you long enough! Come here quickly and treat me!"

Fade suddenly stopped. He looked at Carlos and said, "I've told you that I'm not your servant. You do not have the right to order me around."

Upon hearing this, Carlos's face darkened and he scoffed, "That's enough. You're just an emergency responder. Don't pretend to be all mighty in front of me. If it's just a matter of money, cure me! Money is not a problem to me at all."

"Come on!" Carlos waved his hand impatiently at Fade and shouted. He was taking it for granted.

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"Since you think it's a matter of money, then you can solve it yourself with money." Fade turned around, and then he waved at Pablo, saying, "Let's go!"

Upon seeing this, Carlos's expression was instantly livid. He glared at Fade and shouted, "How dare you leave..."

Fade sneered, "Unfortunately, you don't control my legs, so I can leave whenever I want to. Feel free to catch up with me and stop me if you can."

With that, Fade and Pablo turned around and left.

It was only then that Carlos grew anxious. He shouted in a hurry, "Stop! Are you a professional rescue team? Leaving injured people behind? Let me tell you, if you don't want to be fired, come and treat me immediately."

In the face of his threat, Fade scoffed, "You are so arrogant. When did I ever say that we are members of a rescue team?"

"You're not? Then who are you?" Carlos looked at Fade and asked.

Fade completely ignored Carlos. He stepped into the dense forest with Pablo and their figures quickly disappeared into the night.

Carlos looked at them and then lowered his head to look at his broken leg. He was both enraged and pained. With his teeth gritted, he said, "I can't believe they did this to me. When my cousin finds out who you are, I won't let you guys off the hook!"

The vice-captain and the others looked at the annoyed Carlos. They hurried over to console him.

"Captain, don't be angry. We will find a way!"

"Yes, although they are not from the rescue team, the rescue team must not be too far away. They will be here soon."

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However, when Carlos saw the treated leg of the deputy captain, Ormond, his expression became even gloomier. He lost his temper and said, "Shut up, all of you. Did you think that I'm not injured enough?"

Everyone shut up. Conversely, Carlos got angry again. This time, he claimed that they weren't helping him and not on his side.

Because of the cycle of hopelessness, Carlos was constantly angry at them. The whole team was in a mess due to Carlos' temper.

Thankfully, the rescue team arrived in time to save them. Amidst Carlos' curses and grumbles, the team was finally saved.

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Fade and Pablo returned to the camping ground. When they arrived, Tom immediately went over and greeted them with concern. They told Tom about the rescue that just happened. After hearing about it, Tom was furious, "That guy is really taking things for granted. He is obviously unprofessional and reckless to do things without a plan, leading to an accident like this. He even dared to blame others for not helping him and even threatened you guys. It's ridiculous."

"If I was there, I would have definitely slapped him across the face."

Fade shrugged and changed the topic, "Let's not talk about that guy anymore. It's depressing. Were there any problems back at camp?"

Tom said, "It was fine. Everything was alright."

"Great. Let's rest and continue tomorrow."

The next day, Fade and the others continued their special training and managed to reach the peak of Old Dragon Mountain.

After that, they continued back down the mountain. It was much easier to go down the mountain than it was to go up. The mood of the crowd was also uplifted as they chatted and laughed all the way back to the foot of the mountain.

At the same time, in a hospital at the foot of the mountain.

Carlos's right leg was in a cast as he lay on the bed with resentment in his eyes.

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Right then, the door of the ward opened with a click and two young men entered.

One of them looked lean and tall. He was bald and had a fierce expression on his plump face. Behind him was a man with a head full of blue hair.

When Carlos saw the bald man, he said excitedly, "Cousin, you're finally here. You have to avenge me, I was bullied."

When the bald man saw the state that Carlos was in, his eyes narrowed and he shouted unhappily, "Who did it?"

Carlos immediately told them about what had happened. Of course, he pushed all the blame to Fade especially, portraying him as a wicked scoundrel who refused to save others and lend a helping hand to Carlos.

After hearing this, the bald man nodded and said, "Don't worry. Since he did this to you, I promise I won't let him off that easily."

Carlos nodded and then glanced at the blue-haired man behind his cousin. He couldn't help but ask curiously, "Lineman, who is he?"

It was only then that Lineman took a step aside and introduced his cousin to the blue-haired man, "He is from the Tiger Taekwondo Centre. His father is Huxley Han."

Carlos immediately recognized him, "Oh, I know. It's the Taekwondo House in which Master Ma has a share."

Lineman nodded. His master was named Easter Ma, the man Master Han had been looking for. A few days ago, Master Han was angry that the Sky Martial Arts Club had beaten his father up. Hence, he decided to secretly seek out Easter's help.

As the vice president of the Long City Martial Arts Association, Easter was very busy due to the Martial Arts Convention of the Five Provinces. He had no time to deal with these small matters. As a result, he handed Master Han's affairs to his apprentice, Lineman Meng.

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Therefore, Master Han had been following Lineman around, waiting for him to take revenge on Sky Martial Arts School. Originally, they wanted to go to the martial arts club to exact revenge immediately. However, when Lineman received a message from his cousin asking for help, he rushed over immediately.

Lineman looked at his cousin and patted his back gently, "It's not a good idea to stay here. Let's go. I'll bring you back."

After being discharged from the hospital, Lineman and Carlos got into the car. Master Han followed them and they were ready to drive back to the city.

It was a long drive when Carlos suddenly noticed something.

Carlos had been looking outside the window when he saw someone. His eyes gleamed with annoyance and he shouted, "It's them! Cousin, stop the car!"

Lineman was shocked by his cousin's yelp and he stopped the car. He turned his head around and asked, "What's wrong?"

Carlos's eyes were red with anger. He pointed out of the window at a group of people who were coming down the mountain and said, "Cousin, it's them! The one who tried to harm me is there!"

Hearing this, Lineman's eyes darkened. He looked at the group of people with a serious expression and asked, "Which one is he?"

Carlos pointed at Fade who was among the crowd and said, "That's him!"

"Alright. Let's get out of the car and teach him a lesson!" Lineman opened the car door and said.

At this moment, Master Han suddenly exclaimed, "It's him!"

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Carlos and Lineman turned to look at him and frowned, "Wait, what?"

Master Han's eyes were full of resentment. Gritting his teeth, he glared at Fade and said, "Brother Meng, that's the person who attacked our students. His name is Fade Chen."

Hearing this, Lineman's face fell. He scoffed, "Hmph. I didn't expect both of you to have the same enemy. In that case, I'll kill him here today and avenge both of you at the same time."

As he spoke, Lineman strode towards the group of people and stood in front of them. He pointed to Fade and shouted, "You're Fade Chen, aren't you? Come here!"

Fade and the others were talking when they heard Lineman's voice. They turned around and stared at him puzzledly.

"Who are you? I don't know you." Fade frowned slightly as he looked at Lineman who was blocking his way.

Lineman sneered and stepped aside. Behind him, Carlos and Master Han both appeared in front of them.

"It's you!" Upon seeing Carlos and Master Han, Fade and others understood what was going on.

"Since we're all acquainted, there's no need for me to say anything else. Come here! Bow down and admit your mistakes now!" Lineman snorted and looked directly at Fade.

Fade said indifferently, "Bow and admit my mistakes? Why don't you try to convince me?"

In response to Fade's provocation, Lineman's expression was livid and he said, "Don't try to talk back! You broke my cousin's leg to the point that he was almost disabled from his injuries. Then, you attacked the Taekwondo club of the Han family and robbed their business."

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"I cannot let these things be as it is. Since you've already committed two crimes against me, I'm sure you're prepared to pay the price with your life," Lineman snickered.

When Fade heard this, he chuckled, "I can't believe the two of you actually pushed the blame on us! I guess you two must've failed your ethics classes back in college."

"Regarding the Han family's Tiger Taekwondo Centre, they provoked us in the first place. It was only then that we decided to fight back. There's nothing wrong with that, isn't there?"

"As for your cousin Carlos, he's made up an even more ridiculous story! He accidentally broke his leg and shouted at us when we treated others before him. In the end, I chose not to save him because of his egoistic thinking. What's wrong with that? Did you think that your cousin is superior to everybody else and that we should obey his orders?"

Fade's retorts made Lineman fall silent. His expression was sour as he narrowed his eyes at Carlos and Master Han.

But soon, he snorted and glanced at Fade again, snickering, "Even if what you said is true, so what?"

"Since you offended my family and friends, you must be punished for it!" Lineman glared at Fade and shouted fiercely, "Kneel down now!"

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Upon hearing this, Fade's face turned cold.

He had already explained the situation to Lineman, but Lineman still wanted to resort to force despite being in the wrong. Given that situation, Fade had nothing else to say. He looked at Lineman coldly and said, "You can try."

Upon hearing this, Lineman laughed and clenched his fists. He sneered, "Boy, you seem very confident in your own strength! You want to spar with me?"

"Spar? You are not worthy enough to spar with me," Fade said coldly.

Lineman's face darkened and he said in a deep voice, "Boy, I didn't expect you to be so arrogant! Initially, I wanted to break only one of your legs. Now, I changed my mind. I'm going to break both your legs."

Carlos and Master Han snickered after hearing what Lineman had to say.

"You're courting death. My cousin is a member of the Long City Martial Arts Association, a master close to the peak of the Yellow Level. It will only take one move to kill you," Carlos said as he sat comfortably in a wheelchair.

Master Han was somewhat afraid of Fade's strength. However, the thought of Carlos' master made him more confident, "Moreover, Brother Meng's master is the vice chairman of the Long City Martial Arts Association, Master Easter Ma. Master Ma's strength is not something you can compete with."

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When faced with the mocking and threat, Fade's expression did not change at all. He just glanced at Lineman and said coldly, "In that case, let's have a go at it."

"What an arrogant b*stard!" Lineman shouted, and then he started to move.

His body was lean and strong, and he charged at Fade like a mad bull. Then, he thrust his fist at Fade, seemingly trying to crush Fade under his fist and obliterate him once and for all.

In the face of Lineman's fierce attack, Fade was unfazed. Instead, he sneered and shook his head lightly, as if he didn't care about Lineman's attack.

Upon seeing this, Lineman's eyes narrowed. He gritted his teeth and spat, "You're looking for death!"

While speaking, Lineman roared again as he exerted his greatest strength. With a loud shout, he threw a punch towards Fade's chest.

Seeing as the fist was about to hit him, Fade snorted and stretched out his right hand to block the attack.

Lineman saw this and cackled, "Watch how I shatter your arm with one punch!"

With that, he punched Fade's palm fiercely.

However, when the two collided, Lineman's facial expression changed instantly.

He felt a huge force coming from Fade's palm. It was so strong that he was unable to properly block the blow. The force rushed over him like a wave and completely overpowered him.

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Like a predator inching in on its prey, Fade's force shot up Lineman's palm and directly hit his right arm. Instantly, there was a loud cracking sound. Lineman's right arm drooped by his side feebly. His forehead was covered with sweat and he fell to the ground with a pale face.

"You! How could..." Lineman looked at Fade in disbelief.

Originally, he was going to break Fade's arm with a punch, but was shocked to see the opposite happen. The strength from Fade's palm shattered the bones in Lineman's arm.

The pain in his arm and the shock he felt made Lineman both shocked and fearful. He looked at Fade in disbelief.

Carlos and Master Han, who were originally full of confidence, were also stunned.

This was especially the case for Carlos, who thought of his cousin as invincible. Right then, he had just witnessed Fade defeat his cousin with only one hand. It had shattered his dream and illusion that his cousin was undefeated. His expression was frozen.

At this moment, Fade looked at him. "Shall we continue?"

Lineman's eyes widened and there was only horror on his face.

Master Han was even more frightened. He suddenly feared that what had happened at the Sky Martial Arts Club would happen again.

As for Carlos, he was still in a wheelchair, so he couldn't escape. He was so anxious and scared that he almost burst into tears.

Seeing them like this, Fade was not in the mood to continue fighting. Therefore, he just snorted and said, "I have broken one of

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your arms today. If there is a next time, your wounds won't be so simple as just a broken arm. Now, get lost!" Hearing this, Lineman and others immediately left as if they had been granted amnesty. They returned to the car quickly.

They closed the door in a hurry and then fled from the scene immediately. Only when they couldn't see Fade's group anymore did Lineman and the others heave a sigh of relief.

Inside the car, they were silent for a while. The atmosphere in the car was tense.

In the end, Carlos was the first to break the silence, "Lineman, Fade Chen broke your arm. Are we going to let this go?"

Lineman was furious when he heard that. He glared at Carlos and shouted, "Of course not, but what can we do? Are you going to fight him disabled?"

Upon hearing this, Carlos's face changed and he quickly explained, "Lineman, I didn't mean that. You are a member of the Long City Martial Arts Association, but now you have been bullied by a kid. I'm sure they'll do something about it!"

"Huh? What can we do? In the martial arts world, the stronger one dominate," Lineman roared unhappily.

The more he thought about it, the angrier he became. He could not help but vent his anger at Carlos and Master Han.

"It's all your fault. You offended him without knowing his strength. As a result, it cost me an arm."

Faced with Lineman's anger, Master Han was so scared that he lowered his gaze and did not dare to say anything.

As for Carlos, he was still a little hesitant at the moment and asked, "Lineman, is that guy really more powerful than you are? Is his martial arts skills close to the peak of the Yellow Level?"

Lineman's face was as dark as a stormy day. He nodded and said, "Someone who can defeat me with one punch and shatter my

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arm can't be underestimated. I'm not far from the peak of the Yellow Level, but that guy is much stronger than I am. Therefore, it is very likely that he is at the peak of the Yellow Level, or even close to the Black Level."

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Upon hearing this, Carlos could not help but look shocked. He looked at his cousin and said, "Lineman, is that guy really that strong?"

Lineman looked unhappy as he nodded and said, "You think someone who can defeat me could be weak?"

Upon hearing this, Carlos's expression became even uglier. He looked at his cousin sadly and said, "Lineman, what should we do? Should we just let it go this time? We can't let that guy bully us in vain!"

Lineman's face darkened. He gritted his teeth and said, "Of course not! How can I let someone who attacked me walk away so easily?"

Carlos immediately asked, "Brother Lineman, how do you plan to take revenge on that b*stard?"

Lineman lowered his voice and said, "Don't forget who my master is."

Hearing this, both Carlos and Master Han's eyes suddenly lit up. They were pleasantly surprised.

Master Han immediately said, "Brother Meng's master is the vice president of the Long City Martial Arts Association, Master Easter Ma. Master Ma's strength is at the early stage of the Black Level. In the entire Long City, he is one of the strongest martial arts masters. With him in the fight, that guy won't even stand a chance."

Upon hearing this, Carlos was even more excited. He quickly looked at his cousin, Lineman, and said, "Lineman, please contact

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Master Ma! If that guy gets away, it will be terrible."

"Don't worry. Given the reach of our martial arts association, we can find anyone," Lineman said confidently. He took his mobile phone out and dialled a number as he spoke.

After a while, when the call was connected, a deep middle-aged man's voice could be heard. "Didn't I ask you to practice martial arts? Why are you calling me now? What's the matter?"

Lineman's tone suddenly became cautious and he said quickly, "Master, my family encountered some trouble, so I came out to have a look. As for practice, I have not slacked off."

"Whether you have been slacking off or not, I'll know when the Martial Arts Convention of the Five Provinces start. If you don't perform well then, don't blame me for being harsh," He said harshly on the other end of the phone.

Lineman nodded respectfully as though his master was actually standing right in front of him, "Master, don't worry. I'll perform well in this martial arts convention."

The person on the other end of the phone snorted and then said, "Tell me, what's wrong?"

Hearing this, Lineman laid out his request cautiously, "Master, this is what happened. My cousin and the Tiger Taekwondo Club..."

Then, he told his master about the conflict between them and Fade. Of course, he tried to emphasise Fade's arrogance and wretchedness.

After hearing this, the man on the other end of the line snorted immediately, "Useless, You're so weak to be defeated by a young boy in his twenties."

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Lineman quickly bowed his head as an apology.

Master Ma then continued, "Although you are useless, since you are my disciple, I cannot let you get bullied. I will remember this person."

"Then, Master, you..." Lineman asked cautiously.

On the other end of the line, Easter snorted and said, "Don't you know that I'm preparing for the Martial Arts Contest of Five Provinces? We can talk about it after the Martial Arts Convention!"

"Yes, Master! We're not in a hurry!" Lineman said hurriedly.

"Don't worry, I won't forget it. When the Martial Arts Convention is over, I'll help you deal with it right away," Easter said.

"Thank you very much, Master! I'm eternally grateful to you!" Lineman quickly thanked him and hung up the phone respectfully.

Beside him, Carlos and Master Han looked at Lineman with eager eyes. Seeing him hang up the phone, they quickly asked, "How is it going? Is Master Ma willing to help?"

Lineman boasted, "My master values me. If I make the call myself, he's bound to help me!"

"Great, that guy is doomed." Master Han gritted his teeth coldly. He could practically smell the revenge.

"Lineman, let's hurry up. I want to see that guy being taught a lesson. Otherwise, I don't think I can sleep well," Carlos said sternly.

Lineman glared at them and said, "Don't worry. My master promised me to help us settle this. However, my master is going to prepare for the Martial Arts Convention now. He said that he can deal with that guy after the convention."

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Upon hearing this, Carlos and Master Han were visibly dejected. However, when they saw Lineman's expression, they quickly nodded at him sheepishly/.

At the very least, things were finally going to go their way.

Meanwhile, Fade and his students had finished their special training and returned to the martial arts club.

As for the conflict with Lineman and Carlos, Fade did not take it seriously and had put the whole thing behind him.

On the way home, Fade received a surprising phone call.

Melanie Yu, the beautiful boss of Emerald Plum Jewels, called to say that she was in Long City again. She said, "Mr. Chen, I haven't seen you in a while. I didn't expect you to become the boss again. This time, I'm glad to become your business partner."

"Business partner?" Fade was stunned by what Melanie said. He didn't quite understand what she meant.

Melanie explained immediately, "Hasn't Director Huang told you about the jewellery endorsement yet?"

When Scott's name was mentioned, Fade knew that it had to do with Scott Entertainment. He immediately said, "Director Yu, I'm sorry. I've never really been in charge of the happenings in Scott Entertainment."

"Mr. Chen, you are so relaxed when it comes to management!" Melanie joked. Then, she explained to him the endorsement plan, "Last time, you helped me a lot. Some time ago, our company was looking for a jewellery spokesperson, and they thought that Miss Winnie Huo was very suitable for the role. After contacting her, we learned that she is an employee of your company."

"Therefore, I would like to meet you again, Mr. Chen," Melanie said with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Fade understood and agreed to meet with Melanie.

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The next morning, Fade, Tom and Winnie met Melanie at the company to discuss the terms regarding the jewellery endorsement. Soon, negotiations were settled and Winnie officially became the new spokesperson for Emerald Plum Jewels.

To endorse such a large national brand was a remarkable step forward for Winnie's career.

After the business contract was settled, the group had lunch together.

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After lunch, they went back respectively. Fade rested for a few hours before receiving a call from Melanie again in the evening.

Fade picked up the phone and answered with a smile, "Director Yu!"

"President Chen, are you free later? I'd like to have dinner with you tonight."

Melanie's invitation caused Fade to freeze for a while. After all, they just had lunch together at noon. Why would Melanie want to have dinner with him again in the evening? Come to think of it, she sounded slightly strange as well.

When Fade fell silent, Melanie, who was on the other end of the line, added with some disappointment, "If you are not free, then maybe next time."

Fade felt that there was something wrong with her, so he immediately replied, "Director Yu, I am free. Let's have dinner together tonight. Where are you?"

There was a hint of surprise in Melanie's tone. She spoke quickly, "I've already booked a table at the restaurant. All you have to do is come over."

"Okay! Director Yu, please wait for a moment. I'll be right there. See you later," Fade said.

Hanging up the phone, Fade frowned. He could tell that there was something wrong with Melanie. She must have encountered some trouble.

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Thinking of this, Fade got changed in an instant and rushed to the appointed hotel.

When Fade arrived at the entrance of the restaurant, Melanie greeted him with a bright smile. She also extended her right hand to shake hands with him and said, "President Chen, long time no see."

Fade was slightly dumbfounded. Staring at Melanie, he said, "Sister Melanie, we are not here on official business. There's no need to be so polite."

As he said that, he was about to hug Melanie. At that moment, a middle-aged woman in her fifties came out from behind Melanie.

The woman had short hair and she was wearing a black close-fitting jacket. She looked austere and neat, with her whole jacket buttoned tightly to the top.

She came to Melanie's side and said coldly, "Melanie, I'll take charge of the guest."

Then, she strode in front of Melanie. She cast a glance at Fade, gesturing for him to enter the hotel emotionlessly, "President Chen, please come in."

The situation frightened Fade. He glanced at the middle-aged woman and then at Melanie with a questioning gaze.

At this moment, Melanie stood behind the middle-aged woman with an embarrassed smile on her face. When she caught sight of Fade's looking at her, she could only nod and smile apologetically.

Seeing this, the middle-aged woman silently stood between the two to stop them from staring at each other. Then, she gazed at Fade and uttered in a cold tone, "President Chen, please come in."

Fade nodded and then followed her into the hotel without a word.

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When he entered the hotel, the middle-aged woman invited Fade to sit opposite Melanie. Then, she just stood there and observed the two of them.

The situation made Fade feel a little uneasy.

Melanie was also frowning. She looked at the middle-aged woman and said, "Aunt, President Chen and I are going to discuss our business affairs. Why don't you take a rest first?"

The middle-aged woman shook her head and replied, "It's great that you're going to talk about business affairs. Your business is also considered part of the family business. So, I'll keep an eye on you."

Melanie's expression was helpless. As Melanie wanted to explain something, her aunt did not buy it at all and had no intention of leaving.

Given the situation, Melanie could only cast a helpless glance at Fade, and then she began to talk about inviting Winnie Huo to endorse Emerald Plum Jewels.

This was what they had talked about at noon, so Fade had no problem talking about it again. Eventually, they ended up just repeating what they had already discussed.

Melanie's aunt listened to their conversation for a while and nodded slightly. Finally, she stood up and said, "Since it's about business, you guys can take your time. I'll leave first."

"Alright, Aunt. Take care!" Melanie uttered.

Then, she stared at her aunt until she was completely out of sight. It was only then that she heaved a sigh of relief and smiled apologetically at Fade, saying, "Mr. Chen, I'm sorry. I asked you out, but it turned out that..."

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Fade waved his hand and said, "Sister Melanie, you don't have to apologise to me. I know that you must have your reasons. Can you tell me what is going on?"

Upon hearing his question, Melanie's face fell, and she looked somewhat hesitant.

Finally, she made up her mind as she looked at Fade and explained, "Actually, I came to Long City for something else apart from the endorsement contract."

Fade was shocked. He looked at Melanie and asserted, "Sister Melanie, no matter what problem you're encountering now, I'm just a call away. If there's anything I can help you with, I'll make sure to give it my all."

Melanie nodded to Fade with a grateful smile as she said, "Fade, thank you very much. In fact, this is related to my birth, I..."

Just as Melanie was about to reveal it to Fade, a commotion suddenly broke out.

"There! They're over there! Hurry up!"

"Surround them. Don't let anybody leave!"

"Keep them here. Master Chang will be here right away."

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Amongst the shouts, Fade and Melanie turned their heads around and saw a group of men around the ages of 20 to 30 years old who were dressed in black. They rushed into the hotel and surrounded the two of them swiftly. They looked aggressive, as if they were going to beat them up.

Melanie trembled in fear when she caught sight of the situation.

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Fade frowned as he got up to stand beside Melanie. He threw a cold glance at the people around him and asked, "Who are you? What do you want?"

As soon as Fade finished asking, he heard a sinister laugh from behind the crowd, "Director Yu and Mr. Chen, did you forget what you had done to me already?"

With that, the men in black cleared a path for the mastermind. Then, a man in a wheelchair rolled towards them slowly.

As soon as they saw the man in the wheelchair, Fade and Melanie's eyes widened as they exclaimed, "It's you!"

The man in the wheelchair glared at Melanie and Fade, his eyes glowing with hatred. He gnashed his teeth and said, "Since you still recognise me, it's time to pay the price for my legs."

The man in the wheelchair was none other than Felipe Chang, the person whom Director Qin had invited to compete with Melanie at the jewellery fair previously. At that time, Fade defeated him and broke his legs.

Fade vaguely remembered that Felipe had mentioned that he was a member of the Lightning Clan and that he wanted Fade to let him go.

Now, it looked like Felipe was here with the members of the Lightning Clan to take revenge on him.

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Understanding their intention, Fade and Melanie glanced at Felipe coldly and said, "You and Director Qin were in the wrong last time. That was why we broke your legs as punishment. You..."

Without waiting for them to finish, Felipe's face fell and he raised his tone. He glared at them and said, "A punishment? You broke my legs and permanently crippled me. Do you think that I'll let you off just because you say it's my punishment?"

"In that case, I will let you have a taste of your own punishment today," Felipe shouted and gestured to the men behind him. In an instant, the members of the Lightning Clan—who were dressed in black—moved and surrounded Fade and Melanie.

Fade stood in front of Melanie to protect her. He narrowed his eyes and said, "Are you sure you want to fight me?"

Felipe's expression froze as he recalled the day of the auction when Fade defeated him. For a moment, he didn't look so well.

However, he immediately thought of something and a strange gleam flashed through his eyes. He said to Fade, "Your martial arts is nothing. You are no match for the Lightning Clan."

While they were talking, more than a dozen men in black had already surrounded them and they were ready to fight.

Fade tested their strength. All of them were around the late stages of the Yellow Level. If more than a dozen of them joined forces, they would be a remarkable combat team. However, their opponent was Fade, so they were destined to end up losing miserably.

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Besieged by more than a dozen men, Fade did not even move an inch from where he stood. He took on all the attacks head on and retaliated with his own punches as well. A short while later, the sounds of punches stopped and the disciples of the Lightning Clan were all lying on the ground, groaning in pain.

This was beyond Felipe's expectation.

After all, these members were the core members of the Lightning Clan. Although they were not strong, they were certainly not weak.

Unexpectedly, they were no match for Fade even after they joined forces. The fight didn't even last for 5 minutes!

For a moment, Felipe's expression darkened and he looked solemn.

Fade walked towards him slowly.

Felipe's expression became even nastier. He wanted to escape, but he could not move fast in a wheelchair. He had no choice but to watch Fade walk towards him.

At the same time, Fade's terrifying aura also overwhelmed Felipe, making him shake in his shoes.

For a moment, Felipe remembered when he fought with Fade during the auction. This time, Fade felt even more scarier than before. Felipe could feel his killing intent oozing out.

Fade raised his right hand and a surge of light red aura appeared on his palm, like a sharp blade. It cut through the air with a hair-chilling buzzing sound.

Fade resembled a grim reaper now. He walked towards Felipe slowly and said, "I gave you a chance before, but you didn't know

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to cherish it. This time, you get no more chances."

His cold tone sent a shiver down Felipe's spine and made him break out in cold sweat.

As Fade approached him, Felipe couldn't help but panic. He said with a trembling voice, "You want to kill me? I...I'm a member of the Lightning Clan."

"So what?" Fade retorted. He then added flatly, "May I remind you that you said the exact same thing to me last time."

As he spoke, Fade got closer and closer.

Felipe felt more pressured now. Beads of cold sweat trickled down his face, and his body was shaking. He stammered, "I... You should know that the Lightning Clan is a Black Level clan. You can't afford to mess with us."

Fade did not respond to him. He continued to walk towards Felipe, his sharp aura blade buzzing wildly in the air. He was now less than half a meter away from Felipe's neck.

Felipe panicked and said, "Don't kill me. I'm not an ordinary member of the Lightning Clan. I'm a senior member! The current Guardian of the Lightning Clan, Franklin Chang, is my junior. You can't hurt me. You can't!"

At that critical moment, there was a loud sound as a strong gust of wind struck the back of Fade's head. A man shouted, "Stop!"

Fade turned around and dodged the wind behind him. He was unfazed and shot the aura blade towards Felipe.

It flew accurately towards Felipe's neck. However, due to a slight miss in angle, it left a long bloody cut on Felipe's chin and embedded itself in the wall behind him.

Felipe shrieked, covering his chin with his hands and crying out in pain.

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At the same time, a man in his thirties stood next to Felipe. He glanced at Felipe and then glared at Fade. He uttered, "Didn't you hear that I asked you to stop?"

Noticing his arrogant attitude, Fade frowned and asked, "Who are you? Why should I stop merely because you asked me to?"

"Who am I?" The man snorted, flashing his identity as he roared, "Open your eyes and look at it clearly."

Fade glanced at his token. On its surface was a symbol similar to that on Felipe's shirt, and there was a small golden pattern in it. However, Fade did not know what it meant.

Fade asked, "Are you from the Lightning Clan?"

The man snorted again and announced his identity, "I am Zachary Chang from Lightning Clan! Now kneel down and admit your mistake."

"Zachary Chang? I have never heard of that name before," Fade replied as he shook his head, not taking his introduction seriously.

"You!" Zachary grunted, his expression gloomy and displeased.

Felipe said, "Boy, let me tell you something. Zachary Chang is the disciple of my junior, Franklin Chang, and next in line as Guardian of the Lightning Clan. Come here and kneel down to apologize."

Upon hearing this, Fade sneered coldly as he answered, "So he is merely the next in line as Guardian. I thought he was some big shot."

"You... are seeking your own demise," Zachary growled as his expression darkened. Glaring at Fade, he gritted his teeth and said,

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"Die!"

As he growled, Zachary slammed a blade-like gust of wind against Fade's chest with his right palm.

His move was vicious and it was imbued with his malicious killing intent. He looked as if he wanted to kill Fade.

Fade did not step back. Instead, he took a step forward and countered Zachary's attack by raising his right hand that was wrapped in a bright red aura.

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In an instant, the two forces collided.

However, the results of the collision were unexpected. Fade's red aura had cut through Zachary's attack and hit Zachary's chest. Zachary did not anticipate such a situation. Therefore, he was stunned by Fade's attack. The clothes on his chest were torn apart and blood splattered everywhere.

"You!" Zachary grunted as his face turned pale. He staggered backwards and stared at Fade in surprise.

Fade did not pay attention to what Zachary was saying. He shot a jet of air towards Zachary by waving his hand, forcing Zachary to take a few steps back again. At the same time, he shouted, "I don't want to listen to your nonsense. Now get out of here if you still want to live."

Zachary, as the disciple and the next in line to the Guardian of the Lightning Clan, had never been humiliated like this. His expression darkened as he glared at Fade. He gritted his teeth and said, "If you dare to kill me, my master will not let you go."

"Stop wasting my time with your nonsense," Fade snorted and whacked Zachary with his right hand.

However, just as Fade was about to make his move, he heard a deafening shout, "What are you doing?"

Fade cast a glance towards the direction where the sound was heard. He saw Melanie's aunt who had left earlier.

She was staring at Fade with a cold expression as she walked towards him. Fade could feel her unfriendliness even from afar.

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She repeated herself, "I asked you, what are you doing?"

With that, Fade was forced to stop attacking Zachary. He glanced at Melanie first, and then pointed at Zachary to explain, "He wanted to bully Melanie, so I was just helping her out."

"Helping Melanie out?" Melanie's aunt stared at Fade dubiously. Then, she turned her gaze towards Melanie.

Melanie nodded and spoke up for Fade, "Aunty, President Chen was indeed helping me. Don't misunderstand. We..."

However, her aunt did not wait for Melanie to finish her explanation.

Zachary, who had been watching Melanie's aunt for a while, suddenly thought of something and said, "Are you Qiana Yu from the Yu family of the Westamor District?"

Melanie's aunt couldn't help but turn around to look at Zachary with a puzzled expression. "Who are you?" She asked.

Zachary snorted arrogantly and said, "I'm... I'm Zachary Chang, from the Lightning Clan!"

Qiana was frightened when she heard Zachary's introduction. She covered her mouth in shock and affirmed, "You're Zachary from the Lightning Clan, the disciple of Guardian Franklin?"

"That's me." Zachary uttered proudly. He glanced at Melanie and Fade, and said to Qiana, "It seems like the Yu family is really smug now to hurt the members of the Lightning Clan. Not only did you cripple my senior, but you also attacked me just now. I guess the Yu family has grown bolder in the Westamor District."

A youngster like Zachary was not scolding an elder like Qiana so condescendingly.

However, Qiana did not dare to refute. Instead, her face was of sheer terror. She explained, "Mr. Chang, the Yu family absolutely

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does not have that intention. We will never oppose the Lightning Clan. There is probably some misunderstanding here."
"Misunderstanding?" Zachary snorted, pointing at the blood stains on his chest. He said coldly, "Is this also a misunderstanding? And are they not from the Yu family?"

Zachary pointed to Melanie and Fade.

Qiana glared at Melanie. In a serious tone, she said, "Melanie, tell me what's going on."

Frightened, Melanie walked towards Qiana and rapidly told her about the conflict between them and the Lightning Clan.

Qiana remained silent for a while. After listening to the story, she looked over at Zachary.

Noticing her reaction, Zachary scoffed, "What? Does the Yu family still want to go against the Lightning Clan?"

Qiana quickly waved her hand sheepishly. She replied, "No, Mr. Chang, you've misunderstood. The Yu family definitely doesn't mean that."

"Then how do you explain what happened today?" Zachary questioned.

Qiana's expression darkened. After a few seconds of silence, she looked at Fade and yelled, "Why are you still standing here? Apologize to Mr. Chang!"

Upon hearing this, Fade was stunned. He could only gawk at Qiana with a frown.

Melanie was also stupefied. She grabbed Qiana's arm and said in a hurry, "Aunty, what are you doing? President Chen is helping us. How can you..."

"What do you mean by him helping us?" Qiana interrupted her and retorted, "Is offending the Lightning Clan helping us?"

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With that, Qiana gave Zachary an ingratiating glance. She pointed her finger at Fade and said, "Mr. Chang, this guy has nothing to do with the Yu family. Throughout the entire incident, it was him who performed the attacks. Mr. Chang, if you want revenge, he is the target. The Yu family has nothing to do with him."

Fade's expression darkened at the way she was shirking away responsibilities.

Melanie argued anxiously, "Aunty, you can't do this. President Chen is helping me, that's why..."

"Shut up! Don't talk nonsense!" Qiana yelled. Then, she glared at Fade and shouted, "Did you hear that? I asked you to apologise to Mr. Chang."

Fade looked at Qiana coldly and said, "Why should I listen to you and apologise? Do you have anything to do with me?"

Flabbergasted, Qiana warned, "Do you know who you have offended? Mr. Chang is the next in line as the Guardian of the Lightning Clan, which is a Black Level clan. In the Westamor District, they are one of the best."

"Just a Black Level clan. In my opinion, they are not worth mentioning at all," Fade chided disdainfully.

Qiana mocked, "You arrogant b*stard! You don't know how frightening the Lightning Clan can be. How dare you speak so rudely? Let's see if you can still say the same when Mr. Chang teaches you a lesson"

Zachary shouted at Fade too, "Kneel down immediately and apologise! Now!"

Fade did not reply. Instead, he slapped Zachary. With a thud, Zachary fell face down. He rolled on the ground a few times before finally finding his balance.

Fade shot Qiana a cold glance and uttered blandly, "Is this the lesson you were referring to?"

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Qiana was dumbstruck by what had happened. She didn't expect Fade to attack Zachary and knock him down. That was pretty amazing. After all, Zachary's strength was at the early Black Level stages, so he was definitely a master in martial arts.

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While Qiana was still in a daze, Zachary got up. Furious, he glared at Fade and gritted his teeth, "How dare you do this to me? Both my master and the Lightning Clan won't let this go."

His threat brought Qiana back to earth in an instant.

Qiana's heart skipped a beat and her expression darkened. She glared at Fade as she yelled, "Why are you still messing around? Do you know what you're doing? How dare you attack Mr. Chang? You..."

Fade raised his eyebrows. His eyes glowed with a hint of anger as he turned his gaze towards Qiana.

Feeling anxious, Melanie advised Qiana, "Aunty, how could you say that? President Chen..."

"Just shut up!" Qiana grunted as she glared at Melanie. Then, she reprimanded Melanie sharply, "What do you know? Do you know how powerful the Lightning clan and Mr. Zachary is? If Mr. Chen offends them, what will the consequences be? If we don't clarify our relationship with him now, the Yu family will be involved. Do you know how much trouble that will cause us?"

"But, I..." Melanie wanted to explain, but Qiana did not give her the chance to speak. She dismissed her and said, "There's no need to say that. I'll handle this."

Qiana glanced at Fade again and repeated, "Did you hear me? Quickly apologise to Mr. Chang!"

Fade shook his head, ignoring Qiana.

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Qiana gritted her teeth and said, "I don't care whether you have a death wish or not, but don't drag us down with you. Tell Mr. Chang that you have nothing to do with the Yu family."

Qiana was eager to clarify that her family had nothing to do with the situation. However, Zachary had a hideous expression. He stared at the three of them coldly and uttered, "The Yu family will not be free of responsibilities so easily. You know, she started this."

As he spoke, he pointed directly at Melanie.


Qiana's face fell when she saw this. She wanted to explain, but Zachary did not wait for her to speak. He snorted coldly and said, "Don't use such a ridiculous excuse to trick me. I'm not a fool."

Qiana's face became pale. Looking worried, she glared at Fade and lamented, "It's all his fault. If it weren't for him, this situation..."

Melanie couldn't stand it anymore. She stopped her aunt from continuing, "Aunty, stop blaming others. President Chen wanted to help me from the beginning. Therefore, I'm willing to bear all the consequences. The whole matter has nothing to do with him."

"Melanie, are you stupid? How can you..." Qiana uttered. She was anxious for she wanted to save Melanie. However, Zachary's expression darkened as he looked at Melanie, and there was a flash of excitement in his eyes. He said in a low voice, "Since Miss Melanie has admitted it, I want to know how the Yu family will be compensating the Lightning Clan."

"I'm not in the wrong. From the beginning, it was you..." Melanie wanted to argue further, but Qiana covered her mouth and glanced at Zachary flatteringly. She said, "Mr. Chang, our family is indeed responsible for this situation, but we didn't mean it. We hope that you would be lenient with us. As an apology, we are willing to compensate you."

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"Compensation? How?" Zachary queried.

Qiana heard him and she knew that there was still hope that things would end well. She immediately replied, "Just state your request, and the Yu family will definitely do everything we can to prove our determination."

"Everything? Is that true?" Zachary's eyes lit up as he scanned Melanie from head to toe. The excitement in his eyes was becoming obvious. He clicked his tongue and said, "Since Miss Melanie started all these, let her come to my room tonight and explain it to me personally!"

Melanie's expression darkened as soon as she heard this. She bellowed, "Shameless!"

Qiana understood Zachary's implications. She was in a tight spot and said with difficulty, "Mr. Chang, Melanie has already..."

Zachary snorted and interrupted her, "If you don't want to apologise, just say it. I don't want any excuses."

Qiana's expression was even more embarrassed when she heard this.

She didn't want to offend Zachary and the Lightning Clan, but she did not want to hand Melanie over to him either. It was not that she loved Melanie very much, but Melanie was the person that the big shot was fond of. She couldn't simply hand her over like that.

For a moment, Qiana was in a dilemma.

At this moment, Zachary stared at Melanie's beautiful face and figure. He was getting so horny that he felt a burning desire in his body.

He couldn't hold back his lust any longer. He wanted to pounce on Melanie and did whatever he pleased with her.

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Therefore, he snorted and said, "It seems like the Yu family is determined to oppose the Lightning Clan. In this case, don't blame me for being rude."

As he spoke, he took a deep breath and activated the positive energy in his body. He looked as if he was about to strike.

His posture made Qiana feel nervous. However, she did not dare to accept Zachary's request.

As Zachary approached them slowly, a man said calmly, "I wonder when the Lightning Clan grew so arrogant."

"Who said that? How dare you say that about the Lightning Clan? I think you have sought your own demise..." Zachary shouted and turned to look at the man.

When he caught sight of the man, he was startled. He stuttered, "Mr...Mr. Yue, w...why are you here?"

At this moment, Fade and the others also looked over at the person who just arrived.

The man was tall and strong. He was wearing casual clothes and a pair of sneakers. With his curly yellow hair, he looked young and energetic.

But when Fade examined his face, he was stunned. Although the man's skin was well-maintained and he was well dressed, it was obvious that he was not young. There was even some white hair along his sideburns.

It looked like he was at least in his forties, an age that was definitely not reflected in his attire.

However, when Qiana saw Mr. Yue, she immediately rushed over in surprise as if she had seen her savior. She exclaimed, "Mr. Yue, you're here!"

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Mr. Yue nodded at Qiana, then turned towards Melanie and said with a smile, "Melanie, you're here too."

Melanie smiled politely and bowed slightly, greeting, "It's nice to see you, Mr. Yue."

However, after glancing at Fade, Mr. Yue completely ignored him. Instead, his gaze fell on Zachary and he said coldly, "What's going on? Can the Lightning Clan explain this to me?"

Zachary's expression darkened when he heard that. He looked at Qiana and Melanie, hesitating for a moment before he replied, "Mr. Yue, the Lightning Clan has been forced to take action. My senior and the members of the Lightning Clan were..."

Zachary quickly told him about the conflict between the two parties.

After listening to him, Mr. Yue could not help but frown as he glanced at them. When his gaze fell on Fade, there was a hint of displeasure in his eyes.

Zachary added, "Mr. Yue, we, the Lightning Clan, respect the Yue family very much. But this time, we have suffered a great loss. If there is no compensation, what will other people think of the Lightning Clan in the future?"

Mr. Yue nodded and said, "I understand."

Upon hearing his reply, Zachary smiled. Qiana, on the other hand, was in a panic. She told Mr. Yue hastily, "Mr. Yue, we..."

However, Mr. Yue gave Qiana and Melanie a reassuring glance. Then, he looked at Zachary and said, "I can understand what the

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Lightning Clan is doing. However, Melanie is my friend and I don't want to see my friend get hurt. So, I hope you can do me a favor on this matter."

Zachary's face froze and he hesitated.

The Lightning Clan he belonged to was a Black Level clan, and his status in the clan was also important. However, Yohannes Yue, also known as Mr. Yue, was an influential person.

The Yue family that Yohannes was from was the first martial arts power in Westamor District, and they were more influential than the Lightning Clan. Yohannes was the younger brother of Graham Yue, the Master of the Yue family. His strength had reached the late stages of the Black Level and was equal to that of Zachary's master, Franklin Chang. Hence, Yohannes was definitely a martial arts professional in the region.

That was the only reason why the arrogant Zachary had acted so humble in Yohannes' presence.

However, he was unwilling to give up his revenge, so he hesitated for a while.

Yohannes looked displeased when he saw this. He snorted and said, "It seems like Mr. Chang doesn't want to give me face. In that case, I'll have to personally speak to your Guardian."

Zachary was startled when he heard this. He did not dare to hesitate any longer and replied quickly, "Mr. Yue, it's not like that. I will never dare to do that."

"It's settled. We, the Lightning Clan, will not pursue this matter," Zachary continued in a hurry.

Yohannes nodded and said, "Thank you for your kindness, Mr. Chang. The Yue family will remember this."

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After saying that, Yohannes looked at Qiana and Melanie with a smile. He assured them, "Since the matter has been settled, you don't have to worry about it anymore."

Qiana was delighted. Full of flattery, she skipped towards Yohannes and thanked him, "Mr. Yue, thank you very much. Without you, we really don't know what we should do then."

With that, Qiana pulled Melanie over and urged, "Melanie, what are you waiting for? Thank Mr. Yue. He has helped us tremendously. You must thank Mr. Yue properly."

Melanie bowed slightly at Yohannes and said, "Thank you, Mr. Yue."

Yohannes quickly stretched out his hand to stop her from bowing further, and then he said with a smile, "Melanie, you don't have to be so polite with me. We are all friends. It's strange when you call me Mr. Yue. You can call me Brother Yue instead."

Melanie was stunned when she heard that. Then, she shook her head and said, "Mr. Yue, you are a noble, I can't address you as I please. It's better for me to call you Mr. Yue."

Qiana was a little unhappy. She nudged Melanie and whispered, "Melanie, just do what Mr. Yue asks of you. Just call him Brother Yue."

Melanie pretended not to hear anything and she did not respond. Hence, Qiana could only smile at Yohannes. She said, "Mr. Yue, I'm sorry. Melanie doesn't know how to behave with a big shot like you. She must be a little nervous."

Yohannes nodded and said, "I understand. It's alright."

At this moment, Fade, who had witnessed the scene, furrowed his brows.

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Yohannes' earlier actions indicated clearly that he had affections for Melanie, and he intended to get close to her on purpose. Fade found Yohannes nauseating as he was much older than Melanie and even Qiana, yet he was trying to get close to Melanie. He even asked her to refer to him as 'brother', so Fade uncomfortable when he thought of it.

At the same time, Yohannes noticed Fade too. He looked over and glanced at him. Then, he asked nonchalantly, "Who is this?"

Before Qiana could answer, Melanie quickly approached Fade and stood intimately next to him. She introduced, "This is President Chen. He has helped me a few times before. I'm very grateful to him."

As she said this, Melanie smiled at Fade.

Fade replied with a nod and a gentle smile. He said, "Sister Melanie is my friend. I've only helped her out a bit, it's not a big deal."

Yohannes, who was at first composed, was displeased when he saw how close the two of them were. He said coldly, "Both of you seem very close."

Melanie nodded. But just as she was about to speak, Qiana stopped her and immediately explained, "Mr. Yue, Melanie is not close to him. They are just business partners, and they are here to talk about their joint business venture."

"Is that so?" Yohannes stared at Melanie and Fade in disbelief. His expression darkened.

Qiana's heart skipped a beat when she caught sight of this. Things weren't going to end well now.

She quickly glanced at Melanie as she urged, "Melanie, Mr. Yue has just arrived. Why don't you invite him to sit down and have a cup of tea?"

Melanie was a little reluctant, but she didn't want conflict with a powerful party like the Yue family. Therefore, she agreed and

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went to make tea for Yohannes.

At the same time, Qiana looked at Fade and flashed him a fake smile. She said, "President Chen, I have something to ask you. Can you come along with me?"

Upon hearing this, Melanie couldn't help but look back at them. She was worried about Fade.