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With his face puffing red, Chu Zhengliang lowered his head and didn't dare utter a word.

From his reaction, it became evident to Chu Yuan that Ye Fan was telling the truth.

"Hmph, you're a bunch of useless fools! Where's Chu Zhenghong? Get him out here to see me. Also, how did you end up being the head of the family? Didn't I pass the position to your brother back then?"

Given that Chu Yuan had just emerged from his solitary training, there were plenty of matters which he wasn't aware of.

"Dad, it's a long story. I'll tell it to you slowly after this. Nonetheless, Chu Zhenghong is not at Mount Chumen," Chu Zhengliang replied in a guilty tone.

Snorting in response, Chu Yuan refused to even look at Chu Zhengliang.

He then turned to Ye Fan and asserted, "I don't care if what you say is true. But given how serious the matter is, I will need to investigate before making a decision."

"There's nothing to investigate," Ye Fan replied grimly.

"Everyone heard Mr. Chu made the promise himself. How can it still be false? Furthermore, I came to the Chu residence without any hostile intentions. It was Mr. Chu who went back on his



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word after losing and attacked me en masse out of frustration. If this scum of the Chu family hadn't forced me, they wouldn't have fallen into such a predicament," Ye Fan related to Chu Yuan in a frosty tone.

When he saw how persistent Ye Fan was, Chu Yuan's expression turned grim.

"Didn't you get what I said, you little twerp? Considering the gravity of the matter, we will talk about this after I get to the bottom of it. Instead, you had to just keep pressing your advantage. Not only are you ungrateful to me for sparing you, but you also can't keep a lid on that mouth of yours.

"Let me give you a piece of advice. You had better leave if you still value your life. For if I change my mind, you will die on Mount Chumen even with Moon God's protection!" Chu Yuan threatened after losing his patience with Ye Fan.

After all, he was incensed by Ye Fan's constant badgering.

To him, it no longer mattered if the promise was true or false. Even if it was true, Ye Fan had lost the basis to insist that it was fulfilled after being defeated by Chu Yuan.

In fact, Ye Fan should count himself lucky that he had been shown mercy instead. Consequently, Chu Yuan was furious at Ye Fan for harping incessantly on the promise despite being the loser.



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“Ha! Patriarch Chu, stop pretending to be compassionate. If you are indeed capable of killing me, just go ahead. I, Chu Tianfan, don't need your mercy. As for the Chu family, wouldn't it be a disgrace if you can't even keep your word?”

“Of course, if you, Chu Yuan, admit in front of everyone here that the Chu family is shameless, I will then stop asking for the promise to be fulfilled,” Ye Fan sneered as he refused to show Chu Yuan any respect.

After all, he had the moral high ground.

In the event the Chu family refused to honor their promise, Ye Fan would seek to utterly ruin their reputation.

No matter what, he resolved to make the visit worth his while.

“You b\*stard, it looks like you're not aware of the predicament you're in. Do you really think that I can't do anything to you just because Moon God is protecting you? Don't you forget that you have been grievously injured. If we were to get into a fight, I would occupy Moon God while the rest of the Chu family would attack you in unison. When that happens, do you think we would fail to kill you still?”

“Even if you are tough enough to defend yourself against the Chu family, what about the rest of the Chu Sect? On Mount Chumen, the Chu family isn't the only family with powerful fighters. There are





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still two other families within Chu Sect who also possess formidable warriors. If you don't quit while you're ahead, I will have no choice but to end your life! After all, there's no way you can take on such a massive group of Chu Sect warriors given the injuries you have suffered."

At that moment, a vicious glint flashed in Chu Yuan's eye.

Evidently, he was serious when he uttered those words.

"Is that so? What if we are included?"

No sooner had Chu Yuan spoken, a mocking laugh was heard some distance away.

The next moment, the aura of a group of Supremes began emanating from the bottom of Mount Chumen.

Subsequently, the group of Dragon Slayers who were beaten by Ye Fan earlier had returned.

"W-Why are you here?" Ye Fan thundered in surprise when he saw that they had regrouped.

"Who asked you to come? Didn't I order you to leave Mount Chumen?" Ye Fan demanded with a solemn tone.

"Haha." Gaius burst into laughter instead. "Master, calm down, and take a look at who has arrived?"





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Gaius had barely spoken when the Dragon Slayers stepped aside and opened a path in between them.

After that, a figure wearing a green dress sauntered forward.

Her beautiful face was carrying a warm and gentle smile while her stunning features mesmerized everyone that saw her.

Just like a blooming flower, the sight of her would delight everyone's heart.

"J-Junie? Why are you here?"

Ye Fan was stunned when he saw her. However, his initial shock quickly turned into anger and concern.

"You silly gal, why didn't you listen to me? Didn't I order you to stand guard in Xijiang? Who asked you to come?" Ye Fan admonished her.

Suddenly, when his wounds were agitated by him getting worked up, Ye Fan coughed intensely and had blood oozing out the corner of his mouth.

In response, Junie hurried over and fed Ye Fan a healing pill before going ahead to treat his wound.

"You can scold me when we're back. But if you lose your life here, you won't get the chance to do so anymore."



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Even though Ye Fan had yelled at her, Junie maintained her smile at him.

However, her smile soon turned to tears when she discovered how grievous Ye Fan's injuries were.

She just couldn't imagine how much pain he was suffering from.

In spite of that, he still had the presence of mind to be concerned about her safety.

In the midst of Ye Fan and Junie's conversation, Gaius and the others joined them. At the sight of Chu Yuan, they began to unleash the aura of Supremes.

"Hmm? Four Supremes? It turns out that this kid has backup. Nonetheless, it still isn't enough. Once I have gathered the Chu Sect's elite warriors, these four Supremes won't make much of a difference."

Although Chu Yuan was surprised by the appearance of Gaius and his men, he didn't see them as a meaningful threat.

Unlike the Chu family who had most of its men injured, the Chu Sect's warriors still had the capacity to go into battle.

The elders of the Chu Sect in particular were probably more than enough to defeat the few of them.





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“Is that so? Let's give it a try then!”

Given that Gaius and Owen were equally belligerent, they were unfazed by the taunt.

“Very well. Elders of the Chu Sect, listen up. If you still see me as a former head of the Chu Sect, please lend your strength to the Chu family today. I will keep Moon God occupied, while the rest of you kill them all!”

Chu Yuan's commanding voice thundered through the crowd.

Upon hearing his instructions, the elders of the Chu Sect didn't react recklessly. Instead, they looked toward the head of the elders.

Ultimately, Chu Yuan no longer had an official position in the Chu Sect. Thus, he had no authority to give orders to its warriors.

Despite the lack of jurisdiction, he still commanded their respect.

As a result, none of them dared to disobey.

Consequently, the head of the Chu Sect elders barked, “What are you waiting for? As our former leader has commanded, surround them and kill them all!”

Scarcely had the Chu Sect's elite warriors gathered when a slender figure appeared at the foot of Mount Chumen.



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With her hair let down, her purple dress billowed in the wind.

Step by step, she gradually made her way up the stone-paved path.

Her exquisite features and distinguished aura made her look like a queen.

Evidently, her grandeur was indeed a sight to behold.



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In this world, there were some people who were able to radiate a commanding presence just by standing there without saying a word.

The lady in purple was one of them. The moment she appeared, everyone's attention fell upon her at once.

"T-That is Ms. Tang?"

When they realized who it was, the members of Chu Sect were undoubtedly delighted.

The Chu Sect elders especially hurried forward to greet her.

"Ms. Tang, you're finally here. Where have you been all this while? If you had arrived any later, the Chu Sect's territory would have already been flattened," the head of Chu Sect elders enquired.

"That's right, Ms. Tang. You have come at the right time. Please help the Chu family eradicate these b\*stards!" Chu Zhengliang pleaded for her assistance as if he had seen his savior.

Unfortunately, not everyone shared their sentiments.

When Gaius and his men saw the Chu Sect members invigorated by Tang Yun's presence, they began to fall into despair.

"Damn it! Why did Tang Yun have to appear right now? This is going to be troublesome."



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Gaius was understandably concerned, as their numbers were barely enough to hold the Chu Sect elders off.

With Tang Yun joining the fray, they no longer stood any chance of victory.

Not only could Tang Yun single-handedly kill Ye Fan, but she could also annihilate the four Dragon Slayers easily.

Even though the four of them had managed to recharge their elemental force earlier, it was only sufficient to unleash the Ice Fire Dragon one more time. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to deal with the change in circumstances.

Gaius' reaction aside, Ye Fan too narrowed his gaze when he saw Tang Yun.

The haggard face of his was suddenly filled with mixed emotions.

Meanwhile, Tang Yun returned his gaze when she sensed that he was looking at her.

The moment their eyes locked, Tang Yun felt a jolt in the depths of her heart that stunned her momentarily.

Nevertheless, both of them didn't speak and pretended as if they were strangers to one another.

Despite briefly losing her composure, Tang Yun



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quickly shifted her gaze away from Ye Fan and turned it upon Chu Yuan, who was standing in front of the Chu residence entrance.

“Master?”

Tang Yun was stunned by the sight of Chu Yuan, as she could barely recognize him by his appearance.

However, she could still sense his familiar aura.

When he saw how surprised Tang Yun was, Chu Yuan greeted, “Yun, it's been a while. You have grown to look more outstanding than you used to be.”

Having been reunited with his favorite disciple, Chu Yuan felt his anger diminish as a warm smile broke out on his face.

“Master, is it really you? H-Have you successfully passed your trial?”

Initially, Tang Yun was reluctant to acknowledge Chu Yuan.

It wasn't until she was absolutely sure that the spritely old man was her master to whom she was indebted to did she approach him excitedly.

“Greetings, Master!” Tang Yun greeted.

Chu Yuan burst into hearty laughter.



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“Yun, come over here. We can catch up later. But now, join me as I eradicate the enemies in front of our eyes. I will occupy Moon God of Japan while the Chu Sect elders will deal with the Supreme warriors. As for you, you will annihilate that b\*stard from China.”

While giving out instructions, Chu Yuan's gaze fell upon Ye Fan.

“Master, what happened?” Tang Yun was slightly unsettled.

“Isn't it obvious? Look at the bloodshed and devastation in front of you. It's all caused by that b\*stard. If not for Moon God's protection, I would have already slaughtered him myself,” Chu Yuan ranted.

The moment he mentioned Ye Fan, he clenched his fists in rage.

“Master, what is going on? How did all of you end up in such a massive conflict?”

Just when everyone assumed that Tang Yun would attack right after receiving Chu Yuan's command, they were taken aback when she began to inquire about the details especially since she had always been a woman of few words.

“Yun, we'll talk about it later. For now, let's kill him first!”

Visibly upset, Chu Yuan didn't answer Tang Yun's



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question. Instead, he kept urging her to attack.

Realizing that she wouldn't get her answer, Tang Yun stopped pestering Chu Yuan.

Subsequently, she turned around and trained her gaze in Ye Fan's direction.

At that moment, Ye Fan had his wounds under control with Junie's assistance. Nonetheless, his breath was still weak, as he needed a lot more time to recover from the injuries Chu Yuan had dealt him.

The wound in his chest in particular was exceptionally serious.

"Ye Fan, you decided to come in the end."

A few months had passed since they went their separate ways at the Chu residence.

Consequently, the first words uttered upon being reunited were exceptionally cold and distant.

"What sort of grudge do you hold against the Chu family for you to massacre everyone here indiscriminately?"

Tang Yun finally got the burning question she had off her chest.

Ye Fan sneered, "I have always been a man of my word. Since I swore that I would come, I would naturally fulfill that promise. As for your question

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about my motivations? I will reveal it to you today. Ms. Tang, have you heard about a boy in the Chu family named Chu Tianfan thirteen years ago?"

"Chu Tianfan?" Tang Yun was briefly stunned. "Thirteen years ago in the Chu family? Chu Tianfan?"

Given how much time had passed, Tang Yun had a vague impression but it didn't ring any bells right away.

Nevertheless, it took her a while for her deep-seated memories to make the connection with Chu Tianfan's name.

"Can it be that y-you're... his son? The child that was kicked out of the house by Master? That was you?"

Tang Yun widened her eyes in shock.

"Just as expected of the head of Chu Sect. You have indeed heard of the Chu family's secret. Oh, by the way, I almost forgot. I didn't realize that the old fogey, Chu Yuan, is actually your master! No wonder your loyalty to the Chu Sect and Chu family is unconditional. That aside, you're right to say that I was the abandoned child. The kid who had been kicked out by your master just like an unwanted dog!

"After having them hunt me down for the last ten years, I, Chu Tianfan, have come back today to return the favor. Regardless of whether I succeed



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or not, I must seek justice on behalf of my mom!"  
Ye Fan declared resolutely as he gave Tang Yun a conflicted look.

"No, h-how is this possible? H-how can you be his son? And also a member of the Chu family too?"

Having lost her composure, Tang Yun was both confounded and filled with disbelief.

Everything simply felt ridiculous to her.

As Chu Yuan's direct disciple, she was of the same seniority as Ye Fan's father, Chu Zhenghong.  
Hence, they were both fellow disciples in training.

Furthermore, she was also aware that her elder sister fell deeply in love with Chu Zhenghong.

*And now, I and the son of my fellow disciple are...*

Consequently, the entire matter felt outrageous to her.

Even though she was a lot younger than her sister and Ye Fan's father, it was still extremely awkward from a seniority perspective, as her relationship with Ye Fan had undoubtedly thrown the hierarchy into a mess.

Filled with panic, Tang Yun suddenly didn't know how to face her relationship with Ye Fan.



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However, she managed to get a grip of herself quickly.

Shaking her head with a smile, she was filled with self-pity.

*But now, what's the point in agonizing over it? After all, things between me and Ye Fan have long ended.*

When Ye Fan decisively left her at the Chu residence back then, there was no way both of them could get back together.

Whatever lingering feelings there were, it was all in the past now.

Since it was now an impossibility, thinking about it was nothing but a futile exercise.

“Chu Tianfan? A descendant of the Chu family? I should have known a long time ago. If you weren't a member of the Chu family, Grandma wouldn't have allowed you into the Chu residence.”

Staring at Ye Fan, Tang Yun shook her head with a smirk.

“Even though you were kicked out of the Chu family, it doesn't give you the right to slaughter them. My master had shown you compassion back then by sparing your life and letting you leave Mount Chumen. Even if your mother was insulted, it isn't an act that deserves to be avenged by blood.



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"Unfortunately, besides disturbing the peace on Mount Chumen, you have also killed many innocent members of the Chu family. Given how bloodthirsty you are, this isn't just a matter of seeking justice for your mom. Instead, you are simply looking to vent the hatred inside you. Considering what you have done is unforgivable, there's no way the Chu Sect can tolerate you," Tang Yun spoke with a frosty tone.

Just like an ice queen, every word of hers exuded gravitas which was entirely expected of the head of Chu Sect.

In fact, even Aaron, King Folo, and the others could feel the immense pressure that emanated from her words.

Faced with Tang Yun's accusations, Ye Fan responded with a smile.

"Ms. Tang, does this mean you're going to kill me? Fine. If that's what you want, you should then go ahead. After all, dying by your sword is an honor by itself!" Ye Fan sneered instead of explaining or backing down.

"Do you think that I don't dare kill you?"

Ye Fan's words had undoubtedly infuriated Tang Yun further, causing the seven-foot green sword in her hand to tremble, as if it was about to strike at any given moment.

"Of course not," Ye Fan snorted. "Is there anything



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in this world that you don't dare do? Besides, it isn't like you haven't tried to kill me before. I have died by your sword once. Therefore, I'm not afraid of being cut down a second time. Go on, Ms. Tang, do your worst."

Ye Fan's icy cold words were tinged with mockery.

As a result, Tang Yun was utterly incensed.

Standing on the pinnacle of power all this while, she was used to everyone treating her with deference and respect.

Only the young man in front of her dared to pepper her with nasty words and challenge her authority.

What perplexed her further was how unremorseful and stubborn Ye Fan was despite being the one clearly at fault.

Consequently, she raised her sword in a fit of rage.

Swinging down her sword, she unleashed a shockwave in Ye Fan's direction.

"Fine, I'll fulfill your wish for you!"

With an indifferent expression, Tang Yun's emotionless words accompany the shockwave that she fired.

Unfazed by Tang Yun's attack, Ye Fan stood still and stared at it fearlessly.



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Just when the shockwave was about to strike him, a rainbow-like light suddenly illuminated the space.

The next moment, a burst of Qi smashed into Tang Yun's shockwave and instantly neutralized the attack.

At the same time, Moon God appeared right in front of Ye Fan to shield him.

"If you kill him, I'll kill you."

Her words were simple and devoid of any emotion.

In spite of that, it was laden with extreme amounts of murderous intent that everyone present felt a chill down their spines.

At the peak of Mount Chumen, the two most powerful women of the martial arts world faced off with each other again.

The last time Moon God attacked Mount Chumen was for Ye Fan's sake.

This time, she was having a showdown with the head of the Chu Sect because of him too.

Meanwhile, when the crowd saw that two mighty women were about to clash over Ye Fan's fate, they were filled with nothing but envy.

*Why? What makes Chu Tianfan so special that she*



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*is willing to risk the wrath of the Chu family and give her all to protect him?*

“He makes all of us feel so jealous!”

Both Aaron and King Folo looked on with envy as they wondered when they would have the opportunity to have a God Realm warrior defend and care for them.

Besides those who were jealous, there were also those who felt exasperated over it.

One of them in particular was the humiliated Mochizuki Kawa. When he saw his goddess defend the youth from China, his heart couldn't help but bleed.

“Your Highness, what are you doing? You're supposed to be the mightiest god of Japan, not China. Can it be that you have feelings for the kid from China and intent to be his wife?”

The thought of Japan's Moon God leaving for China with Ye Fan filled him with sorrow and caused tears to well up in his eyes.

*After all, women always follow their husbands wherever they go. If Moon God has really fallen for Ye Fan and their relationship develops further, she would definitely become his wife in China.*

Obviously, Mochizuki Kawa kept the thoughts to himself, as saying them out loud would only land him in trouble.

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Just when everyone was envying Ye Fan for being protected by Moon God, he unexpectedly pushed her aside.

“Eigetsu, leave me alone! Since she wants to kill me, just let her! I won't allow anyone of you to stand in her way!” Ye Fan roared.

Subsequently, Moon God gave Ye Fan a baffled look, as she had no idea what was going on in his mind.

*Is he trying to be a fool by standing there and waiting to be killed?*

“Do you really want me to stand down? You must know that you don't stand a chance against her in your current condition,” Moon God reminded him.

“Stay out of it. This is between me and her! Just let her kill me!” Ye Fan thundered as he pulled Moon God aside.

After that, Ye Fan took the initiative to walk toward Tang Yun, much to everyone's disbelief.

“Ms. Tang, don't you want to kill me? Come on then. Pierce me right here with your sword! After all, I do not plan on leaving this place alive. If you don't kill me, I will wipe out the Chu family instead!” Ye Fan bellowed with bloodshot eyes and a smirk.

His reaction astounded everyone, for no one knew where he found such courage.

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In fact, it looked as if he was trying to stare Tang Yun down.

“Master, calm down, or she will really kill you!” Gaius shouted anxiously as he dashed forward to stop Ye Fan.

After all, he had seen how brutal Tang Yun could be. Back then, Ye Fan was almost killed after being pierced by her sword.

*Isn't it suicide for Master to egg her on?*

“Stay away, all of you!” Ye Fan thundered, stopping Gaius and the others in their tracks.

Even Tang Yun's face ashened at the sight of Ye Fan's state.

“Chu Tianfan, what are you trying to do? Have you gone mad?”

Tang Yun recoiled in fear upon Ye Fan's approach.

Given that she had never seen this side of Ye Fan, panic descended upon her authoritative face.

“What am I trying to do? Aren't you planning to kill me? I'm just helping you do it!” Ye Fan laughed insidiously.

“Don't force me.” Tang Yun took another step back.

In truth, Tang Yun didn't understand why she was





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retreating.

*I obviously have the advantage over him, but why am I the one backpedaling nervously when he is the one looking to die? Is it because of my reluctance to let him go? Or can it be that I have truly fallen in love with the b\*stard? No! I'm the leader of the Chu Sect. How can I allow him to disrupt my moral compass?*

Refusing to back off any further, Tang Yun gritted her teeth and thrust her sword in Ye Fan's direction.



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“Chu Tianfan, you leave me no choice!”

As her icy words were filled with rage and hatred, Tang Yun's voice echoed throughout the peak of Mount Chumen.

The next moment, her seven-foot green hilt sword slashed through the air and fired another shockwave at Ye Fan.

In the face of Tang Yun's ruthlessness, Ye Fan didn't dodge nor counter-attack. Instead, he just stood still and stared intently at Tang Yun.

“Master, no!”

Just when Tang Yun was about to decisively sever the ties between them, a scream suddenly rang out.

It was Meng Wanyu who was running toward them with an anxious expression.

The next instant, she stopped in front of Ye Fan to shield him.

“Wanyu, what are you doing? Are you disobeying me for his sake?”

Tang Yun couldn't believe that her own disciple would step forward to protect Ye Fan.

When Moon God protected him earlier, it didn't come as a surprise to her.



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After all, Moon God had exacted revenge upon Mount Chumen on behalf of Ye Fan before.

Consequently, she could deduce what Moon God's relationship with Ye Fan was.

*But why is my favorite disciple behaving the same way? Did that b\*stard do something to her?*

Holding that that, Tang Yun's eyes burned with rage.

"You b\*stard! How dare you go around philandering? It's one thing if you get it on with others, but why must you involve and harm Wanyu? As her master, I swear that I will kill you today!"

Staring at Ye Fan, Tang Yun gritted her teeth in outrage as she was overwhelmed by the urge to slaughter him.

*That b\*stard has not only been with me but also seduced my disciple too!*

The thought that Ye Fan had gotten involved with both master and disciple utterly incensed Tang Yun.

"Master, this has nothing to do with Ye Fan. He is a good man and has never mistreated me," Meng Wanyu hurriedly explained, as she didn't expect Tang Yun to have misunderstood.

Unfortunately, Meng Wanyu's attempt to clarify

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ended up complicating matters and intensifying Tang Yun's fury.

“Why are you pleading for mercy on his behalf? Why do you care for him and sing his praises? Hardly have I left him when you started falling for him. Once I've killed him, I'll be teaching you a lesson next!” Tang Yun exploded.

Just when Tang Yun was about to strike, Angie managed to struggle free from her father and brother while they weren't paying attention. Subsequently, she darted anxiously over to shield Ye Fan too.

“Ms. Tang, I beg of you. Please let Ye Fan go. He's not what you think he is. What happened today isn't his fault. Please, Ms. Tang, don't hurt him. His heart is really in the right place. All he was trying to do was save me.”

Angie begged and sobbed at the same time. She looked so pitiful that it was hard for anyone not to be sympathetic.

“You... All of you...”

It was one thing for Meng Wanyu to plead Ye Fan's case, but now, she was also joined by Angie.

Thinking that Ye Fan had taken advantage of the beauties of the Chu Sect, Tang Yun was on the brink of blowing her top.

*What's so great about that womanizing b\*stard?*



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*Why are so many girls willing to sacrifice themselves for him?*

After losing her temper briefly, Tang Yun quickly gathered herself.

Looking at Angie and Meng Wanyu, she sneered, "Even if you vouch for him, there's no way I, the head of Chu Sect, can forgive him for slaughtering so many members of the Chu Sect's three families."

"But Master, he has his reasons," Meng Wanyu pleaded.

"Reasons?"

"Didn't I say that being kicked out of the Chu family doesn't mean that he can kill indiscriminately?" Tang Yun retorted.

Her words were so resolute that they left no room for doubt.

"Ms. Tang, it isn't his fault. The Chu family were the ones who didn't honor their words first. Ye Fan never intended to kill anyone in the beginning. He was supposed to fight the head of the Chu family in single combat. If he won, the Chu family would travel to China and apologize to his mom which they had agreed to. However, when Ye Fan was victorious, the Chu family not only broke their word but also surrounded and attacked him en masse! Therefore, he was forced to kill them in self-defense. Due to him having the moral high





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ground, it doesn't matter if he has killed a bunch of Chu family members, as they were the ones who were being unreasonable," Angie related what happened with her cheeks puffing red.

Unfortunately, her words caused the Jones family to be seized by horror.

Bill ran forward and slapped Angie on the face.

"You stupid gal, what are you babbling about? Get out of the way at once!" Bill admonished her. He had no sooner pulled her aside than Tang Yun stopped him.

"Angie, is what you say true?"

As Tang Yun looked in her direction, the burning rage in her eyes began to dampen.

"It's true, Ms. Tang. If you don't believe me, you can ask the members of the Chu family. Everyone here bore witness to what happened," Angie replied at once.

At that moment, all of Tang Yun's murderous intent dissipated instantly.

Turning toward Chu Yuan, she asked softly, "Master, isn't this a case of the Chu family renegeing on the deal?"

Chu Yuan furrowed his brows. "Yun, that's not important."



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"No, it's extremely important to me," Tang Yun answered coldly. "As the head of Chu Sect, not only do I have to ensure the security of the sect, I have to maintain its reputation too. I can kill and plunder, but there has to be a basis for it. Master, I'm sorry. I won't do anything that goes against my moral compass and neither will the Chu Sect."

Tang Yun had barely finished speaking when she turned to the crowd without waiting for Chu Yuan's response.

"Members of the Chu Sect, without my permission, none of you are allowed to make a move. Do you understand?"

Tang Yun's swept her commanding gaze in every direction.

Given the authority that Tang Yun wielded all this while, none of the Chu Sect elders dared to disobey her.

"You..."

Even though Chu Yuan was outraged by Tang Yun's response, he knew that it wasn't appropriate to lose his temper.

After all, he knew Tang Yun was right.

As the sect leader, she couldn't help the Chu family at the expense of the sect's reputation.

Therefore, she had made the right decision from

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the sect's perspective.

The only persons she could blame were her own incompetent subordinates.

Meanwhile, Gaius and the others heaved a sigh of relief when they heard Tang Yun order the Chu Sect to back down.

"The sect leader is truly wise," Gaius lamented.

Owen smiled thoughtfully instead. "Is she truly wise or does she have her own reasons?"

He then chuckled to himself mischievously.

Upon Tang Yun's restraint, Ye Fan stopped taunting her.

He then turned his attention back to the Chu family and demanded, "Chu Yuan, I'll ask you one last time. Are you going to honor the deal or not?"

His tone was as cold as ice.

Simultaneously, The Five Dragon Gods approached while Moon God looked on as if she was eyeing her prey.

When Chu Yuan felt the overwhelming pressure, he fell into a long silence.

Frustrated by the wait, everyone began to wonder what sort of scheme he was hatching in that mind of his.





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Finally, just when Ye Fan was about to lose his patience, Chu Yuan replied, "Fine. Given that we have lost the bet, we will honor our promise to you!"



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"What? We can't do this!" someone shouted.

Everyone in the Chu family was shocked to hear what Chu Yuan said.

Chu Shen, whom Ye Fan had beaten to the verge of death, suddenly crawled up from the floor and rushed to Chu Yuan.

"No, you can't do this. The Chu family is one of the most prominent families in the world. How can we bow and apologize to these country bumpkins? How can we keep our heads up in the martial arts world if we apologize? If the words spread, we would be a laughingstock!" Chu Shen protested urgently and tried to stop Chu Yuan.

Before this, when Chu Zhengliang had fallen, Chu Shen and the other members of the Chu family discussed whether to honor the bet and apologize to Ye Fan and his mother.

After a discussion, the whole family refused to honor the bet. Instead, they gathered all their forces to kill Ye Fan.

Then, Ye Fan nearly exterminated everyone in the Chu family. Fortunately for them, Patriarch Chu came out to save them.

The situation was now favoring them. Yet, Chu Yuan decided to honor the bet and agree to Ye Fan's request. It meant that the whole family had to go to China to apologize to Ye Fan's mother.



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The Chu family could not understand his decision and found it unacceptable.

“We are already a laughingstock, thanks to you useless lot. You have lost, so how dare you refuse to honor the bet? What's wrong with you all? You are too weak to fight him, so why are you declaring war against him? Since you dared to bet, you have to accept your defeat. People will look down on us if you keep breaking your promise. Our ancestors were known for their righteousness. You are bringing shame to them!” Chu Yuan scolded with a pained expression.

Chu Shen understood what Chu Yuan said, but he still refused to back down.

“But Patriarch Chu, we would be humiliated no matter what we do. However, isn't it much better to refuse to honor the bet than having to get down on our knees and apologize? We should choose the lesser of two harms! Furthermore, if we killed this b\*stard, the bet shall no longer exist. Then, we won't be breaking any promise,” Chu Shen argued.

The other members of the Chu family still refused to go to China and apologize to Ye Fan and his mother. They preferred to break their promise than humble themselves.

Chu Yuan sneered and shouted, “Sure, if you want to kill him, go kill him if you dare. Chu Tianfan is standing right there. Whoever among you succeeds in killing him shall be the next head of the family!”

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Everyone in the Chu family immediately looked down at their feet.

After all, except for Chu Yuan, Ye Fan had defeated everyone here.

Judging from the situation, if Chu Yuan refused to help, no one in the Chu family could defeat Ye Fan.

“Why have you all become mute now? Have you finally realized how weak you all are? In that case, all of you should shut up and stop embarrassing me!” Chu Yuan shouted furiously.

He was boiling with anger over his family members.

*What a bunch of good-for-nothings. They are useless, and yet they think so highly of themselves.*

Chu Yuan wished that he could kill Ye Fan too.

However, they had no other options in their present situation.

Furthermore, Ye Fan had made it clear. If the Chu family refused to fulfill their promise, he would kill them.

If it were only Ye Fan, Chu Yuan would not be afraid of his threat. Ye Fan had exhausted himself. Moreover, Chu Yuan did not fear him even when he was in his best condition.

However, Ye Fan was backed by the Moon God.



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If the Chu family battled Ye Fan again, Chu Yuan knew he would be fighting with the Moon God.

Then, Ye Fan would be free to slaughter the rest of the Chu family.

Everyone in the Chu family would be dead before he could defeat the Moon God.

Furthermore, Tang Yun would not let Chu Sect get involved in the fight between the Chu family and Ye Fan. Thus, Chu Yuan had no choice but to admit defeat.

Ye Fan laughed after hearing what Chu Yuan said, "Good. It seems that an old b\*stard like you still has some sense."

"You..." Chu Yuan nearly burst a vessel when he heard Ye Fan calling him an old b\*stard.

However, he did not want to argue with Ye Fan.

After all, Ye Fan already dared to call Chu Yuan names and pull his beard more than ten years ago.

"Since all of you are willing to fulfill your promise, let's go. We shall be going to China tonight! Don't worry. You only have to apologize to my mother. After that, we can call it even, and we shall have nothing more to do with each other!" Ye Fan said.

He felt as if he had released a heavy burden.

It felt like he had finally removed the mountain

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pressing on his shoulders for years.

Ye Fan had been looking forward to such a day for a long time.

After struggling for so many years, Ye Fan was tired too.

He had borne all responsibilities, hatred, and humiliation alone for so long.

Ye Fan had been planning to do this for a long time. Once everything was over, he would return to obscurity.

Just like what Tang Yun had told him in the Chu residence before this, he would find a secluded house with a garden and settle down with his beloved wife. He imagined sitting under a willow tree and surrounded by vast flora.

They would chat about the weather and watch the sunset together.

He could imagine raising many children in such a peaceful environment.

During the morning and evening, they could sit in the little garden behind their home, watching the flowers bloom and the clouds in the sky.

There would be no contention, killing, or deception. Ye Fan would live in peace.

Ye Fan desperately wished for such a life.

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When he was stuck in the rural countryside, he dreamed of attaining the highest glory and position.

However, after reaching the top, he realized that he missed the peace and stability he had as a boy in the countryside.

Perhaps, people could only realize the value of something after they lost it.

Now, Ye Fan finally had the chance to return to his old life again.

He could not describe the complicated emotions he felt at this moment.

However, Chu Yuan shook his head upon hearing Ye Fan's demand.

"It is impossible for us to go tonight. You have trashed the Chu residence. We still don't know how many are injured or dead. Therefore, we need to save every family member urgently. Why don't we do it like this? Once I've finished dealing with the matters here, I will bring the Chu family to China," Chu Yuan said sternly.

Ye Fan frowned immediately. "Your family has used this excuse before. Now, you're using the same reason to stall me. What makes you think I would fall for it again?"

"What those good-for-nothings said do not count. I'm Chu Yuan, and I fulfill what I have promised.

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You can return to your country and wait for me with ease," Chu Yuan said unhappily. He was suppressing his anger.

Ye Fan laughed upon hearing him. "You want me to wait with ease? If you continue to delay, do I have to keep waiting for you? Are you asking my mother to wait until her hair has turned gray? Perhaps, you only plan to come after we have gone down to our graves?"

Ye Fan sneered and refused to believe what Chu Yuan said.

"You b\*stard, how dare you? You should be thankful that Patriarch Chu agrees to go to China. Who are you to make demands?" someone from the Chu family shouted at Ye Fan.

Ye Fan shook his head. "In that case, we have nothing more to say. Since you have no plans to fulfill the promise, I'll have to drag your bodies back with me."

Then, Ye Fan turned to the Moon God and instructed, "Moon God, I'll leave that old b\*stard, Chu Yuan, to you. Please help me to stall him for ten minutes. I will kill everyone in the Chu family within that time."

Ye Fan's tone was heartless and bone-chilling.

Everyone in the Chu family turned pale from fright.



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"This... This..."

The Chu family did not expect Ye Fan to change his mind so soon.

He had agreed to let them go a moment ago. Now, he suddenly decided to slaughter them.

The members of the Chu family panicked and begged Chu Yuan, "Patriarch Chu, you have to save us..."

"Shut up!" Chu Yuan nearly burst his vessel from fury.

*This bunch of worthless people. They are more arrogant than anyone just now. However, the moment there is a threat, they turn into cowards.*

Chu Yuan had to do something no matter how disgusted he was with them.

In the end, he had no choice but to control his temper. Then, he glared at Ye Fan and said, "Chu Tianfan, I have already made the biggest concession by agreeing to go to China. If you keep challenging me, I can retaliate too! I'm warning you. Don't you dare think you can kill everyone in the Chu family with your few insignificant Supremes. Even if you get the Moon God to stop me, we still have top ranking fighters in the Sky Ranking to fight you."

"Oh?" Ye Fan sneered and asked indifferently, "Really? I'm curious about these top fighters that

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are still hiding away in the Chu residence.” Ye Fan laughed mockingly.

“Fine! You asked for it!” Chu Yuan's expression darkened as he stepped forward and shouted coldly, “Demonic Duo, where are you?”

*Boom...*

A loud noise like thunder shook the ground.

Then, everyone could hear rumbling noises throughout Mount Chumen.

After that, there was a long silence.

One could only hear echoes of Chu Yuan's voice.

One second passed...

Two seconds passed...

After more than ten seconds, no one came from within the Chu residence.

Chu Yuan desperately tried to appear calm. However, when no one showed up, his expression darkened as he tried to suppress his fury.

“Demonic Duo! Where are you?” Chu Yuan yelled.

There was still no answer.

Meanwhile, members of the Chu family cowered shamefully. Their faces were pale with fear.



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“Chu Zhengliang, what is going on? Where are the Demonic Duo?” Chu Yuan was bursting with fury.

*Damn it, how could they screw up at such a critical moment. I have called out loudly, but no one appears.*

One could see how furious Chu Yuan was.

“Dad, please don't be angry. The Demonic Duo... They...” Chu Zhengliang was afraid of Chu Yuan and hesitated to tell him the truth.

“Tell me now! Damn it! Why are you like this? How can you call yourself my son?” Chu Yuan was so furious that he wanted to kick Chu Zhengliang.

However, right after Chu Yuan had spoken, weak groans came from deep within the Chu residence.

“Old Master... We are sorry for coming here late.” The voice was weak and feeble, barely audible. One could even hear the guilt and shame dripping from the words.

Chu Yuan immediately turned toward the voice.

Two older men hobbled from deep within the manor. They supported each other and limped all the way.

Their hairs were completely white, and their faces ashen. There was not a hint of color on their faces.



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Chu Yuan was stunned to see them and asked, "You... What happened? How did you get injured? Who hurt you two? Who could do this to you?"

The Demonic Duo had always been the Chu family's mysterious trump card.

Initially, he thought that he could finally use this secret weapon. However, he didn't expect them to show up severely injured.

"Hahaha... Chu Yuan, you old b\*stard. Stop kidding yourself! Who else could hurt them? You should have figured it out by now," Gaius mocked.

He was pleased to see Chu Yuan's dumbstruck expression. He looked at Chu Yuan as if he was the biggest joke of the century. "The Dragon Master is merciful. Otherwise, they wouldn't just be severely injured. He would have killed them both!"

Chu Yuan's face twitched upon hearing Gaius.

He glared at the Demonic Duo and demanded, "Is what he said true? Both of you lost to this outcast?"

The Demonic Duo looked down and did not dare to say anything. They could only nod in response.

After their defeat, they retreated deep within the Chu residence to recuperate. They finally came out now when Chu Yuan summoned them.



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Chu Yuan's expression darkened further. Blood drained from his face.

His knuckles cracked as he clenched his fists angrily.

"Haha... You are hilarious!" Gaius bent with laughter as he looked at Chu Yuan's reaction.

The head of the Chu family was thoroughly humiliated.

After a long moment of silence, Chu Yuan glared at Ye Fan and asked, "Chu Tianfan, tell me. What do you want?"

"I've told you what I want. The Chu family shall come with me to China tonight and apologize to my mother!" Ye Fan answered.

"Tonight is impossible for us. Many of my family members are injured. How can I leave them?" Chu Yuan refused insistently.

He paused for a moment and continued, "Three months! After three months, I will bring the Chu family to China."

"Three months?" Gaius and Owen sneered before Ye Fan could answer.

Gaius said mockingly, "That's too long. We can't wait that long. You old b\*stard must be planning something again. Do you think the Dragon Master is stupid?"



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Owen added, "It must be tonight! If you refuse, let's fight. The Dragon Master had told you just now. If you all refuse to go, we can kill you and bring your bodies there."

Gaius and Owen stood firm on their grounds.

The Chu family and Ye Fan were at odds with each other. No one was willing to compromise.

Tang Yun had been silent all this while. Seeing that both sides refused to back down, she stepped up.

She looked at Ye Fan and said calmly, "One month. I suggest you give the Chu family one month to fulfill their promise. They will go to China within this period."

Then, Tang Yun turned to Chu Yuan and asked, "Does this sound good to you, Master?"

Chu Yuan frowned and was unhappy with the proposal. However, he did not object to it.

No matter what, going there in a month was much better than going tonight.

"My master has agreed. What about you?" Tang Yun turned to Ye Fan again.

"We disagree with this! It is too risky to delay. The Chu family could do a lot of things in a month. What if the Chu family send someone to kill the Dragon Master during this time? What if they harmed the Dragon Master's family? Since this old



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b\*stard wants to stall time, he must be up to something.” Gaius refused insistently.

“The Chu family would not stoop so low as to do something despicable,” Chu Yuan answered coldly.

Gaius and Owen laughed upon hearing him.

“You won't stoop so low? Haven't you all done a lot of despicable things? When the Dragon Master was around twelve years old, you b\*stard sent assassins to hunt him down. You tried to kill him for more than ten years!” Gaius replied furiously.

Then, he took a deep breath before continuing, “Furthermore, you made a bet. Now that you have lost, how dare you refuse to honor it. The Chu family had done so many despicable things. How can we believe your words?”

Gaius scolded the Chu family before everyone without holding back.

“I can vouch for them. The Chu family and the Chu Sect will not do anything disadvantageous to Chu Tianfan during this period,” Tang Yun declared suddenly.

Then, she looked at Ye Fan and continued, “Moreover, the Chu family will set out within a month to apologize to you and your mother. You have my word as the head of Chu Sect! Is it agreeable to you now?”

Tang Yun remained expressionless despite her



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daring guarantee.

“Haha... Wow, a guarantee from the head of Chu Sect! However, who would dare to trust this? Since he is your master, would you drag him to China if he refuses to go? Who knows whether both of you are in cahoots to trick the Dragon Master,” Gaius said mockingly.

He and many others refused to believe her.



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Gaius and Owen believed that Chu Sect and the Chu family are one and the same. Furthermore, Tang Yun was Chu Yuan's disciple.

Since they could not trust the master, they should not trust the disciple either.

However, Tang Yun ignored Gaius. She only looked at Ye Fan, waiting for him to make the final decision.

Ye Fan did not answer her question but asked, "What are you going to do if I reject your suggestion?"

"It's up to you. However, I will not just stand there and see the Chu family murdered," Tang Yun replied coldly.

Ye Fan laughed upon hearing her. "It seems that I don't have a choice. Fine! Since it has come to this, I will give you a chance. The Chu family must come to China to apologize to my mother within a month. However, I have a question for you. What would you do if they failed to fulfill their promise after one month?"

"I will personally bring them there," Tang Yun answered.

"Sure, you better remember your promise. If the Chu family breaks their promise and uses this opportunity to retaliate, I will spare nothing to destroy them!" Ye Fan said firmly.





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Tang Yun nodded. "I understand. The Chu Sect would never do such a despicable act. Furthermore, as the leading family among the Three Families of the Chu Sect, they would not resort to such means too!"

Tang Yun was worried that Ye Fan still would not believe them. Therefore, she turned to Chu Yuan and sought confirmation, "Right, Master?"

Chu Yuan snorted and said, "Don't worry. If the Chu family wanted to kill someone, we would do so openly. Since we have agreed to your condition, we won't retaliate against you."

Ye Fan finally nodded in agreement.

He turned to Tang Yun and said solemnly, "Apart from this, I still require another guarantee. I hope you can agree to this."

"What is it?" Tang Yun frowned and felt uneasy as she had no idea what Ye Fan wanted.

"It concerns Angie. After we leave, I hope the Chu Sect won't mistreat her. She has the right to make her own decisions regarding her life. You must not force her to do anything or make her marry someone she does not love. Since Angie respects you, I hope you won't disappoint her," Ye Fan answered.

Then, he glanced around the room and continued, "Furthermore, I won't have anything to do with Angie after today. If any of you have complaints,



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I'm the one you should look for.”

Many people could not help but tremble under his stern and icy glare.

*He seemed like an honorable person.*

Initially, Bill was worried, but he felt relieved after hearing what Ye Fan said.

In actuality, Bill kept feeling anxious the moment Ye Fan appeared.

He was worried that after Ye Fan left, the Chu family would blame today's incident on his daughter, Angie, and bring disaster to the whole family.

After all, no matter what kind of agreement Ye Fan and the Chu family made, one thing was certain.

Ye Fan and the Chu family would be mortal enemies from now on.

Angie had been siding with Ye Fan all that while. People would think that Angie and Ye Fan were in this together.

He did not doubt that the Chu family would make Angie's life difficult.

Now, Ye Fan had cut off ties with Angie and got Tang Yun to ensure her safety. Thus, Angie would now be safe.



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However, right when the head of the Jones family breathed a sigh of relief, Angie began weeping.

She kept shaking her head and shouted, “No! Don't do this! Ye Fan, you are not allowed to abandon me. You can't treat me like a stranger...”

*Boo...Hoo...* Angie wailed.

She looked like a child who had lost her favorite toy.

However, Ye Fan stood firm with his decision.

He knew that if he continued their friendship, it would eventually cause her harm.

Therefore, he thought it was better to end their friendship here and then.

That way, Angie could grow up safely.

“Angie, stop it! This outcome is the best that you can hope for. Stop throwing a tantrum. You're making things difficult for everyone.” Someone from the Jones family rushed to persuade Angie so that she would not dash off to Ye Fan.

“Sure, I watched Angie grow up and see her as my own. I don't need you to tell me to protect her. I will ensure that she is safe,” Tang Yun replied softly in her clear and calm voice.

Tang Yun's tone had become much softer than before.



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Perhaps, Ye Fan's concern for Angie touched her.

Even as he sought revenge, he still remembered to protect the innocent bystanders.

At this moment, Tang Yun remembered how she was in the past.

Back then, Ye Fan made her feel touched for the first time with his loyalty.

However, there was no point in thinking about this anymore.

It was all in the past.

Tang Yun believed that after Ye Fan finished his revenge against the Chu family, they would never see each other again.

"Sure. In that case, allow me to thank you for that." Ye Fan clasped his fist and bowed to Tang Yun slightly.

He kept looking at Tang Yun even as he thanked her.

His gaze seemed so warm and gentle that Tang Yun could not help but tremble in her heart.

After that, neither of them said anything.

One could read a person's thoughts through their eyes.





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However, Tang Yun turned away in panic and did not dare to look into Ye Fan's eyes.

She feared she would drown in her own feelings for him.

In the past few months, Tang Yun gathered all her resolve and let go of her past with Ye Fan.

Her rationality told her that she could never return to the past.

Therefore, she should leave memories of their past affection in that old house.

"You should leave and never come to Chu Sect again. You're not welcomed here," Tang Yun said.

No one knew the complicated emotions in Tang Yun's heart.

Ye Fan stood still and looked at her silhouette. He could not speak for a long time.

Suddenly, he thanked Tang Yun and said, "Rivers don't flow backward, let go of the past and focus on the future. Take care!"

After saying that, Ye Fan left with the people from the Dragon God Hall.

The shocking battle finally ended with Ye Fan's departure.

The Chu family was deeply shaken and deflated by



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what had happened. Although they felt regretful, the ones alive were glad to have survived.

Those from Chu Sect also breathed a sigh of relief. They could finally lift the heavy burden off their chests.

However, Tang Yun did not stay to celebrate with them. She walked away.

Meng Wanyu followed her and saw that her eyes were red.

Ye Fan would never know the impact his words left her.

*Rivers don't flow backward, let go of the past and focus on the future.*

Those words carried a profound meaning.

They contained his encouragement before parting forever.

As Tang Yun thought about this, she began to tremble and weep.

After today, Ye Fan would return to his home and reunite with his family.

On the other hand, Tang Yun would continue her days with only loneliness as her company.



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As Ye Fan left, the battle that shocked the world finally came to an end.

Although the fight didn't last more than a day, Aaron and the others felt like they had been through perpetual war.

They all breathed huge sighs of relief when they saw Ye Fan reaching an agreement with the Chu family.

"We're terribly sorry, everyone. It appears we will not be able to proceed with this wedding tonight. As a token of apology, we will invite you all to a banquet some other day."

An elder from the Chu family stepped forward with one hand cupped in the other as he apologized to Aaron, King Folo, and the others.

It was the Chu family's way of hinting at them to leave as they were not in the mood to host them, especially after everything that had happened.

Naturally, the martial arts leaders understood that and returned to their respective countries after a brief exchange of pleasantries.

Nobody expected for a grand banquet like this to nearly result in the extermination of the Chu family.

Although the banquet had to be canceled, people like Aaron and King Folo were satisfied that they were able to witness such a great battle.



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As the guests dispersed, peace and quiet returned to Mount Chumen after an entire day of chaos.

The survivors from the Chu family stayed back to clean up the mess and treat the wounded.

“Where's Qitian? Where's my son?”

It wasn't until everyone left that Chu Zhengliang thought about his son.

However, he couldn't seem to find Chu Qitian anywhere despite searching all over Mount Chumen.

Right as Chu Zhengliang was on the verge of losing his mind, someone from the Chu family walked up to him and whispered, “M-Mr. Chu, Ye Fan stomped your son into the ground earlier.”

“What? Where is he? Take me to him now! Hurry!” Chu Zhengliang yelled in shock when he heard that.

*My wife has passed away a long time ago, so my son is all I've got left in this world. I put up with so much hardship over the years, all for the sake of clearing the obstacles so that Chu Qitian can have a bright future ahead of him. If he dies in this battle, then all of my efforts will have been in vain!*

With that in mind, Chu Zhengliang anxiously followed his subordinate as he led the way.

“Your son is beneath this rubble, Mr. Chu. This is





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where Ye Fan stomped him into the ground. I'm not sure if he's still alive..." said the subordinate fearfully when they arrived at a heap of rubble.

Chu Zhengliang got so mad that he sent the subordinate flying with a kick after hearing that. "Why waste so much time telling me about it when you already know he's here? Get some more men here and start digging! I'll kill you all if anything happens to my son!"

The grunts were always the ones suffering the wrath of their bosses. Such was the way of the world wherever one went.

Chu Zhengliang wasn't able to defeat Ye Fan himself, and yet he blamed his subordinates for his son's predicament instead of his own inability.

Although the Chu family's guards resented him a lot for how he treated them, they had no choice but to do as told.

After digging for what seemed like forever, they finally managed to retrieve Chu Qitian's near-lifeless body from the rubble.

"My son!"

It pained Chu Zhengliang to see his son covered in bloody wounds all over.

He was so consumed by anger and heartache that his eyes were bloodshot, and his nails were almost digging into Chu Qitian's flesh when he



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rushed over to hug him.

Chu Yuan was shocked when he saw that.

"Is that Qitian? Someone get him some immediate medical attention! Hurry!" he shouted anxiously.

Although the Chu family had plenty of descendants who could continue the family lineage, only a few of them were talented.

Chu Qitian was one of them and also Chu Yuan's only grandson, so it was only natural that he would care deeply about him.

Just like that, the Chu family desperately tried to treat Chu Qitian's wounds while the other three families in the Chu Sect left.

The destruction caused by Ye Fan wasn't limited to the Chu residence alone. He even destroyed the entrance to Mount Chumen, so they had a lot to clean up and repair.

"Ms. Tang, that brat from China has caused the Chu Sect huge losses!"

"He even injured some of our elders!"

"He's also the one who killed several heads of elders in the rainforest battle from before!"

"Exactly! His grudge clearly goes beyond the Chu family!"



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“On top of that, he hasn't even paid off the debt he owes us!”

“Ms. Tang, I suggest we devise a plan to kill him!”

“Don't forget, he seems to have planted plenty of spies in the Chu Sect. That old man from the Chu family is a spy, and so is that girl from the Jones family!”

“There are probably a lot more spies that we simply haven't discovered yet. I suggest we conduct an internal investigation, weed out these traitors, and kill them all to tie up all loose ends!”

The elders kept urging Tang Yun to take action against Ye Fan the moment they returned to the Chu Sect.

While their suggestions were sound, Tang Yun exploded in anger after hearing them.

“What are you all trying to imply, huh? That I'm not trustworthy enough? Do you all want me to become the laughingstock of the world?”

Her voice was so cold that the temperature in the hall seemed to drop as well.

“Of course not! We wouldn't dare!” The elders were quick to deny it.

“Is that so? You guys have been bold enough to change the head of the Chu Sect behind my back, so don't you tell me you wouldn't dare!”





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The elders went pale from fear the moment they heard that.

“Where did you hear that from, Ms. Tang?”

“Don't listen to their lies!”

Some of them tried to explain, but Tang Yun cut them off, “That's enough. I know that many of you don't acknowledge me as the head of the Chu Sect, but I don't mind it at all. Feel free to challenge me to a fight, and I'll resign from my position if I lose. Until then, I am the head of the Chu Sect, and I will punish anyone who dares defies my orders!”

“But, Ms. Tang... W-What about Chu Tianfan?”  
Some of the elders were still persistent about taking action against Ye Fan.

“Have I not made myself clear enough? From now on, Chu Tianfan is no longer associated with the Chu Sect, and the grudges between us are no longer valid! All members of the Chu Sect are to leave him, his family, and his friends alone! I watched Angie grow up, so she will not do anything against the Chu Sect's interest. Once she is of age, I will take her in as my second direct disciple. This incident ends here, got it? I don't want to hear any more talk about Chu Tianfan from now on!” Tang Yun said sternly with a frown.

Just like that, she had put an end to the whole chaotic incident that day.





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Bill and the others from the Jones family thanked Tang Yun profusely when they heard that. "Thank you for your kind understanding, Ms. Tang! The Jones family shall be eternally grateful! I promise I'll teach my daughter well so she won't cause trouble again!"



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Bill was worried about the safety of his daughter, so Tang Yun's words came as a huge relief.

*It's obvious that Tang Yun is trying to protect my daughter by declaring that she'd take her in as her disciple when she comes of age. After all, no one would dare harm a disciple of the head of the Chu Sect! Still, I can't help but wonder why Tang Yun would go so far to protect Angie... I don't remember them being that close, so why is Tang Yun being so nice to Angie all of a sudden?*

Unable to comprehend the reasoning behind it, Bill decided not to dwell on it.

With his biggest concern being taken care of, he no longer had to worry about the Chu Sect plotting against Angie in the future.

Although his plan of getting connected to the Chu family via marriage of convenience was no longer possible, it wasn't exactly a bad thing either.

Given the severity of Chu Qitian's injuries, it was hard to say if he would make it out alive.

Even if he did survive, his martial arts capabilities would surely have taken a huge dive, so there would be no point investing in him anyway.

Tang Yun's definitive decision instantly stopped everyone in the Chu Sect from talking about taking action against Ye Fan.

As for the Chu family, they were too busy



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recovering from their injuries to even think about getting revenge on him.

While Angie was spared from her fate of marrying Chu Qitian, the Jones family grounded her once again with tighter security to prevent her from contacting Ye Fan.

Just like that, Mount Chumen returned to its usual state of peace and tranquility.

Ye Fan and his group were still on the way back to China, but Sword Saint and the others had already made it back to Mount Yan as they left earlier.

Ye Qingtian had been watching over the War God Castle the whole time.

With the King of Fighters severely wounded and neither Tang Hao nor Sword Saint around, China was incredibly vulnerable due to the lack of martial arts forces.

As such, Ye Qingtian had to remain in the War God Castle to oversee everything in the martial arts world.

At dusk, the sound of a jet engine's whirring could be heard at the landing zone outside Mount Yan.

Ye Qingtian came running out the moment he noticed it and saw Sword Saint exiting the jet with Tang Hao.

“Huh? Why are you two back so soon? I thought



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this trip would take at least two to three days!" he asked in confusion.

"We've got trouble, War God! Big trouble!" Tang Hao shouted anxiously.

Ye Qingtian frowned upon hearing that. "What happened?"

"Hey, guys! Let's talk inside, okay?" Sword Saint cut them off and motioned at them to enter the War God Castle.

"What did you say? Chu Yuan isn't dead? That old man is still alive?" Ye Qingtian leapt from his seat in shock after hearing Sword Saint's explanation.

The authoritative look on his face was replaced with shock and solemnity.

*The last time I heard about Chu Yuan was about ten years ago. He was the world's strongest fighter at the time and nearly unified all martial arts forces around the globe. I still remember how terrifying he was when I fought him back then...*

"How is he still alive? I remember him being gravely wounded and brought to the Chu family's forbidden grounds where he waited for his death! How on earth could he possibly be alive?"

Ye Qingtian found it both unbelievable and terrifying at the same time.

All martial arts forces in the world used to live in



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fear of Chu Yuan's wrath, so Ye Qingtian's reaction toward him still being alive was perfectly normal.

"More importantly, how is his power now? He should be really weak, right?" he asked anxiously.

That was his primary concern at the moment.

Given how powerful the world's martial arts forces have become, they would have no reason to fear Chu Yuan if he wasn't as strong as he was before.

Sword Saint shook his head and replied sternly, "We wouldn't have returned in such a hurry if he were that weak. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but Chu Yuan has become a lot more powerful than before. In fact, it's possible that he has ascended to the god realm. I think China should start making preparations, War God."

The people of China had always been vigilant, and Sword Saint was no different.

He began thinking about how they would handle Chu Yuan ever since he saw him at Mount Chumen.

Chu Yuan had started a huge war when he was number one on the Sky Ranking back then. Now that he had become even stronger, no one could predict if he would repeat that and lead the Chu Sect into battle again.

Ye Qingtian fell silent as he went into deep thought about the situation.



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After what seemed like forever, he finally regained his composure and said, "We should indeed start making preparations for the worst-case scenario, but we're not out of the fight just yet. If we join hands with Japan's martial arts forces and receive support from Moon God, we could defeat the Chu Sect. Besides, China's martial arts forces have also gotten a lot stronger than before. I mean, Ye Fan was able to take on multiple powerful fighters from the Chu Sect all by himself! Even if Chu Yuan decides to start another war, it would take him years of preparation before he can do anything. That should give us plenty of time to train in preparation for the war. I will put Ye Fan through special training and devote all of China's resources to help him surpass his current level. Given his talent for martial arts, it is possible for him to ascend to the god realm and even get into the top three on the Sky Ranking!"

Ye Qingtian got so carried away with his plans that he didn't even notice the gradually deepening frown on Tang Hao's face.

After a brief moment of hesitation, Tang Hao let out a sigh and said bitterly, "I'm afraid you're in for a disappointment, Ye. You see, Ye Fan has most likely fallen..."

Ye Qingtian tensed up upon hearing that.

"What happened to him? What is it this time? Don't tell me he's dead?"

He asked the question even though he already



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expected the answer to it.

Seeing as Sword Saint remained silent, Tang Hao continued, "Ye Fan showed up at the wedding banquet too. His real identity turned out to be Chu Tianfan, the guy who terrorized Japan back in the day. He is the illegitimate son of Chu Zhenghong, the former head of the Chu family. Ye Fan was eventually kicked out of the Chu family, so he launched an assault on Mount Chumen with a bunch of powerful fighters in an attempt to exterminate the Chu family."

Tang Hao then proceeded to give Ye Qingtian a brief summary of the events that took place on Mount Chumen.

To his surprise, Ye Qingtian got excited when he heard that Ye Fan had singlehandedly defeated Chu Zhengliang, the Infernal Duo, and several other powerful fighters from the Chu family.

"Haha! I can't believe this little rascal managed to hide his power from me so well! Given how strong he is, it's no wonder he'd dare take on the Chu family all by himself! His strength far surpasses mine! So, what happened next? Did the Chu family members submit to him?" he asked while laughing out loud.



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Ye Qingtian was so distracted by Ye Fan's greatness that he completely missed Tang Hao's point.

"No, the Chu family did not submit to him. Chu Yuan showed up at the very last minute and injured Ye Fan severely," Tang Hao replied, snapping Ye Qingtian back to reality.

The look of pride on his face was immediately replaced by anxiety as he pressed on, "Well? What happened after that? Did you two help him out? Did Ye Fan manage to escape? Honestly, that brat sure is a stubborn one! I've warned him not to underestimate the Chu family's power, but he never listens! Now, look what he's done! He got that old monster to come out of hiding!"

"I think we should assume him dead..." Tang Hao replied with a sigh.

"Don't give me that crap! I want to know what happened in the end! Did Chu Yuan engage Ye Fan in combat?" Ye Qingtian asked anxiously.

Tang Hao shook his head. "Sword Saint and I left halfway through the battle, so we don't know what happened afterward—"

Sword Saint cut him off mid-sentence, "I don't think we need to see it to know what happens. Chu Tianfan may be as powerful as the Sky Ranking's top three, but he has also expended a huge amount of energy fighting those continuous battles. Chu Yuan was the Sky Ranking's strongest





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ten years ago. Even if he hasn't ascended to the god realm, he'd at least be halfway there by now. Judging by the huge power difference between them, it'd be safe to assume that Chu Tianfan is dead."

He sounded like he was really certain that Ye Fan had died in combat.

To his surprise, Ye Qingtian got furious upon hearing that.

"So you two abandoned Ye Fan and returned to China because you were afraid of being caught in the crossfire? Is that why you guys just left him to die?" he shouted with a gloomy look on his face.

Unsure of why he was so angry at them, Sword Saint snapped back at him coldly, "What do you mean afraid of being caught in the crossfire? Do you think I'm doing this for myself? I'm doing this for the sake of China's martial arts forces! Do you seriously want the War God Castle to challenge Chu Yuan and the entire Chu family because of Chu Tianfan? He's not even a member of the War God Castle, so we have no obligation to protect him! Also, before leaving Mount Chumen, I have announced to all martial arts leaders in the world that the Unrivaled has been removed from China's Supreme list. From now on, there will only be five pillars of China!"

"What? I trained Ye Fan and made him one of China's Supremes! How dare you remove his title without my permission, Sword Saint?"



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Ye Qingtian's anger was so intense that the table in front of him broke into pieces instantly.

Noticing that War God looked ready to fight Sword Saint, Tang Hao quickly tried to defuse the situation. "Calm down, Ye. None of us expected this to happen. Given how powerful the Chu family is, Sword Saint did what he had to do. I mean, Ye Fan tried to take on the entire Chu Sect alone! We had to cut ties with him or the Chu family might think China sent him there. Sword Saint had no choice but to sacrifice him for the greater good!"

"Greater good? What greater good? Are you two going to deliver me to the Chu family too if they wanted to kill me?"

Ye Qingtian got so mad that he shattered the tile beneath his feet with a powerful stomp before storming off. "Ye! Come back, Ye! Damn it! What the hell is going on here?" Tang Hao shouted as he ran after Ye Qingtian, but the latter refused to listen.

With that, Sword Saint and Tang Hao were all that remained in the War God Castle.

It was the first time they had ever found the place to be so cold and empty.

Sword Saint's resolve began to waver after a prolonged moment of silence.

"Tang Hao, do you think what I did was wrong? Should we have stood by Ye Fan's side till the



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bitter end?" he asked while staring blankly at Tang Hao.

For the briefest of moments, Tang Hao felt as if he could see the signs of aging on Sword Saint's handsome face.

"You weren't wrong, Sword Saint. Neither of us was. As the Hall Master of War God Castle, there wasn't much you could've done in that situation. Besides, we didn't know that he was Chu Tianfan at the time. We had no idea he was this strong. Honestly, I doubt we could've changed anything by helping out. Who knows, we might even end up getting all of China's martial arts forces in trouble if we did! Don't think too much about it, Sword Saint. With everything that has happened, it doesn't matter who's right or wrong anymore. What's done is done. Right now, we should focus on devising plans to deal with the threat from the Chu family and the Chu Sect."

Tang Hao was feeling extremely conflicted as well.

*I don't want to leave Ye Fan behind, but it was his own decision to attack them like that. He has no one else to blame but himself. As for Sword Saint... While his decision may have been a little extreme, he didn't really have much of a choice in that situation. Personally, I don't fully agree with him removing Ye Fan's title as the Unrivalled. After what Ye Fan has done for the country, it seems awfully cold to just disavow him like that.*





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Of course, Tang Hao kept those thoughts to himself as Ye Qingtian's words had hurt Sword Saint badly enough.

He feared Sword Saint would break down mentally if he were to lecture him too.

Sword Saint nodded after hearing what Tang Hao said.

"Still, War God did have a point. I feel like I was being a little too cold-hearted by placing too much importance on our interests. How about we personally hold a funeral for Ye Fan? Although we may not have gotten along with him all that well, it is undeniable that he has contributed to China's martial arts world. This funeral shall be China's final form of repayment for him."

Sword Saint seemed to have thought things through and actually wanted to hold a funeral for Ye Fan.

Tang Hao nodded in agreement. "Yeah, this is a good idea! Still, I think we should keep things quiet. We can hold that funeral in Ye Fan's hometown and attend it secretly. At a time like this, we don't want to be giving the Chu family any reason to make a move."

He too, believed that Ye Fan was most likely dead and even agreed to help Sword Saint hold a funeral for him.

*Ye Fan and the Chu family have been enemies to*





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*begin with, so there's no way Chu Yuan would let him go after he nearly wiped out the entire family!*

With that in mind, Tang Hao walked up to the window and glanced at the ocean in the distance.

“Word about that huge battle should be spreading like wildfire across the martial arts world soon. It won't be long before we receive news about Ye Fan's death.”



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Having made up their mind, Tang Hao and Sword Saint wasted no time having their subordinates locate Ye Fan's family members. They also prepared the condolence money and items required for the funeral service.

After that, several vehicles belonging to the War God Castle departed for Jingzhou with its ambassador inside.

Sword Saint and Tang Hao were planning on heading over too at first, but changed their minds after giving it some thought. Instead, they had their subordinates help present a bouquet of flowers at the funeral on their behalf.

Given their identities as representatives of the country's martial arts forces, they figured it would attract a lot of attention if they were to leave the city all of a sudden.

Naturally, that wasn't something either of them would want, so sending an ambassador over was their only option.

With the Mid-Autumn Festival just around the corner, the streets of Jingzhou had been decorated with beautiful lanterns to help bring out the festive atmosphere.

On top of that, seasonal promotions were also being held in shopping malls to further enhance the said atmosphere and boost sales at the same time.



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The Mid-Autumn Festival symbolized family reunions, and was one of the most important traditional festivals in China.

Although it wasn't yet the day of the festival, Qiu Mucheng had traveled all the way from Yunzhou to visit Ye Fan's mother in Jingzhou.

Of course, it was also to await Ye Fan's return as she knew how much he cared about his mother.

*Ye Fan will surely come home to visit his mother on the Mid-Autumn Festival, no matter how busy he is!*

To Qiu Mucheng's surprise, she found Ye Ximei looking after a child when she arrived.

Noticing the pale look on her face, Ye Ximei knew she must've gotten the wrong idea and quickly explained the situation to her.

After a lengthy explanation that felt like it took forever, Qiu Mucheng finally understood what was going on with that child.

"There's only a few days left before the Mid-Autumn Festival. Has that rascal Ye Fan not given you a call yet? Is he even coming home or not?" Ye Xilan asked while making dumplings with Qiu Mucheng in the kitchen.

Ye Ximei, on the other hand, was busy changing the child's diapers in the living room.

The Ye family had been searching for the child's



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parents the whole time, but they weren't able to find anything.

As such, Ye Ximei volunteered to look after the child in the meantime.

Although the child's origins remained a mystery, Ye Ximei found herself taking a liking to him and decided to raise him as her own.

Noticing how much her older sister doted on the child, Ye Xilan couldn't help but ask Qiu Mucheng about Ye Fan.

Qiu Mucheng shook her head and replied with a smile, "Nope! His phone has been switched off the whole time. I bet he lost it again or something. He's always losing his stuff, though. In fact, he has lost so many phones that I've lost count! We haven't been in touch for quite a few days now."

*Honestly, I've gotten used to losing contact with Ye Fan at this point. Although he never tells me about it, I just know he's busy with something incredibly important. He probably keeps it a secret from me for my safety and to not make me worry. That idiot is always keeping everything to himself so that we can live peaceful lives.*

Ye Xilan grew anxious the moment she heard that. "What? You two haven't been in contact for a long time again? This won't do! You need to stay in touch to keep the relationship alive, you know? By the way, Mucheng, why aren't you two having kids yet? You've been married for so many years now.



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Which one of you is having performance issues? Do tell me if you're having difficulty conceiving, okay? I know a few traditional doctors that may be able to help you out. I could even arrange a consultation in a few days if you'd like."

Qiu Mucheng blushed slightly and shook her head. "We're both fine, Aunt Xilan. We've just been so busy with work that we didn't have the time to think about this."

"It's very important to have kids and keep the family lineage going. Besides, men tend to be a lot more responsible when they have children of their own. He won't be staying out and about so often, then! Besides, just look at your mother-in-law! She's going crazy from wanting a grandson! She might very well take that orphan child as her grandson if you keep stalling on having kids. When that happens, you'll have one extra person to share the Ye family's property with! It's killing me watching this from the side, you know?" Ye Xilan continued urging Qiu Mucheng.

Qiu Mucheng simply kept quiet and lowered her head in response.

"Be honest with me, Mucheng. What's going on between you and Ye Fan? Do you two not know how to make babies? If that's the case, I've got plenty of experience to share with you! The main thing you need to understand is that men are visual creatures. I could take you shopping for some erotic lingerie when we're free later. After that, all you have to do is—"



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Unable to stand Ye Xilan's shameless rambling, Ye Ximei cut her off, "That's enough, Xilan. You're setting a bad example for her! The water in the pot is boiling, so hurry up and put the dumplings in!"

"Remember what I told you, Mucheng! Make sure you put it into practice when Ye Fan comes back! Your mother-in-law is waiting to have grandchildren! Haha!" Ye Xilan reminded her with a mischievous chuckle as the three of them began cooking the dumplings.

Ye Fan's uncles and cousins dropped by later that evening.

"Haha! Look, Mucheng! Your uncles-in-law were on a business trip, but they took the earliest flight here when they heard you came to Jingzhou! It's a shame that rascal Ye Fan isn't here, or this would've been a perfect reunion dinner! Hahaha!"

The Ye family members joked around happily as they gathered around the dinner table.

Thanks to Ye Fan's accomplishments, the Ye family had become the most prominent family in Jiangdong.

As no one dared mess with them there, they were able to smoothly expand their business to the other provinces.

In fact, the main reason Ye Fan's uncles had rushed back to Jingzhou when they heard Qiu Mucheng came over was because of her identity



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as his wife.

Ye Fan was the main reason behind the Ye family's success, so it was only natural that they showed his wife great respect.

Besides, Ye Tian and Ye Ya weren't the only ones present that night. Even Lei San had personally dropped by for a visit.

Right as the Ye family's reunion dinner was at its climax, several cars slowly came to a halt outside the Ye family manor.

A group of men then knocked on their door.

"Is this where Ye Fan, the Unrivalled, lives?" the one leading the group asked solemnly.

Qiu Mucheng and Ye Ximei stepped forward with confused looks on their faces. "I'm Ye Fan's mother. Who are you guys?"

Instead of answering her question, the men simply handed her a credit card and said, "As a token of appreciation for Ye Fan's contribution toward the country over the years, China is providing his family with fifty million as condolence money. Also, this document here is the country's guarantee for Ye Fan's children and family members. From now on, if his children decide to get involved in politics, they will be hired without the need for an interview. If they decide to further their studies, they will be allowed to pick any of China's universities to attend. If they decide to



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train in martial arts, then they may be accepted into War God Castle's 'Excellence Program' straight away. The country will devote its resources into nurturing them in whatever field they choose to pursue."



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"Please accept this small token of appreciation from War God Castle," the ambassador said politely.

Ye Ximei shuddered upon hearing that.

She looked at the ambassador from War God Castle and asked in a quavering voice, "W-What happened to my son? Is he all right?"

She did not know what to make of it.

All that she was looking forward to hearing was a firm assurance that her son was alive and well.

However, she was deeply disappointed.

"I'm sorry for being a bringer of bad news, Mrs. Ye. I'm afraid that Mr. Ye Fan has lost his life. Upon considering the safety of his loved ones, the War God Castle suggests that his funeral be held in the most simplistic manner. Henceforth, we will be stationed in Jingzhou to protect the Ye family."

Overwhelmed by the excruciating pain, Ye Ximei paid no attention to what the ambassador said thereafter. She felt dizzy and alas, collapsed onto the floor.

"Ximei, get a grip. Ximei! Quick, let's send her to the hospital!"

Panic-stricken, Ye Tian and Ye Ya immediately carried their sister up and rushed her to the hospital.





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“Yuyan, take care of Mucheng.”

Several members of the Ye family tagged along with great concern.

Ye Xilan was worried for Qiu Mucheng, so she instructed Ye Yuyan to stay behind and watch over her.

Upon discovering what had happened, Qiu Mucheng stood rooted to the spot without a word.

Her rosy cheeks turned pale within moments.

As her heart sank, she fell into a state of despair.

Ye Yuyan grew increasingly anxious. She kept checking on Qiu Mucheng. “Say something, Mucheng. You’re scaring the living daylights out of me. Mucheng...”

Green Dragon and the rest also had ants in their pants. They had no idea how to console Qiu Mucheng, who refused to utter a word. Her condition was extremely worrying.

“Say something, please, Mucheng.”

When Ye Yuyan nudged her, she staggered for a bit. Then, a horrifying sight greeted all of them.

Blood began trickling down from the corner of her mouth.

“Oh no, Mucheng! Please don’t scare me.” Ye



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Yuyan and the others were shocked to the core.

One could not imagine the level of agony and grief that she was going through, to the extent that she would weep blood!

Though Ye Yuyan could not feel Qiu Mucheng's emotions at that moment, they could more or less understand her pain.

*Losing Ye Fan means that both Mucheng and her child have lost their pillar of support. The young man who has been her strong backing, protecting her from harm, is now gone. As people age, they crave stability. Where is she going to place her hopes on when her one and only has left her?*

It felt as though her heart had been ripped from her body.

"Mucheng... Boo... Hoo..." Ye Yuyan bawled in helplessness.

Qiu Mucheng was like a lost soul, a walking corpse. Staring into space, she disregarded the blood trickling down from the corner of her mouth.

"Wah... Wah..."

Suddenly, the baby who had yet to turn one started wailing in the room. Perhaps the tension and sorrow in the room had got on to him, or maybe he sensed that someone important had departed.

How ironic! A few minutes ago, they were still a



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blissful and beautiful family. Moments later, everything changed.

Life had just taught them a hard lesson. Sometimes, it took cost a life to realize just how much a person meant to his family.

In the case of Ye Fan, he was the tower of strength in his family.

With his demise, the entire world of Qiu Mucheng and Ye Ximei collapsed, so did the Ye family.

It was a long night for the Yes.

With both Qiu Mucheng and Ye Ximei in the hospital, someone had to stand in the gap and organize Ye Fan's funeral.

The responsibility was left on the shoulders of Ye Tian and Ye Ya.

Ye Tian did inquire if the government could assist in transporting Ye Fan's body back, but the answer was obviously no.

The War God Castle appeared to have washed their hands off anything related to Ye Fan. Thus, it was impossible for them to collect Ye Fan's body on behalf of the Chu family. That was the main reason why the War God Castle advised the Ye family to forget about taking his corpse back.

There was nothing that Ye Tian could do besides accepting the fact.



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In the end, they went to the place where Ye Fan used to live, took some soil, and placed it inside a box.

They also simply decorated the mourning hall and did only the bare minimum as advised by the War God Castle.

It was a small ceremony held within close family members. Those who attended were his loved ones and some relatives.

At the funeral, Green Dragon put on the mourning clothes and knelt before the casket.

Ye Fan's plump childhood friend was bawling his eyes out.

Li Er, Lei San, and the others wept uncontrollably. Some wondered if they were truly heartbroken.

Qiu Mucheng and Ye Ximei did not show up as they were still grieving in the hospital.

Many, including the ambassador of the War God Castle, Sword Saint, and Tang Hao, delivered wreaths to pay their final respect to Ye Fan.

There were no interviews, no special honors, and no eulogies given.

The glorious and triumphant life of Ye Fan ended with an exceptionally quiet and depressing ceremony.





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To sum it all up, it was like the colorful flowers at the garden. They captured everyone's attention when they were in full bloom during spring and summer, but were completely ignored when they withered away during winter.

The Ye family heeded the advice of the War God Castle and held the funeral only for one day.

When the ceremony was about to end at dusk, a middle-aged man appeared.

No one had seen him before. He remained silent when the family members asked further.

He stood in front of Ye Fan's casket and gazed at his portrait for a very long time. Not a word was uttered.

As the sun began to set, its crimson light stained the skies.

However, the man remained still as many past memories played vividly in his mind.

After what seemed like forever, the man muttered, "Ye Fan, if there's life after death, I hope that you'll be born in a fearless era in China. If there's life after death, I hope that you'll be born in the best of times where the martial arts world flourish with divine protection in China."

His tone of voice was heavy, and his eyes glistened with tears.



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That man was none other than Ye Qingtian, the one who fought against Sword Saint at Mount Yan.

In his quiet moments, Ye Qingtian reflected on the past and realized that Sword Saint did the right thing to prioritize the bigger picture.

*The only one who is to blame is China's martial arts circles. It's nothing close to being powerful. If only god realm fighters exist in China, who are they to fear the Chu family? If only China's martial arts world has reached its pinnacle, they would be able to shield their very own young talent.*

"Shield? Why does the Dragon Master need any protection? He alone can take on the whole world. By the way, who said that there are no god realm fighters in China? My Dragon Master shall be one in a few years' time. Most probably, he will marry another god realm fighter from the neighboring country as well!"

While Ye Qingtian was mourning with all his heart, a delighted cackle was heard nearby.

Stunned, he quickly turned to discover who it was.

At the very far end of the horizon, a towering figure appeared with his back facing the setting sun.

Slowly, he strode forward, revealing a chiseled face and slender body. A familiar, bright grin appeared on his face as if he was a general returning from a victorious battle. In fact, he



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looked like a domineering king.

His aura was magnificent, one that befitted his Supreme title.

Who claimed that China was not in its best years?

As long as he lived, the glamorous period for the martial arts world in China would persist.



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“Ye... Ye Fan?”

Ye Qingtian was absolutely dumbfounded the moment he recognized the familiar face.

Yet, he was not the only one bewildered. The big shots from Jiangdong who attended the funeral were equally taken aback.

Each of their eyes bore into the man as if they had just seen a ghost.

Ye Qingtian even started rubbing his eyes, wondering if he was hallucinating.

However, the figure remained there no matter how many times he tried to confirm his existence. Next, the figure started approaching him.

Just then, Ye Fan's usual lines rang clearly in his ears.

“What's wrong? Does the War God Castle want me dead so badly? Go back and convey my message to Sword Saint and the rest of the peeps that I'm alive and kicking!”

Then he added, “Also, I do not wish to see anyone from the War God Castle stepping foot into Jiangdong ever again, especially the Supremes who are deemed as the pillars of China. Otherwise, don't blame me if things turn ugly.”

Instead of catching up merrily over a drink, the reunion of two old friends ironically involved only





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hostile comments and scornful expressions.

Hearing this, Ye Qingtian froze. The pleasant surprise turned into an awful one almost instantly.

Soon enough, he was able to wrap his head around Ye Fan's evident antagonism against the War God Castle.

"Ye Fan, your safe return is the outcome both China and the War God Castle yearned to see most. Sword Saint and peeps have updated me about the incident at Mount Chumen. At that desperate moment, they had no other choice but to prioritize the bigger picture."

Ye Qingtian continued explaining, "Ye Fan, you're a Supreme Grandmaster who leads at the forefront of this world. In fact, I can confidently proclaim that you're positioned at the top of the chain of command in China. You can't be narrow-minded. At our level, we can't be self-centered when making a decision. A lot of times, we need to consider the different needs and perspectives. We need to think about what's best for a person, a matter, the entire race, for China, and millions in its population too!"

The War God had reprimanded Sword Saint for what happened at Mount Yan, to the extent that the former wanted to strike the latter.

Even though Ye Qingtian was aware of that, he could not say anything bad about Sword Saint. The only thing he could do was to explain to Ye





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Fan on Sword Saint's behalf.

After all, both Sword Saint and Ye Fan were undoubtedly the most powerful assets in the martial arts world of China.

Considering that they were the pillars of China, Ye Qingtian did not want to intensify their rivalry. He tried to appease the situation and resolve the conflict between them, knowing that the future of the martial arts circles would be bright should its members be united.

As much as he abhorred what Sword Saint did, Ye Qingtian still had to justify for him.

Over the years, the War God had been playing the role of a parent, taking care of the nation and its people.

In this regard, War God and Sword Saint were very similar.

Their only difference was that War God was a visionary, but Sword Saint saw only what was beneficial in the short term.

War God planned ahead for what was to come for China in ten years or even decades.

From this incident, one could see that Sword Saint was afraid of being avenged by the Chu family if Ye Fan were to drag him down in the quandary.

On the other hand, War God valued what Ye Fan



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would become in ten or twenty years' time. He knew that Ye Fan had what it took to develop Chinese martial arts and make them the best in the world.

The difference between the two of them was indeed a vast gap.

That was why Sword Saint was only the Hall Master of the War God Castle, whereas War God Castle was regarded as the guardian of the nation. He was the symbol of religion among martial artists.

"Narrow-minded?" Ye Fan guffawed at that comment.

"Sorry, that's me." His tone carried with it hints of mockery and disdain.

"War God, I've told you a long time ago that we aren't the same. Your parents and friends have passed on. You are all alone. Besides national affairs, you have nothing else to worry about. This isn't the case with me. I have my family, wife, and parents. In the future, I'll have my own children and even more comrades. My world is very small, and that's as big as my mindset can get."

Ye Fan lamented, "Whoever that treats me well, I'll repay his kindness in ten folds. I'm sorry, I'm not a saint, and I don't want to be one either. I can't repay evil with good for those who did me wrong. I'm just a mere mortal, one who repays his favors but also holds grudges. You don't have to speak



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for Sword Saint. He's not at fault. In fact, no one was."

In the end, Ye Fan concluded, "Anyways, I've got nothing to do with War God Castle since the very beginning. I'm certain that there won't be any more connections between us in the future. Let's walk our separate ways and not cross paths ever. Since we're from completely different worlds, there's no need to work together. Gaius, show the guest the door."

Ye Fan was exhausted. He wanted to cut off ties with Ye Qingtian as well as War God Castle.

All he wanted to do was to recuperate and spend quality time with friends, family, wife, and kid.

*Oh right, I don't have a child yet, but there's no harm to imagine so.*

Upon clearing the air, Ye Fan felt a great burden lifted off his shoulders. His countenance was also much more relaxed.

*I'd rather focus on the worthy and enjoy doing things that I like. There's no point in wasting any more time on these irrelevant people.*

"Why are you doing this, Ye Fan? I know that you're extremely upset about how heartless the War God Castle was. Not only did they refuse to lend a hand when you were on the brink of death, they also messed with your state of mind. I don't mind making Sword Saint and the rest of them





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apologize to you personally. We're from the same county, and we carry the same title for China. We used to fight alongside each other, but look at us now? How did we end up like this? Must we sever ties with each other?" Ye Qingtian got all worked up as he tried his best to persuade Ye Fan.

The latter was not interested to carry on with the conversation. He turned and made his way back home.

Ye Qingtian wanted to chase after him, but he was stopped by Gaius.

"War God, kindly see yourself out."

"Move away!" Enraged, the desperate Ye Qingtian lashed his palm out.

Gaius, Owen, and several others quickly retaliated to defend themselves.

*Thump!*

A few thuds ensued, and both parties took a few steps backward collectively.

"Hmm? Supreme Grandmaster?"

Ye Qingtian was busy explaining himself to Ye Fan earlier on. As a result, he did not notice that the few men who returned with Ye Fan were Supreme Grandmasters.

One of them was Su Muqiu, the Ice Emperor and



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Supreme Grandmaster of China.

“Peeps, this is a family affair among us from China. Don't you think that outsiders like you should refrain from interfering?”

Displeased, War God frowned at Gaius.

Crossing his arms, Gaius let out a smirk. “You missed the point, War God. Ye Fan is our Dragon Master, and we have been under his lead for almost ten decades. In fact, we're like brothers. Therefore, things concerning Dragon Master are naturally our problems too. We even defeated the Chu family alongside Dragon Master. If we're still considered outsiders, then what are you? An alien?” Gaius said sarcastically.

“Whatever it is, War God, heed our advice and go back. If you pursue further, it will only make Dragon Master loathe the War God Castle even more. In addition, you have revoked his title as a Supreme. With that, Dragon Master has outrightly nothing to do with the War God Castle anymore. In other words, he's no longer a member of the martial arts circles in China. Don't make this any harder for everyone,” Gaius said earnestly.

Ye Qingtian tensed up upon hearing that. Fixing his gaze on Gaius, he asked, “What? What did you say? You guys are... Ye Fan's men? Aren't you from Chu Sect? No, that's not right. If you were from Chu Sect, you wouldn't have followed Ye Fan back to China.”



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Ye Qingtian was rather confused.

He had seen Gaius and the gang before. It was during the time when the War God Castle besieged Tang Yun.

At that time, Sword Saint and he both had the impression that they were fighters sent by Chu Sect to save Tang Yun.

But now, he realized that his assumption was wrong.

*These aren't followers from the Chu Sect. They are Ye Fan's men. Who would have thought that an unknown young man from Jiangdong would possess so much power and authority?*



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