"Everyone, don't listen to him, he's talking out of his ass, I am the real chairman of Bai Corporation!" Bai Yong Ming said nervously, "While he is a nobody, he is not in the place to interfere with the matters of the Bai Family."

"Also, you're married to Bai An Xiang, this is just a plot to snatch the authority from the family, humph, quit thinking about this!"

The more he spoke, the more he realized he had a point, he pointed at Bai An Xiang and said, "Bai An Xiang, why don't you look at yourself in the mirror, how do you deserve to be the chairman of Bai Corporation?"

Although Bai Yong Ming sounded like he had a point and spoke with smugness, nobody in the room would support him. Because if he became the chairman, he would denude them of ten percent of their shares.

Besides, Master Bai was standing behind Cheng Yuan and Bai An Xiang, when he did not interrupt Cheng Yuan's announcement, it was obvious that he agreed to it tacitly.

Everyone was silenced.





Bai Yong Ming stubbornly insisted, he even started threatening, "Guards, where're the guards? Get these guys out of here!"

The guards did not dare to approach Cheng Yuan and Bai An Xiang as Master Bai was standing right next to them.

Cheng Yuan could ignore Bai Yong Ming's verbal attacks on himself, but if he were to sneer at Bai An Xiang, Cheng Yuan would not have any of it.

"I think you're the one who should look at yourself in the mirror, right?" Cheng Yuan retaliated, "How do you deserve the chairman's position?"

"What do you mean?" Bai Yong Ming scolded, "Guards, what are you waiting for?"

Cheng Yuan spread his arms out, then said to Master Bai, who was standing behind him, "It's your turn to talk."

Master sighed, as if he aged a few years more, he was staggering to balance as he walked.

He walked up to Cheng Yuan, then





announced to the room, "Cheng Yuan is right, Jun Feng has completed their acquisition of Bai Corporation, hence Jun Feng will make the call on the appointment of the chairman. As Jun Feng's person in charge of the acquisition, Cheng Yuan naturally has the authority to appoint anyone as the chairman."

Master did not reveal Cheng Yuan's identity, he considered that Cheng Yuan did not reveal it himself, thus he surely has his reason to keep it secret. Hence, he played along and hid Cheng Yuan's identity for him.

Upon hearing Master Bai's statement, everyone turned their attention to Bai An Xiang.

Bai An Xiang felt uncomfortable as everyone was staring at her. She was still in disbelief and looked at Cheng Yuan suspiciously, with question marks written all over her face.

Cheng Yuan just smiled at her.

Bai Yong Ming was having none of it, he said anxiously, "Grandpa, what are you talking about? You've already passed your chairman's position to me, with all due





respect, who are you to speak up for us?"

"..." Master Bai instantly gawked at Bai Yong Ming after hearing his words.

Not only Master Bai, nobody in the room expected Bai Yong Ming to be so disrespectful toward Master Bai.

Bai Shi Pan went up and kicked Bai Yong Ming with full force, "Bastard, what are you talking about?"

Bai Yong Ming said displeasingly, "What I said was the truth, I am the chairman of Bai Corporation so I get to make the call, guards, come and protect me."

Bai Shi Pan was getting increasingly angry the more Bai Yong Ming spoke, he struck Bai Yong Ming on the face once again, "Bastard, are you asking the guards to beat me up?"

Bai Yong Ming was stunned after being slapped.

Master ignored the whole ordeal, he continued, "I'd like to reiterate that Cheng Yuan's words represent Jun Feng, our company is a subsidiary of of Jun Feng from







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now onwards, hence, when Cheng Yuan said Bai An Xiang is Bai Corporation's chairman, then An Xiang is our chairman."

Bai Yong Ming finally realized that everything was not like he imagined.

He was anxious.

"Grandpa, what about me? What do I do?"
Bai Yong Ming asked loudly, "If Bai An Xiang is the chairman, then what am I?"

Master turned to Cheng Yuan in response.

Cheng Yuan laughed, "Jun Feng's chairman promised master to minimize the movements in the company to the best of his ability, so Jun Feng will make a little adjustment to your position."

Bai Yong Ming was relieved to hear that, he thought, 'Great, regardless of what happens, a minor adjustment is still acceptable.'

Cheng Yuan continued, "Since you have been a manager at Bai Corporation before, then you should be the superintendent of a precious area."





"Precious?" Bai Yong Ming instantly got delighted after hearing the precious 'precious', his first reaction was to imagine how much profit he could make for himself personally.

Then it hit him, "Hang on, there is no such department at Bai Corporation right, what's precious here?"

Cheng Yuan quickly responded, "Fine, fine, in simpler terms, you are in charge of the hygiene of all the toilets at Bai Corporation, the superintendent of toilets."

"...." Bai Yong Ming was stupefied for a good ten seconds before lashing out suddenly, "Are you bloody making fun of me?"

Cheng Yuan got infuriated too, he shouted, "Good that you realized!"

He was very loud, this was perhaps the loudest everyone had seen Cheng Yuan shouted in their memories. It even frightened Bai An Xiang.

"As a man who never does his job properly and only think about your personal benefits." Cheng Yuan pointed at Bai Yong Ming's nose





and rebuked him, "It was merciful for me to not drive a person like you out of the company, owing to grandpa's request. You'd better be standing still and shut the hell up!"

Master Bai sighed while Bai Shi Pan lowered his head. Bai Yong Ming was at a loss. Everyone was speechless, nobody dared to mutter a word.

"That's it, all changes are effective immediately!" Cheng Yuan finished him statement and grabbed Bai An Xiang's hand, then turned around to leave the meeting room.

After he left, it suddenly dawned on Bai yong Ming, he jumped up in frustration and scolded, "Cheng Yuan, you piece of trash, who do you think you are? You dare to criticize me, do you have a piece of Bai Corporation?"

However, before he could finish cussing, Master Bai suddenly spoke up, "Enough, is it not embarrassing enough?"

"Grandpa, he..." Bai Yong Ming said.

Bai Shi Pan said furiously, "You shut your





bloody mouth!"	

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After entering the car, Bai An Xiang kept staring at Cheng Yuan to a point where Cheng Yuan felt uncomfortable, he said hastily, "Let's go."

Bai An Xiang tilted her head and asked, "What else have you been hiding from me exactly?"

Cheng Yuan was confused, "I'm not hiding anything from you, tell me, what do you want to know, I'll tell you everything."

Bai An Xiang asked with a serious expression, "Then why didn't you tell me about appointing me as the chairman earlier, and why did you choose me?"

Cheng Yuan said, "You were the general manager of the new project at Bai Corporation, so you're the most suitable candidate from Jun Feng's perspective, as to why I did not give you a heads up, it's because it was a last minute idea."





"A last minute idea?" Bai An Xiang was surprised to hear that, "You mean, appointing me as the Bai Corporation's chairman is your idea? You have the authority to make such a decision?"

"Erm..." Cheng Yuan finally realized he put his foot in his mouth.



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"Of... Of course." Cheng Yuan suddenly did just the opposite, he admitted boldly, "As the chairman of Jun Feng, why can't I make the decision?"

However, Bai An Xiang pursed her lips as Cheng Yuan was telling the truth, with a grim expression, "Fine, so be it!"

"..." Cheng Yuan was helpless, what choice does he have if she would not believe him?

"Where are we going now?" Bai An Xiang asked.

Cheng Yuan pondered for a moment and said, "Let's go home."

Bai An Xiang immediately started the engine and headed home.

Both of Cheng Yuan's hands were seriously injured, Bai An Xiang felt his pain, she was most delighted to have him rest at home.

Very quickly, they arrived at their villa at Yue Liang Wan, Bai An Xiang pressed a button on the remote control and the gate gradually opened.





However at this moment.

A shadow appeared on the fence, a man jumped onto the fence from the yard, then jump off before fleeing in a flash.

Cheng Yuan and Bai An Xiang were frightened by the sudden appearance of the black-suited man.

Just as they were staring at each other, another man jumped up to the fence again.

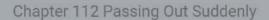
This time, the man did not choose to escape like the first one, he scanned around the area, as if he was looking for someone, then noticed Cheng Yuan and Bai An Xiang's car.

The man approached the car.

As he was getting closer, Cheng Yuan was able to see his face clearly, his heart started racing instantly.

Bai An Xiang was shocked too, because both of them knew this man. He was none other than the assassin who attempted to murder Cheng Yuan and got driven away by Bai Long. Cheng Yuan even took a dagger to his belly.





With a disheveled hair and an oddly contrasting sweater during summer, the man was not too hard to recognize.

"Do we reverse the car?" Bai An Xiang asked nervously.

Cheng Yuan shook his head, because he saw the assassin stopped his footsteps when he got to the car. Besides, he did not have the intimidating eyes he had the other day when he made eye contact with Cheng Yuan.

Cheng Yuan opened the door, got off the car and asked, "What are you doing at my place? Trying to kill me?"

At the same time, he put his hand in the pocket and dialled Bai Long's number.

The assassin shook his head and said listlessly, "Technically, someone else is trying to kill you but he was chased away by me."

Cheng Yuan recalled the black-suited man who fled earlier, he asked curiously, "You mean you just saved me?"



"Yes." The assassin did not deny.

Cheng Yuan got even more confused now, "You tried to kill me before, then decided to save me now, what do you want exactly?"

The assassin answered, "Don't worry, I will kill you."

"?" Cheng Yuan's face was filled with question marks.

The assassin continued, "But before I kill you, I need to ensure your safety, if something happens to you by any chance, that means I have failed my task and I could no longer claim my reward."

Cheng Yuan became nervous again as he heard this, he involuntarily shuffled backward and thought, 'So this dude isn't saving me out of his conscience, he's doing it for the reward, then..."

The assassin waggled his hand, "Don't worry, I won't kill you now."

"Why?" Cheng Yuan asked, he instantly regretted asking. Since the dude had said to not kill him, he should have gotten into the





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car and escaped without hesitation. What if the dude changed his mind, wasn't that just asking for death?

Fortunately, he did not change his mind, he said, "I want to wait until the monster that follows you around snoozes."

Following this, the assassin left, leaving the dumbfounded Cheng Yuan behind.

The monster that followed Cheng Yuan was obviously referring to Bai Long.

When they entered the house, Bai An Xiang went upstairs for a shower while Cheng Yuan sat on the couch in the living area, he was in a daze.

Although he had no idea who gave the killing order, since the assassin found his way to their house, he thought it was time to hire a few top-class bodyguards, it was impossible to secure both his and Bai An Xiang's safety by relying on Bai Long alone.

At the same time, he though about learning martial arts with Bai Long.

Cheng Yuan got up to get some water to





drink, but he suddenly noticed some white powder on the kitchen bench, as if it was scraps of some pills. Besides, the glass of water on the bench was half empty.

Cheng Yuan scowled as he noticed this.

"I'm going to shower now, let me know if you need anything." Bai An Xiang stuck her head out of the stairwell and said to Cheng Yuan.

Cheng Yuan nodded, then asked, "Did you take any medicine lately?"

He recalled that Bai An Xiang drank some water before she went upstairs.

Bai An Xiang frowned, "I couldn't sleep last night so I took two sleeping pills, why?"

Cheng Yuan nodded and said, "Nothing."

Bai An Xiang rolled her eyes at him, "What's with the strange question?"

After she had gone to shower, Cheng Yuan dabbed some of the white powder, flicked it into a plastic bag then sealed it away.

Although Bai An Xiang mentioned she took a





few sleeping pills, Cheng Yuan had a strange feeling.

According to the assassin, if the blacksuited man was here to kill him, why did he come in broad daylight? Didn't he know that Cheng Yuan and Bai An Xiang would not usually be home at this hour?"

Then, the sound of showering came from the second floor bathroom, Cheng Yuan knew Bai An Xiang had begun showering, his heart rate started picking up.

He had a sudden thought, that was to... He uncontrollably giggled just by imagining it.

However, he finally controlled himself, Cheng Yuan thought, as the relationship between the two of them were building up, he realized he became increasingly mindful of Bai An Xiang, especially of her feelings, he wanted her to be fully prepared to accept him, to sincerely give him her hand before doing the business.

This was not the matter of courage or foolishness, Cheng Yuan felt this was a sign of respect.







He sighed, he could only picture the image of Bai An Xiang showering, Cheng Yuan slumped on the couch and fell asleep as his imagination ran wild.

It was nightfall when he woke up.

He accidentally fell into a deep sleep during his nap, Cheng Yuan yawned, but he suddenly noticed the shower was still running in the bathroom upstairs.

He startled involuntarily, then swiftly stood up and rushed upstairs.

"An Xiang...!"

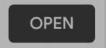
"An Xiang!"

Bai An Xiang did not respond after shouting a few times, Cheng Yuan got anxious.

He started ramming the door with his back, after three times, he finally managed to ram the door open. He found Bai An Xiang lost her consciousness on the floor, completely naked.

Speaking of which, not only was Bai An Xiang beautiful, she also had a perfect body.





There was no protruding fat on her body but she did not look scrawny at all, combined with light beige-colored skin, any man would have died for a lady like this.

However, Cheng Yuan had no desire whatsoever at this point, because he was too nervous for Bai An Xiang. Her safety was his first priority.

Cheng Yuan rushed up to Bai An Xiang and carried her. He reached out his finger by her nose and was relieved to find out that she was still breathing.

Then he leaned his ear on her soft bust to feel her heart beat.

Fortunately, she still had heart beat, hang on, why was the heart rate picking up?

Cheng Yuan raised his head up suspiciously, then noticed Bai An Xiang was staring back at him.



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"Ah!" A shrieking scream was heard, hurting Cheng Yuan's eardrums.

Fifteen minutes later, Bai An Xiang sat on the couch in her pyjamas, staring at Cheng Yuan with a solemn expression.

Cheng Yuan explained, "Look at the sky, it's getting dark, did you pass out in there? I was just worried about you, so... Don't worry I swear I didn't look at the details."

"You dare to look at the details?" Bai An Xiang said in a shy and angry tone, her face was flushed like a ripened apple.

Cheng Yuan quickly waggled his hand, but for some reason, he blabbered, "Yeah, I wanted to."

"You!" Her face got even redder, Bai An Xiang felt like her face was burning, "Pervert."

Cheng Yuan scratched the back of his head, he cannot stop thinking about the way Bai An Xiang looked when she was naked. However, he quickly came back to his senses, "Hang on, I was talking about you passing out."





Bai An Xiang scowled, "But I don't feel any different."

"You really don't?" Cheng Yuan was still concerned.

Bai An Xiang nodded and said, "No."

"Oh!" Cheng Yuan responded, he thought to himself, 'Perhaps she's too tired these two days and is low on blood sugar or something.' Then said, "Let's go and check it out at the hospital tomorrow."

"Let's see." Bai An Xiang said in a discontented tone.

Then she suddenly noticed Cheng Yuan was gawking at a certain part of her body, she said angrily, "Hey, what are you looking at?"

Cheng Yuan was frightened, he laughed, "Nothing, I just thought you look good in this pyjamas, is this new? I haven't seen you wear this before."

Bai An Xiang rolled her eyes at him again.

But what Cheng Yuan said next was, "This is such a white pyjamas."





White?

It was obviously light yellow.

"Cheng Yuan!" Bai An Xiang shouted angrily, "You sleep on the couch tonight!"

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In the following morning when Cheng Yuan woke up, he realized Bai An Xiang was already gone, she left him a note.

'Miss Wang of Jun Feng called me and told me to take the office today, there's breakfast in the kitchen, help yourself to it.'

Cheng Yuan stared in the direction of the kitchen and felt a chill down his spine.

His right hand was bandaged, so he could only use his fingertips to pinch a wet towel and dabbed his face to clean it, then made his way to the company.

As soon as he reached the company, he passed the plastic bag with white powder to Wang Zi Yan and said, "Get someone to





bring this for a lab test."

Wang Zi Yan asked out of surprise, "Chairman, what happened to your hand?"

Cheng Yuan said, "Oh I burned it by accident, it's fine."

Wang Zi Yan was worried.

At this moment, Wang Zi Yan's phone rang, she answered the phone and the expression on her face completely changed.

After hanging up the phone, Cheng Yuan asked, "What happened?"

Wang Zi Yan said with a frown, "Chairman, bad news, Bai Corporation refused to sign the agreement that you've signed."

"Refused?" Cheng Yuan startled.

Logically, Bai Corporation should be rushing to sign it. Besides, the agreement was rational and sensible for the Bai Family. Why would master refuse to sign something that would benefit them?

Something must have happened.





After pondering for a while, Cheng Yuan said, "Look into it, see who Master Bai was in contact with since yesterday."

Wang Zi Yan immediately understood Cheng Yuan's plan, she nodded and left the office with the plastic bag in her hand.

While Cheng Yuan had a thought.

Bai An Xiang went to Bai Corporation to take the office, if master refused to sign the agreement, they were certainly going to spite her.

He immediately called Bai Long, "Wait for me downstairs."

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Speaking of which, Bai An Xiang just arrived at Bai Corporation at this time.

She wore a white-colored office dress, asserting a domineering temperament. She parked her car right in front of the building, got off the car and headed straight to the meeting room.





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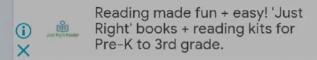




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Every new chairman would call for a company meeting, Bai An Xiang was not excluded. She made a call to Bai Ying Ying before she arrived and asked her to gather the company's executives at the meeting room.

But when Bai An Xiang got to the room, she realized it was crowded with people, while the person who was sitting on the chairman's seat was Bai Yong Ming.

After Bai An Xiang opened the door and entered the room, she let out a frown.

Bai Yong Ming looked in her direction as he heard the sound of door opening. He curved his lips upward when he saw Bai An Xiang and let out an evil laugh, "Yo, isn't this the daughter of Liang Ju Group's chairman? What brought you here to Bai Corporation today?"

Bai An Xiang had no idea what he was up to, so she said with an upset expression, "Bai Yong Ming, what are you still doing here?"

"For a meeting!" Bai Yong Ming said with a smug face, "I am the chairman of Bai Corporation, of course I have to be present





at the company meeting."

Bai An Xiang said, "You're not the chairman anymore."

Bai Yong Ming shook his head with a smile, "It's not up to you whether I am the chairman, it's not up to Cheng Yuan either."

"Then whose decision is it?"

"Of course it's grandpa's." Bai Yong Ming scoffed, "Who does Cheng Yuan think he is to interfere with Bai Family's matters? Also, who do you think you are? How dare you dream of becoming Bai Corporation's chairman?"

Bai An Xiang pursed her lips firmly, she had a bad feeling. She scanned around the room and realized everyone was staring at her with a strange and hostile look.

"Let me ask grandpa." Bai An Xiang turned around and prepared to leave the room.

However, she found out there were a few security guards blocking the doorway, leaving no room for her to exit.





"Bai Yong Ming, what do you want?" Bai An Xiang turned back and asked.

Bai Yong Ming scoffed, "I was about to ask you the same question, what do you want? Why did you trespass into Bai Corporation?"

"Trespassing?" Bai An Xiang frowned.

Bai Yong Ming stood up and trudged up to Bai An Xiang, he started at her for a moment then shook his head, suddenly...

"Smack!"

He swung his hand and slapped Bai An Xiang on the slap, it instantly left a mark on Bai An Xiang little face.

"You...!" Bai An Xiang said.

Bai Yong Ming said smugly, "This slap is given to you for what Cheng Yuan has done, I want you to know who's in charge here."

Bai An Xiang was infuriated, she wanted to retaliate but her slender arm was grabbed by a guard.

Bai Yong Ming sneered, "Why? You want to





fight back?"

Bai An Xiang scolded furiously, "Bai Yong Ming, listen up, I don't care what happens in the Bai Family today, I will make you pay for slapping me."

Bai Yong Ming burst into laughter, "Haha...
You'll make me pay? Fine, tell me, how do
you plan on doing that? On what grounds?
The piece of trash Cheng Yuan? I'm not
afraid to tell you that Cheng Yuan will never
make in here today, even if he does, he won't
make it out of here."

"Oh really?"

At this moment, a gravely apathetic tone suddenly arose, "I'm curious to see how you'll make sure I don't make it out of here."

Bai Yong Ming was instantly astonished.

On the other hand, Bai An Xiang was delighted.

"Bang!" A couple of guards stumbled to the ground of the meeting room.

Closely after, two men showed up on the





meeting room entrance.

Cheng Yuan was standing in front while Bai Long followed behind him.

Cheng Yuan was surprised to see the apparent finger mark on Bai An Xiang's face.



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He trudged toward Bai Yong Ming with furious eyes, without blinking once on the way.

Bai Yong Ming was terrified by the look on Cheng Yuan's face, but he did not want to act like a timorous man in front of the entire Bai Family, hence he insisted, "What are you doing? Cheng Yuan, this place belongs to the Bai Family, if you dare..."

"Smack!"

The smacking sound was way louder than the one Bai Yong Ming gave Bai An Xiang earlier. Bai Yong Ming almost got knocked out by the slap, he fell to the ground.

"How dare you piece of trash hit me?" Bai Yong Ming shouted in disbelief.

Speaking of which, the reason he got slapped by Cheng Yuan last time was because he was handicapped by the situation, but this is the Bai Family's turf. Besides, grandpa suddenly reappointed him as the chairman, that meant he was the most prominent figure in the family, Cheng Yuan was in no place to lay a finger on him.



"Smack!" He took another backhand to the face!

Before Bai Yong Ming could react, Cheng Yuan pounced on him and pinned him to the ground, then continuously slapped him on the face in a psychotic manner.

Bai Yong Ming was dumbstruck this time, every other member of the Bais was also stunned, nobody dared to move as if they were paralyzed.

Judging from the size of their bodies, Cheng Yuan should not be able to match up against Bai Yong Ming. However, when someone was seriously infuriated, his 'fighting ability' was not something to be overlooked.

Upon receiving a barrage of hits, Bai Yong Ming was completely stupefied at this point, he was already hearing ringing in his ears, how could he fight back?

While Bai An Xiang covered her little mouth in shock at the sight of Cheng Yuan's action, she felt butterflies in her stomach.

She was just warning Bai Yong Ming that he would pay for slapping her earlier.



Now great, she really made him pay, many times over.

However, Cheng Yuan's hands were injured, he was sacrificing himself to hurt Bai Yong Ming. After tens of strikes to his face, Cheng Yuan finally stood up, his hands were shuddering involuntarily and they were covered in blood.

As for Bai Yong Ming, his face was covered in blood too, but most of them belonged to Cheng Yuan.

Bai An Xiang felt so sorry for Cheng Yuan that she could hardly breathe at the sight. She ran up to Cheng Yuan and held up his hands, with tears in her eyes, "Does it hurt?"

Cheng Yuan's hands were shaking badly, as if he had Parkinson's disease. However, he shook his head in response, "No it doesn't, are you hurt?"

He had the urge to reach out his hand to caress her red cheeks with Bai Yong Ming's fingermark, but he was afraid to rub his blood on her.

While the members of Bai Family were



gravely frightened, seeing as Bai Yong Ming's face was covered in blood, some of them even took out their phones, preparing to call the police.

Someone even whispered, "Bloody hell, is he dead?"

However, following this, Bai Yong Ming wiggled his body, then turned around and started wailing like an injured dog.

"Bang!"

The meeting room door was pushed open again, Master Bai and his sons barged into the room. Bai Shi Pan saw Bai Yong Ming lying on the ground and quickly ran to him.

While Master Bai had his eyes fixed on Cheng Yuan.

Cheng Yuan turned around and saw Master Bai, then approached him and asked listlessly, "Why?"

With an apathetic expression, Master Bai scoffed and said, "You're a businessman too, how could you ask such a foolish question? Don't you know that businessmen only focus



on their personal benefits?"

Bai Shi Pan carried Bai Yong Ming and scolded, "Cheng Yuan, you went too bloody far, look at my son."

Master squinted his eyes as he saw his grandchild's state, then said, "Cheng Yuan, we need to settle this on the spot today."

Cheng Yuan was very clear that the Bai Corporation had found themselves another investor, hence the sudden change in attitude. However he was curious because Master Bai did not reveal his identity.

"How do you suggest?" Cheng Yuan asked.

Master said, "First, you're trespassing into private property, second, you assaulted a member of the company, how do you suppose we settle this?"

"You want money?" Cheng Yuan appeared to have understood master.

Master went straight to the point, he spread out his fingers, "Fifty million."

Fifty million!





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This sum of money was enough to revive Bai Corporation's business, when Jun Feng agreed to invest into their new project earlier, they only spent eighty million.

In response Master Bai's unreasonable offer, Bai An Xiang was jaw-dropped, she could not believe her own ears, "Grandpa, Bai Yong Ming hit me first."

However, master chose to ignore Bai An Xiang this time, he completely disregarded his grand-daughter and fixed his eyes on Cheng Yuan.

Cheng Yuan started laughing instead.

In his current state, five million was indeed not a vast sum, but...

"That's not much." He said.

Master's frown disappeared.

But Cheng Yuan went on to say, "But I will not give you a single cent."

Master frowned once again.

Cheng Yuan faced master and said in a deep



voice, "I don't know on why you choose to be acquired by another group, I also have no idea who else would dare to touch Jun Feng's cake in Xin Yang City."

"But... I warn you, regardless of who or what group it is, I do not care. Once you get on my nerves, I will wipe off the group that acquired you at the same time."

Upon hearing his, master let out a solemn expression.

Cheng Yuan continued, "I believe you will regret this, and you will regret it very soon!"

As the matter of fact, the conditions Jun Feng offered Bai Corporation were pretty decent.

"Besides, Bai Yong Ming slapped your granddaughter, you can pretend to ignore it, but he hit my wife so I must make him pay."

"But don't worry, the blood belongs to me." He raised his blood-covered hands as he was talking, fresh blood could be seen seeping out the bandages and dripping on the floor.

Following this, Cheng Yuan turned to Bai An Xiang and said, "Let's go."

Bai An Xiang followed behind Cheng Yuan, preparing to leave the room.

"Are you planning on leaving this easily?" At this moment, Bai Yong Ming's father, Bai Shi Pan, said in an apathetic tone.

Bai Yong Ming suddenly shouted, "Dad, you can't let them go, look at what he's done to me. Grandpa, don't let them leave, get someone to break their legs or this is not over!"

Cheng Yuan paused his footsteps as he heard this, at the same time, another group of security guards surrounded him.

Cheng Yuan said listlessly, "If I want to leave this place, nobody can stop me."

"Besides, I am deeply displeased now, if you'd like to die, you can try."

The guards did not have the nerves to move, because Bai Long suddenly stepped up.

Bai Long resembled a steel tower and had a



listless expression. Everybody was aware that they should not cross this type of person, besides, the five guards who tried to stop him earlier were completely thrashed and could not stand up even up to this point.

Since nobody would stand in their way, Cheng Yuan let out a smug expression to provoke Bai Yong Ming and the rest, then turned around to leave.

However, at this moment, Bai An Xiang suddenly blacked out, she lost her balance and staggered to fall.

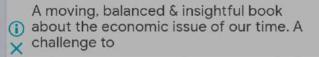
Cheng Yuan instinctively supported her, but Bai An Xiang had already lost her consciousness.

"An Xiang, An Xiang..." Cheng Yuan asked anxiously, "What's happening?"

The Bai Family was stunned, everything happened too suddenly, many of them surrounded her.

Cheng Yuan carried Bai An Xiang in his arms and said to Bai Long, "Go get the car."

Bai Long glared at the guards furiously and





they took a few steps backward fearfully. Bai Long then went to fetch the car, perhaps he was gesturing for a warning so they would not touch Cheng Yuan, otherwise...

"This must be fake, guys, stop him, don't let him fool you!" Bai Yong Ming continued shouting.

The guards were hesitant to stop him.

But Cheng Yuan suddenly turned around, he pointed at Bai Yong Ming and said furiously, "If anything happened to Bai An Xiang, I will bloody rip you apart!"



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Cheng Yuan said it in a frightening, apathetic tone while gritting his teeth, it made the people in the room felt like they fell into an ice lake.

Nobody in the Bai Family heard Cheng Yuan spoke like this before, including Bai Yong Ming. He was stunned by Cheng Yuan's temperament and was wordless.

Master did not check out Bai An Xiang after she passed out, but his face turned utterly pale.

Everyone else was unaware of Cheng Yuan's real identity, but master was clear who he really was. Master did not reveal it because he was waiting for Cheng Yuan to make a better offer. It was common for businessmen to wait for the right timing anyway. Thus, he was plotting an exit plan for the Bai Family.

However, Bai An Xiang's passing out was a surprise, seeing as how much Cheng Yuan cared for her, master suddenly realized that the exit plan was destroyed.

Sure enough, Cheng Yuan carried Bai An Xiang, before he left the room, he said to



master in a listless tone, "There's no second chance."

These words sounded like a clap of thunder to master.

'I'm done.' He thought.

Judging on Jun Feng's influence in Xin Yang City, how could other companies compare to them? He understood that his plan of tricking Jun Feng to make a better offer had gone down the drain. Besides, if anything happened to Bai An Xiang, Cheng Yuan would mobilize the entire Jun Feng Group to crush Bai Corporation into pieces.

Cheng Yuan carried Bai An Xiang and left, while master stood still in astonishment, he appeared to be lifeless.

Meanwhile, Bai Yong Ming finally picked up his courage, he pointed to Cheng Yuan's direction and said, "Grandpa, why did you let him go? Bai An Xiang was obviously faking it, she was just tricking us, we can't let them go this easily!"

Master Bai suddenly turned to Bai Yong Ming with furious eyes, Bai Yong Ming



trembled involuntarily as he was frightened.

"Scram!" Master shouted at him.

Cheng Yuan was anxious for Bai An Xiang's wellbeing, he did not stay a second longer, he carried Bai An Xiang and started running downstairs. "Hurry up, go to the hospital." He said to Bai Long as soon as he got into the car.

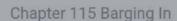
Bai An Xiang was completely knocked out on the way, she would not respond regardless of how Cheng Yuan called and shook her.

Alas, the entranced was blocked when they got to the hospital.

A group of people wearing mourning clothes with mourning staff in their hands crowded the hospital's entrance. They were also burning stuff in the middle of the road, some of them were wailing as loud as they can.

"What happened?" Cheng Yuan asked anxiously.

Bai Long answered, "Illegal protesting!"



Cheng Yuan got increasingly nervous, he rested Bai An Xiang's head gently on the car seat, then exited the car.

He asked one of the people in mourning clothes, "What happened here?" The person was faking his cry and was actually laughing.

The person glanced at Cheng Yuan then said impatiently, "Go away, this is none of your business."

Cheng Yuan lost his patience, "Please let me through, someone in my car needs medical attention."

He raised his voice subconsciously as he was frustrated, hence many of them heard him. An overweight lady in mourning clothes suddenly ran up to Cheng Yuan and said, "So what if someone's sick? This hospital killed my father during his treatment, do you still want to visit them? Guess what, we're blocking the entrance to stop the hospital from making money for your own good."

"Yeah, go away!" The group of people in mourning clothes shouted at Cheng Yuan angrily.





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Very quickly, Cheng Yuan was shoved out of the crowd.

At this moment, a person from the bystanders' crowd said, "What a shameless person, putting the blame on the hospital for her father's death, this is blatant extortion for calling out the hospital for the death of an over-eighty-year-old man to heart attack."

"Shh, speak softer, otherwise you'll get attacked by them." Another bystander reminded him.

At this point, Cheng Yuan finally understood.

He was not worried about who was right or wrong, in any case, Bai An Xiang must see a doctor right now. Besides, the closest hospital from here was twenty minutes drive away.

He did not want to wait for another minute.

When he entered the car, Bai Long asked, "What now?"

Cheng Yuan gritted his teeth, he stared at the overweight lady who was faking her cry and secretly eating melon seeds, then said

sternly, "Barge in!"

Bai Long nodded after hearing this.

"Vroom..." The sound of engine revving was heard, followed by a cloud of black smoke, the bystanders and protestors were all shocked at this sight.

Then a shrieking sound arose before the car propelled forward.

The protestors were deeply frightened and quickly scattered just before the car ran over the fire, yellow and white hell bank notes and fire sparks could be seen floating in the air.

The car managed to barge into the hospital compound.

"Who is that guy?"

"Bloody hell, he almost ran me over!"

"He even knocked the hell bank notes out of my hands!"

"Stop him and thrash him!"

The group of people came to their senses

and ran toward Cheng Yuan's car simultaneously.

The car was parked right at the entrance of the hospital building, Cheng Yuan carried Bai An Xiang and rushed into the building. The doctor at the emergency department quickly attended to her as he saw them.

Just as the protestors were catching up to Cheng Yuan, the car door of the driver's seat was opened, Bai Long got off the car and stood at the entrance steadily.

Bai An Xiang was sent to the emergency room while Cheng Yuan waited outside anxiously.

Time went by, second by second.

Suddenly, Cheng Yuan's phone rang.

"Hello?"

"Chairman." Wang Zi Yan said in a serious tone from the other end, "I've found out that Di Shui acquired Bai Corporation."

"Right, got it." Cheng Yuan nodded, then hung up the phone.

Cheng Yuan was not interested in any news other than Bai An Xiang's wellbeing, although Di Shui cutting off Jun Feng once again and acquired Bai Corporation was a surprising news.

Not long after, Bai Shi Ju showed up. Cheng Yuan gave him a call on the way here, he reckoned Bai An Xiang's parents must be informed of such an important matter.

Bai Shi Ju saw Cheng Yuan and quickly walked up to him with a solemn expression.

"What happened?" He asked.

Cheng Yuan knew that Bai Shi Ju was aware of his identity as Jun Feng's chairman long ago, so he did not bother hiding the truth, he recollected what happened earlier to Bai Shi Ju entirely.

After listening to Cheng Yuan's story, Bai Shi Ju became even calmer instead, he patted Cheng Yuan's shoulder and said, "Don't worry, An Xiang will be fine."

Cheng Yuan nodded in agreement, then asked, "Where's mom?"

Bai Shi Ju shook his head, "Better don't let her know this so she doesn't get too worried."

That made sense, besides, if Li Ning Juan found out, she would not only be worried, she might also scold Cheng Yuan like a dog.

Then Bai Shi Ju asked, "What happened outside, why are there so many bodies on the ground?"

Cheng Yuan said casually, "Illegal protestors, they stopped us from entering here just now."

"That's outrageous," Bai Shi Ju said, "if they have any issues with the hospital, they could've taken legal actions, why do they think they're entitled to delay other people's treatment, this is a hospital, someone could've died if they're sent here a few minutes later."

Cheng Yuan was thinking the same.

At this moment, the emergency room's door was pushed open and the doctor came out.





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"So, try and make sure she doesn't get too agitated." The doctor told Cheng Yuan and Bai Shi Ju in the doctor's office.

"Why is this happening?" Cheng Yuan heart sank.

Cheng Yuan and Bai Shi Ju ran up to the doctor when he just came out earlier, they were asked to go to his office.

The doctor told them that he conducted a thorough investigation on Bai An Xiang, she was completely normal except there were trace of toxins in her blood.

This was a slow releasing toxin, doctor said that it would not cause any harm for the moment, but she must not become too agitated as she may pass out if her heart rate exceeds a certain limit.

"Then what type of toxin is it?" Cheng Yuan asked.

The doctor frowned and said, "We can't be sure at this stage, the blood sample has been sent to Jing City, we need to wait for their test results."



"Then when will she wake up?" Bai Shi Ju asked.

The doctor said, "Anytime now."

They left the doctor's office while Bai An Xiang was pushed out of the emergency room, then transferred to a patient's ward.

Cheng Yuan sat right next to Bai An Xiang, he started at her captivatingly charming face anxiously and felt deeply remorseful.

'How did she get poisoned exactly?'

Not long after, his phone rang again, it was Wang Zi Yan, Cheng Yuan was not in the mood to think about anything else, he declined the call and switched off his phone.

Bai Shi Ju witnessed the whole process then patted Cheng Yuan's shoulder, "An Xiang is alright for now, don't be overly worried, let's wait for the results from Jing City."

Cheng Yuan nodded silently.

Bai Shi Ju continued, "Meanwhile, I hope you can get your spirits up because you'll be busy these few days."



Cheng Yuan remained silent, he understood what Bai Shi Ju meant, but to him, nothing was more important than Bai An Xiang.

"I'll take care of her, go do what you have to do." Bai Shi Ju said.

Cheng Yuan was dumbfounded when he heard this, he looked at Bai Shi Ju in confusion.

"To me, staying right next to An Xiang is exactly what I have to do." Cheng Yuan said.

Bai Shi Ju asked, "Will she recover if you stay next to her?"

Cheng Yuan was speechless.

Bai Shi Ju sighed, "Go, you need to attend to that matter urgently, you're required to drive the progress."

Bai Shi Ju's words were obscure, Cheng Yuan scowled when he heard this, he asked in a daze, "What do you mean?"

Bai Shi Ju replied, "Think about what you will face soon."



"What I will face soon?" Cheng Yuan mumbled.

Bai Shi Ju nodded, then said, "Young men are supposed to have some character, you need to lash out when it's needed, so that the fire can be properly fuelled."

"?" Question marks were written all over Cheng Yuan's face.

Until Bai Shi Ju said, "Remember, only appoint those you trust to work for you, don't be easily fooled by your eyes."

It finally dawned on Cheng Yuan.

Then he took Bai Shi Ju's advice and left the patient's ward.

He switched on his phone and called Wang Zi Yan, she immediately told Cheng Yuan a news that he had been anticipating.

"Chairman, the powder that you gave me was an unknown toxin." Wang Zi Yan said.

"Got it." Cheng Yuan nodded, then squinted his eyes.





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He asked for Bai An Xiang's blood sample from the doctor then said to Bai Long, "Bring this blood sample to Jin City, then get my... Mother to look for the best doctor to test it."

Bai Long shook his head apathetically.

"Do me this favor, I beg you." Cheng Yuan said anxiously, "I don't trust anyone else."

Bai Long stared into his eyes for a long moment, then suddenly asked, "Why would you draw me away?"

Cheng Yuan was speechless.

Yes, Cheng Yuan's objective was to draw Bai Long away so he would leave Xin Yang City momentarily.

"There're things I can't tell you at the moment." He told Bai Long honestly.

Cheng Yuan understood that Bai Long would ensure his safety, but at the same time, with Bai Long around, his birth parents would be aware of every single thing that happened to him.

If they were to find out that he was planning



to risk his life for a lady, they would do anything to stop him.

"You know madam won't agree to this." Bai Long said in his usual apathetic expression.

Cheng Yuan pondered for a moment, then asked Bai Long, "Do you trust me?"

"I only trust your mother." He replied stubbornly.

Cheng Yuan could not comprehend, he said bitterly, "I need you to trust me, just this once, alright? Besides, I'll make sure that I'm safe."

Bai Long did not appear to be moved at all.

Cheng Yuan suddenly lost his patience, "You know, if I really want to die, I could have just jumped off this building and you won't be able to stop me."

Rightfully, if a man was looking to die, nobody could stop him.

Bai Long frowned in response, he finally showed a change his emotions, "Are you threatening me?"



"Yes!" Cheng Yuan shouted.

"Got it." Bai Long received the blood sample from Cheng Yuan's hand and disappeared into the crowd.

Cheng Yuan also left the hospital shortly after, he took the car and headed home. He did not do anything after getting home, he just sat in the living area and waited patiently.

After around two hours, a shadow quietly showed up at Cheng Yuan's villa, then walked into the living area in a calm and collected manner.

"You really want to die?" The person asked.

The man met Cheng Yuan twice before, he was the assassin who called himself the best of Jing City.

He was exactly who Cheng Yuan was waiting for, he knew he would come because Bai Long was sent away to Jing City.

As an assassin, how could he pass on such a good opportunity? Nobody could resist the temptation of money after all.



"How do I address you?" Cheng Yuan was composed, he gestured for the assassin to take a seat.

The assassin was surprised, he did not expect Cheng Yuan to be this calm, he frowned, "Chen Cheng."

"You're here to kill me this time, right?" Cheng Yuan asked.

Chen Cheng scoffed, "Have you decided how you want to die?"

Cheng Yuan shook his head, "Nope, because I know you won't kill me today."

Chen Cheng startled as he heard this, then asked curiously, "Reason?"

Cheng Yuan said, "I want to do a business deal with you."

Chen Cheng laughed, he laughed scornfully while staring at Cheng Yuan in disdain, "I am different from the idiots out there, I am a professional assassin, so I will never kill whoever hired me, regardless of how much money you offer, this is not about money, this is about my ethics."



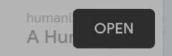
Since Cheng Yuan said those words, Chen Cheng surmised he was going to make a foolish offer, like what can be seen in the movies where the target would ask the killer, 'Who sent you, how much did he offer, I'll offer you twice the amount to kill him.'

He also believed Cheng Yuan could afford it, but he thought Cheng Yuan was insulting his ethics. Thus, Chen Cheng thought Cheng Yuan made a huge mistake, this mistake was enough to put him into an endless suffering.

"The price you pay for your arrogance is death." Chen Cheng felt Cheng Yuan was too full of himself.

However, Cheng Yuan begged to differ, he said, "Don't worry, I won't make you kill whoever paid you."

Chen Cheng was intrigued at Cheng Yuan's statement.



"I want you to do me a favor before you kill me, I'll offer ten million." Cheng Yuan explained, "Of course, you'll get three million as deposit from me."

Chen Cheng gradually put his hands into the pockets on his sweater, he scowled, "What is it?"

Cheng Yuan said, "The assassin who broke into my house yesterday was driven away by you, so you're the only person who saw his face, I hope you can find him for me, then bring him to me alive."

He thought about it, since the powder was toxic, that meant the assassin only came to his house to plant the toxin. It also explained why the assassin would go to his place when nobody was home.

While Chen Cheng ran into him when he was planting the poison, so he accidentally spilled some of it on the table. Chen Cheng thought the man was there to steal his kill, so naturally, he would not have any of it.

Afterwards, when Cheng Yuan and Bai An Xiang got home, she only half a glass of water.

"No killing involved?"

"No killing involved."

Chen Cheng said with a frown, "It's troublesome to not kill him, I need a bigger offer."

Cheng Yuan raised his head as he heard this to expose his neck, as if he was gesturing for the assassin to kill him.

Chen Cheng pursed his lips firmly and stared at Cheng Yuan in response.

After a long pause, he sighed, "Deal."

After Chen Cheng left, Cheng Yuan heavily sighed in relief, his shirt was soaked in sweat.

He was gambling on his life, he bet on the assassin's greed, that the assassin could not resist the temptation of money.

Fortunately, he won the bet.

He drew Bai Long away earlier so that Chen Cheng would show up. Chen Cheng was the only person that saw how the person who



planted the toxin looked like. With Bai Long around, Cheng Yuan was not able to reach Chen Cheng and Chen Cheng would not dare to show himself.

After settling this, Cheng Yuan moved on to the more important task.

Bai Shi Ju mentioned to only work with someone he can trust and to not be deceived by the illusion, but what was the illusion?

Would the illusion be Di Shui Group, as in Xiao Mu's changes?

Bai Shi Ju also mentioned that young men should have some character and to show some anger at the right time, to fuel the fire?

Fire?

What fire?

How does he fuel it?

Cheng Yuan was at a loss, hence, what he needed to do next was to conduct some investigation.



"Zi Yan, help me look into Di Shui's situation lately." Cheng Yuan called Wang Zi Yan, "You have six hours, I'd like to see what I asked for at five o'clock."

"Sure!" Wang Zi Yan answered promptly.

Following this, Cheng Yuan made his way to Jun Feng.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, Wang Zi Yan knocked on Cheng Yuan's office door, she entered the office and handed a file to Cheng Yuan.

"Chairman, these are the recent actions by Di Shui." Wang Zi Yan said.

"Apart from acquiring Liang Ju and in the midst of acquiring Bai Corporation, Di Shui has been focusing their manpower on construction materials. Out of 38 factories that produce insulation boards in the city, Di Shui had engaged in a short term lease with 18 of them."

"The insulation boards are a void in our group right now, as Yue Liang Wan's project is coming to its completion, we have engaged with all 38 factories to purchase



their insulation board, 18 of them belongs to Di Shui at the moment."

"But the suspicious thing is, they leased the factories to produce more materials, which will increase its manufacturing cost in return, but the price they offer us is consistent with the others."

Cheng Yuan scowled as he heard this, he thought of another issue.

"Look into the other 20 factories, see if they are also leased."

Wang Zi Yan startled in response, she quickly nodded and went to look into it.

After an hour, Wang Zi Yan entered Cheng Yuan's office and said, "Got it, as you said, all 38 insulation board manufacturers in the city have been leased. The other 20 are being leased by Long Teng."

It finally dawned on Cheng Yuan.

"Let's go to phase two of Yue Liang Wan."

Both of them rushed to the construction site of the second phase of Yue Liang Wan.





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When they arrived, Cheng Yuan realized that the workers were in the midst of installing insulation boards, most of them were almost completed.

The supervisor at site had been notified by Wang Zi Yan on their way there, as soon as they arrived at Yue Liang Wan, he swiftly approached them.

"Miss Wang." The supervisor was a middleaged man over forty years old, his name was Zhang Fa. Zhang Fa handed Wang Zi Yan and Cheng Yuan each a safety helmet.

"Where are the insulation boards?" Cheng Yuan asked.

Zhang Fa startled briefly, he asked Wang Zi Yan curiously, "This is?"

Wang Zi Yan said, "You don't need to know this, just answer him."

Zhang Fa nodded repeatedly, he did not dare to cross Wang Zi Yan. Besides, Wang Zi Yan behaved courteously with the young man standing before him, thus he naturally would not slight Cheng Yuan.



"Please follow me."

After circling around the scorching hot construction site, Zhang Fa led Cheng Yuan and Wang Zi Yan to a storage area, it was actually just a newly constructed, empty mall.

As they entered the mall, they noticed the hall was filled with insulation boards, but the boards were strangely divided into two batches, the ones on the left were almost depleted while the ones on the right were piled up like a little hill.

"Will you use all of these?" Cheng Yuan asked.

Zhang Fa answered, "We normally acquire more than we budgeted, the leftover will be used on the other construction sites, this is to ensure we do not experience a shortage of materials."

Cheng Yuan walked forward and broke a small piece of board from each of the two batches, then inspected closely. He passed them to Wang Zi Yan and said, "Bring these back to investigate the quality of the boards."

Wang Zi Yan obliged and put the two samples in her bag.

Cheng Yuan continued to ask Zhang Fa, "Why did you use more of these ones?"

Zhang Fa suddenly showed signs of anxiousness, he twitched his eyes and let out a hollow laugh, then mumbled, "It's the workers who moved them around, I did not pay much attention to which ones they use."

Judging from his awkward laugh, Cheng Yuan suddenly felt something was wrong with Zhang Fa, but Cheng Yuan did not show it.

It was seven o'clock in the evening when they got to Jun Feng, most of the staff at the company had gone home.

Cheng Yuan did not leave his car, he asked Wang Zi Yan, "Do you have anything on tonight?"

Upon hearing this, Wang Zi Yan's heart rate started picking up, she felt her face become increasingly warmer.

'What does he want to do?'

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'To bring me to dinner? Then a movie? Then... To the hotel?'

'No, I can't do this, he is married.'

It was fair to say that Wang Zi Yan's internal dialogue was filled with colors and creativity. She thought of declining him, but the words that slipped out of her tongue were, "No... Nothing."

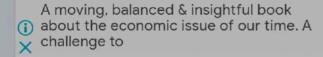
Cheng Yuan nodded in response, he did not notice the changes on Wang Zi Yan's expression, then said, "Let me bring you somewhere."

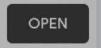
'Somewhere?' Wang Zi Yan could feel her heart pounding.

Since Cheng Yuan settled her family's debt and stood up for her by rebuking her parents, the feeling Wang Zi Yan had for Cheng Yuan had reached to an extend where she could not describe with in words, she thought, if Cheng Yuan wanted to do the unthinkable to her, then... She would comply.

"Sure." Wang Zi Yan lowered her head shyly.

Cheng Yuan sent a message on his phone





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and wait for a while before starting the car engine, he ended up bringing Wang Zi Yan to a hotel.



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"Let's go." Cheng Yuan waited in the car for a few seconds, before opening his door and said to Wang Zi Yan.

Wang Zi Yan kept her head lowered, like she was a child who just committed a mistake, then for some reason, she nodded and said "Ok."

As she followed Cheng Yuan into the hotel, Wang Zi Yan felt like her footsteps were surreal, as if she was stepping on cotton, she was completely blanked out.

However, Cheng Yuan did not bring her to a room, they went to private room number 1109 in the hotel. When Cheng Yuan furiously kicked the door open, Wang Zi Yan's heart was racing, she suddenly realized she might have done something wrong.

Because she knew some of the people in the private room.

Wang Zi Yan had not seen Cheng Yuan this angry before, she was shocked at how he kicked the door open.

Not only her, everyone in the room turned to



the direction of the door.

Regardless of Xiao Mu, Long Chen Lang or Long Chen Yu, or Shao Ting Ting, who was sitting next to Long Chen Lang, they were even more shocked than Wang Zi Yan.

Cheng Yuan stomped in furiously, straight up to Xiao Mu, while Xiao Mu anxiously stood up from his chair.

"Cheng Yuan, what are you doing here?" Xiao Mu stood up hastily, he appeared to be in a flurry and accidentally toppled his wine glass. While asking the question, his voice was shaking subtly.

Cheng Yuan stared into his eyes with a grim expression for a moment, then suddenly said, "You guys are in such an aesthetic mood."

"No, we just ran into each other coincidentally..." Xiao Mu tried to explain.

However, Cheng Yuan suddenly grabbed his collar and shouted furiously, "Xiao Mu! Bloody listen up, I gave you everything you have today, you're in this place right now all because of me."



Cheng Yuan was like a barrel of explosives, he was obviously looking for a source of ignition. Hence Long Chen Lang and Long Chen Yu quickly stood up to 'stop the fight'.

"Chairman, please don't be like this, we're all friends."

"Right, right... Calm down."

They separated Cheng Yuan and Xiao Mu, but Cheng Yuan continued to be displeased, he pointed at Xiao Mu's nose and shouted, "I bloody brought you up to where you are today, what do I get in return? Your numerous attempts to bring me down."

"I finally witnessed how it is like to bite the hand the feeds one!"

"All I've done is helped a man who's devoid of gratitude!"

He got increasingly fuming as he was talking, then finally flipped the table out of frustration. The table covered with lavish dishes were spilled all over the floor.

"Sure!" At this moment, Xiao Mu turned away from his diffident attitude, then replied



Cheng Yuan furiously, "I've gotten to where I am today with your help, I admit I'm an ungrateful person, but have you thought why I did all these?"

Xiao Mu became enraged all of the sudden, it silenced the entire room momentarily.

Xiao Mu continued, "You gave me money, but I can't submit everything I have to you, right? My affection, my love, includes her!"

When he said the word 'her', Xiao Mu lifted his finger and pointed at Wang Zi Yan, who was standing behind Cheng Yuan.

Wang Zi Yan was dumbfounded.

Cheng Yuan was instantly left in a daze.

"During the Si Chuan earthquake, both of my parents passed away, I was a lonely and helpless little kid at the time, if it weren't for Uncle Wang's adoption, I might have already starved to death on the streets. If it weren't for the funding by Miss Liu Ying, I guess I have to work as a farmer right now. If it weren't for her... I might have lost all my motivation to progress in my career..."



"I named my company Di Shui to tell them that, now that I have made a name for myself, I will remember what they have done for me and I will definitely return their favor!"

"But you, you've humiliated my benefactor numerous times, then snatched away the love of my life, how do you suppose I take this in?"

Xiao Mu was trembling in anger.

On the other hand, Cheng Yuan got even more confused, he did not remember Wang Zi Yan talking about Xiao Mu, did Xiao Mu know Wang Zi Yan since years ago?

"But, seeing as you've helped me before, I can leave Bai Corporation to you, from now onwards, we're no longer associated with each other!" Xiao Mu said in an unwavering manner.

"Bai Corporation?" Cheng Yuan said resolutely, "In my eyes, they are nothing!"

"What is it?"

"Is anyone causing a stir?"





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At this moment, the private room door was opened again, a few security guards rushed over as they heard a flurry of noises, they asked Long Chen Lang.

Long Chen Lang gestured at the guards that Cheng Yuan was throwing a fit. Then put up a pretentious face to calm Cheng Yuan down, "Chairman, I believe this is all a misunderstanding, we should settle down and talk about it."

The guards understood tacitly, then held Cheng Yuan back and said, "Sir, please leave."

Before Cheng Yuan left, he said to Xiao Mu, "This is not over, let's wait and see."

To which, Xiao Mu did not respond.

Then Cheng Yuan lifted his finger and pointed at Long Chen Lang out of spite.

After getting into Cheng Yuan's car, he stared blankly at the air.

Wang Zi Yan asked, "Chairman, where are we going?"



It was as if Cheng Yuan did not hear a thing, he was recalling the conversation with Xiao Mu.

Earlier, Cheng Yuan sent a message to tell Bai Shi Ju that he was feeling emotional, he consulted Bai Shi Ju where to release his frustrations. Then, Bai Shi Ju gave him the hotel address and the private room number.

So, is the tough war referring to the war against Xiao Mu?

"Chairman..." Wang Zi Yan called him again.

Cheng Yuan exhaled sharply and said, "Drop me off at the hospital, bring my car home."

Wang Zi Yan nodded, then started the engine.

After arriving at the hospital, Cheng Yuan went into the patient's ward, but he noticed it was empty.

He swiftly enquired the nurse, the nurse told him that Bai An Xiang had been discharged, she appeared to be completely well when she woke up.



Upon hearing this, Cheng Yuan immediately recalled what doctor said, he mentioned that Bai An Xiang's life would not be in any danger, she just had to stay calm and not be overly agitated.

Hence Cheng Yuan left the hospital, preparing to go home. After waving down a cab, his phone suddenly rang.

It was from Wang Zi Yan, Cheng Yuan answered the call without hesitation.

"Chairman, regarding the two material samples that you told me to test, Li just gave me a call, one of them is compliant to the fire resistance standards while the other one is just a painted ordinary board. The country has banned the usage of ordinary boards for construction." Wang Zi Yan said.

After hearing this, it was as if an idea hit Cheng Yuan, he thought about something.

Meanwhile, Long Chen Lang was waiting for someone after leaving the hotel, he bid goodbye with Xiao Mu and left in separate directions.

Shao Ting Ting sat in Long Chen Lang's car,

appeared to be in a daze.

'After all, Cheng Yuan is Jun Feng's chairman!'

'After all, the unremarkable classmate of mine had such a big secret.'

'After all, my family business managed to survive all because of Cheng Yuan!'

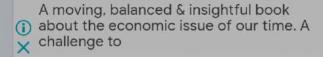
'After all... The company that Long Chen Lang and Xiao Mu planned to frame is Jun Feng, is Cheng Yuan!'

Shao Ting Ting was at a loss.

Cheng Yuan was classmates with her, he even helped her secretly and deliberately hid it from her, a favor he did purely out of friendship.

While Long Chen Lang and her were only couples on the surface, they had experienced much as a couple, like sleeping together. Besides, she accepted Long Chen Lang earlier because of his family background, but now it seemed...

She suddenly felt Long Chen Lang and Xiao





Mu shared similar traits, they both gave out an insidious temperament.

She decided it was time to reconsider her relationship with Long Chen Lang, at the same time, she started hesitating if she should tell Cheng Yuan about their plot.



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The car was parked in front of a supermarket, Long Chen Lang said to Shao Ting Ting, "I'm going to buy a packet of cigarettes."

"Sure, I'll wait for you here." Shao Ting Ting replied.

Long Chen Lang looked at her affectionately, then smiled at her before turning around to enter the supermarket.

While Shao Ting Ting continued to be at a loss.

Finally, she opted to inform Cheng Yuan, because she did not want to see Cheng Yuan being setup by Long Chen Lang and Xiao Mu. If life was a movie, she refused to be one of the hated antagonists.

She took out her phone and dialled Cheng Yuan's number, but the line was engaged. Cheng Yuan was speaking with Wang Zi Yan on the phone in this instance.

After multiple failed attempts, Shao Ting Ting became anxious, so she typed a text on her phone, 'Cheng Yuan, please do not go home, there...'



Suddenly, a terrifying sensation overwhelmed Shao Ting Ting, her slender fingers paused in the middle of the message.

She slowly raised her head and found Long Chen Lang's petrifying grin, he was standing right outside the passenger's seat, staring at Shao Ting Ting.

"Who are you messaging?" Long Chen Lang whispered, as if he was afraid to bring attention to himself.

Shao Ting Ting quickly hid her phone behind her back, then said calmly, "No... It's a nobody.... Mmm..."

A black bag was slipped over her head.

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As the sky was getting darker, an RV was driven steadily on the highway heading toward Jing City.

Bai An Xiang gradually opened her eyes, then saw the trees outside the car window



and a sky full of stars.

She swiftly got up and scanned around herself.

Bai Shi Ju was browsing his phone on the couch while Li Ning Juan was preparing coffee on the simple accessories in the RV.

"Dad, mom?" She was in a daze.

After hearing her voice, Bai Shi Ju put down his phone and smiled at Bai An Xiang, "You're awake."

Li Ning Juan quickly put down the stuff in her hands and ran to her, she sat on Bai An Xiang's bed, then grabbed her hand and asked out of concern, 'Daughter, how do you feel?"

Bai An Xiang shook her head in confusion, "I feel great."

"Good, why the hypoglycemia attack all of the sudden?" Li Ning Juan complained, "This is all Cheng Yuan's fault, look at how he takes care of my daughter."

"Mom...!" Bai An Xiang was defending Cheng



Yuan, but she noticed another issue, "Where are we going?"

Bai Shi Ju smiled, "Your mother said that she hasn't been to Jing City in her lifetime, so I'm bringing your mom there for a twoday vacation, thought we should bring you along too."

Li Ning Juan understood tacitly and nodded in response, "Yes, yes, I've always dreamed of visiting the capital city."

Bai An Xiang was doubting their words, she lowered her head and found out that her wedding ring was still on her ring finger. She sighed in relief, then asked, "Why didn't we bring Cheng Yuan with us?"

"He's busy." Bai Shi Ju said.

Li Ning Juan nodded repeatedly, "Yes, yes, he's busy... Sigh, why are you still thinking about the useless man at this time, if it were up to me, you should just..."

She stopped talking halfway, as if she noticed she made a mistake.

Sure enough, Bai An Xiang asked with a



frown, "What do you mean at this time?"

"It's night time, look at the sky full of stars." Bai Shi Ju pointed out the window.

"Yes, yes." Li Ning Juan nodded in agreement.

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On the other hand, Cheng Yuan took a cab home, just as he was preparing to enter the house, a fleet of cars suddenly turned on their lights.

He squinted his eyes at the dazzling beam of ray.

He could see a shadow approaching him from the lights, the person stood in front of Cheng Yuan, but he could not recognize the person as his eyes were hurting from the dazzling lights.

"Cheng Yuan, listen up, you are under arrest, you have the right to remain silent, but anything you say can be used against you in court, please come with us."



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The person took out a piece of paper and waved it in front of Cheng Yuan, before Cheng Yuan could read what was written on it, his hands were forcibly cuffed by a pair of 'silver bracelets'.

While Cheng Yuan was in a daze, the few men dragged him into a car, one of them even pinned his head against the seat.

After getting forced into the car in a confused state, Cheng Yuan got nervous as the car was filled with policemen. Before he could talk, his head was covered with a black bag.

Ten minutes later, the car was stopped, he was dragged out of the car, then got tossed to an icy cold room. As the footsteps were moving away, a loud bang was heard as the door was slammed shut and locked.

Following this was a very long wait.

In between, Cheng Yuan did not get tortured, but certainly, he did not get preferential treatment as well.

What happened exactly?



It was as if the people who captured him completely forgot about him. They did not make a noise until the following noon, when one of them sent him a bowl of beef noodles.

"The beef noodles is up-sized, apart from extra beef, the director also instructed to add a braised egg."

The noodles were delivered through a square hole on the steel door, while the deliverer was a young officer with two stars on his shoulders.

"Mr. Officer, what was I arrested for?" Cheng Yuan took the opportunity and grabbed his hand instead of the noodles.

The police officer was forth right with him, "There's no point in grabbing my hand, I will say what I can say and I won't mutter a word that I'm not allowed to."

"Then what are you allowed to say?" Cheng Yuan asked.

"This is the police station." He said.

"..." Cheng Yuan was speechless.



The officer laughed and said, "Think about it, but to be honest with you Mr. Cheng, your bodyguard is pretty good, not even tens of us can get near him."

After finishing his sentence, he swatted Cheng Yuan's hand away.

Cheng Yuan waited until the officer left, he held the bowl of beef noodles in his hands and stared at it. He did not eat the noodles as he was afraid that it was poisoned.

Judging from what the officer said, it appeared this incident was related to the 'illegal protesting' outside to the hospital. Perhaps the protestors reported them to the police after Bai Long beat them up. The police could not capture Bai Long and found out that Bai Long was Cheng Yuan's man through video surveillance, so they captured Cheng Yuan instead.

Perhaps Cheng Yuan would be charged with assault.

But even that was not a very big deal, why would they not try him? Cheng Yuan sensed a conspiracy behind this incident.

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"That means, Cheng Yuan was arrested?"

In the chairman's office at Long Teng, Long Wen asked out of surprise.

Long Chen Lang nodded with a smile, "Everything is happening according to plan."

Long Wen frowned and scowled, "I still think this isn't appropriate, did you have to come forward in the end? Why don't we let Xiao Mu..."

"Dad," Long Chen Lang said with a wry smile,
"The collaboration is my idea, if we let Xiao
Mu make the most important move, the
benefits we are able to reap becomes much
lesser, while Xiao Mu will be highly regarded,
are you willing to witness Di Shui turn into
the leading organization in Xin Yang City?"

Long Wen said worriedly, "But Cheng Yuan did not do anything wrong, they will release him soon."

Long Chen Lang laughed in response, "We





only need a little time, just locking him up for 48 hours will suffice."

"Just like letting Di Shui acquire Bai Corporation, all we want to do is to direct Cheng Yuan's attention on the Bais while we achieve our objectives."

"Don't worry dad, we are playing a perfect game of chess right now!"



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Meanwhile, on the Great Wall of China.

After visiting the Forbidden City in the morning, Li Ning Juan said she was exhausted and refused to join Bai Shi Ju and Bai An Xiang to the wall.

Bai An Xiang had not been to Jing City, during her first visit to the Great Wall, the magnificent scenery completely exceeded her imagination, it felt different from seeing the view on TV.

"So beautiful!" Bai An Xiang exclaimed while standing on the Great Wall, gazing on the hills and rivers at a distance.

Bai Shi Ju took out his camera with a smile to snap a photo of his daughter as a precious memento.

"You know what dad, you're scaring me by taking photos of me, it feels like I'm going to die and you just want to leave some memento of me." Bai An Xiang said jokingly.

Bai Shi Ju rebuked her with a scowl, "Nonsense."

Bai An Xiang laughed instead, "What



nonsense? After passing out twice for no reason, you strangely started bringing me for a vacation, besides, looking at mom's reluctance the past few days, doesn't it look like signs of terminal illness like what they show on TV?"

Bai Shi Ju shook his head with a wry smile.

Bai An Xiang suddenly grabbed his hand and said in a coquettish tone, "Dad, tell me the truth, I'm not afraid."

Bai Shi Ju startled, what just happened made him feel a little dizzy, he could not recall the last time his daughter spoke to him in a coquettish tone like this.

"The truth is your mom thinks you have a serious heart disease and cannot be too agitated." Bai Shi Ju did not hide Bai An Xiang from the truth, "As the matter of fact, you only got poisoned by an unknown toxin."

"Poisoned?" Bai An Xiang was shocked to hear the news, it seemed like this did not exist in her world, it was just a tale to her.

"The toxin is slow acting, it will not take your life for the moment." Bai Shi Ju said, "And it



is my idea to bring you for a vacation, because Cheng Yuan has an important matter to attend to, your presence will only distract him, besides, you will be agitated."

Bai An Xiang asked Bai Shi Ju with a scowl, "What does he need to do?"

Bai Shi Ju stared at Bai An Xiang, after a moment of silence, he suddenly asked, "Have you fallen in love with Cheng Yuan?"

"The hell with it!" After getting teased out of the blue, Bai An Xiang flushed and denied right away.

Bai Shi Ju laughed, "After breaking the news to you, the first thing you asked about was Cheng Yuan, under normal circumstances, anyone would have asked about the poison first, so you've subconsciously priortized Cheng Yuan over yourself."

Bai An Xiang pouted her lips, she peeked at Bai Shi Ju while Bai Shi Ju said with a laugh, "That's great."

One day later.

It was a busy day in Xin Yang City.



Upon completion of the second phase of Yue Liang Wan, the Jun Feng Group was supposed to hold an internal celebration, but for some reason, a group of well-known businessmen showed up.

Among them were executives of Long Teng and Di Shui.

According to the norm, Jun Feng's chairman would not be absent in occasions like this. While numerous public figures were invited to the event today, logically, the chairman must be present, but...

"Have you found out where the chairman has gone?" In the general manager's office at Xin Yang Hotel, Wang Zi Yan asked a few of her associates with a frown.

All of them shook her heads respectively.

Wang Zi Yan became anxious, with so many people showing up today, she anticipated something big to occur. However, Cheng Yuan chose to disappear at this time, if anything went wrong today, she would not be able to hold the responsbility.

In the lobby, Jin Jie was smiling at the



uninvited guests zealously. After the highly reputed public and business figures greeted him and entered the event hall, Jin Jie quickly wiped the sweat off his forehead with his hand, then instantly changed his expression and mumbled, "Damn bastards, why the hell did so many show up?"

During nightfall, when the lights were switched on, the Xin Yang Hotel was decorated with glorious bright lights while the hall was exceptionally lively with the presence of the guests.

The host of the celebration banquet appeared to be in a daze, he had not seen so many prominent figures before.

He walked up to the rostrum and cleared his throat before smiling, then said, "Good evening ladies and gentleman, welcome to the celebration banquet of the successful completion of phase two of Jun Feng's Yue Liang Wan project, we are honored to be graced by the presence of..."

He started off with a lengthy opening remark.

After the remark, he went into the main





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topic.

"Next up, please welcome the person in charge of Yue Liang Wan's phase two project, general manager Zhang Xun on stage for a speech."

Upon hearing this, Yue Liang Wan's general manager Zhang Xun fixed his shirt and prepared to go on stage, but someone from the audience shouted, "Shouldn't we invite Jun Feng's chairman for a speech first?"

The audience burst into an indistinct chattering following the question, they started to murmur in discussion.

Zhang Xun's paused his footsteps too.

"Erm...." The host peeked at Wang Zi Yan, who was not far away.

"We trust Jun Feng's chairman will at least be present while all the prominent figures in the business world are here, right?" Another person in the crowd asked.

Upon hearing these words, both the host and Wang Zi Yan raised their eyebrows, the person was blatantly instigating conflicts, or



adding fuel to the fire, it was obviously planned.

At this moment, Wang Zi Yan promptly went to the stage and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, apologies as our chairman is..."

"Cheng Yuan has hid himself today!" Before Wang Zi Yan could finish her statement, she was interrupted by a loud voice out of the sudden.

Hence, the guests turned to the source of the voice simultaneously.

Wang Zi Yan also gazed in the direction of the voice.

With a confident smile, Long Chen Lang fixed his suit casually then gradually stood up and walked to the rostrum.

Everyone was stunned, they had no idea what was happening.

After getting to the rostrum, Long Chen Lang faced the audience then said in a deliberate mysterious manner, "I guess everyone here doesn't know who the chairman of Jun Feng really is."

The guests held their breath and listened attentively.

"Long Chen Lang, don't push your limits!" Wang Zi Yan scolded him.

Long Chen Lang was pleased with the way people looked up to him, he completely ignored Wang Zi Yan's anger, then smiled and said, "Perhaps you may never believe this, the chairman of the leading organization in Xin Yang City is a man called Cheng Yuan."

"Cheng Yuan?"

"Hey, this name sounds familiar!"

"Yeah, I think I heard of this name somewhere before."

Wang Zi Yan's face was filled with an apathetic expression, she held her fists tightly and it suddenly dawned on her that it was all Long Chen Lang's doing for the uninvited guests.

'What does he really want to do?'

"Perhaps everyone may have heard of the

name before." Long Chen Lang smile, "Great, let me introduce the young and capable man to everyone."

"Bai Corporation, a decently-sized company, gained its popularity for one of their stunningly graceful lady staff. In the end, I believe everyone has heard that the most charming lady in Xin Yang City got married to a piece of trash, and the name of the piece of trash is..."

"Cheng Yuan!" Suddenly someone shouted the name to finish Long Chen Lang's sentence.

"Wow, no wonder I felt it was oddly familiar."

"So it's the piece of trash after all, erm... Hang on, if he is Jun Feng's chairman, then how could he be a piece of trash?"

"Hey, Mr. Long, are you mistaken?"

The audience was doubtful.

Meanwhile, a lady among the crowd was jaw-dropped.

The company Mu Ru Zhen worked at had



business ties with Jun Feng, so she was invited to the banquet. When she heard that the chairman of Jun Feng was Cheng Yuan, her brain instantly stopped functioning.

All this while, she was adamant to marry to Jun Feng's chairman, because when she ran into some danger earlier, the young chairman spoke up to save her, hence her unrequited love for him.

After all, the man whom she cannot forget was her best friend's husband. He was her most hated, also her most disdained man.

"Long Chen Lang, what do you want exactly?" Wang Zi Yan suddenly shouted at Long Chen Lang.

Upon hearing this, Long Chen Lang said in an assertive and righteous manner, "What do I want? I want to expose the illegal acts of the Jun Feng Group!"

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'Illegal acts?'

Everyone was shocked to hear these words.

'Is Long Chen Lang out of his mind? To openly provoke Jun Feng?'

Besides.

"What illegal acts?"

"Yeah Mr. Long, you need to make yourself clear!" The prominent businessmen among the crowd suddenly became curious.

In hindsight, this was a battle between the top two organizations in Xin Yang City and it was the climax at this point, how could they miss the show?

Meanwhile, Wang Zi Yan pointed at Long Chen Lang and said furiously, "Long Chen Lang, stop your nonsense, you're not in Long Teng right now."

"Sure, this isn't Long Teng." Long Chen Lang turned to Wang Zi Yan, then let out a mysterious grin, "But it will soon become one of Long Teng's properties, including... You!"

Long Chen Lang reached out his finger and pointed to Wang Zi Yan's nose, then said to her in a deliberate soft voice which could only be heard between the two, "To be honest, I am envious of Cheng Yuan that he has a confidant like you, but, do you believe that I will replace Cheng Yuan to become your new boss not long from now?"

"What the hell are you talking about?" Wang Zi Yan gawked at him as she was fuming.

Long Chen Lang was not bothered by her actions, he turned to the audience and said in a loud voice, "Aren't you curious why Jun Feng's chairman isn't here today? Fine, let me tell you, it's because he committed a grave mistake, he was arrested, thus, how can he possibly be here?"

The crowded burst into an indistinct chattering following his words.

"What?"

"It can't be, the chairman of Jun Feng is arrested?"

"Why was I not informed of such a shocking news?"



Everyone was in disbelief, hence one of them asked Long Chen Lang, "Mr. Long, are you mistaken? What could Jun Feng's chairman be arrested for?"

"I believe you won't slander his name just because he made a move on some of Long Teng's companies, right?"

"Yeah, I heard about it, it appeared Jun Feng was responsible for the close down of your pharmaceutical company and some supermarkets."

The crowd started making wild guesses, because many of them heard about Jun Feng targeting Long Chen Yu earlier. Hence, it was logical to surmise that Long Chen Lang was avenging his brother.

However.

Long Chen Lang shook his head and scoffed, "The Jun Feng Group's project at Yue Liang Wan was jerry-built, it was completed with incompliant fire retardant materials, is it not a big deal to construct a batch of dilapidated building?"

Everyone was astonished at his words.

"What?"

"Bloody hell, it can't be, the most expensive suburb in Xin Yang City is filled with dilapidated buildings?"

If what Long Chen Lang said was true, jerrybuilding on the massive piece of land was considered a commercial crime, because this jeopardizes the safety of numerous lives.

After hearing Long Chen Lang, Wang Zi Yan's heart instantly sank. She recalled Cheng Yuan brought her to the construction site and brought two samples of insulation materials for testing, one of them actually failed the test.

However, how could she publicly admit it under the circumstances? Wang Zi Yan suddenly said anxiously, "Long Chen Lang, stop deceiving the audience, note that we will pursue legal actions on the grounds of defamation. You're not welcomed here, please leave!"

Long Chen Lang burst into laughter.

He was laughing hysterically.



Until he bent his waist.

Then gradually straightened his back, pointed at the audience and said to the businessmen of Xin Yang City, "This is Xin Yang City, there is only one outcome to cross the Long Teng Group, that is decimation!"

Outrageous!

Too outrageous!

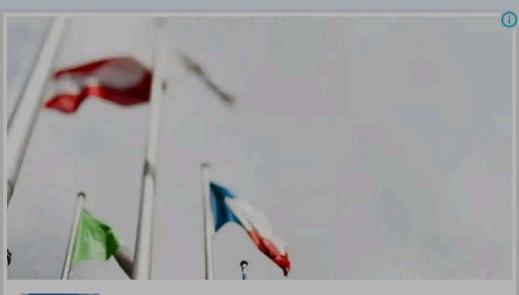
Everyone felt Long Chen Lang's statement was too outrageous, atrocious and arrogant. Keep in the mind the guests were all prominent figures of the business world.

However.

Everyone understood that if Long Chen Lang was right, then Jun Feng's issues must have been the results of his sabotage. In other words, if he could topple Jun Feng, who else in Xin Yang City would dare to cross them?

Was he showing his authority?

If he was, then from now onward, the Long Teng Group would certainly replace Jun





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Feng as the leading organization.

Long Chen Lang was pleased to see that the audience did not mutter a word after his statement.

Previously, Long Wen repeatedly advised him to let Xiao Mu play this role today, but Long Chen Lang thought otherwise. He felt that if Xiao Mu were to play the spectacular role, then Long Teng would be suppressed by the Di Shui Group in the future.

By the looks of it, he felt he made the right deicision.

"You can doubt me or Long Teng's capabilities, but let me show you a video footage." Long Chen Lang continued.

The massive screen at the hall was switched on suddenly, then a footage was presented to the audience.

The footage showed a construction site.

A group of people barged into the site, disregarding the security guards, some of them even carried a video camera with them.



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Wang Zi Yan became lifeless once she saw the construction site.

Because it was the site where phase two of Yue Liang Wan was coming to a completion.

"Good day, we are the home owners of this suburb, we are informed that these are dilapidated buildings, so we barged in to conduct an experiment. If the rumours were true, we'd like to urge the government to seek justice for home owners like us, to punish the developers severely!"

One of them started shouting at the video camera.

Closely after, someone lighted up a piece of linoleum, then tossed it on the wall of a building, a thick cloud of dark smoke could be seen coming from the linoleum.

The businessmen in Xin Yang Hotel were gawking at the video footage.

Wang Zi Yan's body was trembling in fear, it seemed like she could see the ending, she imagined a blazing fire burning down the entire building.

On the other hand, Long Chen Lang was calm and collected, he even curved his lips upward, he was excited because he anticipated the blazing fire to spread rapidly. At the same time, Jun Feng's era in Xin Yang City would be burned to the ground just like the buildings.

When that happens, who would dare to go up against the Long Family in Xin Yang City?

However, three minutes later, the linoleum was burned off, the dark black had dispersed, it appeared that apart from a single black spot, the building remained in great condition.

"This..."

"This can't be it, Mr. Long, you call this jerrybuilt? It seemed like they used certified fire retardant materials, right?"

"No, this is a mistake." Long Chen Lang frowned as he heard voices of doubts from the crowd, he emphasized, "This must be a mistake, perhaps Yue Liang Wan only used poor quality materials on some of their buildings, if you don't trust me, I'll make them burn another one."

Long Chen Lang promptly took out his phone and called Xiao Mu, to inform him to push the owners to burn another building.

However, before the phone was answered, the footage started showing another building.

Technically, it was showing another suburb.

Similarly, someone lighted up a piece of linoleum and held it against the wall, not long after, a thick smoke was formed, then the fire started blazing as if the entire wall was drenched in petroleum, it quickly engulfed the roof of the house.

"Look..." Long Chen Lang said in surprise.

However, before he could finish his words, the audience started wowing.

But very quickly, Wang Zi Yan noticed something odd.

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"Hey, this construction site doesn't look like phase two of Yue Liang Wan."



"Yeah, I reckon."

"Why does it look so much like Long Teng Jia Yuan?"



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"No, this is impossible!" Long Chen Lang was at a loss.

He could never see it coming, he was just arrogantly rebuking Jun Feng in public. In the end, Jun Feng's construction turned out fine but his buildings had issues instead.

"No, this must be a mistake." Long Chen Lang quickly refuted.

However...

Wang Zi Yan came back to her senses, she finally sighed in relief.

Rightfully, that was Long Teng Jia Yuan.

Long Teng Jia Yuan commenced their construction around the same time as phase two of Yue Liang Wan, but they completed their project a month earlier. This project mainly consisted of economical housing.

"Oh, after all, it was your project that was jerry-built." The business figures also came back to their senses.

"Mr. Long, what are you trying to prove?"



How the hell did Long Chen Lang know what he was proving? To his knowledge, he supplied the insulation materials to Jun Feng, while he used the materials he manufactured himself. How could it be that Jun Feng's was fine while Long Teng's had issues?

"No, no, this must be a mistake." Long Chen Lang stubbornly insisted even up to this point, but he could not make up any excuses, since the evidence was presented right before his eyes.

"Please enlighten us, Mr. Long, what is the mistake here?"

At this moment, an utterly apathetic voice arose out of the blue.

Long Chen Lang was shocked to hear that, he instinctively gazed at the source of the voice.

While Wang Zi Yan showed signs of joy on her face, she also turned to the voice

Everyone turned to the same direction.

Cheng Yuan brought four men with him, then



steadily walked to the rostrum from the backstage. He trudged up to Long Chen Lang and pointed at the video footage, "The fire is blazing."

It was as if the world stopped moving, as if everyone forgot how to breath, at this moment, the hall was reduced to a deafening silence, like the middle of a desert.

"Is he the chairman of Jun Feng?"

"Is this the useless son in law of the Bais?"

"Bloody hell, is that true? He's so young!"

"Of course he is, look at him, judging from his temperament, how could he be a useless man?"

"Who called him useless? They must have been blinded."

"Exactly, he looks handsome too!"

The murmurs of the crowd instantly filled the hall, it appeared they knew that Cheng Yuan was the chairman of Jun Feng, so they included hints of fawning in their comments.



Mu Ru Zhen was one of the guests, she was absolutely jaw-dropped the moment Cheng Yuan showed up.

She had butterflies in her stomach, 'Is that really Cheng Yuan?'

'How could it be?'

The image of the back of the man which appeared in her mind numerous times gradually merged with Cheng Yuan's, who was standing right in front of her.

This was her best friend's husband, how could she be thinking about the same man all the time?

She could not describe her feelings in the heat of the moment, she suddenly felt relieved, but at the same time, she felt upset.

While the first person who woke up from the silent 'banquet' was Long Chen Lang, whose forehead was covered with sweat at this point.

"Cheng Yuan, how... How did you get out?" Long Chen Lang yelled.





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Cheng Yuan replied listlessly, "Because the person who committed the crime was not me, it was you."

"All 38 factories that manufacture insulation boards in Xin Yang City are leased or acquired under Long Teng's retail companies. The products are completely not up to the compliance standard in the country, you painted the boards and sold them as fire retardant boards, even used them on your own construction, please enlighten me... Which one of us committed an illegal act?"

After Cheng Yuan finished his statement, the truth dawned on the businessmen around the hall.

"So that's how it is."

"Long Chen Lang, you're such a despicable man!"

"How could you do such conscienceless things? This involves the safety of hundreds of lives!"

The people started criticizing Long Chen Lang, or the entire Long Teng Group.



Speaking of which, if this kept going, even if they were not charged for their crimes, the Long Teng Group would have definitely lost their footing in Xin Yang City.

Long Chen Lang was at a loss, he still did not understand what went wrong in the process.

"Nonsense, you must have escaped prison, you committed the commercial crimes then tried to frame us, why would the police release you so easily?" Long Chen Lang shouted hysterically, "Apart from this, you were involved in assault as well."

"Escaped?" Cheng Yuan had to urge to burst into laughter as he heard Long Chen Lang's flurry of shouting.

At this moment, a middle-aged man wearing a short sleeve shirt behind Cheng Yuan stood forward, he said, "The chairman has done nothing wrong by the law, why would he try to escape?"

Long Chen Lang continued to insist after hearing the middle-aged man, "Are you joking me? Cheng Yuan is a thug, how could he not violate the laws? Doesn't assault



count? Besides, who the hell are you? What do your bloody words mean anyway?"

The man smiled in response, then took out an identification card from his pocket.

"My name is Li Wei and I am a policeman!"

"..." Long Chen Lang was completely dumbstruck.

Li Wei continued indifferently, "In fact, it was chairman's idea to go to the police station. It was him who requested to stay in there for a day, as for the assault you mentioned, the party at fault was obviously the illegal protestors, Mr. Cheng was only defending himself, besides, he was not involved in the ordeal directly, how could you call him a thug?"

Long Chen Lang remained in disbelief after hearing Li Wei's explanation, he refuted stubbornly, "Bullshit, who would ask to be locked up at the police station, you think that's a clubhouse? That must be fake, you must be a fraud!"

Seeing as he was still in disbelief, Cheng Yuan laughed and said, "Mr. Long, your plan

was perfect, but at the same time, it was despicable and especially conscienceless. I believe if your father, Long Wen, was put in your shoes, he would not have the guts to do it."

"Long Wen is an oversensitive and conservative man, if he was making the calls, he may not allow you to play this role today."

"Sure, before you looked into me, I have already familiarized myself with your background, so when I found out about your despicable plan, I deliberately locked myself up, so that Long Wen's concerns can be dismissed."

Long Chen Lang was gawking the entire time when Cheng Yuan made his explanation, his eyes almost fell out.

He did not expect his perfect plan to turn out like this, he also did not anticipate Cheng Yuan to be able to read their plan and made his move secretly.

He suddenly felt terrified of Cheng Yuan.

The illegal protest was just a coincidence,



nobody would expect Cheng Yuan to use it as a cover, so when Cheng Yuan was locked up because of it, the entire Long Family let their guards down, they even felt that luck was in their favor.

When they were making every attempt to plot a perfect plan earlier, using Di Shui's acquisition of Bai Corporation as a distraction so Cheng Yuan would be focused on them while Long Teng was able to secretly switch out the insulation boards.

Well, they did not have to distract him in the end since Cheng Yuan got into troubles himself.

But little did they know, it was his plan all along.

At this moment, Li Wei took out his handcuffs and walked straight toward Long Chen Lang, "Mr. Long, please come with us."

Wang Zi Yan was astounded at the reason Cheng Yuan was gone these two days.

In her eyes, Cheng Yuan was just a relatively smart boy, sometimes he would make rash decisions, sometimes he could be overbearing and sometimes he would make her feel touched.

However, following this incident, she changed her opinion for him again. To think that she used to take him as a typical prodigal son from a wealthy family, Cheng Yuan had grown into a man who could go up against an organization.

Wang Zi Yan's mind was filled with flashbacks of Cheng Yuan's growth.

She became absentminded.

All of the sudden, she felt a strong force grabbing onto her neck.

There were beers on the stage, Long Chen Yuan grabbed one of the bottles and smashed it, then held Wang Zi Yan hostage as she was standing right next to him. He used the smashed bottle as a weapon and held it against her fair, slender neck, then shouted at Li Wei and Cheng Yuan, "Go away! All of you, go away!"

Cheng Yuan raised his eyebrows then planted his feet on the ground, "Long Chen Lang, let her go!"

Li Wei did not dare to approach him, he pointed at Long Chen Lang and said, "Don't do anything stupid."

The prominent figures in the business world were dumbfounded at this scene, they instantly made way as if they were afraid of getting blood on themselves.

Long Chen Lang took the opportunity and shoved Wang Zi Yan toward Li Wei then fled the hall.

Li Wei supported Wang Zi Yan, then handed her to Cheng Yuan before getting his men and chasing after Long Chen Lang.

"Smash!" The glass door was shattered into pieces, there was a little girl standing right next to the door.

Upon seeing this, Li Wei dived toward her, he pushed her to the ground and used his body to block the glass fragnments.

The girl was utterly frightened.

Li Wei comforted her briefly, then continued to chase out the hotel, but Long Chen Lang

had already started his car engine and promptly left the scene.

Cheng Yuan caught up to Li Wei, "Can we issue a warrant now?"

The huge monitor was still showing the video footage, the evidence was solid, Li Wei nodded, "I'll notify the precinct at once and commence our manhunt."

At this moment.

Long Chen Lang's entire body was shuddering as he was driving his car.

He dialled Xiao Mu's number in the car.

"Hello!" Xiao Mu's calm voice was heard from the other end of the phone.

"We're done." Long Chen Lang said nervously, "Our plan is exposed, the policemen are looking for me now, you should find a place to hide, then we'll come together and think of another plan."

There was a short pause on the phone, before Xiao Mu said casually, "Why would I need to hide myself?"

"Nonsense, we're in this together..." Just as Long Chen Lang was explaining himself, he

suddenly stopped talking, he had a bad feeling, as if he realized the issue in his plan.

Yes, it was at this moment.

"It's you?" Long Chen Lang asked in disbelief, "Why? I was helping you all along!"

Xiao Mu's voice was unusually calm from the other end, "Oh, since you've guessed it, then there's nothing I should hide anymore, actually I've been targeting you since the beginning. Or, technically, we have been targeting the Long Teng Group since the beginning.

"Damn you, what the hell did you do this for?" Long Chen Lang could not understand it, he was infuriated.

He only just realized that he was being played like a monkey.

After splitting the 38 factories into two portions, Long Teng and Di Shui supplied the fire retardant insulation boards to Jun Feng at the same time, but it seemed to finally hit Long Chen Lang in this moment. Xiao Mu was actually manufacturing certified boards, the reason Jun Feng's buildings were fine was because they only used the materials Xiao Mu produced.

While the boards he produced was secretly swapped to his construction site by Xiao Mu.

Xiao Mu said listlessly, "Because I believe it's easier to topple Long Teng than to topple Jun Feng. Besides, if I really toppled Jun Feng, then Long Teng will definitely come out as the bigger winner, while I could only pick up some scraps along the way, do you think I would be willing to do that?"

"If I were to topple Long Teng, all the benefits will go to me alone."

It was as if Long Chen Lang was hearing the words 'I want to feast, and I want to feast on you!'

Long Chen Lang slumped on the driver's seat lifelessly, he felt like reality was heavily distorted at this moment.

Just before this, he was smugly announcing in front of all the prominent businessmen in the city, 'This is Xin Yang City, there is only one outcome to cross the Long Teng Group, that is decimation!'

But now?

"Beep... Beep..." Xiao Mu hung up on him, Long Chen Lang slammed the steering

wheel forcefully and shouted hysterically, "Bastard! All of you are bastards!"

Meanwhile, in Xin Yang Hotel.

The prominent businessmen swamped Cheng Yuan to fawn over him relentlessly, they would say things like 'We've always disliked the Long Family', 'We will always take Jun Feng's side' or 'Chairman is such a young and able man'.

Once Cheng Yuan answered each of them out of obligation, the banquet commenced officially and everyone started feasting.

Just as everyone was enjoying themselves, Cheng Yuan held a wine glass and went to a corner alone, he said to Mu Ru Zhen, who had her head down at the corner, "Hi!"

Mu Ru Zhen's heart rate starting picking up when she realized Cheng Yuan was moving toward her. She was nervous and at a loss, so she quickly lowered her head, panting heavily and did not dare to lift her head up.

She had mixed feelings after learning Cheng Yuan was the chairman, she could not put them into words, she was just anxious.

She told herself over and over again that the man was her best friend's husband.

However, when she realized Cheng Yuan was in control of the whole ordeal, his image in her mind would intensify.

She suddenly got infuriated!

'Why would I be scared?'

Mu Ru Zhen appeared to be mad at herself, she picked up her courage and stood up, then questioned Cheng Yuan angrily, "How could it be you? How can it be you?"

Cheng Yuan spread his arms out, then handed the wine glasses to her and said, "Do me a favor."

"You're the boss here, what can I do for you?" Mu Ru Zhen pursed her lips and said, "I did not see it coming at all, you're doing a great job hiding the truth."

Cheng Yuan laughed and said, "I need you to keep my identity a secret for now."

"Are you kidding me?" Mu Ru Zhen asked curiously, "Everyone here knows your identity, what the hell am I keeping it secret for?"

Cheng Yuan said, "Nah, I mean I need you to hide it from An Xiang."

"Huh?" Mu Ru Zhen startled.

Supposedly, he did not have to hide it from Bai An Xiang anymore, but the problem was Bai An Xiang must not get agitated at this moment, otherwise it would speed up the spread of the poison in her body.

"Why?" Mu Ru Zhen could not comprehend.

Cheng Yuan said with a wry smile, "An Xiang is sick."

He did not tell Mu Ru Zhen that Bai An Xiang was poisoned, he only told her that Bai An Xiang should not get overly agitated or it would worsen her condition.

Mu Ru Zhen was skeptical about it.

When Cheng Yuan turned around to greet other guests, Mu Ru Zhen's furious expression instantly changed into a gentle one as she was staring at his back.



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Some people say that the saddest thing is life is when you take everything for granted; while the best thing that can ever happen to you is also to be able to take everything for granted.

Cheng Yuan was a nobody from the beginning, he did not have anything, Mu Ru Zhen felt it was too wasteful for Bai An Xiang to marry him as she was a brilliant lady, she felt sorry for Bai An Xiang. As the matter of fact, Bai An Xiang gave Cheng Yuan the cold shoulder multiple times at the beginning of their marriage.

However slowly but surely, Mu Ru Zhen noticed that Bai An Xiang stopped giving Cheng Yuan the cold shoulder, especially after noticing that Bai An Xiang had been defending Cheng Yuan every now and then recently.

Mu Ru Zhen felt Bai An Xiang had fallen for Cheng Yuan, she thought it was most likely a familiarity bred fondness scenario. Of course, it was just pure love.

When Cheng Yuan turned into the chairman of Jun Feng in the blink of an eye, he turned from a piece of trash to the most soughtafter man among ladies. However, Bai An Xiang fell for him not because of his identity, how ironic was that?

Mu Ru Zhen felt it was ironic.

At conclusion of the banquet, Mu Ru Zhen did not even know how she got home, there were two voices battling each other in her brain the whole time.

She lied on the bed with her phone in her hand, she video called Bai An Xiang but quickly hung up.

Multiple times.

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After the banquet, just as Cheng Yuan arrived at Jun Feng, Li Wei brought his men to see him.

Cheng Yuan asked Wang Zi Yan to usher them into his office, Li Wei appeared to be disappointed.

"The Long Family had vacated their houses, just before we froze their accounts, they managed to draw all of their funds from different places in the world or transferred their money in a few batches, I believe the family is looking to escape."

Upon hearing the news, Cheng Yuan asked

in a surprised tone, "Is this a joke? They managed to draw all their money over the night?"

Li Wei smiled helplessly and said, "They used their premium VIP connections with the Jing City Bank."

Cheng Yuan was left speechless.

Logically, the Long Family did not have to flee, they could have found a scapegoat. However, the nature of this incident was different, as the country prioritized issues that compromised the safety of numerous citizens and assets.

It would be unrealistic to falsify the evidences if the top authorities started paying their attention on this matter. They would investigate every single executive of the organization like the 'Sanlu' incident.

To be able to grow to what they were today, which one of the executives could possibly be entirely clean?

Nobody wanted to go to jail, so they fled.

"Where can they flee to?" Cheng Yuan asked.

Li Wei answered without any hesitation, "Out of the country." $\ensuremath{_{3}}$

"Out of the country?"

"Yes, according to our investigation, the Long Family owns a private jet, they also applied for a flying permit with Air Traffic Control two days ago, citing one of their board members would like to fly to Thailand, so I suspect they are looking to escape to Thailand in this flight."

Cheng Yuan unconsciously frowned as he heard this news.

Bai Shi Ju just sent a text message to him not long ago, it said, 'To go easy on the foe will only set you and your family up for an endless suffering, you need to uproot the danger completely when it is necessary.'

As if Bai Shi Ju was a clairvoyant who was spying on the events happening here every second. Cheng Yuan knew that he was suggesting to eliminate the Long Family completely, otherwise when they avenge themselves in the future, they may be ruthless and An Xiang may become a casualty.

Cheng Yuan did not want Bai An Xiang to fall into any sort of danger, so...

He must not let the Long Family escape.

Suddenly...

Cheng Yuan's phone rang, when he answered the call, his expression instantly turned grim.

Li Wei immediately leaned toward him.

Cheng Yuan put the phone on speaker.

"Cheng Yuan, you got lucky this time, but I urge you not to pursue me any further!" Long Chen Lang's voice was heard from the other end, "Give me some room in case we meet again in the future."

Cheng Yuan shook his head in response then said listlessly, "No, I will never see you again the future."

Long Chen Lang scoffed, "Regardless, I urge you to tell your police friend to let us go, or..."

"Cheng Yuan, save me!" Suddenly the voice of a lady came from the phone and it was a strangely familiar voice.

'Shao Ting Ting?'

Cheng Yuan frowned and scolded furiously, "Long Chen Lang, what kind of man are you to take your girlfriend as a hostage?"



Long Chen Lang retaliated furiously,
"Bullshit, she's a snitch, as my girlfriend, she
intended to notify you of my plan, she
wanted to betray me, what kind of girlfriend
is she?"

"..." Cheng Yuan startled as he heard this.

He was not sure what happened between Shao Ting Ting and Long Chen Lang previously, but from Long Chen Lang's words, he could imagine the situation Shao Ting Ting was in right now.

She was being held hostage because she planned to notify Cheng Yuan of the plan?

Cheng Yuan clumped his brows together.

Long Chen Lang threatened, "Cheng Yuan, I'll repeat myself, let us go, when we leave the country, I will release Shao Ting Ting, otherwise, if I notice any policeman making their way to the airport, I will kill her first."

"Beep... Beep..." Following this, he hung up the phone.

Li Wei immediately ordered his men, "You guys, make your way to the airport!"

The men moved swiftly.



However, Cheng Yuan was reluctant, he asked curiously, "Don't the Longs have a private airport runway and flight line?"

Li Wei came back to his senses, "You're saying that he deliberately mentioned the airport to lure our men to the airport, then escape in the private jet?"

Cheng Yuan shook his head.

Logically, that was supposed to be the case, besides, when Long Chen Lang was talking to Cheng Yuan on the phone, there were sounds of heavy wind and airplane engines in the background, anyone would have guessed that they were at the airport.

Wouldn't that be too obvious?

This meant...

"The sound in the background was played by another device, so when Shao Ting Ting was screaming for help, the background noise became softer, obviously they were bringing the phone to Shao Ting Ting's mouth, while the other device did not manage to catch up."

Cheng Yuan analyzed, "But, Long Chen Lang is a businessman, he must have been pretty smart to think of such despicable plans, how



can he make such a big mistake?"

"Perhaps he was overlooked it as he was too nervous." Li Wei said.

Cheng Yuan shook his head, "No, that can't be, he had enough time to settle down."

"So...?"

"So, it doesn't matter if you go to the airport or to the private flight line, he was at neither of the places." Cheng Yuan said confidently.

Following this, his phone rang again.

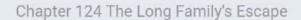
Half an hour later, a commercial cruise was leaving the Xin Yang Port, heading toward the magnificent ocean.

The Long Family was gathering at the deck.

Long Wen was in dismay.

While Long Chen Lang was comforting him, "Dad, don't worry, the funds that we're able to draw are not much lesser than the total amount of Long Teng's assets, we can start over when we get out of the country."

He felt the jerry-built construction at Long Teng Jia Yuan was none of their business anymore. Everything else did not matter as



long as they managed to make their cut of the profit.

"Hoho! Thinking about capturing me." Long Chen Lang scoffed, "Their IQ is much lower than mine."

Over ten of the Long Family members collectively agreed, some of them even gave Long Chen Lang a thumbs up, "Chen Lang, I always noticed that you're smarter than an average kid since you were little."

"If it weren't for Chen Lang, we may have been stripped of our chances to start over."

Long Chen Lang curved his lips upward in a smug expression, he was already imagining the blueprint of the businesses he would start outside of the country.

However.

At this moment, an apathetic voice arose, a voice that instantly sent chills down their spines.

"Didn't you say you want to be the leading organization at Xin Yang City? Why did you give up?"

"You...!" When Long Chen Lang saw the people, he instantly showed signs of terror on his face, "How did you find me here?"

"Not everyone is an idiot, sometimes, if you try to be too smart, you'll end up outsmarting yourself!" Bai Long and Li Wei followed behind Cheng Yuan. They swaggered toward the Long Family and sat down comfortably right in front of them, staring at them intensely.

Every member of the Long Family was in a daze, they had no idea what just happened.

"Humph, so what if you manage to find us here?" Long Chen Lang noticed there were only three of them, he sighed in relief and settled down, he scoffed, "There're so many of us here versus the three of you, if I were to murder you and toss you into the ocean, I believe nobody would notice."

Upon hearing Long Chen Lang's words, the Long Family came back to their senses, the lifeless faces were immediately filled with joy.

True enough, if they just murdered the few of them and tossed them into the ocean, who



could look into them? Even if someone did open an investigation, the Longs would have been long gone, hence they did not care.

Including close associates of the Long Family, executives and bodyguards, there were almost thirty of them on board.

Cheng Yuan eyes were instantly filled with jolliness after hearing Long Chen Lang's words, then glanced at Li Wei.

Li Wei laughed wryly, then said to Cheng Yuan ,"Mr. Cheng, I suggest you forgot about your idea, if it's murder, I will capture the offender regardless of who they are."

Cheng Yuan pouted her lips and said, "What if it's self-defence?"

"Depends on the situation." Li Wei said.

Although Cheng Yuan and Li Wei knew each other personally, Li Wei was a policeman after all. They were considered friends under the condition that Cheng Yuan kept within the boundaries of the law. However, Li Wei was a righteous man, he would not compromise in the law just because he was friends with Cheng Yuan.

Not only did Cheng Yuan not blame Li Wei, he even found Li Wei to be quite likable, there were not many people like him in the society today anymore.

In Long Chen Lang's eyes, their casual chattering was blatant humiliation.

The three of them did not appear to be bothered by over thirty of them.

Long Chen Lang scolded, "Cheng Yuan, don't be too full of yourselves, I urge you to put yourselves in the right place."

Cheng Yuan completely disregarded Long Chen Lang, he turned around to Bai Long instead, "Sorry for the duty call as soon as you got back."

Bai Long maintained his listless expression, as if he did not hear Cheng Yuan at all.

"Presumptuous! Kill him!" Long Chen Lang yelled.

The entire Long Family immediately left their seats.

At this moment, Li Wei made the first move



before Cheng Yuan, he stood forward and pulled out his gun to aim at the men, then said to Long Wen and the executives at Long Teng, "Freeze, Mr. Long, I urge you to think over this clearly, you haven't committed any serious crimes so far, just receive the punishment accordingly, the only one with serious crimes is Long Chen Lang, but that will change if you kill for him."

"Please think about it, even if you manage to escape the country, based on the influences of our nation, do you think you will be let go easily?"

The thirty of them stood still as they heard this, they glanced at each other, as if they were asking one another what to do.

Li Wei was right, although everyone in the organization was not clean, they were comparatively not a serious crime. Some of them only evaded taxes, but if they were to kill someone, they will instantly become a murderer. They were doing it out of their own interest anyway, was it worth the risk?

The majority of them escaped the country because they were following Long Chen Lang's footsteps, mostly to gain personal







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benefits for themselves, since the Long Family withdrew most of their funds. They might be regarded as the founding members if they were to start over, but it really was not worth to risk getting caught as a murderer.

Everyone was afraid to make a move after hearing Li Wei's statement.

Long Chen Lang became increasingly anxious, he yelled, "What's wrong with you guys? Getting discouraged after listening to a few words? We've agreed to share the wealth in the future, just trust me and do as I say, then you will be one of my trusted aides."

However, despite the benefits Long Chen Lang promised, the men stood still, some of them were scratching their heads, some looking at the sky, some staring at their toes while others were doing their shoelaces.

But what surprised Long Chen Lang was the sight of Long Wen slowly returning to his seat and sighed heavily.

Long Chen Lang could not believe his own eyes, he stared at Long Wen and said in disbelief, "Dad, what... What happened to



you?"

Long Wen sighed, "Chen Lang, dad is getting old, I can't take this anymore."

Long Chen Lang was dumbstruck.

While Cheng Yuan shook his head and glared at Li Wei furiously.

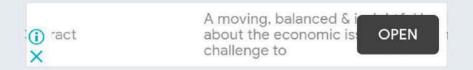
He was actually mad at Li Wei this time, otherwise, Bai Long could have easily thrown all thirty of them into the ocean as 'self-defence'.

"Long Chen Lang, stop fighting back pointlessly." Li Wei warned Long Chen Lang in a righteous manner.

Long Chen Lang lifelessly slumped on the chair.

He finally understood what betrayal was, even his father would not help him, not to mention everyone else.

However, he was not appeased, he refuse to go down like this, he thought, 'Even if I die, I will bring someone down with me.'



"Officer Li, I'd like to make a report, I want to be a witness in exchange for my freedom!" He suddenly shouted at Li Wei.

Li Wei was surprised to hear this, "Is that so? What do you want to report?"

Long Chen Lang gritted his teeth and said, "I did not manufacture the poor quality boards alone, Xiao Mu is in it too, besides, this is his plan, he's the mastermind."

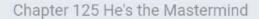
In fact, the incident, or technically speaking, the conspiracy was brought up by Xiao Mu in the first place. However, he was worried that Xiao Mu would gain all the benefits in the end, so he volunteered to play the main role.

Of course, in this instance when Long Chen Lang understood that he was cornered, the first idea that came to his mind was to make Xiao Mu the scapegoat.

Long Wen's eyes were filled with hope after hearing Long Chen Lang's words.

However...

At this moment, Xiao Mu swaggered out of



the cabin and laughed, "Long Chen Lang, that's not very ethical of you, how could you wrongly accuse me?"

Not only did Long Chen Lang not expect Xiao Mu to show up, even Cheng Yuan did not see it coming.

Speaking of which, Cheng Yuan did not anticipate Long Chen Lang's plan. However, just as they were trying to figure out Long Chen Lang's escape route, Bai Long gave Cheng Yuan a call and told him that he was tailing Long Chen Lang and his family, hence Cheng Yuan brought Li Wei and rushed to the dock immediately.

When Cheng Yuan sent Bai Long to Jing City previously, he actually returned on the following day, but he did not show himself and chose to secretly protect Cheng Yuan.

Bai Long had been tailing Long Chen Lang from the moment he fled the hotel.

Cheng Yuan never doubted Bai Long's disguise and tailing skills.

But the question was, how did Xiao Mu know and when did he board the cruise?



There was no time to linger on the question, after Long Chen Lang saw Xiao Mu, he shouted at Li Wei, "Officer Li, this is Xiao Mu, he's also involved, hang on, no, he's the mastermind."

Li Wei turned to Xiao Mu, while Xiao Mu shrugged in response, he let out an innocent expression, "Officer Li, I have absolutely no knowledge of this incident, oh right, Long Chen Lang approached me and proposed to produce non-fire retardant boards for Jun Feng, but I'm a timorous man and would never do such a thing."

"What do you mean?" Long Chen Lang was shocked.

Xiao Mu laughed, "That means, you're the only one who produced the non-fire retardant boards, while I've been producing certified boards that are compliant to legal requirements."

"No," Long Chen Lang was dumbfounded, he said nervously, "it's him, it's his idea to do that."

Xiao Mu asked, "Can you show any evidence?"

Long Chen Lang was completely disheartened.

During their phone call earlier, Xiao Mu mentioned that he was targeting Long Teng from the beginning instead of Jun Feng.

In that case, how could he possibly leave any evidence behind? When they were secretly plotting their plan, they were careful to not anyone eavesdrop on them, not to mention any evidence at all.

However, Long Chen Lang was not appeased.

He pointed at Xiao Mu and Cheng Yuan, then asked Xiao Mu with a grim expression, "You're even hopping on the same boat now, have you forgotten how Cheng Yuan treated you in the first place?"

Cheng Yuan stared at Xiao Mu curiously upon hearing this.

Xiao Mu shrugged at Cheng Yuan, then laughed, "I just made up a story and he bought into it."

"A story?" Long Chen Lang gawked at Xiao

Mu, he quickly refuted, "What story? You wanted to set Cheng Yuan up from the beginning, all of this is true, my men looked into it."

Sure enough, before 'collaborating' with Xiao Mu, Long Chen Lang sent his men to investigate Xiao Mu's background. Moreover, Xiao Mu's words and the way he acted emotionally at Cheng Yuan were consistent with the results of the investigation. How could this be made up?

Xiao Mu started laughing.

"Sure, someone funded my university studies, she's also a famous star." He said, "But I can tell you the truth now, the star who funded my studies wasn't Liu Ying, it was Wang Tong."

Wang Tong was also a star.

Xiao Mu asked, "What else have you found out?"

"Wang Zi Yan?"

"Apologies, the name of the person I love is Wang Xin Yue, as in the new moon."

"Also, I was actually adopted by a family from Lian Hua Village, their surname is Wang as well, but in reality, most of the people from Lian Hua Village are Wangs."

"But..." Xiao Mu put up a solemn expression, then continued after a brief pause, "I can tell you honestly that whatever information you found about me are false."

False?

Long Chen Lang was having none of it, he laughed in mockery and said, "Xiao Mu, the story you made up could really be written into a movie, I understand you only say this because you're afraid that Cheng Yuan would turn against you in the end, right? But, let me be honest with you too, the results of my investigations are absolutely right."

He was completely sure of it.

However.

Xiao Mu shook his head, "I know you're trying to instigate a conflict between Cheng Yuan and I, but it's useless, the brotherly love between us is something you cannot imagine."



It was the truth, Cheng Yuan nodded in acknowledgement.

Xiao Mu continued, "There are eight supermarkets and three restaurants at Lian Hua Village, on the night of July the 13th, a man with moustache went to 'Jiu Mei' supermarket, he bought a bottle of beer and some braised pork, he asked about me while enjoying his meal. Coincidentally, Jiu Mei from the Jiu Mei supermarket knows me, so she gave him a lot of information."

"Except, my apologies, I don't know Jiu Mei, not only Jiu Mei, but also the owners of all of the three restaurants and eight supermarkets, but they received a payment from me. So the information that you acquired were just a story that they memorized."

After saying this, Xiao Mu smiled and asked Long Chen Lang, "Is there anything else you want to know? Please ask away, I'll tell you everything I know."

Long Chen Lang slumped on the ground, his face turned gravely pale.

"How could this be?" He could not believe it.





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After all, it was a trap designed by them, waiting for him to jump in.

Upon recalling the entire incident, it started from Long Chen Yu crossing Cheng Yuan. While Long Chen Lang stuck out for his little brother on the surface, but in reality.

He was making a move on Jun Feng because he was ambitious. He felt that he was smart and capable, he could easily replace Long Wen and do a better job at growing Long Teng, he was also confident that he could acquire Jun Feng.

Thus, he sacrificed the safety of the lives of numerous home owners in order to topple Jun Feng.

But in the end, he shot himself in the foot and even got betrayed by his entire family.

"To hell with it!" Long Chen Lang mumbled.

However, regardless of what he thought, it was too late at this point.

Cheng Yuan said indifferently, "You must refrain from hurting others, once you do, you're only going to hurt your foe and



yourself in the end."

Following this, he patted Xiao Mu's shoulders, then smiled at Long Chen Lang, "You've underestimated the the brotherly love between the two of us."

A patrol vessel approached the cruise as he spoke.

Then, a team of policemen boarded the cruise and brought Long Chen Lang and his family away, they also found a lady in the business class.

The lady was Shao Ting Ting. After getting rescued, her eyes started tearing up when she saw Cheng Yuan.

"Sorry!" She said to Cheng Yuan.

In fact, she did not even know what she was apologizing over, perhaps Shao Ting Ting thought she had caused him troubles.

Cheng Yuan was surprised too, she comforted Shao Ting Ting and said, "It's fine, everything is ok now, we can go home now."

We... Home...



"Oh!" Shao Ting Ting said meekly.

She recalled her university days. Cheng Yuan was inexistent to her back then, had she known he would achieve the success today, she would have...

Shao Ting Ting felt regretful.

One day after...

At a villa in Jing City.

Cheng Yuan's birth mother, an over fifty-yearold, fine-looking and elegant woman, Li Lan Ying.

She was holding a cup of freshly brewed longjing tea and headed toward the balcony. She left the cup on the table at the balcony, then took a seat on the deck chair to the right of the table. She gracefully and comfortably laid down to expose her beautiful body to the sunlight.

"Yuan has really done well!" She said.

Meanwhile, on the other deck chair to the left of the table, was a middle-aged man wearing his pyjamas and reading a book. His

name was Cheng Jun Feng, he was also the birth father Cheng Yuan never met before.

"Yeah, he's growing faster than I anticipated." Cheng Jun Feng said casually while continuing to read his book.

Li Lan Ying was discontented with him after hearing his remarks, she complained with a scowl, "Will you die if you praise your son?"

Cheng Jun Feng laughed wryly, then put the book on the table and said, "He only managed to defeat the mere Long Teng Group, what is there to praise? Besides..."

"Besides, he also committed a grave mistake."

Li Lan Ying was shocked to hear this, she asked, "What grave mistake?"

Cheng Jun Feng replied listlessly, "Too emotional."

"Emotional?" Li Lan Ying repeated.

Cheng Jun Feng nodded, he reached out his hand to grab the longjing and took a sip, before saying, "Although we did not witness



the whole incident, from the recollection, my instincts told me that Xiao Mu isn't a simple man."

"Cheng Yuan's classmate?" Li Lan Ying asked in surprise.

"Yes, although Cheng Yuan has grown after this incident, it isn't enough, compared to his younger brother, he has a long way to go." Cheng Jun Feng said.

Upon mentioning Cheng Yuan's younger brother, Li Lan Ying's face turned pale, her lips started trembling.

"Besides, it appeared to me someone has been helping Cheng Yuan behind his back." Cheng Jun Feng said.

After coming back to her senses and realizing Cheng Jun Feng diverted the topic back to Cheng Yuan, Li Lan Ying was relieved, she asked, "You mean Cheng Yuan's father in law?"

On the following day at Jun Feng in Xin Yang City.

"You mean the supervisor Zhang Fa was bribed?" Wang Zi Yan asked in surprise.

Previously when they found out that Long Teng and Di Shui were manufacturing large batches of insulation boards, Cheng Yuan brought Wang Zi Yan to the construction site at Yue Liang Wan. They noticed the materials at Yue Liang Wan were divided into two batches.

One of them was almost used up while the other one was piled up, as if it was not touched.

When Cheng Yuan confronted Zhang Fa about only using one of them in particular, Zhang Fa only mumbled that it was the workers' idea and he was not sure.

"That seems to be the case." Cheng Yuan nodded, "Long Chen Lang and Xiao Mu collaborated to produce non-compliant materials to set me up, but in reality, Xiao Mu was backstabbing Long Chen Lang, he was actually producing compliant boards and sent them to the site with Long Chen

Lang's, but why did the workers only use the certified ones from Xiao Mu?"

"Can you tell the difference between the two?"

Wang Zi Yan shook her head, the idea seemed to dawn on her, "I can't."

"That's right, there's no way we can tell with our naked eyes, how did the workers know which ones they should use?"

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Cheng Yuan laughed, "Xiao Mu must have bribed Zhang Fa, we can guess it from Zhang Fa's stuttering, so it was his idea to get the workers to use Xiao Mu's materials."

"To earn a commission?" Wang Zi Yan finally understood.

Following the conclusion, Wang Zi Yan gradually understood the entire incident, she felt chills down her spine.

She could not imagine that there were so many minute details behind the scenes of the battle Jun Feng just fought in. She also



did not expect to experience the conspiracy first-hand and she was more surprised that Cheng Yuan guessed everything. He even faked his arrest to lure the foe to reveal their masterplan.

Like a chain, where one ring was buckled to another ring, if one of them was a defect, the entire battle might be lost. The over-twentyyear-old Wang Zi Yan was at a loss.

Sure enough, there was no room for error, for instance the investigation of Xiao Mu's background. To their surprise, Xiao Mu bought off all of the supermarket and restaurant owners at Lian Hua Xiang.

"Should we take care of Zhang Fa?" Wang Zi Yan asked.

Cheng Yuan pondered for a moment and finally waggled his hands, he said listlessly, "Leave it."

"Leave it?"

"Leave it!" Cheng Yuan said, "Everyone is greedy, there are tens of thousands of Zhang Fa's out there, just give him a warning after this incident, he may even outperform a

newcomer in the end."

"Erm... Sure!" Wang Zi Yan answered.

The man right before her made her hesitated.

To think when he first joined the group not long ago, nobody was optimistic about him, especially Wang Zi Yan herself, she was certain that he would turn out to be a prodigal son.

However, following the typhoon ordeal, the Cai Xi Kun incident and this battle, he managed to completely overturn his image in her heart.

'He is growing too rapidly.' Wang Zi Yan thought.

"Bad news!"

Jin Jie barged into the chairman's office abruptly. With sweat covering his forehead, he used one hand to relax his tie while saying nervously, "Chairman, bad news."

Cheng Yuan glared at him and said, "Bullshit, I'm doing fine."







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"Erm..." Jin Jie realized his mistakes and quickly apologized, "Sorry...! My bad, let me start over again."

Wang Zi Yan started giggling with a hand over her mouth.

"Chairman, remember how you told me to take charge of compiling Long Teng's assets?" Jin Jie laughed awkwardly, then turned to a solemn expression and said, "We got cut off again."

Long Wen was brought in for interrogation after the arrest of Long Chen Lang and all of the board members of Long Teng were involved in illegal activities to a certain extend. As a result, the entire executives team of Long Teng were vacated, Long Teng imploded over the course of one night.

As for Long Chen Yu, since Long Wen managed to cease his control over Long Teng, he managed to escape the consequences.

Long Teng was ranked second to Jun Feng in Xin Yang City, following their demise, everybody would be eyeing on the amount of resources they left behind, but who would



dare to compete with Jun Feng for the benefits?

"It's bloody Di Shui again." Jin Jie asked in frustration.

Cheng Yuan startled for a moment upon hearing this, then smiled, "If that's the case, so be it."

Xiao Mu and him were brothers, while Di Shui was partially build up by Cheng Yuan, so in certain aspects, Di Shui was Cheng Yuan's too.

Since it was his, then never mind that.

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At this moment, on the balcony of the tallest commercial building in Xin Yang City, the breeze was blowing at Xiao Mu and his sleeves were fluttering.

He was gazing at half of Xin Yang City with his full attention.

While a man just reached the balcony, he



was wearing a baseball cap and a pair of shades.

"It's pretty chilly up here." The man appeared to be talking to himself.

Xiao Mu said indifferently, "That's because the sun has not appeared yet."

It was a cloudy day, otherwise the balcony would be scorching hot right now. It was on a 38-floor building after all, which was the highest point for a small city like Xin Yang.

The man in baseball cap laughed softly while removing his shades to reveal a relatively handsome face.

If Cheng Yuan was here, he would have been utterly shocked, because this man was the only person from the Longs who was not affected in the ordeal, Long Chen Yu.

"Following this incident, Cheng Yuan should have put all his trust in you, right?" Long Chen Yu said.

Xiao Mu did not answer the question, he turned around gradually to look at Long Chen Yu, then sighed after a pause, "Why



aren't you upset at all?"

Long Chen Yu asked curiously, "Why would I be upset?"

"You're willing to sacrifice the entire Long Teng as bait to let me earn Cheng Yuan's trust, don't you feel it's unworthy?" Xiao Mu asked.

Long Chen Yu laughed.

"Long Teng was nothing to me since the beginning."

"But the funny thing is, my dear brother thought he was outsmarting me, he was afraid that I'd compete with him for control over the organization and did whatever he can to make my father drive me out of Long Teng."

Xiao Mu involuntarily shuddered, as if he felt the breeze was too chilly, "A person who would rather sacrifice his emotions to achieve his goals is such a scary person."

Long Chen Yu smiled, "You and me both."

"Let's cut the nonsense, since you've earned



Cheng Yuan's trust, then we should proceed with our plan, don't let the guys up there wait any longer."

Xiao Mu remained silent.

During the establishment of Di Shui, the first person he contacted was Long Chen Yu, while Long Chen Yu introduced him to the man above him.

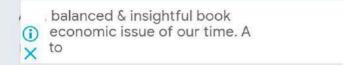
At the moment, Long Teng was experiencing attacks from Jun Feng, hence Long Chen Yu planned the flow of the whole incident.

He was also responsible to expose Long Chen Lang to the Di Shui Group every now and then.

During that evening.

In a hotel at Jing City, Bai Shi Ju answered Xiao Mu's video call.

Xiao Mu recollected the whole meeting with Long Chen Yu to him, Bai Shi Ju nodded and said listlessly, "Since it's time, let's do what he said."





"Can I ask you a question?" Xiao Mu paused for a moment and asked Bai Shi Ju.

Bai Shi Ju put out his hand and gestured for an invitation, "You're my boss now, of course you can."

Xiao Mu laughed in response, then shook his head, "Never mind, don't worry about it."

He was actually curious if Bai Shi Ju was the man above him. However, Bai Shi Ju had given him the answer before he asked the question.

Bai Shi Ju looked at him with a smile.

Xiao Mu shook his head again, "Did you go to Jing City so your daughter doesn't see Cheng Yuan's struggles?"

Bai Shi Ju shook his head and said, "I'm not as emotional as my daughter, besides, in her eyes, since when did Cheng Yuan not struggle?"

Xiao Mu thought he had a point.

Bai An Xiang never knew Cheng Yuan's true identity, even up to this point. Moreover, judging from the way Bai Shi Ju treated the Bai Family, he really was not an emotional person like her daughter.

He was certain that Master Bai would not agree to his spiteful conditions earlier.

Meanwhile, the Bai Family was also completely at a loss right now.

Initially, being acquired by Jun Feng was their only way out, but Di Shui came out of no where and said that they would acquire them at a higher price. Master Bai was moved, but he did not agree on the spot as he was afraid of crossing Jun Feng.

However, Bai Yong Ming was afraid that he would become a janitor after Jun Feng's acquisition, so he convinced Master Bai persistently, "We're businessmen, of course we should let whoever offers the higher price acquire us."

It was logical, hence Master Bai finally agreed.

However, they overlooked a point.

Without Bai Corporation, Jun Feng would remain as Jun Feng; but without Jun Feng, Bai Corporation may not be the Bai Corporation they once were.

Sure enough, Di Shui backstabbed them.

When Master Bai reached Di Shui's chairman,



Xiao Mu laughed at master and said, "I'm brothers with Cheng Yuan."

That was when Master Bai realized that he made a foolish decision.

He brought the executives and came to Jun Feng once again. With a humble attitude, Master Bai said to the lady attendant at the entrance, "Sorry to bother you, we'd like to meet the chairman of Jun Feng."

The attendant responded with a courteous smile, "May I know if you have an appointment?"

"Could you make a call and say its Master Bai?"
Master asked in a humble attitude.

"Sure, please hang on sir." The attendant picked up the phone and called Wang Zi Yan's office.

Ten minutes later, Wang Zi Yan showed up in front of Master Bai.

Bai Shi Pan and his siblings were standing behind Master Bai.

Master expressed joy on his face, he shoved his sons away and greeted Wang Zi Yan, "Good day Miss Wang, can I..."

Wang Zi Yan interrupted him apathetically, "The chairman wishes to see you alone."

"Sure sure." Master nodded repeatedly, then turned around to tell Bai Shi Pan and his brothers, "You guys wait here."

He followed Wang Zi Yan into the lift.

Bai Shi Pan sighed heavily as he saw master's aging figure from his back.

Bai Yong Ming asked, "Dad, why is grandpa behaving like this? After all, he is Bai Corporation's..."

Bai Shi Pan glared at Bai Yong Ming furiously, "It's all your fault, bastard."

Bai Yong Ming refuted ignorantly, "Aren't all businessmen supposed to prioritize money first?"

"Shut up!" Bai Shi Pan scolded, "If you keep going, I'll rip your mouth off."

He cannot remember how many years it had been since master last behaved like this.

In Cheng Yuan's office.

Master courteously stood in front of Cheng







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Yuan.

After Wang Zi Yan left them, Cheng Yuan quickly stood up and invited master for a seat.

"Please take a seat, at your age, you shouldn't stand for too long."

Master felt delighted, judging from Cheng Yuan's attitude, it seemed like there was hope to salvage the situation.

"Cheng Yuan, it's actually no big deal, didn't you say Jun Feng was interested in acquiring Bai Corporation previously? It's all my fault..."

"Grandpa, let's not talk about this." Cheng Yuan shook his head and said.

Master startled then said bitterly, "I understand you're mad, but..."

"Let's talk about something else."

"Cheng Yuan, for the sake of An Xiang, please don't stay mad at me."

Cheng Yuan shut his eyes, then gradually cracked them open and said, "I invited you for a seat because you're an elderly of the family, we can talk about anything you want but I refuse to talk about the acquisition."



"Fine, since you mentioned An Xiang, let me ask you, grandpa, has An Xiang ever received any form of respect from you guys?"

"She is your granddaughter, you chose to not say a word after Bai Yong Ming slapped her face, but you decided to flip the switch when I defended my wife by slapping him. How do you have the conscience to mention her name?"

Master Bai was stunned.

Sure, he was clear that he was biased, if Cheng Yuan was not the chairman of Jun Feng, he would certainly stay that way.

In fact, he really pushed it when he said 'for the sake of An Xiang'.

Cheng Yuan said indifferently, "If you insist to talk about this, then let me tell you."

"From the day An Xiang passed out at Bai Corporation, there was no longer a chance for Bai Corporation."

Master Bai lowered his head with a wry smile

Rightfully, beating someone else's wife, driving them out of the family and backing down on an agreement, who could stomach all of these?



He understood that Cheng Yuan only invited him in zealously because of the relationship that he disregarded in the first place.

If he were put in Cheng Yuan's shoes, the Bai Family would not have a footing in Jun Feng too. He would also drive Bai Yong Ming out of the company without second thoughts.

In the end, he shot himself in the foot.

Cheng Yuan said apathetically, "You shall fend for yourselves."

Without saying another word, master stood up and left the office, he thought, 'How do I do that?'

After master left, Cheng Yuan thought about Bai An Xiang, then could not hold back his thoughts anymore.

Over the last two years, despite Bai An Xiang's cold shoulder, they would see each other every single day, now that they were separated for a few days, he suddenly felt something was missing.

He stared at his phone and hesitated for a long moment, but he did not end up giving Bai An Xiang a call as he did not know what to say.



At this moment, he thought, 'Why didn't Ban An Xiang call me? If she didn't call me, why would I call her?'

Anyone would have this idea, but it would normally last up to a minute, before eagerly making the call.

Just as Cheng Yuan was dialling her number, his phone rang, it was a call from a stranger.

Cheng Yuan was overjoyed, he thought it was Bai An Xiang, so he quickly answered the call.

"Hello," It was a man's voice.

"Who is this?" Cheng Yuan asked with a frown.

"I've found the man you told me to find, but I can't bring him back, I'll send you an address and come here to see for yourself." The man said.

Cheng Yuan pondered for three seconds before finally recognizing the voice.

Chen Cheng, the assassin who had been attempting to murder Cheng Yuan. Cheng Yuan hired him to find the person who poisoned Bai An Xiang.

'He found him?'





Cheng Yuan was delighted, if he managed to find the man, that meant Bai An Xiang had a hope, the person must have the antidote.

"Sure, give me the address, I'll go there at once." Cheng Yuan said.



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Chen Cheng sent his location to Cheng Yuan.
Cheng Yuan completely forgot about notifying
Bai Long as he was too anxious, he hopped into
his car and headed straight to Chen Cheng's
location.

He only realized it was an abandoned warehouse at a rural area, away from the lively city, when he arrived. The door to the warehouse was heavily rusted. There was a huge hole on the wall to the right of the door, but the hole was blocked by what seemed like a thin layer of concrete.

Cheng Yuan was wondering, 'Why is there such a place?'

However, he was only worried about saving Bai An Xiang at this point, he could wait no longer.

"Squeak!" A sharp noise was made from the rusty door as it was being pushed open. Cheng Yuan made just enough space himself and impatiently squeezed through the gap.

"Chen Cheng!" He shouted after entering the warehouse.

However, nobody answered him.

Cheng Yuan scowled, he felt something was up.

Sure enough, as he got to the center of the warehouse, he heard a loud bang, the door behind him was shut closed.

Cheng Yuan's heart instantly sank, he quickly ran back and tried to force the door open, but to no avail.

At this moment, Cheng Yuan heard the sounds of muffled voices, he startled and stared in the direction of the sound to find a large box inside the warehouse. The box was of the size of a refrigerator.

Cheng Yuan felt chills down his spine, he secretly took out his phone and dialled Bai Long's number while trudging toward the box, then picked up his courage and opened the box.

He was stunned at the sight of what was inside.

Chen Cheng was trussed to a log, his mouth was sealed by masking tape. More importantly, there was a black object with blinking red light bound to his belly.

Cheng Yuan was in a daze, he swiftly removed the masking tape.

"What happened?" Cheng Yuan asked.

After the tape was ripped off, Chen Cheng took a deep breath and said, "I was ambushed."

"Where is the man?" Cheng Yuan freed Chen Cheng and asked.

Chen Cheng shook his head in response.

Suddenly...

An electronic 'snowy' noise was heard.

A monitor not far from them was automatically switched on.

Both Cheng Yuan and Chen Cheng turned to the monitor simultaneously.

"Hello!" A masked man suddenly appeared in the monitor, it was a lion's figure, he greeted Cheng Yuan and Chen Cheng. His voice was extremely hoarse, as if it was resulted from a voice changer.

Cheng Yuan asked with a scowl, "Who are you?"

The masked man laughed, "Trust me, you don't want to know who I am."

At this moment, Cheng Yuan glanced at his phone and noticed that there was no signal here at all. Hence, the call to Bai Long did not

go through.

It suddenly hit him that he was being setup, even his phone signal was somehow disabled.

The man continued to laugh, "Cheng Yuan, did you know that your presence in the world deprives me of my appetite and sleep?"

Cheng Yuan asked, "What did I ever do to you?"

The man shook his head then said in an assertive tone, "Your being alive is a threat to me, only one of us can exist, this is destiny!"

"However, I was extremely disappointed that you fell for my trap that easily, you're too weak!"

"Seeing as how weak you are, I'm starting to lose the urge to kill you."

"What about this, let us play a game."

Cheng Yuan could not guess who the man was, he kept brainstorming in this mind, but he could not remember who he had grudges with. It appeared the only person who may find joy in killing him was Long Chen Lang.

However, the man in the monitor was obviously not Long Chen Lang, he was skinnier than Long Chen lang. Besides, Long Chen Lang should be





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locked up in the precinct at the moment.

"What game?" Cheng Yuan asked.

"I give you ten minutes." The man in the monitor suddenly burst into an evil laughter, "Hahaha... See if you can escape from this place within ten minutes, this game is called... Escape room!"

"Escape room?"

"Yes, escape room, there is a C4 big enough to blow this warehouse into pieces tied to the person next to you."

"You have two choices now, first, to defuse the bomb, but there're two wires on the bomb, if you cut the wrong one, you'll have no chance to escape.

Your second choice is to find a way to escape this place, leaving this man to die."

Cheng Yuan was astonished as he learned about the bomb, he immediately turned to Chen Cheng and realized that the blinking red light on the object tied to his belly indicated a number, it appeared to be a timer, ticking from 9 minutes and 59 seconds.

Chen Cheng remained calm and collected, after learning that the object tied to his belly was a



bomb, he only lowered this head to look at it.

The masked man in the monitor asked Cheng Yuan, "What's your choice?"

Cheng Yuan was anxious, but he pretended to be composed, he answered with a question, "If it were you, what would you choose?"

The man responded with a laugh, "Me? It's an easy choice for me, only a fool would risk themselves to save the man. Not to mention a subordinate, even if it's a loved one, a smart person would've made the necessary sacrifice."

Cheng Yuan nodded, then turned to Chen Cheng and squatted down to inspect the bomb on his body.

"You...!" Chen Cheng was stunned.

The masked man was stunned as well.

"He's right." Chen Cheng came back to his senses and said in a deep voice, "Choose the former and you'll have a higher chance of surviving."

"Haha..." The masked man instantly burst into laughter, "As expected, a foolish man!"

Cheng Yuan removed the cover of the bomb



and answered in a deliberately calm manner, "Apologies, you may have mistaken, he's not my subordinate."

"Like you, he is a person who has been devoted every second of his life trying to kill me!"

The voice of laughter stopped.

He tilted his head sideways and stared at Cheng Yuan, as if he was trying to guess if Cheng Yuan was telling the truth, he was obviously confused.

Apart from him, Chen Cheng was confused too.

Chen Cheng came back to his senses and said, "I won't thank you even if you save me."

Cheng Yuan smiled, "Stop moving, it may go off at the slightest movement."

Chen Cheng disregarded Cheng Yuan's teasing, he said apathetically, "I am a monster to a lot of people, why would you choose to save an ungrateful man?"

As mentioned by the masked man, Cheng Yuan uncovered the bomb to find two wires, they were red and blue respectively, his heart started racing.

He pretended to be poised, but he had butterflies in his stomach.

This was just like the movies, if he cut the right one, he would survive and vice versa, it was a fifty-fifty scenario.

He was actually at a loss, he would never imagine this to happen to him, so his hands started shaking.

"Every single baby is an angel in their parents' eyes when they're a newborn. They only get shaped into a monster by the struggles in their lives." Cheng Yuan said, "I choose to save you not to change you, but because I don't want you to die because of me."

Fair enough, if Cheng Yuan did not ask Chen Cheng to look into the man who poisoned Bai An Xiang, this would have never happened.

"Even though we're only related by business!"



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As the timer was ticking, they could feel the atmosphere intensifying. Six minutes remaining, at this moment, it was such a suffocating figure.

The masked man in the monitor said in disbelief, "What a complete fool, a foolish man like you does not deserve to carry the Cheng's surname!"

Cheng Yuan noticed a pair of scissors next to the monitor, it seemed like it was especially prepared for him. Thus without any hesitation, he walked straight toward the scissors and grabbed it.

"Perhaps this is foolish in your eyes, but it's meaningful to me, at least I can be in the peace of mind." He said.

"You guys! You're too swallow!"

"Snip!"

While the masked man and Chen Cheng were pondering on Cheng Yuan's words, he did not notice that Cheng Yuan was already cutting something with the scissors.

Chen Cheng swiftly came back to his senses as he heard the snipping sound, his body trembled heavily at the same time.

However to their surprise, they noticed Cheng Yuan only cut the tape used to bind the bomb on Chen Cheng's body.

Cheng Yuan also promptly supported the bomb that almost fell to the ground, then placed it on the floor cautiously.

"I've seen movies like this, but they're mostly fake, regardless of red or blue, I believe the bomb will go off if we cut any one of them, so why would I cut it?"

He smiled, while snipping off the ropes on Chen Cheng's body.

Both Chen Cheng and the masked man were stunned.

True enough, there were numerous scenes like this in the movies, but these bombs were not supplied by the same manufacturer, besides, these things were normally homemade, so how can they be exactly the same? Anyone could have made tens of thousands of wire that will trigger the bomb if any one of them was cut off. So it was foolish to gamble on the wires.

Besides, the bombs in some movies had weight sensors and would go off if a weight difference was detected.

However this was surely not one of them, because there was no weight asserted over the bomb, Chen Cheng was not sitting over the bomb too, it was just tied to him.

4 minutes and 23 seconds.

After getting freed, Chen Cheng remained stunned on the ground.

Cheng Yuan said, "What are you waiting for? Look for an exit!"

Hence Chen Cheng came back to his senses and both of them started to look for a way out.

The warehouse had no windows, the door was sealed and the roof was made out of thin aluminium roofing sheets, they should be able to remove it easily. However, the warehouse was very tall, it was almost 6 meters high and the wall was extremely slippery, there was no way they could climb up.

Chen Cheng and Cheng Yuan took some time to look for an exit, but to no avail, Chen Cheng even tried to use his body to ram the steel door.

The masked man started bursting into laughter, "Haha... Quit wasting your energy, I only gave you the choices to make a fool out of you, even if you left him and tried to find a way to escape,

you wouldn't be able to, because I did not intend to let you live from the beginning!"

After seeing Chen Cheng ram the steel door with his shoulders multiple times, it suddenly dawned on Cheng Yuan that there was a hole on the wall when he came in.

"Stop ramming that spot, try here!" Cheng Yuan pointed at where the concealed hole was.

They were not able to tell any difference from inside of the wall, so Chen Cheng said out of confusion, "Are you joking me? The wall is at least 50 centimeters thick."

There was 1 minute and 12 seconds remaining.

Cheng Yuan did not care to explain him, he knocked on the spot with his fingers and it produced a hollow sound.

Chen Cheng startled, but without further ado, he quickly ran to the spot Cheng Yuan was referring to and rammed on the wall forcefully.

"Bang!" A big piece of concrete was broken off.

Chen Cheng and Cheng Yuan were delighted at the sight.

"Hurry up and go!" Cheng Yuan said.







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Chen Cheng crawled out the hole, while Cheng Yuan followed closely behind. Before they managed to escape, Cheng Yuan scoffed, "Although I don't know who you are, I'm sorry to let you down, but I believe we will see each other again, then I will treat you to an afternoon tea and talk about life, before... Killing you!"

The masked man became extremely infuriated, he flipped the table in front of him out of frustration.

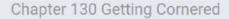
It was at this moment when Cheng Yuan realized that the timer on the bomb was paused at 38 seconds, it was no longer ticking.

Apparently, after they managed to escape, the bomb timer was paused by remote control.

Both of them crawled out of the hole and walked a distance before arriving at a place with broken walls, they slumped on the ground and were heavily panting.

Cheng Yuan noticed that his back was soaking wet, his head was covered in sweat as well.

This reminded him of the time he rescued Bai An Xiang from the restaurant, similarly, he was dealing with an object that would explode anytime. Cheng Yuan's heart was pounding heavily until this point.



"Finally, we're safe." He said.

Chen Cheng shook his head, "Not necessarily."

Cheng Yuan raised an eyebrow upon hearing this, then noticed a group of people showed up of no where, all of them with steel pipes or knives in their hands. There were around twenty of them.

All of them were of husky build, every inch of their bodies were basically covered in muscles.

They did not waste a single second with two of them and swamped them without muttering a word.

"Kill him for a five million bounty!" One of them shouted.

"Go!"

Cheng Yuan was not too worried for the sudden appearance of over twenty men, he took out his phone and noticed it still had no signal.

While Chen Cheng charged at them like an arrow released from the bow.

Chen Cheng could not beat Bai Long, but it did not mean he was weak. In fact, he was pretty close to Bai Long's level, which earned him the

reputation of the top assassin in Jing City.

Sure enough, him alone was more than enough to defeat the men.

He charged forward, then dodged backward briefly before shifting himself into the crowd in a nifty manner, then pulled out a razor-sharp dagger.

"Slit, slit, slit..." Before the men could react, four to five of them already had their wrists and ankles slashed.

"Ah!"

"Ah!"

Horrifying screams filled the quiet area.

The men came back to their senses and noticed this dude was a skillful master, so some of them wanted to take a shortcut.

While others were distracting Chen Cheng, two to three men secretly circled around him and charged at Cheng Yuan. One of them lifted the knife in his hands and swung at Cheng Yuan.

Cheng Yuan stumbled to the ground nervously and managed to dodge the knife, but another man came after him and struck his shin with a

steel pipe.

Cheng Yuan yelped in pain, he clutched his leg and stayed on the ground.

The man with the knife regained his balance and charged at Cheng Yuan again.

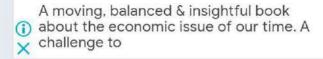
In hindsight, after seeing Bai Long fight numerous times, he was able to learn a thing or two. Hence, although Cheng Yuan was not trained to be a fighter, he was no stranger at fighting too, at least he had seen much more than an average person.

So he decided to imitate Bai Long, instead of falling back, Cheng Yuan lean toward the knife and used his shoulder to 'thrust' the man away.

Certainly, if it were Bai Long, this action would be known as thrusting since he was able to blow a man away. In contrast, Cheng Yuan could only manage to plunged into the man's face as he did not anticipate this move.

However, it was sufficient.

Chen Cheng turned around and promptly knocked out the men who ambushed Cheng Yuan with a couple of kicks, then turned back to take care of the rest.





In the blink of an eye, the men were all beaten to the ground, none of them was able to regain their stance.

In the end, Chen Cheng trudged toward Cheng Yuan with the dagger in his hand.



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