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Neither of the women were at home when they returned. Elaine was still out playing cards, and Claire had not gotten off work yet.

Charlie went back to his bedroom and carefully took the lightning-struck wood out of the box.

He could sense a dense Reiki radiating from the wood.

Sitting on the floor cross-legged, Charlie put the wood in his palm, closed his eyes, executed the mental strength written in the Apocalyptic Book, and slowly inhaled the Reiki into his body.

When he opened his eyes, he felt that his eyes were sparkling and rejuvenated. The aura in his body had a dramatic change.

On the other hand, the Lightning Strike Dragon Blood Wood in his hand became a little dim.

Although it lost its Reiki, there was still some strong thunderous breath remaining, which proved that the wood was a treasure.

If he had other magical things with him right now, he could use it to refine some simple magical artifacts.

It was already dark when he came out of the room.

As soon as he arrived in the living room, Elaine snorted coldly, "Oh, VIP, now that you're so cocky and arrogant, you don't even cook dinner and you expect me to serve you, huh?"

Charlie smiled wryly and said, "Sorry, Mom, I was so tired and fell asleep."

"Oh, tired because you went to the auction, or because you framed Harold?" Elaine said irritably.

Charlie frowned in confusion. Then, he shook his head and said, "I didn't frame Harold, what are you talking about..."

Elaine growled furiously, "Lady Wilson called me! It's enough that you're embarrassing yourself, but you caused Harold to be kicked out of the venue! Grandma called and scolded me! Loser, can you stay still and don't cause any trouble for us?"

Claire interjected, "Mom, I think Harold must have done something that caused him to be kicked out. It's none of Charlie's business."

"What do you mean it's none of his business?" Elaine slammed her fork and spoon down. "After Harold came home, he complained that Charlie got the invitation card by improper means, the Treasure Pavilion found out about it and they were infuriated. As a member of the Wilson family, he was kicked out of the venue too! The president even announced that the Wilson family is not welcomed there. He'll break our legs if we do! The Wilson family is done for!"

Jacob started, "Huh! The invitation cards are absolutely genuine. I think that Harold kid must have caused some trouble himself and he purposely blamed Charlie for it because he didn't want Mom to punish him..."

“You dare to take the loser’s side, huh! If it wasn’t because of you who wanted to go to that stupid auction so badly, do you think any of this would happen?” Elaine glared indignantly at Jacob, which made Jacob bury himself into his plate quietly.

Elaine continued impatiently, “He is just a deadbeat loser, how can he get the invitation anyway? Now that he has offended Harold too, I’ll see how he’s going to handle it...”

Before she could finish, there was a knock on the door followed by a low voice.

“Excuse me, is Mr. Wade home?”

There was a flash of anxious green on Elaine’s face, she glared at Charlie and chided, “Oh no, it must be Lady Wilson! She must have sent someone to interrogate you! Look what you’ve done!”

“Let’s see who it is, okay?” Looking solemn, Claire raised to her feet and walked to the door.

The living room was as quiet as a church. Elaine and Jacob stood nervously, thinking about how to respond to the confrontation.

Meanwhile, Charlie was looking gloomy and intense. If it were really Lady Wilson who turned things upside down and came to question him, he wouldn’t have to show mercy to the old lady anymore!

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Claire opened the door in a careful manner before she asked in a vigilant manner, “How can I help you?”

Charlie frowned before he walked towards the door immediately. At this time, he pushed Claire behind him before he asked in a calm and cold manner, “Are you looking for me?”

At this time, a middle-aged man dressed in a suit stood outside the door. As soon as he saw Charlie, he smiled before he greeted him in a respectful manner. “Hello, Mr. Wade. I am the new manager of Treasure Pavilion. I just started working this afternoon. My boss feels very sorry about the way you left Treasure Pavilion earlier today and he sent me here with a gift to specifically apologize to you.”

Charlie looked at the man with a shocked expression on his face. “You’re from Treasure Pavilion?”

“Treasure Pavilion?”

At this time, Claire, who was standing behind Charlie, was also very surprised.

The middle-aged man hurriedly explained, “Our boss felt very bad about the way you were forced to leave Treasure Pavilion today Mr. Wade. In fact, he even drove the troublemaker, Mr. Harold, out of the place before he suspended the auction immediately. I would like to apologize for the

poor hospitality that you experienced at Treasure Pavilion today. I hope you will be able to forgive us, Mr. Wade.”

After he was done speaking, the middle-aged man quickly waved his hand behind him

At this time, a few strong men dressed in black hurried forward as they carried the gifts in before they placed it at their doorstep.

Charlie looked in their direction and he saw that the man had brought many gifts along with him!

There was even a box of limited edition Yellow Crane Tower cigars and a box of thirty years old Moutai Flying Fairy liquor!

Besides that, the man had also brought a pair of antique vases that were obviously worth a lot of money.

These gifts were worth more than a million dollars!

“Mr. Wade, these are some of the gifts that my boss has asked me to bring over from Treasure Pavilion. My boss is currently preparing for a new auction with Miss Moore. Therefore, he is unable to come here in person today. He sent me here on his behalf to apologize to you personally. Please accept our sincere apology.”

After he was done speaking, the middle-aged man bowed before Charlie immediately.

Charlie nodded before he replied, “Alright then. You can leave the gifts here.”

The middle-aged man also took out two golden invitation letters from his pocket before handing them over to Charlie in a respectful manner. “These are invitation letters for you to participate in our upcoming auction and I hope you will attend the auction with your father-in-law. I promise that we will not let you down this time. Please give us a chance to make up for our mistake today.”

After that, he continued explaining, “I am also giving you a special VIP card for Treasure Pavilion. We have only issued ten of these VIP cards to date and it is valid for life. With this VIP card, you can enjoy special privileges whenever you come to Treasure Pavilion.”

Charlie glanced at the VIP card that the middle-aged man had in his hand. The card was gold in color and filled with golden leaves and diamonds.

Charlie replied indifferently, “I am not a big fan of auctions. Perhaps you could ask my father-in-law if he would be interested in the VIP card and in attending the auction.”

“Okay.” The middle-aged man hurriedly held the card towards Jacob as he smiled and said, “Mr. Wilson, I am really sorry for what happened today. I hope that you will attend our auction in two days’ time.”

“This...” Jacob could not stop himself from gulping as he glanced at the VIP card in the middle-aged man’s hand.

He immediately knew that this was a limited edition VIP card for Treasure Pavilion, which was only issued to people with the highest status in Aurous Hill. This VIP card could not be bought at all.

Anyone who had this VIP card could enter and exit the Treasure Pavilion freely and they usually received the best treatment from all the employees. Moreover, anyone with the VIP card could have access to all the antiques and would also be given a huge discount should they choose to purchase any.

Jacob could not resist such a huge temptation.

As Jacob was about to accept the VIP card, someone suddenly stretched her hand out and grabbed the VIP card from the middle-aged man in a cheeky manner.

At this time, Charlie's mother-in-law, Elaine had already taken the VIP cards in her hands as she smiled and said, "Since you've already come here to personally apologize, we will accept the gifts and the VIP card. My husband will definitely attend the auction the day after tomorrow!"

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Elaine was extremely excited.

All of those gifts were money to her!

She did not know how much those antique vases cost but she knew that each bottle of Moutai Flying Fairy liquor was worth at least thirty to forty thousand dollars! Moreover, there were twenty bottles of liquor in this box. This meant that this box of liquor was worth a few hundred thousand dollars!

There was also a box of Yellow Crane Tower cigars. The cigars cost five thousand dollars each and there were fifty cigars in the box! That would mean that the box of cigars was worth more than two hundred thousand dollars! Just the liquor and cigars were already worth at least one million dollars!

Why shouldn't she accept it?

Moreover, if she had the VIP card from Treasure Pavilion, she would be able to show off in front of her friends!

When Claire saw how obsessive and materialistic her mother was, she called out in a reluctant manner, "Mom..."

Elaine glared at her before she replied, "What's wrong? Are you going to say that I shouldn't accept these gifts?"

At this time, Claire replied, "I mean, we should not accept these gifts just like that. After all, we don't know what is going on. So, how can we accept these expensive gifts just like that?"

Charlie quickly responded, "Since it is an apology gift, we should accept it."

The middle-aged man was finally relieved.

Before he came here, his boss had told him that he no longer needed to go back to work if Charlie refused to accept the gifts.

When Charlie turned around, he saw that Elaine had already moved the box of liquor and cigars into the house. At this time, Elaine was holding the pair of antique vases in her hand as she was observing it under the lamp. Charlie could only shake his head as he told the middle-aged man, "Thank you for sending the gifts over. You can leave first."

"Alright then, Mr. Wade. I will not bother you anymore."

After that, Charlie closed the door before he turned around to walk into this house. He was taken aback at this time. "Why are you guys staring at me?"

At this time, all three of the people in the living room had their eyes fixed on him.

Elaine gave a dry cough before she smirked and asked, "Charlie, since when did you become friends with the owner of Treasure Pavilion? Why did they bring gifts and come all the way to our house just to apologize to you?"

Charlie shook his head before he replied, "Mom, I think there's some misunderstanding here. I'm not friends with the owner of Treasure Pavilion. I think the reason they have come all the way here to apologize today is simply because they provide very good customer service. Since their employees have made a mistake, I guess the boss simply wants to apologize and compensate us to protect the reputation of Treasure Pavilion..."

Elaine suddenly scowled as she replied in a frustrated manner, "Well, I actually thought you had become a decent man overnight. I thought that you had become friends with someone with good connections. In the end, it turns out that their good customer service is the only reason we're receiving all these gifts..."

However, Claire was still a little puzzled at this time. Even if Treasure Pavilion had very good customer service, why would the other party give them such an expensive gift as compensation?

At this time, Elaine was in a very good mood after receiving a lot of gifts. Therefore, she finally stopped attacking Charlie and she was thinking of how much money she could make by selling off the liquor and cigars.

After they were done with dinner, Charlie was doing the dishes in the kitchen when he suddenly received a phone call.

The phone call was from Graham, the man whom Charlie had helped not too long ago.

In fact, Graham was the one who had given him the jade bracelet.

On the other end of the line, Graham greeted him in a respectful manner, "Mr. Wade!"

Charlie replied, "Yes? Is there something I can help you with?"

At this time, Graham quickly replied, "I really want to thank you for your advice the last time I saw you. Thanks to you, the Quinton family seems to be in a better condition nowadays. I really want

to thank you for your guidance. Otherwise, the Quinton family would have been completely destroyed.”

Charlie smiled before he asked, “I think that things aren’t going that smoothly now, am I right? Otherwise, you wouldn’t be calling me at this hour.”

Graham choked before he replied in an awkward manner, “Mr. Wade you really know everything. I can’t seem to hide anything from you at all.”

Charlie continued smiling without saying a single word.

Sure enough, Graham stuttered as he continued speaking, “Mr. Wade, I would like to ask you to save the Quinton family again. I know we owe you a lot and the Quinton family will never forget what you have done for us.”

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Graham’s face was pale and his body trembled slightly, as though he was really in fear.

Charlie frowned before he asked in a faint manner, “Did the jade plug crack?”

“Mr. Wade, you really are a master! I can’t believe that you’ve actually guessed it right.”

Graham’s voice was very soft as he sighed, “Initially, we followed all of your instructions without fail. After sealing the jade plug off in the yellow bag, our entire family ate vegetarian food for seven days without seeing any blood at all.”

“However, one day, my stupid nephew Adam secretly ate some stewed pigeon soup. Moreover, he accidentally stained pigeon blood on the yellow paper bag that the jade plug was sealed in. As soon as the blood fell on the yellow paper bag, the jade plug cracked immediately. I’ve already beat Adam up and locked him up at home but strange things are still happening!”

Charlie frowned before he asked, “What kind of strange things have you encountered?”

Graham hurriedly replied, “Last night, there was a violent thunderstorm. Unexpectedly, lightning actually struck and scorched the century old osmanthus tree in the Quinton family courtyard.”

“Besides that, the tablet of the Quinton family’s ancestors, which was enshrined in our ancestral hall, actually fell to the ground and broke into half for no reason at all. This is a terrible omen!”

Charlie frowned as soon as he heard Graham’s words. From the perspective of Chinese Feng Shui, planting an osmanthus tree in the courtyard was a symbol of wealth and good fortune.

However, since the osmanthus tree was scorched because it was struck by lightning, this indicated that misfortune was about to fall upon the Quinton family.

Moreover, a broken ancestor tablet signified that a member of the Quinton family will die.

Charlie really did not expect the spirit contained in the jade plug to be so evil and ominous. Moreover, he did not expect it to be so powerful just because of a drop of pigeon blood.

When Graham did not get a reply from Charlie, he could feel his heart beating frantically. He continued pleading over the other end of the line, "Even though the Quinton family has been involved in the business industry for many generations, I've always been kind towards others. I've never done anything to harm nature or hurt anyone at all. Mr. Wade, please help me save my family."

At this time, Charlie could only reply, "Mr. Quinton, I would really like to save you but it seems as though the spirit in the jade plug is really very powerful. Since Adam has been carrying the jade plug on him for so many years, it seems as though it has already bound itself to the Quinton family. Therefore, there is no way that we can deal with it by just using a simple talisman."

"What should I do now, then? The Quinton family is suffering from so much misfortune. This is really unfortunate for the entire family!"

Graham sighed as his voice trembled.

Charlie replied at this time, "The evil spirit gains strength when it gets blood. Now that it has made contact with pigeon blood, I am afraid that the only way we'll be able to subdue this spirit is by borrowing the power from the heavens."

"Alright then, Mr. Wade. I will definitely get you anything you need even if it means losing my entire fortune."

At this time, Charlie replied, "Well, it so happens that I will be participating in an auction held at the Treasure Pavilion tomorrow. I will check out the auction and see if there are any spiritual relics we'd be able to use to help you and your family. As for whether we will be able to win the bid for the items, that will really depend on your luck."

"Alright. I'm really sorry to have caused you so much trouble, Mr. Wade." Graham could not stop thanking Charlie.

After that, he quickly continued, "Mr. Wade, I will come over to drop off my black card tomorrow. You can just use the black card to purchase anything you need."

Charlie snorted. Since he was doing the Quinton family a favor, he should obviously not have to spend his own money.

At this time, Charlie simply replied, "Mr. Quinton, you should be mentally prepared. It is not so easy to obtain any spiritual relics and sometimes, we will not be able to purchase it even if it is available. Therefore, whether we will be able to purchase the spiritual relics at the auction tomorrow or otherwise would really depend on your luck."

Graham answered, "Yes, I will also look for the spiritual relics on my own. However, I'm afraid I'd still have to trouble you, Mr. Wade."

After the incident at Antique Street, Graham had already sought out a number of well-known spiritual masters to get rid of the evil spirit. However, they would simply take one look at the Quinton family mansion before waving their hands and leaving in a hurry because they did not even dare enter the mansion.

Therefore, Graham's only hope was Charlie.

In fact, Charlie did not understand why this was happening.

Graham should have a peaceful and happy life because he had never done anything to harm anyone else in this life.

Unexpectedly, in a twist of fate, his nephew, Adam turned out to be someone who would turn his entire family upside down. If Charlie had not saved him the other day, the entire Quinton family would have been destroyed within a year.

Moreover, Graham and Adam would not be the only ones gone from the face of this earth. His beautiful and hot Aurora would be dead too!

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Graham arrived at Charlie's house early the next morning.

He waited outside Charlie's house until Charlie finally stepped out of the house as he headed to the market to buy some vegetables. After that, Graham greeted him before he handed his black card over to Charlie.

At this time, Graham told Charlie that there were more than a few hundred million dollars in the black card. It seemed as though Graham was really willing to spend all of his fortune to save the Quinton family.

Aurora had accompanied Graham but this time, she was not as arrogant and haughty as she had previously been.

In fact, she was very respectful towards Charlie.

Ever since Adam got into trouble, the Quinton family had encountered a lot of strange and unpredictable events. Her grandfather had also fallen ill and his body was deteriorating for no reason at all. Aurora knew that Charlie was the only one who would be able to save her family!

After handing the black card over to Charlie, Graham knelt down in front of Charlie as he cried and begged, "Mr. Wade! Please help me save the Quinton family. It does not matter if I die but my daughter is still so young..."

Aurora also knelt down next to her father with red and swollen eyes as she cried and said, "Mr. Wade, please save the Quinton family. If it's possible, I'm willing to give my life in exchange for my father's longevity."

Graham got angry at this time and he yelled at her, "What nonsense are you saying?"

Charlie shook his head in a helpless manner as he stretched out his hand to help them both up. When he held Aurora's soft and demure hands in his own, Charlie could not help but feel a little uneasy.

After standing up, Aurora blushed as she felt a little embarrassed at this time.

Charlie said, "Don't worry. I will definitely try my best to help the Quinton family avoid this misfortune and survive this catastrophe. I will try my best to keep your family safe."

Both the father and daughter were so touched that they wanted to kneel again but this time, Charlie stopped them immediately. "Please stop kneeling in front of me, that's not very nice. You can both leave first, I will give you a call once I have any news."

"Thank you, Mr. Wade!" Both the father and daughter thanked him again before they turned around to leave.

When Charlie returned home after buying some vegetables from the market, Jacob hurried over to him before he asked in a nervous manner, "Charlie, were you talking to Mr. Quinton outside the house earlier today?"

"Yes, he wanted to discuss something with me."

At this time, Jacob could not help but say, "I could see the ugly expression on his face. It didn't seem like it was anything good. Is there a problem because of what you told him to do the last time at Antique Street?"

Jacob had always felt very worried about this matter because he did not believe that Charlie knew exactly what he was doing.

Charlie smiled before he replied, "Dad, don't worry. Mr. Quinton stopped by because he wanted me to help him get rid of the evil spirit in his house. He also gave me his bank card and told me to use it to buy anything that would be useful to him at the auction tomorrow."

Jacob was stunned for a moment before he asked, "How much money is in that black card?"

Charlie replied in a casual manner, "A few hundred million dollars."

"That much?"

Jacob's eyes widened in shock at this time. He was so shocked that he clutched onto his chest tightly because he was at a loss for words. He had almost suffered a heart attack!

At this time, Jacob held onto Charlie in an anxious manner. "Charlie, you should not be lying to others anymore. The Quinton family is giving you so much money to help them, but what if something goes wrong? What if they find out you're just lying to them? Will they kill our whole family? I want you to return the money."

"Dad, don't worry. I know what I should do. I promise there will be no problems at all."

After that, Charlie spoke up again, "Dad, this is a matter of great importance so I hope that you will not tell Claire or mom about this matter. Otherwise, I'm afraid that things will get out of control..."

"I know, I know..."

Jacob knew his wife very well.

That woman was a lunatic who cared about money even more than her own life.

If she were to find out that Charlie had a bank card with a few hundred million dollars inside, she would definitely spend all of that money without any hesitation at all. How would they be accountable to the Quinton family then?

That was a few hundred million dollars!

Jacob could feel his heart pounding when he thought about that huge sum of money. He continued persuading Charlie to return the money to the Quinton family. However, after a short while, he realized that his persuasion seemed to have no effect on Charlie at all. Therefore, he could only sit down on the sofa as he sighed.

All that he could do now was to keep a close eye on Charlie at the auction tomorrow so he could stop him from purchasing something random.

If the Quinton family found out that Charlie had been lying to them, Mr. Quinton would definitely kill his entire family!

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Early the next morning, Charlie prepared to attend the auction.

Jacob could not sleep well the previous night because he was so worried about the matter related to the Quinton family. Therefore, he continued nagging at Charlie in the living room.

At this time, Charlie asked Jacob, "Dad, I heard about the special treasure that will be up for auction at the Treasure Pavilion today. Am I right?"

"Yes," Jacob replied immediately. "I've heard that it's a valuable treasure that is unparalleled in this world."

After he was done speaking, Jacob suddenly thought of something. After that, he quickly pulled Charlie aside before he said, "My dear son-in-law, please don't get any ideas about this treasure. The starting price for this treasure is ten million dollars! We should just take a look at the treasure from afar."

Charlie knew that his father-in-law was simply worried that he would be using the Quinton family's money for his own purposes. Therefore, he smiled before he replied, "Dad, don't worry about it. You're right, I'll just have a look at it and not try to bid for it."

"That's good," Jacob replied as he was afraid that he would not be able to convince Charlie. "But even if you wanted to bid for it, you won't have the chance to do so."

"Why?"

"I was out yesterday to inquire about the auction that would be held today, and I heard that the owner of Mystery Court will also be attending the auction today as he is interested in the final treasure that is up for auction."

Charlie was surprised as soon as he heard Jacob's words. "The owner of the Mystery Court will also be there?"

No one knew much about the Mystery Court.

Its owner, Jack Yalman, was a famous Feng Shui master in the country.

Many celebrities would always line up and pay a huge sum of money just to get him to read them their fortune. Moreover, he was also famous because he had given a lecture on meta-physics on television.

It would cost at least seven figures to get him to read someone's fortune for them.

If any celebrity had wanted to purchase any items from Mystery Court, then his charges would be doubled or tripled.

However, even though the prices of his items were extremely high, none of the items that he sold were fake—all of them were authentic.

Moreover, rumor has it that Jack's predictions and fortune telling had always been very accurate.

He once predicted that a famous and well-known celebrity couple would get divorced in November that year.

At that time, the two celebrities had just gotten married and they were extremely affectionate and in love. Therefore, at that time, no one believed his predictions at all.

Unexpectedly, in mid-November, the couple actually announced their divorce on their social media accounts.

Ever since then, Mystery Court had gained a very good reputation all over the country and the number of people who had tried to consult his services had increased since.

Anyone in the entertainment industry would always be in awe whenever Jack's name was mentioned.

Mystery Court was located in the center of town and it was obvious that the owner had spent a lot of money to purchase that building.

Charlie did not expect Jack to attend the auction at all. It seemed as though this treasure was truly something very valuable and amazing.

Therefore, Charlie couldn't help from asking, "What is this final treasure?"

"I don't know. We won't be able to afford it anyway."

Jacob continued speaking and at this time, Charlie's cell phone started ringing.

As soon as he answered the call, he could hear Jasmine's voice over the other end of the line.

"Mr. Wade, my car is parked in front of your house. I've come to pick you up since it is on the way."

In fact, Jasmine was afraid that something else would happen at the reception this time. Therefore, she decided to pick Charlie and his father-in-law up instead.

After walking out of his house, Charlie saw a big red Bentley parked at the side of the road as it gleamed under the bright sun.

Jasmine was leaning against her car and she was wearing a tight-fitting red dress which showed off the exquisite curves of her body. Her long, wavy hair was draped over her shoulders and she was wearing a pair of sunglasses.

As soon as she saw the both of them coming out of the house, Jasmine took off her sunglasses before she said, "Hello Uncle Wilson and Mr. Wade. I'm also heading to the auction at Treasure Pavilion so I've decided to pick you up since it is on the way."

"Oh, thank you, Miss Jasmine," Jacob could recognize her immediately. "Miss Jasmine, you are too nice."

"Alright then, please get in," Jasmine replied in a polite manner as she opened the car door for the both of them,

At this time, Jacob was in disbelief because he could not believe that the eldest daughter of the Moore family would actually take the initiative to open the car door for his son-in-law!

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Shortly after, they finally arrived at the exhibition center.

The exhibition center was a building with a circular dome. The outer circle was filled with shops selling all sorts of different goods from flowers to birds and the auction house was located at the center.

The exhibition center was built last year and it looked absolutely magnificent.

Charlie followed Jasmine into the glass elevator as they headed to the sixth floor.

As soon as the elevator door opened, an artistic exhibition hall with various antique calligraphy and paintings hung on the walls suddenly appeared in front of them. This was the auction house.

The auction table was placed right in front atop a red carpet. There were numerous sofas below the stage and the tables were filled with wines and fresh fruits for the enjoyment of the guests.

As compared to the last auction, it seemed as though Treasure Pavilion had put in a lot of effort into the auction this time. It had probably cost them more than one million dollars to lease and prepare all the decorations for the auction.

Jasmine's seat was in the middle of the front row and as they were about to move forward, they suddenly heard a huge commotion behind them.

Charlie turned around and at this time, he was forced to step aside because there were several people who were trying to squeeze into the auction hall at this time.

Charlie frowned as he watched the group of people rushing into the auction hall. There were also a few bodyguards leading the way at this time.

“Oh, is Mr. Yalaman already here?” Jasmine exclaimed as she stared at the crowd of people.

In fact, the crowd of people were all distinguished guests who were attending the auction. However, at this time, they were all surrounding a middle-aged man who was wearing a blue suit and had a cold and arrogant look on his face.

Charlie looked at the man before he said, “So, this is the reputable Mr. Yalaman. He has a pretty good posture...”

The crowd of people continued leading Jack forward and at this time, he suddenly wrote a few words on a yellow piece of paper before he handed the talisman over to the man standing next to him. After that, he said in an indifferent manner, “It seems as though we have both been destined to meet today. I am giving you this peace talisman for free today. It will keep you safe, and you and your family will be prosperous in time to come.”

“Thank you, Mr. Yalaman.”

The man was very surprised and flattered as he took the peace talisman in his hand. After that, he began carrying the talisman around as though it was a piece of treasure as he kept telling the people around him, “Mr. Yalaman’s peace talisman is really amazing. I’ve been seeking his services for the past few years and thanks to his talisman, my business has grown more and more successful!”

The crowd of people could only look on enviously. At this time, some of the people also cheekily begged Jack to give them a talisman but he simply ignored them.

Jack’s assistant snorted as he yelled at the crowd, “Do you really think that just anyone can get Mr. Yalaman’s talisman just because they want it? Don’t you know that people are paying at least two hundred thousand dollars for each peace talisman that they get from Mystery Court?”

Everyone was silent for a moment before someone suddenly shouted.

“It’s really rare for Mr. Yalaman to specifically make a trip to Aurous Hill! I will be more than willing to pay two hundred thousand dollars for a peace talisman. Please give me one, Mr. Yalaman.”

“Me too! I want to buy one too. I want a peace talisman from Mr. Yalaman too.”

“It is very difficult to get a peace talisman from Mr. Yalaman! Two hundred thousand dollars is nothing. I want five pieces of the peace talisman.”

The crowd of people were very excited and many of them transferred money over to Jack immediately just to get their hands on one of his peace talisman.

“Please stand in line.”

Jack’s assistant instructed as he registered them one by one. It was a very chaotic scene.

At this time, Charlie could not help but exclaim, "What sort of peace talisman is that? It's so expensive. It really is a good way to make money."

He did not speak very loudly but at this time, Jack suddenly raised his head as he stared at him with his brows knitted together.

Jack pushed the crowd of people aside as he walked towards Charlie. "My friend, did I hear you having an opinion about my peace talisman?"

Charlie simply replied in a casual manner, "I simply do not think that any peace talisman in this world should be worth so much money."

At this time, someone in the crowd yelled out immediately, "Who do you think you are? What do you know anyway? Mr. Yaleman is already selling his peace talisman at a low price of only two hundred thousand dollars!"

"Yes, it is only two hundred thousand dollars! That is why everyone is lining up to buy one."

"You can get the exact same peace talisman for just two dollars at the temple."

At this time, Jack snorted as he glared at Charlie, "You can eat rice anytime you want, but you shouldn't be spouting nonsense here. The reason why people speak without thinking is because they are pretending to understand something that is above their understanding."

After he was done speaking, Jack curled his lips in disdain as he walked into the auction hall.

Charlie had an indifferent expression on his face because Jack was not a threat to him at all.

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At this time, Jasmine felt a little awkward as she said, "Mr. Wade, please don't take it to heart. Mr. Yaleman has a rather short fuse."

Charlie shook his head indifferently before he said, "Let's head inside now."

The guests entered the venue one after the other. The host was none other than Finn Baxendale, the owner of Treasure Pavilion. He went on stage and gave a routine speech to start the auction section.

After that, the auction officially began!

Due to the sudden cancellation of the last auction, there were twice as many guests present at the auction today.

The first item that was placed on stage, courtesy of two ladies, was an antique copper incense burner covered in white mist and a fragrant smell.

At this time, the auctioneer introduced the first item. "This is a Reverse Incense Burner, which is one of the treasures used by the king in the past. No one was allowed to use it without authorization from the king himself. Moreover, the production method for this incense burner has already been lost for generations and it is almost impossible to reproduce the same item today!"

As soon as he finished speaking, he motioned for his assistant to light the incense.

At this time, the assistant, who was dressed in a cheongsam, carefully dug a handful of incense with a silver spoon before she lit it up.

As the white smoke slowly cascaded down the incense burner like a waterfall, the pine cranes on the incense burner looked extremely vivid, as though they were faintly flapping their wings.

The faint smell of incense filled up the auction hall and it was very refreshing.

Charlie nodded before he said, "This is indeed authentic ambergris made out of sperm whale. It is almost impossible to buy this kind of handmade incense nowadays."

The auctioneer knocked the gavel twice before he said, "The starting price for this Reverse Incense Burner is eight hundred thousand dollars and the price increase for each bid is one hundred thousand dollars."

The incense burner was indeed exquisitely made and it was a rare collectible. Therefore, the auction price was very reasonable.

After a short while, the incense burner was auctioned away for 1.6 million dollars.

After that, the auctioneer began auctioning several other high quality antiques.

The atmosphere in the auction hall was very tense as the guests continued bidding for items that caught their interest.

Jacob watched the auction excitedly. He would have participated in the auction a couple of times if he had the money to do so.

However, Charlie had no interest in those items at all.

Even though they were all very rare and precious antiques, all of these items carried little to no value to him at all.

At this time, the assistant suddenly brought out a necklace with purple pearls that seemed to be glowing.

The auctioneer introduced the item. "These natural purple pearls are from the East China Sea. Only one of these purple pearls can be picked out from one thousand pearls. The beads are round and uniform in size and this is an extremely rare product."

The auction price for this string of purple pearls was not too expensive, with its starting price being only four hundred thousand dollars.

Charlie raised his hand immediately to bid for the necklace.

"Five hundred thousand dollars!"

Jacob's eyelids twitched as he said, "What are you doing? The pearl necklace is probably worth just tens of thousands of dollars. Why are you paying five hundred thousand dollars for this? Don't be ridiculous!"

Charlie stared at the purple pearls and he could only think of Claire at this time. After that, he smiled before he said, "I think that Claire will definitely look very beautiful in that pearl necklace. Purple pearls help to calm the nerves. Claire has been under a lot of pressure and she has not been sleeping well lately."

As soon as he heard that Charlie was buying the pearl necklace for his daughter, Jacob closed his mouth because he did not have anything else to say.

As the value of the pearl necklace was not too high, no one else bid for the necklace.

Just as the auctioneer was about to hit the gavel, a voice suddenly sounded from the back of the auction hall.

"Six hundred thousand dollars!"

Charlie searched for the sound to look at the person who made the bid.

At this time, he saw Adam from the Quinton family staring at him as he sneered. After that, he told Charlie, "I'm sorry but I'm also in love with this necklace!"

Charlie could not help but frown as soon as he saw Adam. What was he doing here? Didn't Graham say that he had already locked him up at home?

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Adam had led a very miserable life for the past few days.

After getting into trouble a few days ago, he had been severely beaten up by his father. Moreover, his father also banned him from leaving the house,

However, due to his extreme love for antiques, it was impossible for him to miss out on this auction.

Therefore, he tried his best to escape the house before he participated in the auction today. However, he did not expect to see Charlie here today.

He had always been very disdainful and doubtful of Charlie's skills. In his opinion, his second uncle had been completely deceived by this young man.

However, he did not dare to provoke Charlie face to face. When he saw Charlie making a bid for the pearl necklace, he made a bid immediately because he wanted to challenge Charlie.

At this time, Charlie glanced at Adam before he turned around and faced the auctioneer again. After that, he continued his bid. "Seven hundred thousand dollars!"

Adam followed in his footsteps. "Eight hundred thousand dollars!"

Jacob could no longer sit still. Therefore, he stood up before he told Charlie, "Charlie, forget it. There's no point in fighting him."

Charlie simply smiled before he said, "Just look at how I am going to play with him."

After that, Charlie raised his hand directly and said, "Eight million dollars!"

Everyone in the auction hall was dumbfounded at this time.

The other party was bidding for eight hundred thousand dollars and he had actually bid for the necklace at eight million dollars? Was he insane?

At this time, Adam was also dumbfounded because Charlie was not playing by the rules. Since his bid was eight hundred thousand dollars, the other party would usually call for nine hundred thousand dollars or one million dollars at most. Why would he bid eight million dollars on the pearl necklace?

Was he really insane or did he have too much money to burn?

Charlie raised his brows as he smiled at Adam. "Mr. Quinton, please go on!"

Adam coughed before he said, "Do you think I'm crazy? Why would I buy this useless pearl necklace for eight million dollars? Forget it! You can have it."

Even though Adam did not want to lose face, he was very unwilling to pay eight million dollars for the pearl necklace.

The value of the pearl necklace was seven hundred thousand dollars at most. If he really spent more than eight million dollars just to buy the pearl necklace, his father would definitely break his legs when he went home!

It was a complete waste of money!

Charlie stared at Adam as he said disdainfully, "Mr. Quinton, you are giving up so soon? You look like you can't afford it."

Everyone started laughing as soon as Charlie's words fell.

Adam blushed as he replied, "You're so irritating! Who says that I can't afford the pearl necklace? I'm just not stupid enough to pay eight million dollars for this useless necklace. I'm really interested to see where you are going to get the money to pay for the necklace!"

Charlie smirked before he replied, "If you can't afford it, just admit it. What is the point of such lengthy explanations right now?"

After that, the auctioneer dropped his gavel.

"Eight million dollars. Deal. Congratulations to Mr. Wade!"

At this time, the assistant came over to Charlie with a wireless credit card machine in her hand as she said, "Mr. Wade, please pay with your card now."

Everyone was staring at Charlie at this moment. Adam sneered before he said, "Charlie, why don't you try swiping your card now? I'd like to see how you can afford to pay eight million dollars!"

Everyone else was also curious to see how things would turn out. Since Charlie was so confident in his bid for the pearl necklace, would he really be able to pay for it?

Charlie smiled before he took out Graham's black card from his pocket and swiped it on the credit card machine immediately.

There was no password needed.

He swiped the card successfully!

At this time, the assistant handed the receipt over to Charlie before she said, "Mr. Wade, your pearl necklace will be delivered to you before the end of the auction!"

"Perfect!" Charlie replied as he nodded.

Everyone was shocked at this time.

It seemed as though Charlie was really rich!

This man was really bold for buying a pearl necklace at the price of eight million dollars when it was really only worth seven hundred thousand dollars at most!

At this time, Charlie looked at Adam before he smiled and asked, "Mr. Quinton, are you satisfied now?"

There was a burst of laughter as someone ridiculed Adam. "I think Mr. Quinton cannot afford to pay for the item because he's caused so much trouble to his family, am I right?"

"Hahaha. I think that Mr. Quinton is too weak to even lift a knife!"

"Hahaha!"

Adam could feel his face burning.

Damn. That young man actually had the money to pay for the necklace!

He was really embarrassed now!

After that, Adam gritted his teeth before he said, "Charlie, I will not lose to you in the next bid!"

Charlie nodded before he replied indifferently, "Okay, then let's compete for the next item."

Adam did not know why Charlie could be so courageous, nor did he know that his uncle had given Charlie his black card...

Within a short while, a few more collections were auctioned off, followed by the introduction of a semi-finished topaz jade.

Half of the jade was wrapped in a rock to show that this was natural and authentic. The starting bid for the jade was eight hundred thousand dollars.

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The naturally formed jade contained a certain amount of spiritual energy. Charlie felt that this was the perfect item for Graham to expel the evil spirit from his home. Therefore, he raised his hand immediately.

“Nine hundred thousand dollars!”

As soon as his voice fell, the familiar voice sounded again.

“One million dollars!”

Charlie turned around and he met Adam’s provocative eyes immediately.

Charlie did not say anything but he continued raising his hand.

“One million one hundred thousand dollars!”

“One million two hundred thousand dollars!”

After bidding several times, the price of the jade had already doubled and under Adam’s deliberate bidding, the price of the jade soared to two million dollars!

Everyone in the auction hall knew that Adam had deliberately raised the price of the jade because he wanted to provoke Charlie.

Therefore, everyone was waiting to watch another good show as they watched Charlie raise his hand again.

At this time, Charlie slowly raised his hand as he said, “Twenty million dollars!”

What?

This was insane!

Did two million dollars become twenty million dollars in a blink of an eye? This was a repetition of the situation just a short while ago. The price of the item had already increased tenfold!

Adam had a very ugly expression on his face.

What was wrong with Charlie? Even if he had the money, why was he wasting it away like this?

Even though Adam was a famous prodigal child in Aurous Hill, he was not willing to pay ten times the price for something...

Therefore, he started hesitating.

Should he follow in his bid?

If he followed after Charlie's bid, then he would be throwing eighteen million dollars away for nothing.

However, if he refused to follow, then Charlie and everyone else would make fun of him.

He had already lost and embarrassed himself earlier. If Charlie defeated him again, he would really lose face in this city.

Therefore, Adam gritted his teeth before he blurted out, "I will pay twenty million one hundred thousand dollars!"

The crowd of people could not help but exclaim in excitement.

Adam had added another one hundred thousand dollars!

He was up for the challenge!

Charlie smiled before he raised his hand again. "Thirty million dollars!"

"What?"

"This is crazy!"

"This brother here is insane!"

Two million dollars had become twenty million dollars and from twenty million one hundred dollars, he called for thirty million dollars. Charlie was scaring everyone present at the auction hall today.

Adam almost collapsed.

What was Charlie trying to do? Was he really so rich? Thirty million dollars? He could buy fifteen pieces of this jade for that price. No matter who paid the price for the jade in the end, he was definitely at the losing end.

Charlie started to challenge Adam again at this time. "Mr. Quinton, aren't you going to continue bidding against me?"

Adam started panicking.

Thirty million dollars to buy a piece of jade? He would be dead meat if his family found out about it!

His sister, Aurora, would definitely make him a cripple.

But so many people were watching him...

What should he do now?

Adam's face was flushed red as he was at a loss.

The auctioneer said, "Thirty million dollars once!"

"Thirty million dollars twice!"

The lively audience began shouting:

“Mr. Quinton, place your bid!”

“Mr. Quinton, you have to continue bidding!”

“Mr. Quinton, don’t let us look down on you!”

“Mr. Quinton, are you really giving up already? Were you pretending to be tough when you’re actually afraid?”

Charlie smiled before he said, “Mr. Quinton, if you do not bid, you are going to lose to me again!”

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Everyone was watching Adam at this time. He hesitated for a moment before he finally decided that reason defeated impulse.

He said in a furious manner, “I give up!”

“Ha!”

“Lousy!”

“What a shame!”

“Such an embarrassment!”

Everyone continued scolding and making fun of Adam as they laughed at him. Adam was left embarrassed and he did not know where else to hide his face.

He regretted his actions. He regretted coming out today. Otherwise, he would not have been so embarrassed.

Adam was very angry as he felt very embarrassed at this time. After a short while, Adam turned around and he was even angrier when he saw Charlie laughing at him.

At this time, he could not stop himself from rushing over to Charlie immediately.

“The one with the last name Wade! Are you doing this on purpose?”

Charlie picked up the glass of wine from the table before he took a sip and said, “No one forced you to bid against me. You wanted to bid against me, so why are you mad at me now?”

Jasmine also spoke up in a cold manner, “Mr. Quinton, the rules of auction have always been this way. If you cannot afford to place a bid, then you should not be here at all.”

Adam gritted his teeth in anger but he did not dare to offend Jasmine.

“Just you wait!” Adam yelled as he pointed his finger at Charlie before returning to his own seat.

Charlie could only shake his head as he looked at Adam. It must have been difficult for the Quinton family to have a family member like Adam.

After that, Charlie swiped his black card once again as he paid for the jade under everyone's watchful eyes.

Anyway, this was Graham's money. Therefore, Charlie did not feel any pain at all.

Moreover...

Charlie could not help but wonder what Graham would do if he found out that Adam was the reason why he had to spend so much money in the end.

He would probably beat Adam up again.

That would be really interesting...

About an hour later, the auction was approaching its end.

During this period of time, Adam did not bid for any other item because he was probably afraid that Charlie would outbid him again.

At this time, several helpers struggled to push a trolley up on stage. It seemed as though there was a huge item inside the trolley.

Charlie held his breath as he looked at the stage.

He could feel a strong and mysterious aura!

At this time, Mr. Yalman, who was sitting on the next table, was also staring directly at the trolley.

So, this was the final treasure!

However, as soon as Finn Baxendale unveiled the curtain covering the treasure, everyone in the auction hall sighed in disappointment.

It turned out that there was a big, tattered reef with seaweed and dried seashells attached to it placed inside the trolley.

At this time, there were a lot of private discussions going on below the stage. No one could understand why Treasure Pavilion would actually treat this broken stone as the finale of the auction.

Finn Baxendale took this opportunity to provide the crowd with an explanation.

"Everyone, please stay calm! This is the final item up for auction tonight!"

"This clam had been naturally generated on the seafloor. Experts have already identified that this shellfish is actually hundreds of years old and it has been immersed into the seafloor for more than thousands of years after its death. The shell has a natural '卍' symbol on it and it is definitely a unique, one of a kind treasure!"

After he was done speaking, he asked the assistant to wipe the coral reef for the audience.

Sure enough, the exposed palm-sized area was actually a transparent golden red color like amber and the pattern on the clam was really beautiful.

Everyone could not help but gasp when they saw it.

The price of clams was usually measured in grams internationally, ranging from thirty thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars, with their lifespans usually between twenty to a hundred years. However, this clam was already more than a few hundred years old. It was not easy to find any other treasures like this.

Moreover, what made it even rarer was the fact that it had laid on the seabed for over thousands of years. Its golden red and transparent color and natural pattern on its shell made it a top treasure among all clams!

The starting price for this item was nine million dollars.

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The crowd started bidding and very soon, the price of the clam increased to twelve million dollars.

Many people stopped bidding as soon as the price exceeded their limit. However, the people who knew the value of the clam continued bidding for it.

At this time, Jack suddenly stood up before he said, "I bid fifteen million dollars for it!"

After that, he turned around before he bowed and said, "Dear friends, the reason why I am here at the auction today is because of this clam. Therefore, I hope everyone will give up on bidding for this item so I can bring it home with me today. I will give everyone here today a peace talisman as a token of my gratitude."

Most of the guests who were present today were bosses and businessmen who knew of Jack's reputation. No one dared to offend him.

If he was unhappy, he could probably do something that would cost the other party his entire fortune or family!

Besides that, he would also be giving out a peace talisman worth two hundred thousand dollars to all the guests here today. Therefore, even though many of the guests felt unhappy, they chose to bear with it as it seemed as though their trip here was not in vain.

At this time, Finn had a calm expression on his face even though he was very unhappy.

Initially, the rules of an auction was that the item would always go to the highest bidder but it seems as though Jack was trying to break the rules.

If he could really pay fifteen million dollars for the clam, earning less money would not be a big deal for Finn but if this news got around, it would definitely affect the reputation of Treasure Pavilion. Moreover, this would also be very damaging to the auction industry.

However, Finn knew that Jack was very skilled and powerful. Therefore, it would not be wise to offend him. It seemed as though he could only give up and hand the clam over to him.

Jack was initially very arrogant but at this time, he could not hold back his excitement at all.

He had flown all the way to Aurous Hill just to obtain this treasure and even though there were several setbacks, he finally got what he wanted!

Why would fifteen million dollars matter to him?

As long as this clam belonged to him, he would definitely make a fortune!

Moreover, everyone was silent at this time as it seemed like no one else dared to bid against him.

He was indeed the master!

Who would not give up anything for the great and reputable Mr. Yaleman?

It seemed as though he had gotten a good deal for just fifteen million dollars!

At this time, a faint voice suddenly sounded again.

“I will pay thirty million dollars for it!”

As soon as this voice rang out, everyone was quiet again.

However, everyone was staring at the bidder in shock.

It was him again!

It was the young man who was dressed in ordinary and casual clothing. At first glance, there was nothing extraordinary about him at all. However, he won in two impressive bids against Adam.

Moreover, he simply swiped his black card and paid for his purchases on the spot. He was really awesome.

However, no one would have expected him to have the courage to challenge Jack.

As soon as Jack saw Charlie's face, he could not help but glare at him.

At this time, Adam stood up as he rubbed his eyes vigorously as he was clearly in shock.

Jasmine also did not expect Charlie to make an offer against Jack.

She knew that Charlie was very skilled and had an amazing ability to appraise antiques. However, she never knew that Charlie had so much assets and money.

In fact, Jasmine did not dare to offend Jack but she could not help but wonder why Charlie was so courageous. Wasn't he afraid that Jack would take revenge against him?

Jacob was the first person to regain his senses and he quickly tugged at Charlie's sleeves before he said, “Charlie, what are you doing? Sit down!”

“Dad, I know what I am doing.”

Charlie turned around and raised his head with a calm expression on his face.

“Charlie, what are you trying to do? Why are you snatching Mr. Yaleman’s belongings?” Adam took the initiative to question Charlie in a cold manner.

At this time, Charlie smiled before he replied, “This is an auction. Everyone has the right to bid for the item. What do you mean when you say I am snatching something belonging to him? Don’t you understand the rules of an auction?”

After he was done speaking, Charlie sneered before he continued, “You...you should just sit there and keep your mouth shut. Aren’t you ashamed after embarrassing yourself twice in a day?”

Adam felt embarrassed as soon as he heard Charlie’s words. Therefore, he sat down immediately without even retaliating at all.

Jack had a gloomy expression on his face as he continued glaring at Charlie. “It’s you again! Do you know who I am and where I came from? I am Jack Yaleman! You dare snatch something belonging to me?”

Charlie sneered before he asked, “I don’t care who you are but I am going to outbid you today! What are you going to do about that?”

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Jack was going crazy!

He was well-known in his own city and all over the country. Everyone here today respected him with all their hearts but this young kid was actually so arrogant towards him. He had even tried to trample all over him several times already. This was really annoying!

What was even worse was that he actually dared to scold him!

He must have a death wish!

The people present at the auction were also shocked at this time.

Who was this young man? Who gave him the courage to challenge and scold Jack? Was he already tired of living? Jack was a Feng Shui master who had more than ten thousand ways to kill him without involving any blood at all!

However, even though Jack was very furious, he remained calm and composed as he wanted to get the clam at a lower price. Therefore, he still maintained his demeanor before he smiled and said, “My friend, I know that we’ve both had a misunderstanding before the auction earlier but this is a little too much. If you are bidding against me just because of that slight misunderstanding, that would be too revengeful, right?”

Jack was preparing to take home the clam at fifteen million dollars. He knew that if he went straight into a heads on confrontation with Charlie, the next bid would definitely exceed thirty million dollars.

He did not want to spend so much money today!

Therefore, he swallowed and waited with the hopes that Charlie would withdraw his bid.

He would settle the score with him as soon as he bought the clam over for fifteen million dollars!

Charlie could see right through his intentions. Therefore, he said contemptuously, "Stop talking nonsense, I'm also interested in this clam. If you cannot afford to pay the price I'm asking for, you can back out of the bid!"

Things were getting out of hand again!

Oh my!

This young man had actually asked Jack to back out of the bid...

That was a little too much, right?

Jack had a cold expression on his face but in order to save money, he continued speaking in a gentle tone. "I really like this clam. Can you give me face and just let me have it?"

Charlie glanced at him before he replied flatly, "Why should I? Do I even know you?"

After that, Charlie asked again, "Hey, can you just let me know if you can afford to bid against me?"

The expression on Jack's face was very ugly at this time. No one had ever dared to speak to him like this!

Moreover, the other party was only about twenty years old at most! He was even younger than all of his disciples and grandchildren!

Jack was so annoyed that he could not be bothered to maintain his demeanor any longer. Therefore, he replied coldly, "It is unexpected that someone would refuse to respect me when I am the reputable and well-known Mr. Yalerman! Alright then. Since this is a fair competition, then whoever pays the higher price gets to take the treasure home with him! I really want to see how wealthy you are and how you are going to take this clam away from me!"

After that, Jack raised his hand and shouted, "Fifty million dollars!"

As soon as he placed his bid, the audience started whispering among themselves again.

It seemed as though the auction hall had turned into a gambling den and the atmosphere in the auction hall was very lively at this time.

The rules were simple!

It all depended on who had more money!

The one with more money was the king of the battle!

Jack had a very simple thought in his head. He thought that if he fought with Charlie bit by bit, the battle would definitely go on endlessly. Therefore, he wanted to scare him off with a price that would be too suffocating for him. That was the reason why he had called for fifty million dollars immediately. Jack was certain that Charlie would not be able to match his price!

However, Charlie had a straight expression on his face before he spoke up again.

“One hundred million dollars!”

The auction price doubled again!

The atmosphere in the auction hall was extremely intense.

Within a few minutes, the price of the treasure had already increased tenfold! This was really a significant and unforgettable moment in auction history!

At this time, Adam could not help but shout, “Charlie! Are you sure you have that amount of money or are you just pretending to be rich?”

Charlie could not stop himself from laughing out loud at this time. “Yes, I have the money with me now. Why? Are you still not convinced? Well, I might as well tell you the truth, then. In fact, the black card that I’ve been using to pay for all my purchases belongs to the Quinton family. Your uncle gave me the black card. So, is this really unexpected? Are you surprised?”

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“You! You!” Adam’s face was flushed red as he yelled, “You bastard! How dare you cheat the Quinton family’s money? I am going to crush you sooner or later, you liar!”

Jack turned around at this time before he looked at Adam and asked, “Mr. Quinton, do you know this person?”

Adam snorted before he replied “All I know is that he is the son-in-law of the Wilson family. He does not have a job and he lives off his wife. Recently, he managed to coax my father into giving him some money...”

“Is that so?”

Jack asked as he raised his brows. At this time, he snorted because he felt completely reassured at this time.

“Alright then, young man. I would advise you not to be so arrogant. Otherwise, you’d be the one to suffer in the end. I am not looking down on you, but are you sure you can afford to pay one hundred million dollars?”

Charlie’s face was very cold as he replied, “You don’t have to worry if I have enough money or if I can afford to pay the money. If you want to fight against me, then you should continue bidding. Otherwise, you should just shut your mouth and back out right now.”

Jack could not tolerate him any longer and he started cursing immediately. “Young man! You’re really seeking death!”

Charlie laughed before he said, “I am seeking death? Is it really up to you? You can’t even afford to pay for the things that you want to buy and you’re already thinking of how you can get rid of me? Hahaha. You’re really such a fool!”

Jack finally reached his limits because Charlie kept ridiculing him. Therefore, he suddenly shouted out loud, “Young man, you’d better give me what I want and let me have the treasure now! Otherwise, it will be useless for you to have the treasure when you’ll be losing your life!”

As soon as he said that, the expression on Finn’s face changed immediately because Jack was obviously trying to break the rules and tarnish the reputation of Treasure Pavilion.

His face turned blue and he felt very uncomfortable but he did not dare to refute the Feng Shui master.

Charlie smiled slightly as he said, “If you really want to take my life, you still have to wait for the auction to end, don’t you? The auction is not over yet and I’m willing to pay one hundred million dollars for the clam. If you want to fight for it, then you’ll have to continue bidding against me!”

Jasmine was very surprised at this time because Jack was not an ordinary person. Even the Moore family did not have the power or capacity to deal with someone like him.

However, she could not understand why Charlie was so intent on offending Jack. Where did he find the confidence and courage to do so?

Jacob fell to the sofa as he held his hand against his chest. He could feel his heart beating frantically at this time as he panted in shock. “It’s over. This time, everything is over. My son-in-law is done for and the entire Wilson family will be completely destroyed.”

Jack’s face was stiff and Charlie did not move an inch after saying those words to him.

However, Charlie was right. This was an auction and if he wanted to get his hands on the clam, he would have to continue bidding for it.

But, one hundred million dollars...

Who would be able to afford that?

At this time, everyone had their eyes fixed on Jack as they waited for his response.

Jack was very furious at this time but for the sake of the treasure, he calmed himself down and suppressed his anger before he said in a low voice:

“My friend, if I’ve ever offended you in any way before this, I’m really sorry about it. It was unintentional and I hope that you can forgive me.”

“But this clam is something really useful to me and I really need it. Please do me a favor and let me have it instead. I promise to return the favor!”

Jack's eyes flickered under the lights because he could not believe that this young man actually had the guts to embarrass and humiliate him in front of everyone else. After this matter was resolved, he would have to teach him a lesson!

Charlie replied faintly at this time, "I'm really sorry but it is also very useful and valuable to me. I can't let you have it."

"Furthermore, I believe I've already mentioned this earlier, but you're just a bully and your favor means nothing to me at all!"

Jack broke down at this time.

All that Jack could think of right now was that he would have to find a way to kill Charlie as soon as the auction was over!

He had to kill him!

The people at the auction hall could not help but sigh at the situation that was unfolding before them. They did not expect this young man to challenge Jack all the way to the end.

After that, the auctioneer finally dropped his gavel and Charlie succeeded in the bid for the clam for the price of one hundred million dollars.

Jack was so angry and he glanced bitterly at Charlie before he left the auction hall immediately.

He wanted to kill Charlie on the spot but circumstances did not allow it. He had to resolve this matter slowly.

Jasmine stared at Jack's back as he walked away slowly before she reminded Charlie, "Mr. Yaleman is not an ordinary person. I don't think he'll give up so easily. He'll definitely try to cause some trouble for you. You should be careful and look out for yourself and your family."

Charlie smiled as he replied, "I'm just afraid that he won't come for me!"

Chapter 155

One hundred million dollars in exchange for a clam.

Everyone thought that Charlie was insane but Charlie did not care at all.

On the way back home, Charlie explained to Jacob that he need not worry because the one hundred million dollars that he spent at the auction had already been authorized by the Quinton family. Charlie was afraid that Jacob would be frightened and worried about what the Quinton family would do to them.

After arriving home, Charlie began studying the clam immediately since Claire had not returned home from work yet.

The size of the clam was about the size of a regular tyre. It had already been cleaned up and after a simple polishing work, it revealed a golden-red and transparent smooth shell.

Charlie managed to break it into several pieces without much effort at all.

He picked up one of the pieces as he began inspecting it.

As expected, there were three white beads attached to the back of the shell.

This was the Holy Pearl of the Ocean, one of the Seven Treasures of Buddhism, and since it was enclosed in this clam shell, it was even more spiritual.

Moreover, only shellfish with a life span of more than a hundred years would have any psychic and spiritual powers contained within them. They were formed by absorbing the essence of the ocean.

The Holy Pearl of the Ocean was one of the rarest and most spiritual treasures in the world that could not be easily found. This was the reason why Charlie had to purchase it no matter how much it cost.

Charlie was very satisfied because he had found a total of three Holy Pearls of the Ocean in the clam.

Charlie subsequently brought out the Lightning Stricken Dragon Blood Wood before he used reiki to print several of his handprints on the wood according to the Apocalyptic Book.

As soon as he printed his handprints on the wood, he could immediately feel a strong and thunderous breath emitting from the wood.

When the Holy Pearl of the Ocean encountered the thunderous breath, a golden light enclosed the holy pearl as it absorbed the thunderous breath continuously.

Charlie picked up the Holy Pearl of the Ocean before he began to chant in front of the artifact.

Very soon, the Holy Pearl of the Ocean gradually formed to perfection as it shone in his hand.

After that, Charlie took the purple pearl necklace that he had won at the auction that day and took some pearls from it before mixing it up with the clam shards and one of the Holy Pearl of the Ocean. Finally, he formed them into a bracelet.

The remaining Holy Pearl of the Ocean were also in top condition.

Charlie picked up one of the holy pearls before he refined it into a stun talisman as he planned to bring it to Graham.

Charlie was certain that the Quinton family would definitely be able to deal with the evil spirit after he gave them the stun talisman made out of husk shell and combined with the thunderous breath that specializes in getting rid of evil spirits.

After he was done with all of these, Charlie realized that he still had a lot of clam shards left. Since it was still early at this time, Charlie held the clam shards in his hands as he tried to make a Thunder Order.

According to the Apocalyptic Book, the Thunder Order was a low level magic weapon that could be used mainly to summon thunder and rain.

As soon as he was done practicing the skills needed for the Thunder Order, Charlie heard some movements in the living room.

It seemed as though his wife was already home.

Charlie hurriedly kept the remaining pieces of the clam shards under the bed before he walked out of the bedroom with the bracelet freshly made out of the purple pearls and the holy pearl.

As soon as he raised his head, he saw Claire standing in the living room as she looked helplessly at her mother, Elaine.

When Charlie walked over to the both of them, he saw Elaine showing off her wrist because she was wearing the jade bracelet that Graham had given to him when they met at Antique Street.

Elaine was very excited as she exclaimed, "Claire, this jade bracelet is really amazing! Everyone was praising me when I wore it out today. I felt so delighted!"

Claire stared at her mother in a helpless manner as she replied, "Mom! Isn't this the jade bracelet that Charlie brought home a few days ago? How could you wear it out without saying a word? I thought I'd lost it!"

Elaine stared at Claire before she replied, "I'm your mother! What's wrong with me wearing your bracelet? Just let me wear it for a few more days. I'm very happy with the attention that I am receiving because of this jade bracelet!"

When he saw that the mother and daughter were arguing, Charlie quickly hurried over to them before he said, "Claire, it's okay. Your mother can have the jade bracelet if she likes it. I've just made a new bracelet and I am planning to give it to you."

"What bracelet is it?" Elaine asked as she grabbed it from Charlie's hand.

However, when she saw that it was simply a bracelet made out of pearls and clam shells, she threw it at Claire before she said, "Oh, it's just another one of those worthless things again!"

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At this time, Claire took the bracelet in her hand before she asked, "Charlie, you made this yourself, right?"

"Yes."

Charlie nodded before he replied, "This pearl and clam shard necklace has the effect of calming the nerves and it will help you to sleep well at night. If you wear it often, it will also help you to ward off evil. It was a little too rushed today that is why the workmanship is a little rough. I

promise to make you a more beautiful bracelet when I have the opportunity to do so in the future.”

Before he could even finish his sentence, Claire smiled and said, “Thank you, Charlie. I like it very much.”

“I am glad that you like it.”

Charlie heaved a huge sigh of relief at this time.

The jade bracelet that he gave to Claire before this was in fact very precious and valuable. However, Claire did not wear it much.

In fact, Claire was a very simple and casual person. She did not care much about gold or silver jewelry and she did not like to wear anything that is too showy.

However, Charlie could tell that Claire really seemed to like this handmade bracelet.

When Elaine saw that Claire was really impressed and in love with the broken handmade bracelet, she muttered under her breath, “It is not even gold or jade. It is just a bracelet made out of worthless shells and pearls. What is the use?”

Charlie smiled because he did not want to argue with her.

Moreover, it was fine even if Claire did not know the value of the bracelet. If Claire were to find out that this was a magic bracelet that the rich would bid at least a billion dollar for, then she would not want to wear it at all.

After giving the bracelet to Claire, Charlie went out to look for a courier in the city in order to mail the stun talisman and return the black card to Graham.

This way, he would at least have a satisfactory explanation for Graham.

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At the Quinton family mansion, Jack was sitting on the sofa in the living room at this time and he had a very gloomy expression on his face. He had not said a single word since he entered the house.

His main purpose in making this trip to Aurous Hill was simply to get this treasure. He knew that the Holy Pearls of the Ocean was embedded in the clam and he knew that if he used the clam to make magical artifacts, he would be able to make a lot of money out of it. The value of the treasure was immeasurable!

However, he did not expect Charlie to disrupt his plans. He could not stop gritting his teeth in anger.

Adam was standing beside Jack with his hands by his side in a respectful manner.

Mystery Court was a very well-known place and everyone in the Quinton family recognized Jack immediately. Therefore, all the members of the Quinton family came out to greet him respectfully.

Graham also smiled as he complimented Jack. "Welcome. I really did not expect you to make a trip to our humble house, Mr. Yaleman. The Quinton family is really fortunate to have you here today."

Jack took a sip of the tea in his hands before he placed the cup on the table and spoke up.

"I ran into Mr. Quinton at the auction today and he invited me to come to your house to read your fortune for you."

In fact, Graham was already prepared to teach Adam a lesson for sneaking out of the house. However, when he saw that Adam had invited the reputable Jack to their house, he was a little less furious at him.

"Mr. Yaleman, please take your time and make yourself at home."

Jack nodded before he said, "If I am not wrong, the Quinton family has already experienced bad luck and misfortune over the past two years. I am afraid that someone in the family had contact with an ominous thing. One of you has also gotten into a bloody disaster last year. As for this year..."

After that, Jack glanced around the mansion with a mysterious expression on his face before he sighed. "I think that the Quinton family's fortune is really at risk right now. If this situation persists, the entire Quinton family will be completely destroyed!"

Graham turned pale as soon as he heard Jack's words. After that, he pleaded in a respectful manner, "Mr. Yaleman, you are indeed an expert from Mystery Court. The Quinton family has really experienced a lot of bad luck and misfortune in the past two years. Please help us!"

Everyone in the Quinton family was also surprised!

Jack was truly an expert in this matter.

Since he had not gotten a response from Charlie, Graham was starting to get a little impatient.

When Jack appeared at his house today, Graham felt as though he had finally met his lifesaver! Therefore, he quickly asked, "Mr. Yaleman, do you have a solution?"

"Of course, there are ways."

Jack replied slowly before he frowned suddenly. "However, it seems as though someone has used a magic trick to confuse your family lately. It seems as though whatever this person did has messed up the Feng Shui in this house and hastened the demise of the Quinton family. If you allow this person to continue to harm your family, I'm afraid that all the Quinton family members will die within half a year!"

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"What? A trick on the family?"

Graham was stunned for a moment.

Charlie was the only one who had done anything to change the Feng Shui of the Quinton family recently.

Graham was very convinced with Charlie's skills and abilities. Therefore, he quickly asked, "Mr. Yalerman, are you sure about this? There has indeed been someone who has recently helped to deal with the Feng Shui in my house. His name is Mr. Wade. However, it seems as though his methods had been working well so far. I don't think that he'd cast a spell or magic trick on us."

Jack snorted before he shouted, "There are some people who pretend to be God and they're the best at deceiving ignorant people! If you are willing to continue trusting him, then I will just leave immediately!"

"Mr. Yalerman, please stay." Graham panicked as he tried to stop Jack from leaving. "Could you please enlighten me, Mr. Yalerman? Could you please tell me what is wrong with his methods?"

At this time, Jack reached out his hand and pointed towards the hall without even raising his head. "Ask someone to bring me a bowl of water."

Graham quickly ordered his servant to bring a bowl of clear water before them.

After that, Jack dipped his finger in the bowl of water before he placed a few talismans in the bowl of water. After he was done, Jack flicked the water at Graham's eyes.

As soon as Graham opened his eyes, he was suddenly filled with fear as he backed away from Jack.

"Mr. Yalerman, what...what is this?"

Graham suddenly saw the Quinton family mansion covered in a strange layer of black smoke.

Furthermore, there was a wisp of lifeless gray smoke above the heads of the Quinton family members and all of their faces were as pale and lifeless as zombies!

Jack snorted before he said, "I am opening your eyes for you. You are looking at the future of the Quinton family. All of you will drop dead soon!"

Graham was so frightened that he fell onto the sofa before he muttered, "What should I do about this?"

"I guess it is fate that I am here today, so I will help you because this seems to be our destiny."

Jack took out a peace talisman from his pocket before he handed it over to Graham.

When Graham took the peace talisman in his hand, he saw that it was glowing and there was a faint golden light emitting from it.

Moreover, the vision that Graham was seeing disappeared and everything returned to its original state as soon as Jack handed the peace talisman over to Graham.

"This...this..." Graham was breaking out in cold sweat at this time as he hurriedly said, "Mr. Yalerman, you really are incredible. Please save the Quinton family and help us to get out of this

misfortune that we have landed ourselves into. I am willing to pay however much it costs to get rid of all this bad luck!”

“It is my mission to save people and give them peace. That is the reason I am here today.”

Jack continued speaking as he took out a dozen more peace talisman before he handed it over to Graham. “Give this to all of your family members and tell them to carry it on them at all times. This way, you will be able to get rid of all your bad luck.”

Graham took the peace talisman from Jack before he hesitated for a moment. “How can I repay you for your kindness, Mr. Yalaman?”

Jack waved his hand before he replied, “Helping someone to get rid of his misfortune is also a form of merit. I do not wish to accept any money from you today. However, if a swindler tries to convince you to spend a lot of money to purchase any magic weapon, you must remember to reject it at all cost.”

At this time, Adam, who was standing next to Graham, quickly spoke up. “Father, look! I already told you that Charlie is a liar! He took our family’s money and he doesn’t even know what he’s doing! He must return us all the money that he took! Otherwise, I’ll sue him for fraud and make sure that he spends the rest of his life in prison!”

Aurora frowned as she thought about the entire situation. She did not know why but she felt as though Jack was the one who was lying to them.

Apart from being a little cold and having no EQ, Charlie did not seem like a bad person. Moreover, Charlie gave her a sense of security and warmth even without doing anything at all.

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”You, shut up!” Graham said as he glared at Adam. After that, he turned towards Jack before he said in a respectful manner, “Thank you for your advice. I will definitely pay more attention to these things in future.”

Jack nodded in a meaningful manner before he got up and left.

As soon as Jack left the mansion, Adam immediately said, “Father, Mr. Yalaman is a very well-known master from Mystery Court. How can a liar like Charlie even be compared to him? This time, Mr. Yalaman is even willing to help to solve our family problems without even taking a single penny from us!”

“Mr. Yalaman did not even take a single penny from us but Charlie has already cheated our family of so much money! He even spent more than a hundred million dollars just to buy a broken clam at the auction today! This is a scam! This is definitely a scam! Second Uncle, why are you so willing to give him so much money? Why do you trust him so much? If word about this matter gets out, wouldn’t the people in Aurous Hill treat the Quinton family as fools?”

Graham was silent at this time but he had a doubtful expression on his face.

He knew that Jack was indeed very reputable in the country. Moreover, he could not forget the vision that Jack had shown him earlier. It was so vivid and real and he had no choice but to believe what he saw.

Most importantly, Jack did not take a single penny from them today. On the other hand, Charlie had spent so much of the Quinton family's money at the auction today...

The more he thought about the situation, the more he felt that there was something wrong with Charlie!

At this time, the Quinton family's butler suddenly knocked on the door before he stepped in after getting permission from Graham.

"Mr. Quinton, there is an express delivery for you."

After he was done speaking, he handed a paper box over to Graham.

Graham frowned as he unpacked the paper box. After that, he found a talisman inside the paper box.

He took a closer look at the talisman at this time and he found out that it was just a thin piece of shell about the size of a matchbox. Moreover, there it was attached to a piece of cheap red string and it looked just like any other shell sold at random tourist attractions.

Graham looked at the sender's information and he realized that it was from Charlie.

There were also a few words written on a piece of paper in the box: "Stun talisman. Hang it up in the main hall to break and get rid of the evil spirit."

Adam cursed out loud as soon as he saw the talisman. "Damn it, Father! Charlie is taking you for a fool! He's sent you a broken piece of clam shell and this could be a clam shell bought from any random place! Do you really think that this would help us to get rid of any evil spirit?"

"Moreover, do you really think that this broken shell should be worth one hundred million dollars? He does not care about you and he's not giving you any face at all! The fact that he sent you this talisman by courier proves that he does not have the guts to face you! If Charlie is not a liar, why else is he doing this?"

Adam continued shouting, "Father, why don't we get someone to beat Charlie up so that we can get our money back? Otherwise, if Charlie runs away, we will suffer a huge loss!"

"Shut up and let me think this through," Graham said as he rubbed his brows. He stared at the symbol on the shell and he was not certain whether it had any magical or spiritual powers at all.

After hesitating for a moment, Graham summoned all the members of the Quinton family before he said, "This is a matter of life and death for the Quinton family. Therefore, it is of great importance to me. I will visit Charlie personally tomorrow to ask him what is going on exactly. For the time being, I want everyone to carry the peace talisman that Mr. Yalman has given to us at all times! Do not take it off!"

"Yes!"

“Father, I want to come with you!” Adam said as he gritted his teeth. “That Charlie had done a lot of harm to me and our family. I have to go over there and break his legs myself!”

“You? Are you sure you can do it?”

Graham frowned before he replied, “If you really want to come along, make sure that you bring a few more bodyguards with you tomorrow. I want you to inquire about Charlie’s whereabouts tomorrow so we can be prepared to confront him.”

After he was done speaking, Graham paused for a moment before he reminded Adam again, “Remember, I’m not asking you to cause any trouble for Charlie. I do not want you to act recklessly and get beaten up again!”

Adam was overjoyed at this time and he replied immediately, “I understand.”

Graham continued speaking in a serious voice, “Even though the Quinton family is not the most prestigious family in Aurous Hill, I won’t tolerate anyone who tries to deceive me. If anyone tries to deceive me, I’ll also retaliate in the most appropriate manner! Therefore, I must get to the bottom of this matter and find out if Charlie is really a liar. If he has been lying and treating me as a fool, I’ll not let him off so easily!”

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After leaving the Quinton family, Jack started planning his next course of action.

Of course, he wanted to take revenge on Charlie. He wanted to take back what Charlie had stolen from him. However, what he had done so far was not enough!

The reason why he came to Aurous Hill this time was to establish a strong connection in Aurous Hill. He planned to recruit a group of believers so that he could establish his career further.

Therefore, he had to come up with a masterplan to kill two birds with one stone.

He wanted everyone in Aurous Hill to think of Charlie as nothing but a swindler!

Charlie did not know that Jack was planning to use him as a sacrificial lamb to advance his own career.

As he was busy buying vegetables to prepare dinner in the evening, Charlie suddenly received a phone call from Jasmine.

After answering the call, Jasmine spoke to him in a serious manner as she said directly, “Mr. Wade, it seems as though Mr. Yalman has invited some antique, Feng Shui, and metaphysics masters to attend a banquet that would be held at the White family mansion. He wants me to ask you if you have the time to attend this banquet.”

“The White family? Who are they?”

Jasmine replied, "The White family is a middle-class family with two male descendants, Gerald White and Kevin White."

"Why would Mr. Yalman choose to hold the banquet at the White family mansion?" Charlie asked in suspicion.

Jasmine continued explaining, "Things have not been going well for the White family recently. His son, Kevin, and his nephew, Gerald, have been getting into trouble, one after the other. Therefore, the White family's business has also been deteriorating. The White family has begged Mr. Yalman to make a trip to their house because they want him to help change the Feng Shui and fate of their family."

Jasmine continued, "Since Mr. Yalman also invited a bunch of metaphysics masters to the banquet tomorrow, I believe that he has some other intentions in mind aside from making some money from the White family."

Charlie smiled before he replied nonchalantly, "I guess he's trying to retaliate and take revenge against me because I snatched the clam from him at the auction earlier. I guess he's trying to set me up. Don't you think so?"

However, Charlie continued speaking, "But I will still attend the banquet because I want to see what kind of tricks he has up his sleeves."

As soon as he promised to come, Jasmine replied, "Alright then. I will pick you up in the morning tomorrow and we will head to the White family mansion together."

"That sounds perfect to me."

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Early the next morning, Jasmine drove to Charlie's house to pick him up.

The White family mansion was located in a suburban area on the mountain and surrounded by spectacular scenery.

All of the pavilions and terraces in the White family garden was built in an antique style. It seemed as though the White family had spent hundreds of millions of dollars to renovate their mansion so that they could receive and entertain guests in a distinguished and stylish manner.

There were also dozens of yellow rosewood chairs outside the pavilion by the lake. More than a dozen guests were sitting down as they chatted with one another and laughed from time to time.

The person sitting at the main seat was a fat, middle-aged man. He was none other than Zeke White, Kevin's father.

Moreover, Jack was sitting beside him at this time.

Aside from these two persons, Charlie also met two acquaintances, Travis Lane, the richest man in Lancaster and also Matthew Gibson, the man accompanying him.

As soon as the both of them saw Charlie coming in, Travis and Matthew nodded to acknowledge his presence immediately.

However, Zeke only glanced at Charlie with a cold expression on his face when he saw him.

He obviously knew that Kevin and Gerald had suffered a loss because of Charlie. Therefore, he was not very pleased to see him.

When Finn saw the both of them, he quickly stood up before he said, "Mr. Wade and Miss Moore, you're finally here."

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Charlie nodded before he smiled and said, "I've come to meet all the masters here today."

A middle-aged man dressed in a long gown asked in surprise, "So, is this the buyer who bought the final treasure at the auction for one hundred million dollars?"

Finn smiled before he introduced Charlie to the crowd. "Yes, this is Mr. Wade."

"What? Can he be considered a master too?" Zeke asked as he glanced at Charlie disdainfully. After that, he smiled before he said, "It seems as though anyone can call themselves a master nowadays. Any piece of trash on the street can also call themselves a master. However, though Mr. Yalaman is truly a master, he is so humble and he always keeps a low-profile."

The crowd of people felt very awkward as soon as Zeke finished speaking.

Even though Zeke was belittling Charlie on purpose, everyone else agreed that Charlie could not be called a master, whether because of his age or the way he dressed.

Almost all of the guests present here today were masters in the metaphysics world. Therefore, many of the guests felt that it was really inappropriate for Finn to call Charlie a master because that would place him on an equal footing with them.

At this time, Jack stood up before he smiled and said in a calm manner, "It's okay. Calm down, everyone. I'd like to take advantage of this banquet to get to know each one of you better. I believe that all of us will know who the real master who's worthy of this title and reputation is at the end of the day."

Everyone who was present could not help but stare at Charlie as soon as Jack spoke those words.

What was this young man doing here today?

Jasmine could not stop herself from frowning at this time. She had already expected Jack to make Charlie a target in an attempt to get back at him. However, she did not expect the atmosphere to be so solemn as soon as they had arrived.

Charlie had a cold and indifferent expression on his face as he walked towards his chair and he sat down as he ignored everyone around him.

When Zeke saw that all of the guests had already arrived, he quickly said, "Since everyone is already here, I would like to explain that the reason why Mr. Yalerman decided to hold the banquet at the White family mansion today is because he wants to get to know every one of you. Secondly, he would like to compare everyone's skills and abilities."

"How do we compare our skills?" someone asked.

"Naturally, it is based on the magical and spiritual level."

Jack stood up at this time before he explained, "The rules are very simple. As we all know, there are five disciplines in the metaphysics circle. You can select the category you are good at and choose any of the opponents you wish to compete with!"

"In order to make this a formal event, the funds will be sponsored by the White family. The winner of the competition will walk away with five million dollars and the loser will also receive fifty thousand dollars as a consolation prize."

The rules seemed pretty reasonable and most of the guests nodded in agreement because they could actually make money from this competition.

In fact, all the masters in the metaphysics field would always keep to themselves because no one wants to reveal their skills and abilities just like that. Moreover, everyone present at the banquet today was all extremely capable and reputable people in the metaphysics circle.

If they competed against one another, they could explore each other's skills and abilities and they could also get a bonus cash reward in return. This was equivalent to killing two birds with one stone!

"Just to learn from one another?" Charlie sneered as soon as he heard the rules of the competition. He knew that Jack did not simply organize the competition just so he could prove that he was superior to others.

As the guests were whispering among themselves, Zeke suddenly added another sentence, "We understand that the cash reward alone might not arouse everyone's enthusiasm as a few million dollars means nothing to everyone here."

"Therefore, we've decided to add another condition to the competition. The winner of the competition is entitled to choose to walk away with the five million dollars cash reward or to take away something belonging to the loser!"

"The winner of the competition will always be superior over everyone else and all other guests would have to show utmost respect to the winner. In the future, everyone is required to obtain the consent and agreement of the winner before doing anything in the metaphysics, Feng Shui, or antique industry!"

Everyone was silent when he finished his sentence.

After a short while, people started talking with uneasy expressions on their faces.

"What if the challenger chooses a category that the other party is not good at?"

"The metaphysics department in Newton University is the best of the best. Isn't this simply an attempt to grab territory from others?"

“Is this a joke? Newton University has always been accustomed to our own ways. It’s really ridiculous to expect us to take orders from others! Moreover, there are also some people here who aren’t from Newton, right?”

There were plenty of discussions among the crowd and no one had expected this so-called banquet to be an attempt by Jack to dominate the metaphysics circle!

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At this time, Zeke suddenly spoke up, “Everyone, please calm down. Mr. Yalerman is also doing this in consideration of the metaphysics circle! In the past, all of us were scattered all over the place. Now, if we choose to organize ourselves and form an alliance led by a single leader, it will definitely be more convenient for us to deal with any enemies in future. Moreover, if the challenger chooses a category that you aren’t good at, wouldn’t it be best for the rest of us? Our leader should be someone who is qualified and proficient in all aspects and disciplines in metaphysics.”

After he spoke, some of the people sternly objected to the idea while some of the guests actually felt that this was indeed a good opportunity.

After all, the winner would be given the opportunity to demand something from the loser. Moreover, if they got the first place, they would also be regarded as the leader of the metaphysics world.

Metaphysics was not solely an academic term!

If someone was seriously skilled in metaphysics, then there would also be several wealthy and influential people who would cling onto them!

Therefore, not many people could refuse or turn down the temptation of power and money! Some of the guests were very excited at this time.

“Of course...” Jack stood up as he continued speaking, “I will not force anyone to participate in this competition. Anyone who is too afraid to take on the challenge can choose to withdraw immediately. However, this person will be directly excluded from our circle and he will not be given the opportunity to join any of our metaphysics alliances in future.”

Everyone hesitated for a moment. Even though the risks were high, the benefits were equally rewarding.

The guests started contemplating at this time. After all, who would not be tempted to take on the leadership role of the metaphysics circle?

Charlie did not say anything as he continued sitting in his chair.

He felt that Jack was too ambitious.

Charlie did not have any interest in the metaphysics alliance but he planned to stay behind just to watch the show.

Very soon, a middle-aged man with a beard stood up.

After that, the man took out a piece of jade before he placed it on his palm. The jade shone brightly as the wind blew against it. At this time, the man suddenly spoke up, "I am Jared Young from Dayton. I would like to challenge Mr. Yalaman."

The Young family had always been focused on metaphysics and their main focus was on divine forecast. In fact, their skills and abilities had been passed down from generation to generation.

Jared was the forty-sixth descendant of the Young family and he was also very famous and well-known in Dayton for his abilities. Therefore, he was very proud and confident. That was why he chose Jack as his opponent even in the first challenge!

"Alright then!"

Everyone started applauding at this time.

Jared raised his head arrogantly as he said, "This piece of jade in my hand has been passed from generation to generation and it is definitely the best of the best relics for divine forecast in metaphysics. Therefore, I believe that the Young family should be ranked first in the metaphysics circle!"

At this time, Jack also walked towards the other party as he nodded at Jared before he smiled and said, "Yes, the jade that you are holding in your hand is indeed one of a kind but I am afraid that it will not belong to you soon..."

After that, Jack reached into his pocket before he took out his wallet. He looked around for a short while before he took out a small one inch long rune paper from his wallet. The rune paper had a bright luster and it seemed as though it had been marked with a cinnabar."

"The Arhat Golden Talisman!"

The crowd exclaimed excitedly as soon as they saw the golden talisman.

Jasmine took this opportunity to explain to Charlie, "The Arhat Golden Talisman was made by eighteen eminent monks who chanted for forty-nine days before making the consecrated and refined talisman. It is a very powerful talisman to use against evil."

Charlie smiled before he said, "So, it's not a good thing."

Everyone glanced at Charlie in disgust as soon as they heard his words.

At this time, Jack snorted before he said, "I might be the best at divine forecast but I trust in the abilities of this talisman."

Everyone knew that the Arhat Golden Talisman was a very rare treasure. It was made after gathering eighteen accomplished monks at a favorable time, place, and condition. Therefore, the rate of enlightenment that a person would have after using this talisman was more than ninety percent!

Moreover, the golden talisman in Jack's hand was emitting a golden light. It was probably worth at least a million dollars!

“Stop talking nonsense already. Let’s open a hexagram now…”

Jared snorted before he started making a few gestures as he started chanting a few formulas in his mouth. After a short while, he said, “After an hour, there will be heavy winds and thunder coming from the west.”

Jack smiled slightly as he raised his head and said, “Yes, there will definitely be some rumblings but it is not due to the wind or thunder. To be precise, the shock is caused by an explosion on the mountain and it is caused by man. Someone will pay the price for his actions today.”

Jared frowned before he shook his head and said, “No! That is impossible. I do not see anyone in the hexagram.”

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Mr. Yaleman simply smiled without saying anything.

Everyone was curious as they waited for the results.

An hour passed by quickly and at this time, Jared was staring into space as he was feeling a little nervous.

Suddenly, a loud bang was heard from the west! After that, a strong wind swept across the garden and there was a slight vibration from the ground.

Zeke smiled as he looked at his cell phone and said, “Based on the news feed that I have just received, it seems as though someone tried to move some quarry rocks and it caused an explosion and a 2.4 magnitude earthquake in the west. The police have already arrested the culprit.”

At this time, Jared raised his head and he no longer looked as arrogant as he was before this. He smiled awkwardly before he said, “Mr. Yaleman, you’re really incredible! I admit defeat. Today, I, Jared Young, have lost to you. I will withdraw from this banquet immediately.”

After that, Jared picked up his jade before he turned around as he was prepared to leave.

“Slow down!” Zeke suddenly shouted. “Mr. Young, since you’ve already participated in the competition, then you should abide by the rules.”

“What rule are you referring to?” Jared asked with a sullen expression on his face.

“According to the rules, if you lose, the winner has a right to take something belonging to you! Moreover, you have to make a public declaration stating that you will show utmost respect to and obey all of Mr. Yaleman’s instructions in future.”

“Nonsense! This is just a banquet. There is no way I will allow you to rob me of my magic weapon just like that. Moreover, you are dreaming if you expect me to respect and follow someone else’s orders.”

Jared was very annoyed at this time. He was so arrogant and he had such a bad temper. How could he ever succumb to someone else's orders?

Jack raised his hand as he brought out another talisman and he started chanting before he yelled, "Abide by the law!"

Crack!

At this time, Jared's jade suddenly broke into two halves as it fell to the ground.

"You!"

Jared's treasure was destroyed in front of everyone's eyes and Jared was trembling with rage at this time.

Jack said in an arrogant manner, "If you refuse to abide by the rules, then it is only right for us to destroy the magical weapon! Don't stand there and give me all these nonsensical excuses!"

Jared's face was gray as he was in shock right now. He knew that he would never be able to defeat Jack.

Jack had destroyed his family treasure in just one blow and he did not even have the power to fight back at all.

Therefore, Jared glanced at the jade on the floor before he gritted his teeth and said, "Forget it! I will not fight with this kind of despicable person!"

After that, he turned around and left with a black face without even bothering to pick up the piece of jade on the ground.

As soon as everyone witnessed this scene, the expressions on their faces changed immediately. Jack was unfathomable. Those who were initially very confident suddenly hesitated at this time.

Travis also frowned as he whispered to Matthew in a low voice.

Immediately after that, Travis stood up before he waved his hands bitterly and said, "This is such a boring banquet that I am not enjoying at all. I will take my leave first."

After that, Matthew also stood up as they both of them started making their way out of the banquet.

At this time, four strong and muscular men suddenly jumped out from left and right to block their way.

Travis asked in an angry manner, "What do you think you are doing?"

"Mr. Lane, since you are already here at the banquet today, then why are you leaving halfway through the banquet?"

Jack stepped forward as he smiled and said, "This banquet I've hosted is not a place that you can come and leave as you please. If you choose to leave now, wouldn't that be a violation of the rules?"

Travis snorted before he said, "I'm not a member of the metaphysics circle. Whoever you choose as your leader is none of my business!"

Jack sneered before he replied, "You can leave right now if you want to but you'll have to show your respect to me and leave a valuable item of yours behind!"

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Travis was a man with a very high status and reputation. Therefore, he felt very irritated by Jack's words. "What do you mean?"

"Mr. Lane, let me deal with him!"

Matthew said in a deep voice at this time as he stepped forward to defend Travis. "If you dare to stop Mr. Lane from leaving, then do not blame me for being merciless."

Everyone started cheering when they saw that Matthew was about to make a move.

"Mr. Gibson, let this despicable man taste the power of your fists!"

"An outsider actually wants to be in control of the entire metaphysics circle. He must be crazy! I think he should stop daydreaming."

"Hold him back. Don't let him get his way!"

At this time, Jack smiled as he glared at Matthew with a cold expression on his face. "If you really think you can defeat me, then bring it on."

Matthew was furious at this time and he launched himself towards Jack as he aimed his fist at his face. This was obviously a very powerful punch because Matthew was not an ordinary man.

"Do you really think you could do anything to me?" Everyone felt a swift movement and at this time, Jack was already standing on the other side of Matthew as he stretched out his hand and stuck a yellow talisman on his forehead.

"His movements are so quick!" Jasmine exclaimed in surprise.

At this time, Matthew stood still as though he was currently under a spell. He was stiff and motionless and the only thing that he could move at this time were his eyes.

Jack smiled slyly before he suddenly shouted.

"Get on your knees!"

"Squat down!"

Matthew suddenly fell to the ground and he was on all fours, as though he was submitting to an order.

"Mr. Gibson!" Travis yelled as he stared at the man on the ground.

The crowd of people were also exchanging glances with one another in shock.

As he was already under Jack's spell, Matthew could not resist or disobey any of his orders at all. This was how powerful Jack's spell was.

Matthew was standing on all fours on the ground and he looked extremely annoyed and frustrated at this time but it seemed as though he had no control over his body at all. At this time, he suddenly yelled in a furious manner, "You are a dog! What kind of witchcraft did you just use on me?"

"You actually thought that you could defeat me with such a low skill level?" Jack suddenly asked in a mocking tone. "I want you to bark like a dog now!"

Matthew was horrified and he tried to keep his mouth shut.

However, he could not even control his own reflexes and in the next second, he was already barking like a dog.

Travis was so shocked at this time and he almost fell to the ground.

Matthew was almost sixty years old but he was actually standing on all fours in front of Jack, acting and barking like a dog obeying its master's instructions.

This would have been a funny scene if not for the deadly silence in the background.

The crowd of people were horrified and they could feel fear creeping up their backs.

Jack had actually defeated two of the masters in a row in less than ten minutes. How could he be so powerful?

"Puppetry! This is the puppetry skills from Xenia that had been long lost!" Finn suddenly murmured with a shocked expression on his face.

After he finished speaking, there was some whispering in the background.

The puppet technique was initially a secret art technique that was passed down from the older generations in Xenia. However, it had already been long lost and this technique had not been seen in the longest time.

None of the guests would have expected to witness this puppetry technique with their own eyes. This proved that Jack's skills and abilities were limitless and it felt as though there would not be anyone here who could challenge him.

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At this time, Matthew was still lying on the ground and his face was flushed red with embarrassment. He could not control his own body or reflexes and he really felt like dying right then.

Jack waved his hand and Matthew lost all of his strength and he collapsed to the ground immediately. He felt extremely ashamed of himself at this time.

“Well, so are you finally convinced now, Mr. Gibson?” Zeke asked as he laughed.

Matthew gritted his teeth and blood oozed out of his gums as he murmured bitterly, “Fine, you win...you win...”

When Matthew finally lowered his head as he was utterly defeated, the whole courtyard was silent as no one dared to say anything anymore.

After that, Jack turned his head to look at Charlie before he said, “So, you snatched the valuable clam that I wanted to buy at the auction the other day. Since you’ve already witnessed my skills and magical abilities today, do you still dare to be so arrogant now?”

Charlie shrugged before he said, “Just two simple strokes and you really think that you can’t be defeated?”

At this time, Jasmine hurriedly pulled Charlie aside before she said in a low voice, “Mr. Wade, do not go against him at this time. Mr. Yalman does have some skills and abilities. Do not lose your life just because of your pride and dignity.”

Jack sneered before he said, “You’re still so young and ignorant. Do you really have the courage to compete against me? If you lose, I want you to return the clam to me since it is rightfully mine. I also want you to go down on your knees and apologize to me!”

Charlie smiled before he replied, “Competition? Who do you think you are? Do you really think that you are worthy enough to compete with me?”

The expression on everyone’s faces turned solemn at this time. This young man was really courageous. Who gave him the guts to speak in that manner to Jack? Was he really tired of living?

At this time, there was dead silence in the courtyard.

Jasmine was also so shocked that she stood up immediately. She knew that things would definitely get out of hand because of Charlie’s words.

Jack was even angrier after listening to Charlie’s words. Therefore, he walked towards Charlie before he said, “I’ve already met many different types of people in my life but none of them are like you. You seem to be deliberately courting death.”

Charlie smiled again before he said, “And who are you to decide who lives and dies? Whatever you decide is not necessarily going to happen.”

The look on Jack’s face was as cold as ice as he glared at Charlie.

At this time, a group of people suddenly rushed in through the door in an aggressive manner.

The men were led by their leader, Adam. As soon as Adam saw Charlie, he yelled at him immediately, “Charlie! You are a liar and a swindler! You pretended to be helping the Quinton family when you were just trying to deceive my second uncle and cheat the Quinton family of our money! You used the Quinton family’s money to buy the treasures that you like at the auction but

fortunately for us, Mr. Yaleman saw right through your deceit! Hand over the money that you owe the Quinton family now or I will not spare your life today!"

As soon as he finished his sentence, Graham and Aurora walked through the door. Graham felt very embarrassed after listening to Adam's words but it was too late to stop him.

Charlie glanced at Graham but he did not say anything at all.

However, his glance made Graham feel uneasy and he hit Adam on the head before he tried to explain the situation to Charlie. "Mr. Wade, so this is what happened..."

Graham did not try to hide anything from Charlie but he told him everything from beginning to the end.

After listening to Graham's words, Charlie frowned slightly before he asked in a cold manner, "It's just a little more than one hundred million dollars anyway. So, if you have any regrets, I can always refund you the money any time you want."

"Oh! Mr. Wade, please do not say that. Why would I dare to ask you for a refund after everything you have done for my family? I am just here today because I want to meet with the rest of the masters."

Graham could not decide whether Charlie was really a very skilled and capable person or whether he was just a fool. However, since Graham was a smart man, he did not plan to turn against Charlie immediately.

Even though he was complimenting Charlie, there was a hint of hesitation in his voice. Graham knew that he would not be able to test Charlie's skills on his own. Therefore, he planned on using Jack to do it on his behalf.

If Charlie could be easily defeated by Jack, then he would not treat him so politely anymore. He would definitely force him to return all the money that he spent on his purchases, with interests included!

Therefore, he told Charlie and the rest of the masters, "Then, I will not disturb and interfere in the situation right now. We will discuss this matter later. You guys should continue whatever you're doing and deal with the important things at hand first."

Adam wanted to say something but he did not dare to do so because Graham was glaring fiercely at him.

When Jack saw this, he smiled at Graham before he said, "Mr. Quinton, you came at the right time! I know how the Quinton family has been dealing with a lot of problems lately. I also understand that Charlie had tried to use some talisman to help you to deal with your problem. Today, I will compete with Charlie to see which one of us can come up with the best solution to help the Quinton family get rid of the evil spirit that is latching onto your family! Charlie, if you do not dare to accept my challenge, then I will make sure that I do everything in my capacity to destroy you in the future!"

Charlie frowned before he replied, "Since you want to die so badly, then I will grant you your wish."

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When Jack saw that Charlie was persistent to the end, he could only sneer as he instructed Zeke. "It seems as though some people are really tired of living. No matter what it is, I will teach him where he stands. Zeke, please get me a three-pillar sandalwood, a purple gold incense burner, and a peach wooden sword. I will show him what a true master is."

Zeke did not dare to react slowly. Therefore, he quickly prepared all the items that Jack asked for.

After a short while, Jack placed the sandalwood into the incense burner. At this time, thick clear smoke from the incense filled the air.

Mr. Yalerman raised the peach wooden sword before he started chanting immediately.

At this time, Graham, who was standing next to him, suddenly felt very dizzy as though someone had just given him a few shots.

He endured it for a short while before he pleaded, "Mr. Yalerman, how long will this last..."

"The 'yin' energy in your family is very heavy right now. That is the reason why it might take some time for my magic to work. Please bear with it for a short while."

Since the master had already spoken, Graham could only bite his lips as he endured the pain he was going through.

However, the more he endured it, the more uncomfortable he felt. After a short while, he was not only feeling giddy and nauseous, but he also felt severe pain in his head.

Fortunately at this time, Graham suddenly felt something on his chest exuding a strong and warmth protection over his heart in an instance so that he would not collapse on the spot.

Graham was shocked at this time. "Is this the work of the stun talisman that Charlie had given to me?"

Jack did not know what Graham was talking about. Therefore, he took a sip of water before he spit it on the wooden peach sword before he slashed the sword towards the rising smoke.

As soon as the sword swept through the smoke, Graham suddenly felt as though something had hit him hard on the head. After that, he felt something bittersweet in his throat and he vomited a mouthful of blood at this time.

"Father!"

Adam rushed forward in shock as he held Graham in his hands.

At this time, Graham's face was completely pale and he no longer had the strength to speak at all.

"Mr. Yalerman, what is happening to my Father?" Adam asked anxiously.

Jack had a straight expression on his face as he said, "Since the 'yin' energy of the Quinton family is too heavy, I broke it with a fierce and strong magic charm. The blood that he vomited out is from the bad energy in his body."

Graham tried to stand up straight at this time as he struggled to thank Jack. "Thank you, Mr. Yalerman. I do not know how else to thank you for your kindness."

In fact, Graham felt a lot better and much more comfortable after spurning out the blood.

Moreover, Adam could also feel immediate changes in his body.

At this moment, Finn could only frown as he said, "Mr. Yalerman is really capable. The evil spirit latching onto the Quinton family is so strong but he can alleviate it so easily."

Everyone present here today were Feng Shui masters so there is no need for any explanation because anyone could tell that Jack had already gotten rid of the evil spirit that was latching onto the Quinton family. Therefore, everyone in the crowd was looking at Jack with admiration in their eyes.

"Father, let's have a seat over there," Adam said as he helped Graham to walk towards the side. At this time, he turned around to look at Charlie before he said in a provocative manner, "So, what else do you have to say right now? When will you return the Quinton family's money?"

Charlie curled his lips before he said, "I have no issues returning the money back to you. However, I'm afraid that Graham is going to lose his life..."

"What?" Graham exclaimed in shock.

Charlie glanced at him with a cold expression on his face before he said, "Take a look at your palm right now. Is there a red line there?"

Graham was very shocked at this time and he quickly turned his palm around. After looking at his palm, he was in a state of shock.

He could see a faint red line on his palm.

The red line started from the lifeline on his palm and it extended all the way to his arm!

Graham was stunned. "What is this? It wasn't here before."

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Charlie replied coldly, "That is your lifeline. The reason why the evil spirit could be appeased so easily is because Jack is using your life as a trade-off! Within three days, this red line will extend all the way to your elbow! After that, you will drop dead immediately. Jack is using all the virtues and good deeds that you have accumulated in your lifetime, and he is sacrificing your life in exchange for the lives of the rest of the Quinton family members!"

Graham was shocked when he heard Charlie's words. He froze in place because he was utterly shocked.

Adam was also panicking at this time as he looked at the people around them.

All of the masters who were present nodded slightly as they witnessed this scene. Graham will not live for more than three days.

Adam knelt on the ground before he begged Jack, "Mr. Yalman! Please, please save my Father's life!"

At this time, Jack stared at Adam with an arrogant expression on his face as he sneered and said, "I have already used my magic to appease the evil spirit. How do you expect me to take it back? I am using Graham's life in exchange for the safety of the rest of the Quinton family members! You should be thanking me right now."

Aurora turned pale immediately as she bit her lower lip. After thinking for a short while, she knelt down before Charlie and said, "Please, Mr. Wade. Please help my father..."

Charlie glanced at her before he replied indifferently, "Since the Quinton family chose to trust in Mr. Yalman instead of me, then this has nothing to do with me anymore. Why should I help you now?"

Aurora's eyes were red as she could not stop crying at this time. She gritted her teeth and said, "Mr. Wade, if you save my father, I promise to fulfill any requests you have..."

Charlie chuckled before he replied, "I have nothing that I want from you..."

At this time, Graham also ran over to Charlie and knelt down before him as he cried, "Mr. Wade, I'm sorry I was blinded. Adam was the one brainwashing me..."

After that, Graham dragged Adam over to him before giving him a tight slap across the face.

Adam quickly dodged and moved aside before he could give him another slap.

Out of desperation, Aurora grabbed hold of Charlie's legs as she pleaded, "Mr. Wade, please save my dad. Please help him..."

At this time, Charlie sighed before he replied, "Okay, you can get up now. I was just scaring you just now. Fortunately, your father is wearing the talisman I had given him earlier. Nothing is going to happen to him now."

Graham was doubtful and he held the stun talisman that he was wearing over his neck in his hand before he said, "Is this talisman working?"

Charlie nodded before he said, "Yes, take a look at your palm. The red line must be fading quickly because of the talisman. Mr. Yalman needs to try harder to defeat the power of my talisman."

Graham looked at his arm and he saw that the red line had dimmed a little and it was gradually fading away. He was overjoyed at this moment and he quickly said, "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Wade. If it wasn't for you today, I would have..."

Charlie waved his hand and said, "You are lucky that you came here with the stun talisman on you today. Otherwise, there is nothing I would be able to do for you either."

After he was done speaking, Charlie turned around and looked at Jack before he said, "The result is obvious now. Aren't you going to admit defeat?"

After realizing the situation, Adam finally came over to Charlie and knelt down before him before he apologized to him without saying anything else.

Jack's face turned blue and he glared at Charlie before he said, "How can you say that you've won just because of that talisman? Do you know that I really wanted to spare your life but it seems as though you are very stubborn and persistent? I am giving you one last chance to live. I will let you off today if you hand the clam over to me and kneel down and apologize to me right now!"

Jack did not want to play his last card but since Charlie had already defeated him, he had no other choice but to do so. Otherwise, the banquet that he planned today would be all for nothing.

However, once he were to play his last card, everyone here could die if he could not control his powers completely!

At this time, Charlie stared at him before he said, "And what if I refuse to do so?"

"You've forced me to do this!" Jack said as he took out a black porcelain jar from the box next to him as soon as he was done speaking.

A few mosquitoes flew out of the altar before they instantly pounced on the meat on the table before they started chewing on the meat.

Jasmine was very skeptical as she said, "This...is Mr. Yalerman raising mosquitoes?"

Everyone watched as the mosquitoes continued pouncing on the meat. They found this scene very strange and inexplicable. All the masters had no idea what was going on and they could only whisper among themselves.

However, within a few seconds, the meat that had been eaten by the black mosquitoes suddenly changed color and countless smaller black mosquitoes started emerging from the meat!

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In less than five minutes, all the fresh dishes on the table had already turned rotten and countless black mosquitoes started emerging from the rotten food.

There was a rooster that the White family had raised ever since it was a chick in the White family courtyard.

A few black mosquitoes flew to the rooster at a very fast speed. After less than ten seconds, the rooster started screaming as it flapped its wings frantically. After that, it fell to the ground and started convulsing until it dropped dead.

Within a few seconds, many large black mosquitoes started emerging from the feathers of the dead rooster.

At this time, the black mosquitoes were densely packed in the sky as they rushed towards the crowd of people like a whirlwind.

It was very chaotic in the courtyard as the crowd of people tried desperately to avoid the black mosquitoes, as not only were the black mosquitoes extremely poisonous but they could also enter a person's flesh through a wound on the skin.

Even though the mosquitoes were very small as they were only the size of a grain of sand, their bites were very painful.

The person bitten by the black mosquitoes would be in extreme pain and their skin would start swelling immediately.

At this time, all the masters in the courtyard started using all of their magic skills to get rid of the mosquitoes. Some of them were even throwing out amulets and talismans as they chanted some mantras.

Some people hid under the table while several others jumped into the pool to avoid the mosquitoes.

"What is this?" Jasmine asked as she was utterly shocked at this time.

"This is corpse magic!" Finn yelled as he was very shocked and angry at that moment. "These mosquitoes have been raised from the corpse of a baby! This kind of black magic originated from Julesburg! I really would not have expected Mr. Yalman to raise this kind of insidious thing!"

Jack laughed before he said, "These mosquitoes are raised from the corpse of a dead fetus! Since you refuse to show me any respect, then I will teach all of you a lesson today!"

The number of black mosquitoes continued increasing and at this time, the body of one of the old men who was bitten by the mosquitoes started swelling and puffing up before he dropped to the ground.

The black mosquitoes filled the sky and Jasmine was also flustered at this moment.

However, when Jasmine turned around, she realized that there were no mosquitoes around Charlie at all!

As soon as the black mosquitoes approached Charlie, they would instantly turn into black coal, as though they had just encountered something extremely terrifying!

At this time, Charlie sneered as he walked towards Jack without encountering any obstacles. He was also holding a white clam shell in his hand.

This was the Thundering Order that he had practiced earlier!

The shell talisman exuded a faint light with a hint of thunder surrounding it.

Jack was stunned when he saw Charlie and he exclaimed in disbelief. "Why are you...no, what is happening? How is this possible?"

Charlie seemed to be wrapped in a halo at this time and it seemed as though he was sent by god.

“Impossible! This is completely impossible! It is impossible for anyone to counter my corpse magic!” Jack yelled as he stared at Charlie.

Charlie sneered as he stared at Jack. “Do you really think you are undefeatable? I will show you what true power is today!”

Immediately afterwards, Charlie yelled, “Thunder!”

As soon as his voice fell, there was a loud sound.

Boom!

Within a few seconds, there was a loud thunderbolt from the sky and black clouds suddenly started piling up in the sky that was clear earlier.

In the blink of an eye, the entire sky was covered in dark clouds!

“This!” Finn looked up at the sky and he was too shocked to even speak.

Everyone, including Jasmine, had the same expression on their faces.

Graham could only mutter, “Miracle. This is a miracle!”

In the next second, lightning suddenly shot down from the sky!

“Pop!”

The lightning hit the mosquitoes immediately and a large number of mosquitoes turned to coal at this time.

The tables and chairs split in half, trees fell, and there was a strong burning smell in the air.

Charlie stood still with his hands at the side of his body and he was staring at Jack with a cold expression on his face as lightning flashed around his body as though he was a god who was descending to earth!

At this time, a strong wind blew past the courtyard as rain started falling and washing the courtyard clean.

A few seconds later, the crowd of people finally regained their senses as they started seeking shelter out of fear that they would be struck by lightning.

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“No, no! He..he is not human! He is a god!”

“No, don’t let the lightning strike me! I will kneel down and apologize to Mr. Wade immediately.”

“Help me. I was wrong!”

A few of the guests got down on their knees as they started bowing in front of Charlie.

Graham was frozen in place from shock.

However, the lightning only struck the black mosquitoes, turning them into coal without hurting anyone at all.

At this time, Jack was extremely shocked and terrified!

He would never have imagined that Charlie would have such tremendous powers!

He was only an ant compared to Charlie!

If he was struck by the ferocious lightning, he would definitely drop dead in seconds!

Jack started panicking at this time. Therefore, he quickly got up before he scrambled to escape out of the courtyard. He wanted to escape from Aurous Hill and never come back to this place again! How could there be such a venerable person in Aurous Hill?

“Are you trying to escape?”

Charlie smiled as he stretched his hand towards the sky and said, “Thunder, fall!”

Boom!

At this time, thunder rumbled and lightning struck the black porcelain jar in Jack’s hand as he fell to the ground immediately.

Jack could feel severe pain in his hands and he was so scared that he could only shiver as he begged for his life.

“Mr. Wade...Master....please spare my life.”

Charlie looked at Jack with a cold look on his face as he walked towards him, step by step.

“How could you use corpse magic from a dead fetus? Do you know that this is really damaging to the world? I can’t believe that you could actually be so corrupt! This is an unforgivable offense!”

“The devil should be punished by the heavens! I am punishing you using thunder and lightning today! Do you accept your punishment?”

Jack could only stare at Charlie with his mouth wide open at this time. He could not say anything at all. Jack could only watch the thunder and lightning in the sky flashing among the dark clouds as he held back his grief and sorrow. It seemed as though it was already the end of his life...

Why? Why was there such a terrifying existence in Aurous Hill? Why did he have to bark up the wrong tree?

Boom!

Before Jack could even understand the cause and effect, several lightning strikes hit Jack continuously.

Jack, who was arrogant and aggressive, was struck to the ground before he could even scream.

At this time, his human form was no longer visible and he was completely burnt. A disgusting burning smell permeated the courtyard.

“Stop the rain and the winds!”

Charlie waved his hands and the thunderstorm stopped miraculously. A gust of wind blew through the courtyard and swept away the smell of the burnt corpse in the middle of the courtyard.

Charlie had a calm expression on his face, as though nothing happened at all.

However, everyone in the courtyard had their mouths wide open in shock.

Adam was trembling at this time and he was at a complete loss for words. If Charlie had chosen to strike him with lightning, he would have been dead a long time ago. He finally understood that Charlie’s grace and mercy was the reason he was still alive. That was the reason why he survived.

“Mr. Wade, you...you are a god!”

Graham’s voice trembled as he knelt to the ground and started worshipping Charlie.

At this time, Zeke was so frightened that he quickly knelt to the ground before he started bowing down in front of Charlie.

“Mr. Wade, please forgive me. I was so obsessed with Mr. Yalerman that I didn’t know what I was doing...I am sorry for everything that I’ve said and done. Please forgive me, Mr. Wade. I will do anything that you ask me to from this point onwards. Please feel free to give me your orders...”

Charlie glanced at him indifferently and he walked past Zeke without even turning back.

At this time, Finn suddenly said in a respectful manner, “I think that Mr. Wade should be the leader of the metaphysics circle from now on! From now on, everyone in the Newton metaphysics circle will follow Mr. Wade’s instructions and guidance!”

Everyone was fighting for the position of the leader of the metaphysics circle just a short while ago. However, none of the guests had any objections right now. They were all convinced and they agreed with Finn’s suggestion immediately.

“Yes, Mr. Wade, please guide everyone in Aurous Hill!”

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Everyone had been fighting for the leadership position with their lives earlier but right now, all of them were eager for Charlie to lead the entire metaphysics circle in Aurous Hill and even the Newton area. None of the guests had any objections at all as they have all been completely convinced by Charlie’s skills.

They have never seen anyone else like Charlie who could command heavenly thunder and lightning with just one word!

This was indeed the realm of metaphysics. Charlie had supernatural powers beyond everyone's imagination!

When they looked at Jack, who was lying on the ground after being scorched by lightning, they knew that Charlie's powers and strength were unfathomable. Therefore, they wanted Charlie to be their leader so he could lead and give them the best advice and guidance.

Charlie frowned before he said, "I am not a member of the metaphysics circle and I do not usually study Feng Shui. I am also not really interested in metaphysics. Therefore, I hope you'll allow Finn to lead and guide you in the future instead."

Everyone's mouth fell wide open in shock as soon as Charlie spoke.

He had already shocked them completely with the thunder and lightning earlier and Charlie was actually saying that he had no interest in Feng Shui or metaphysics at all? He was not a member of the metaphysics circle?

So, did Charlie summon the thunder and lightning simply because he had momentary interest in metaphysics?

Respect!

Utter respect!

The crowd of people was silent at this time as they exchanged glances with one another.

At this time, Finn glanced at Charlie with a hesitant look on his face as he said in a respectful manner, "It is indeed a great honor to share the worries on your behalf, Mr. Wade. From now on, I will definitely take good care of all the members in the metaphysics circle. I will make sure to handle all the minor matters on my own but I will definitely ask for your advice on any major issues, Mr. Wade."

The atmosphere was much more relaxed and at this point, the richest man in Lancaster, Travis, suddenly walked towards Charlie as he said respectfully, "Mr. Wade, I would like to thank you for what you've done for all of us today. Therefore, I would like to offer you an eighty million dollar reward as a token of my appreciation."

Matthew also stepped forward to thank Charlie even though he was still feeling very embarrassed. "Thank you, Mr. Wade, for helping to divert harm away from us. From now on, anyone under my care will also be respectful towards you!"

"We will definitely obey your commands!"

The crowd of people did not want to be left behind when they saw the two men stepping forward to thank Charlie. Therefore, they flattered Charlie, offered to buy him dinner, and some of them even offered to give him some cash rewards.

Finn also said, "The White family has already promised to sponsor a total of one hundred and fifty million dollars for all of the winners at the banquet today. Since you are the ultimate winner, I think that this cash reward should naturally be awarded to you, Mr. Wade."

Zeke was still kneeling on the ground as he did not dare to get up at all. At this time, he hurriedly said, "Mr. Wade, I am sorry for looking down on you and supporting the villain instead. I have almost caused harm to all the other guests here today. I hope that you will be able to forgive me!"

Charlie frowned before he said, "Mr. White, didn't you have complete trust in Mr. Yalman before this?"

Zeke quickly lowered his head before he replied, "Mr. Wade, I was completely blinded by Mr. Yalman! I know that he is nothing more than a bug in front of the real master now! I promise to keep my eyes open in the future and I will never go against you again! I promise to follow your orders and respect you for the rest of my life."

After that, Zeke continued speaking, "Mr. Wade, in order to show you how sorry I am, I would like to give you a villa as a gift. I will pass you the key to the villa as soon as I send someone to clean the place up for you! Please accept my gift and forgive me for my actions, Mr. Wade!"

"A villa?"

Charlie could only frown as he thought about it.

A villa was nothing much to him.

However, it would be inappropriate for him to buy the villa on his own as he would not have any ways to explain the source of the funds to Claire.

So, why should he turn down the offer if someone wanted to give him a villa?

After all, his family was currently living in an old and run down house. It would be great for them to live in a better environment.

Even though Zeke was a little hateful, it seemed as though he was truly repentant and he felt very guilty and remorseful.

Therefore, Charlie nodded before he said, "Alright then, I will accept your gift. However, please remember that I will not let you off so easily should something like this happen again in the future."

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Zeke was overjoyed and he clasped his hands together as he thanked Charlie. "Thank you for your kindness, Mr. Wade. I will definitely reflect on myself and I promise this will never happen again!"

"Okay." Charlie nodded in satisfaction.

After that, Charlie looked at Graham who was still in shock at this time.

Charlie asked him in a faint manner, "So, Graham, tell me. Did you really think that I lied to you so that I could cheat the Quinton family of your money?"

Graham's legs softened immediately and he knelt down before he said, "I dare not! I wouldn't dare to! I was just confused for a moment but I've never lost confidence in you, Mr. Wade. I am now completely convinced that you are the true master in the metaphysics circle! Please forgive me, Mr. Wade!"

After he spoke, Graham grabbed Adam by his collar before he yelled, "Asshole! Kneel down and apologize to Mr. Wade now!"

Adam was already trembling in fear at this time. As soon as Graham yelled at him, Adam knelt down before Charlie and he started trembling as he apologized. "Mr. Wade, please forgive me! I really did not mean to doubt you or cause any trouble for you. I did not intentionally do it..."

Graham shook his head before he slapped Adam a couple of times until his cheeks started swelling.

Adam did not dare to move at all. He continued kneeling on the ground as he cried. At a time like this, Adam was not afraid of getting beaten at all. Instead, he was afraid that Charlie would summon thunder and lightning from the sky to strike him, and that he would drop dead like Jack Yalerman.

Aurora's face had also turned pale from shock.

She would never have imagined that Charlie was actually a master with such extraordinary powers.

Initially, she was so mad at Charlie because she thought that he really lied to her father, and she was planning to look for an opportunity to avenge her father. However, now it seemed as though she could only worship him because he was really incredible!

Aurora was also afraid that Charlie would still be mad at her younger brother. Therefore, she hurriedly knelt down before she said, "Mr. Wade, my younger brother is still young and ignorant. Please be magnanimous and forgive him."

When Charlie saw the three members of the Quinton family kneeling before him and begging for forgiveness, his heart softened immediately. Therefore, he told them to stand up before he said, "Since all of you are willing to repent and admit your mistakes, I will not take this to heart. However, if something like this happens again in the future, don't blame me for being cruel!"

As soon as they heard his words, the Quinton family quickly bowed their heads and thanked him.

At this time, Jasmine had mixed feelings as she stood among the crowd of people as she witnessed the scene unfolding before her.

Previously, she had always thought that Charlie was simply very well-versed and knowledgeable in antique trades because he was just an ordinary man with an ordinary background.

Unexpectedly, he was actually hiding his strength!

Jasmine was really shocked by what she had witnessed today. She had never seen anything like this.

At this time, Charlie took a step forward before he looked at the crowd of people and said, "Listen to me!"

As soon as he started speaking, everyone raised their heads and looked at Charlie respectfully. No one dared to make any sound at all.

Charlie looked around the crowd before he said in a stern manner, "I do not want anyone to mention anything that happened here today to anyone else! I want this to be kept a secret among us. If anyone leaks this matter out to the public, I will make sure that he ends up with the same fate as Jack Yalerman!"

All of the guests were shocked because it seemed as though Charlie did not want anyone to know about his strength and power!

He was really a very humble man.

He was nothing like Jack, who only wanted attention and publicity wherever he went.

Jack was nothing compared to Charlie!

At this time, everyone clasped their fists together as they bowed before Charlie and said, "Yes, we will obey your instructions, Mr. Wade."

Charlie nodded in satisfaction before he said, "In that case, everyone can be dismissed now!"