Wu Wei-Tao had an apologetic look on his face as he looked at the old Master Lu.

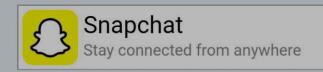
"Old Master Lu, I'm so sorry for what happened to your grandson. I couldn't save him. If I had 3,000 men that day, I would have had the hotel surrounded and saved both young men. I would have made Ye Fan pay for what he'd done. But I didn't have the means to do so. Deputy Mayor Han Dong-Min is in charge of security matters. When he told me what was going on, I rushed to the scene, but it was too late then," said Wu Wei-Tao with deep sorrow lining his face and guilt heavy in his words. A stranger might have thought that he was the one who had lost his son that day.

With a few words, Wu Wei-Tao had very slyly shirked his responsibilities and placed the blame on Han Dong-Min instead.

It didn't matter that they had been partners for years.

When one's personal interests were put on the line, it was every man for himself.

"You must be Wu. Jun-Lin mentioned your name to me. Without you, we wouldn't have





been able to round these scoundrels up so quickly. Get up, I won't blame you for what happened. You're not the one who's charged with security in Yunzhou. If anyone is to be blamed, it's going to be the deputy mayor, Han Dong-Min. But it's been a few days since the incident. How's the investigation coming along? It should have been completed by now. Have you found the evidence that prove these criminals guilty?" said Lu Cang-Qiong sternly.

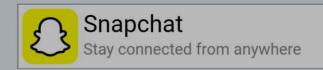
He was going to leverage on official channels and deal with Ye Fan this way. No one was going to claim that he had gone above the law and maligned Ye Fan's good name.

That was why he needed to have evidence of Ye Fan's misdeeds before he did anything.

That would justify what they were going to do next.

Wu Wei-Tao fell into an awkward silence.

"Have you not gotten to the bottom of things? Wu Wei-Tao, are you tired of being a mayor?" said He Lan-Shan harshly before Lu Cang-Qiong could say a word.





Wu Wei-Tao appeared to be in a predicament. "Secretary He, this really isn't my fault. I was suspended from all duties. Han Dong-Min is the one who's running the administration in Yunzhou right now."

Han Dong-Min was the deputy mayor. With Wu Wei-Tao temporarily stripped of his duties, he naturally took on the mayor's responsibilities.

"Is that so? Where's Han Dong-Min? Why isn't he here?" asked He Lan-Shan in a voice that was filled with anger and displeasure.

Despite the huge commotion that was taking place right now, He Lan-Shan had seen neither hair nor hide of the vice mayor. He was naturally displeased.

"I'm right here, Secretary He! I'm right here!" A frantic voice approached from the distance before He Lan-Shan could get one of his men to call Han Dong-Min and summon him.

Everyone turned and saw Han Dong-Min fighting his way through the crowd and running anxiously towards He Lan-Shan.



Han Dong-Min had been here all along.

He couldn't have been unaware of what had been going on. He was the one in charge of the city right now, after all.

But like Wu Wei-Tao, he had been observing the event from afar.

He was not on Wu Wei-Tao's side. The mayor wanted Ye Fan to fall from grace while he simply wanted to stay out of trouble. That had been why he had not made his presence known.

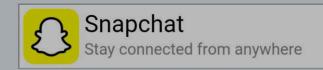
He couldn't afford to offend either Ye Fan or the Lu and Xur families.

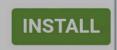
There had been nothing that he could do but hide and stay out of sight.

He had tried his very best to stay out of their fight.

But He Lan-Shan was here. He couldn't hide any longer even if he wanted to.

Wu Wei-Tao had already attempted to place the blame of what had happened on him.









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He Lan-Shan had called for him specifically too.

There was nothing Han Dong-Min could do but face these men.

"I see that you've been here all along. One might think that there's no government in Yunzhou. Did you know that Old Master Lu's grandson was killed in Yunzhou?" asked He Lan-Shan fiercely.

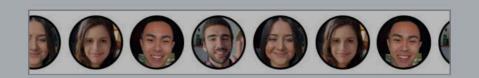
Han Dong-Min nodded fearfully. "Yes, sir. I do."

"Why did you not report this matter to Jiangdong in detail? Were you intending on keeping me in the dark? I wouldn't have known this if Old Master Lu hadn't told me."

"[..."

He Lan-Shan interrupted Han Dong-Min before the latter could say another word. "It's been days since the murder. Have you arrested the murderer? Have you collected all available evidence and questioned every available witness?"

The look of helplessness on Han Dong-Min's



face grew more visible as he was bombarded by a barrage of questions from He Lan-Shan.

"Secretary He, we're still in the midst of investigating the case. That's why we can't apprehend the suspect right now."

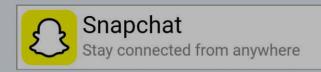
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"What do you mean by the investigation still ongoing? What have you been doing for the past few days?" hollered He Lan-Shan furiously.

He Lan-Shan had been embarrassed when he had heard that the murder had taken place within his jurisdiction.

He was mortified by the fact that Han Dong-Min had not caught the murderer after days of investigation. His subordinate had just embarrassed him in front of Old Master Lu. He was livid.

"This is a rather complicated case, which is why progress is a little slow. But we're doing our best and will make sure that justice is served at the end of the day. Old Master Lu will have the justice and fairness that he





craves," said Han Dong-Min hastily.

Wu Wei-Tao appeared confused. "Dong-Min, it's a straightforward case. The motive is simple, so is the chronology of events that led to the incident. We know who are involved as well. I don't think it's as complicated as you make it out to be. You simply have to make the arrest."

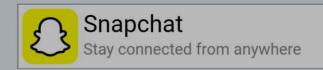
Han Dong-Min's face darkened instantly and began cursing Wu Wei-Tao under his breath. The mayor was clearly trying to put him in a spot.

A severe look appeared on He Lan-Shan's face. He turned towards Han Dong-Min and asked sternly, "Han Dong-Min, is he speaking the truth?"

Han Dong-Min smiled weakly. "We still lack the necessary evidence to convict, that's why..."

"Silence! I want you to arrest the suspect right now," thundered He Lan-Shan.

Han Dong-Min nodded. "Yes, sir. I'll have my men locate the suspect."





He knew the suspect was standing right before him. But he didn't wish to incur Ye Fan's wrath and could only feign ignorance in order to delay the inevitable.

"Dong-Min, are you trying to play dumb? The suspect is standing right in front of you," laughed Wu Wei-Tao.

How Han Dong-Min wished that he could give Wu Wei-Tao a hard kick. He was trying to get him killed.

"Is he right here? Who's the bold scoundrel who dares to kill Lu's grandson?" He Lan-Shan looked up and surveyed the crowd around him.

Lu Cang-Qiong finally looked up and stared at the distant crowd before Haiyuan Restaurant.

He saw thousands of soldiers on their knees.

Xur He was lying prone on the ground. No one knew if he was still alive.

Xur Jun-Lin was on his knees as well, growling fiercely with an intense resentment.



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Before them stood a proud young man.

His eyes were filled with a strong light while a mirthless smile tugged at his lips.

The darkness in his eyes spoke of an incredible power and authority as he gazed down upon the people at his feet.



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"You must be Mr Chu, the man who killed my grandson and caused such a commotion in Jiangdong. I can't believe you managed to force an entire army to submit to you. You're quite something, aren't you, Mr Chu?"

This was the first time Lu Cang-Qiong had met Ye Fan in person.

However, sometimes, you simply needed one look to discern someone's identity. The gestures they made and the aura that they exuded within that moment was all one needed.

The young man who stood before him was quiet and composed, and exuded power and confidence. Who else could he be besides being the man called Mr Chu, and the one who had killed his grandson?

A single glance at Ye Fan had been all Lu Cang-Qiong needed to conclude that the man before him was Mr Chu.

"I didn't expect it to be you," said He Lan-Shan when he heard what Lu Cang-Qiong had said. He frowned and eyed Ye Fan.

He Lan-Shan had not met Ye Fan in person

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before but he had heard of the leader of the Jiangdong people.

When Ye Fan had hosted the Feast of the Sea and Sky, he had gotten someone to deliver a bottle of wine to Ye Fan as a gift.

"You accepted my gift, so I thought that meant you would know your place and not cause any trouble for Jiangdong. It seems that I had thought too highly of you. Ruffians will never stop being ruffians. You can give a gangster status and power, but he's not going to change his brutish ways."

The look that He Shan-Lan gave Ye Fan as he shook his head was as cold as the words that he had just uttered.

"I would have looked the other way if this had been a mere misdemeanor. The Jiangdong provincial government is willing to respect your authority and status as the leader of the people. But you don't seem to know your place at all."

"You incurred the wrath of a powerful family in Yanjing and killed Old Master Lu's grandson. There's no way that I can spare you after you've committed such a hideous

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crime. You have only yourself and your arrogance to blame for what's going to befall you next," barked He Lan-Shan furiously before he turned towards Han Dong-Min and hollered, "Han Dong-Ming, why are you standing there and doing nothing? Gather the police forces in Yunzhou and arrest this man. I want him punished. I'm not going to let ruffians and gangsters run wild in my streets."

He Lan-Shan immediately instructed Han Dong-Min to arrest Ye Fan as soon as he realized that the latter was the murderer.

Han Dong-Min's face had gone pale. There was a torn look in his eyes as he simply stood there.

"Why aren't you taking any action? Did you not hear what I just told you?" Impatience colored He Lan-Shan's voice.

"Secretary He, Mr Chu is a general. He is beyond our jurisdiction. Only the military may arrest him," said Han Dong-Min as he desperately tried to find an excuse for his inaction.

He dared not touch a single hair on Ye Fan.

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Han Dong-Min had had multiple encounters with Ye Fan and he knew how terrifying the young man could be.

The young man was not as simple as he appeared to be. Han Dong-Min was convinced that he hid great power and a vast network of connections.

He dared not offend this man.

He didn't want to die young.

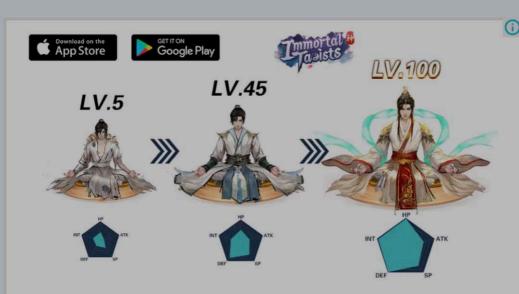
In spite of He Lan-Shan's explicit orders, Han Dong-Min tried hard to find an excuse to delay the arrest.

"What? A general? Are you saying that he's a general?" He Lan-Shan was clearly shocked by what Han Dong-Min had just said. He couldn't believe that such a young man was a general of their Chinese military.

"How did you find out? I've not heard of such a young general in our army," retorted He Lan-Shan.

"Just now, sir," reported Han Dong-Min dutifully. "Mr Chu said so himself. The respect that those soldiers treated him with

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seems to prove that he was speaking the truth."

He Lan-Shan hesitated then.

The military lay beyond the jurisdiction of the secular government. They had military courts to deal with soldiers who had broken the law. Han Dong-Min and the rest of his fellow colleagues did not have the authority to arrest or prosecute a soldier.

"A general? That's bullshit! Ye Fan's only in his twenties. We barely know of men his age being made generals during wartime. It's impossible that the military would confer him the position of a general during peacetime."

"He must have been lying. We don't have to listen to anything that he says. Just send someone to arrest him. Even if he were speaking the truth, we can simply pretend that we knew nothing when the military demands an explanation from us and have him transferred to the military's custody. He's going to have to face trial in the military court then anyway," suggested Wu Wei-Tao.

He Lan-Shan nodded in agreement. "We'll do

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that then. Han Dong-Min, I don't care if he's a real general or impersonating one. Have him arrested right now."

"But..." Han Dong-Min appeared reluctant.
"Secretary He, in my opinion, we shouldn't try to blow things out of proportion. We're still in the middle of the investigation and have no idea what truly happened. Based on what we've found out, the young masters of the Lu and Xur families had openly provoked Mr Chu and tried to harm him and his loved ones. Mr Chu had killed them in the name of self-defense. Mr Chu might not have done anything wrong, so it's going to reflect badly on us if we arrest the wrong man. We might be inviting trouble in the future."

Han Dong-Min finally blurted out his true thoughts.

His fear of Ye Fan wasn't the only reason why he hadn't wished to incur the young man's wrath. He was also on Ye Fan's side.

He didn't think that Ye Fan had done anything wrong.

His investigation over the past few days had shown that Lu Ming-Feng and Xu Shao-Hua

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had resorted to numerous unscrupulous and illegal means to claim various assets that had belonged to other people. They had trespassed into private residential property and had attempted to kidnap and confine Mr Chu's family.

They had been responsible for the explosion on Mount Yunding. He had found that act of destruction unforgivable.

These young men had abused their power, deployed destructive weapons and destroyed Mr Chu's residence.

They should be shot for what they had done.

Mr Chu had killed them in the name of selfdefense. In killing them, he had also helped to rid their country of two pests.

He was convinced that Mr Chu had done the right thing in killing them.

Of course, he dared not share those thoughts with Old Master Lu in their presence.

But he had been forced into a corner. Left with no other choice, he could only try to

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persuade He Lan-Shan to consider his decision this way.

"Are you saying that my grandson deserved to die and that he had it coming?" thundered Old Master Lu finally after a long moment of silence. The look in his eyes was as cold as ice.



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