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“Run!” Tang Yin quickly came to his senses before grabbing onto Zhuge Pei’s wrist and charging toward the exit. He was certain that George wouldn’t have prepared only one, simple trap if he had known that Tang Yin would visit him. *These 500 mutants might just be the first trap; I’m sure there are other things hiding in this basement.* Without any hesitation, Zhuge Pei quickly followed behind Tang Yin as they both rushed to the pathway where they had come from just now. However, they realized that a metal door was completely blocking their access to the pathway when they got there. Tang Yin’s face fell as he raised an arm to pound the door.

*Thud! Thud! Thud!* Meanwhile, 500 or more mutants were charging toward them greedily. Tan



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g Yin pressed both his hands against the metal door, but he simply couldn't get it to budge. The door was produced with some sort of special material that made it a lot sturdier than Tang Yin would've expected it to be.

At that very moment, the mutants began to surround Zhuge Pei. She immediately pulled a long sword out before swinging it around to strike her targets from all directions. Three or four of these mutants took a step back as blood began to ooze out of their bodies. However, the mutants didn't seem to show any response to their newly formed injuries; they were exactly like zombies who kept coming back for a fight. This startled Zhuge Pei as she was already in her transformation stage —her skills were at its peak. *Just the force of my sword itself should be enough to kill tons of people, yet I haven't killed a single one of these mutants.* “Die!” Zhuge Pei found herself losing her temper. Getting overwhelmed



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Tang Yin didn't have the time to care about Zhuge Pei right then; he gathered all of his strength and focused on slamming his palms against the door. *Bang! Bang! Bang!* The loud noise of him banging the door continued to ring in their ears. Right then, Zhuge Pei was the only one there to watch Tang Yin's back, and she did so while flinging her sword so that the mutants wouldn't get closer to them. However, she didn't realize that all the tactics she had been using the whole time were defense tactics.

The mutants were a bunch of Drug No. 5 users, and there were more than 500 of them. Even though Zhuge Pei was at her transformation stage, the chances





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of her being able to kill all 500 of them seemed pretty low. Meanwhile, Tang Yin slammed both his hands against the metal door once again. The door shook a little, but Tang Yin was far from breaking it apart; his forehead was already soaked with sweat right then. He didn't expect the door to be this solid—judging by the amount of energy he was using, he could've probably torn an entire door of stone into pieces!

“This door was made with 10 layers of alloy; you'll never break through it even if you use all of your energy...” A deep voice sounded from a distance away, and a dark shadow emerged from the crowd of mutants.

Tang Yin immediately turned around. His face was drained of color when he

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saw the man who was speaking. aw  
Tang Yin and Zhuge Pei together. He  
didn't know that the two had gotten so  
close to each other, and he hadn't  
expected them to show up together  
either. Guan Shanyue followed closely  
behind Zhao Qing. She gazed at Zhuge  
Pei and Tang Yin arrogantly, looking as  
though she was gloating over their  
misfortune.

The large group of mutants seemed to  
be under Zhao Qing's control; the  
moment Zhao Qing appeared, all the  
mutants stopped moving. Nonetheless,  
their hungry, bloodshot eyes lingered on  
Zhuge Pei the entire time. "You b\*tch.  
Did you forget how the Eight Great  
Families died? How can you be here  
with Tang Yin?" Zhao Qing asked Zhuge  
Pei with a stern expression and



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clenched fists.

She kept a blank face as she took two steps back, her body pressing against Tang Yin's. "What is this? Are you afraid now?" Zhao Qing scorned the moment he saw Zhuge Pei backing away. "If you're scared, you can get on your knees and beg me for forgiveness. I might consider letting you go... Hahaha!"

Her face darkened a little as a series of complicated feelings flooded her. In the past, she had once been recognized as the fairy of the Hidden Families, while Zhao Qing was known as the genius of their generation in the Zhao Family. The two of them had always been the focus of others since they were a lot younger —people talked about them and gave





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them excessive attention all the time. Many others agreed that they looked good together, and Zhuge Pei even considered it at one point. After she became involved with Tang Yin later on, Zhao Qing abandoned her and went for Guan Shanyue without any hesitation.

Since then, Zhuge Pei managed to completely wipe Zhao Qing out of her life. To her surprise, Zhao Qing ended up murdering all of his ancestors of the Zhao Family and stole all of the Zhao Family's jade before he hid at this laboratory.

“Hey, I’m talking to you right now. Didn’t you f\*cking hear me? Now that I’m right here, shouldn’t you get on your knees and beg for my forgiveness?” Zhao Qing was about to lose his temper when he



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saw Zhuge Pei remaining silent.

“Zhao Qing, things between you and I have long ended...” Zhuge Pei slowly shook her head as she recalled all the memories of the past.

“Ended? You want us to end? How dare you talk about ending when I haven’t mentioned anything about it?!” Zhao Qing shouted angrily as he glared at Zhuge Pei’s belly. “Also, how shameless are you? How could you be willing to give birth to that thing in your belly when it’s an evil child you made with Tang Yin? Can you live with that? You should’ve been drowning in guilt after you betrayed me, not switching sides to support him...”

She shook with fury upon hearing Zhao





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Qing's poisonous words, but her face remained as calm as ever.

“Where's your evil little baby? Did you not bring it along with you? In that case, I'll personally go look for your baby after you guys die here... When I find it, I'll skin it alive and send it over to your grave... Then, your little family of three can continue spending time with each other in hell...” Zhao Qing rambled on as if he had lost his mind.

Finally, Zhuge Pei couldn't contain her anger any longer. With a sharp flick of her sword, a ringing sound filled the room. While the sound resonated in everyone's ears, Zhuge Pei was already charging toward Zhao Qing. To her surprise, Tang Yin was a little faster than her. He got in front of Zhao Qing



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just a second earlier, and he quickly raised his arms to punch both Zhao Qing and Guan Shanyue.

“Hahaha... Do you guys seriously think you can kill us just like that? We have more than 500 mutants here...” Zhao Qing burst into laughter when a mutant shielded him just before Tang Yin could attack. However, Tang Yin didn’t hold himself back; he still threw his punches at the mutants. As a result, more than 10 mutants flew at least 10 steps away as they whimpered after receiving Tang Yin’s punches. Meanwhile, Zhuge Pei swiftly jumped out from behind Tang Yin before she pulled her long sword out and aimed it directly at Zhao Qing’s face.

Zhao Qing immediately lifted his hand

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up to stop the attack. A gust of wind formed as he retreated with great speed, but Zhuge Pei's long sword was already in front of his face.



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Right then, the sound of a gunshot came from a distance away. The powerful explosion rang in their ears as a lethal sniper bullet zoomed directly toward them. “Watch out!” Tang Yin immediately pulled Zhuge Pei away. As they both stepped back, the mutants began to surround them once again.

“Hahaha...” Zhao Qing cackled arrogantly. “You want to kill me? Do you think you can kill me? There are so many mutants here; do you guys think you’re going to walk out alive?”

“I’m going to kill you today!” Zhuge Pei’s eyes were filled with fury and hatred for the man as she began to swing her sword around once again. More and more mutants began to surround them as Zhao Qing simply laughed while



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taking a step back. “Kill me? You don’t have that level of skill yet...”

“We have to go!” Tang Yin cried. He sensed that something was odd when he saw Zhao Qing taking a step back while the number of mutants gradually increased. Meanwhile, a burning fire lit up in Zhuge Pei’s gaze. She would’ve been fine if Zhao Qing only targeted her, but the minute he talked about harming her child, she could no longer contain the fury in her.

“Run!” Tang Yin cried again as he shielded Zhuge Pei; they pushed their way through the crowd of mutants and got back to the metal door from earlier. The odd palpitations in Tang Yin’s chest gave him an uneasy feeling—he felt like death was edging closer to them



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without them realizing it. This sort of sixth sense had helped Tang Yin escape countless amounts of threats in the past, so he was certain that there had to be some sort of problem with the situation for him to feel such panic and fear deep within him.

He gathered all the vitality and energy within him to slam his hands furiously against the metal door once again, but the door was so firmly welded to its spot; it showed no intention of budging at all. With the help of Zhuge Pei's swift sword techniques, Tang Yin managed to have some space for himself while she fought off all the mutants around them.

Tang Yin was starting to lose his patience as he felt the sense of uneasiness growing within him. "Open





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up!” he growled angrily before he slammed both his hands once again. A gust of air seeped through the metal door as a single crack finally appeared on it. Tang Yin immediately reached his hand in to pull on the crack, and he successfully tore the metal door apart to reveal the dark, winding staircase they had come from.

“Let’s go up!” Tang Yin pulled Zhuge Pei and pushed her upward. He took her sword from her and began to stab all the mutants that came close to them. The sharp, cruel blade was followed by a chilly wind before its impact slashed through the mutants’ skin and tore their bodies apart. Tang Yin didn’t hesitate as he quickly rushed toward the exit. Just then, a massive and violent explosion came from the basement; a sea of



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flames surged up from the basement toward them. Tang Yin immediately wrapped his arms around Zhuge Pei before they charged out to the hallway from earlier. “Run!” The moment they got there, Tang Yin pulled Zhuge Pei along as they ran out of the laboratory.

Following the loud explosion, the entire laboratory began to crumble and collapse. Tang Yin’s face darkened as he watched this scene unfold before his eyes. They managed to get out of the building just in time, but they looked like an utter mess. *I knew it! This whole place is a trap. My guess is that they weren’t done setting the trap up when Zhuge Pei and I first arrived. That was why Zhao Qing showed up—it was just to slow us down so that we’d stay there. Although it might’ve been hard to deal with the 500 mutants, that itself wouldn’t have been enough to kill me and Zhuge Pei; they were using the explosives planted in the laboratory to kill us.*



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“Get everyone to spread out and look for the exits around this area. If anyone came out from inside, they shouldn’t be far now!” Tang Yin ordered with a dark face as he looked at a distance. *Judging by the amount of time we used earlier, Zhao Qing couldn’t have run too far away even if he tried to escape. If we get our men to seal the place up, we might be able to find some clues.*

“Okay!” Ji Yueshan immediately nodded. He could tell that Tang Yin was extremely distressed.

Tang Yin was indeed distressed, but it wasn’t simply because of the trap they had encountered in the laboratory; it was also because of Zhao Qing’s





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appearance. Tang Yin came to a realization—

Their team began sending cars around the perimeters to seek for clues. Tang Yin finally felt himself calming down once he checked that Zhuge Pei wasn't injured anywhere. As long as both of them were well and uninjured, they would be able to deal with anything when they used their transformation stage abilities together.

“Nothing odd was found in the southwest region...” one said.

“Nothing in the northeast region...” another said.

A series of reports came from the walkie-talkie. “Something's up in the



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southeast region! There's really thick smoke coming out from here..." A nervous voice sounded in the walkie-talkie right then.

"Let's go and take a look!" Tang Yin quickly strode toward the southeast region with a grim expression on his face while Zhuge Pei followed closely behind him. The two of them were too quick; Ji Yueshan couldn't keep up with them and had no choice but to fall a distance behind the couple. They sprinted for about a mile before they saw a car parked at a distance away from them. There was a tiny exit about the size of a manhole that was situated near the car, and a heap of thick, black smoke came out from the hole before it gradually dispersed out into the air.



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Tang Yin lowered himself down to take a look at the hole before he concluded that it was indeed an exit passage. “I’ve found an exit in the northwest region...” someone uttered through the walkie-talkie. “There’s one in the western region too...” another said. Tang Yin’s face darkened. *If there are so many exits around us, it means they could’ve escaped the laboratory through another secret passageway... There’re definitely more than the ones we have just found.*

“I want you guys to search through the neighboring cities for any signs of Zhao Qing. Get someone to contact my father—you’d be able to gain more power through the use of the Tang Family’s influence over this city!” Tang Yin ordered as he glanced toward Ji Yueshan.





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“Alright!” Ji Yueshan immediately nodded and wiped the sweat off his forehead before he turned around to make a call. After Tang Lijiang’s long years of being in Africa and his efforts in developing the area, the Tang Family’s influence over this land remained even when Tang Lijiang wasn’t physically in the country.

“Let’s go back for now!” Tang Yin sighed heavily. This was one of the issues he had wanted to avoid by preventing the leakage of his news and whereabouts— if it hadn’t leaked out, he might have already found George and killed him.

“We found something...” Suddenly, Ji Yueshan began running toward them from a distance. Tang Yin was stunned to hear this as he hadn’t expected them

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to find something so soon. "What is it?  
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