

Magic Doctor: CEO Lady's Humble Husband

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‘Ah, I am getting old. I heard that the Cloud Clan was holding a prayer ceremony, that’s why I hurried up here. But I guess! was a little too anxious. Who would’ve thought that I almost died here. If it weren’t for you, Fade, I would probably really meet my end here!’ Mr. Liu sighed. Fade Chen took out a pen and a piece of paper and wrote down a prescription before handing it over to Mr. Liu. He advised, ‘You are old and your body conditions are not comparable to that of the younger generation. Here, take this prescription and remember to orally take the medicine once a day to ensure you’re fit as a fiddle.’ Mr. Liu took the prescription and carefully put it away. He said, ‘Thank you, Fade. You treated me and gave me a prescription, I really don’t know how to thank you enough.’ Fade smiled and said, ‘Mr. Liu, you’re too polite. It really is just a small matter.’ The two were still chatting away politely. Those around them noticed that even though Fade looked young, he had the skills as a professional doctor. Suddenly, everyone was gathering around him and asking, ‘Dr. Chen, my legs are a little numb. Can you examine it for me?’ Once someone took the lead, the rest of the people began to speak up. ‘Dr. Chen, I always feel dizzy. Do you have any good prescriptions?’ ‘Dr. Chen, I’ve been married to my wife for five years, but we still can’t conceive a child. Can you help me?’ ‘Dr. Chen, I’ve been having irregular menstruation periods recently. Can you take a look for me?’ The small pavilion that was supposed to be a resting area suddenly became a consultation zone. Since Fade was not in a hurry, he sat down and started treating the people in the pavilion. He took his time with each of them by checking their pulses and prescribing them appropriate medicine. After the diagnosis, everyone smiled and expressed their utmost gratitude and

respect to him. The atmosphere in the pavilion warmed up and was filled to polite exchanges of thanks. All of a sudden, a loud cry shook their air, 'Finally! A place to rest! The road is so rocky that it's impossible for me to even drive my car! I'm so tired.' With that loud exclamation, the crowd saw three people walking towards the pavilion. At the very front was a young man who looked 27 or 28. He had yellow hair and a pair of sunglasses on, evidently looking very fashionable. Next to the man was a young woman wearing a wide brimmed hat and a pair of sunglasses. The sunglasses covered half of her face, and her face could not be seen clearly. However, looking at the outline of her slender legs from her jeans, one could tell that she was a beautiful woman. Behind them was a middle-aged man in his forties, who was muscular and had dagger-like eyes. He followed the young man closely just like a bodyguard. The three of them walked to the pavilion and looked like they wanted to rest there. However, the pavilion was already full of people and there was no extra empty seats. 'Damn, there's nowhere to sit.' The yellow-haired man frowned. His eyes swept over the crowd and finally fell on Fade who was dressed in ordinary clothes. He beckoned with one finger and demanded, 'Kid, get up!' After that, the yellow-haired man beckoned to the sunglasses lady with a flattering tone, 'Winnie, come on, sit here.' The woman's voice was cold as she said distantly, 'Jonathan Dai, I am not that close with you. Don't call me that.' The yellow-haired man smiled and did not take it seriously. When he turned his head and noticed that Fade didn't budge from his seat, he frowned and ordered once again, 'Boy, I asked you to get up. Didn't you hear me? Fade glanced at him coldly and replied, 'This is my seat. I don't have to give it to you.' The yellow-haired man sneered and took out a stack of banknotes. Taking out five of them, he threw them to Fade and proudly claimed, 'Judging by your clothes, you must be as poor as a beggar. I'll give you 500 yuan in exchange for the seat.' Fade took one look at the money and sneered, 'Is that all?' 'What did you say?' The

yellow-haired man's tone visibly soured as he taunted, 'You poor wretch, do you want to blackmail me?' Fade took out several thick banknotes from his backpack and threw them beside him. He sneered in defiance, 'Don't fake it if you don't have money.' The money in his backpack was given to him by Hubert Qian when he left Hanover City. Hubert was worried that it would be inconvenient for him if he didn't have cash, so he placed one million yuan in Fade's bag. The yellow-haired man obviously did not expect that Fade was able to take out so much money since he was dressed poorly. He was instantly wide-eyed and could only stare at the stack of money. The rest of the people in the pavilion couldn't help but snicker. The man suddenly felt a burst of anger as he glared at Fade and claimed, 'Boy, how dare you talk to me like this? Do you know who I am?' 'Beats me! However, I'm not interested in knowing the name of a poor person like you.' Fade Chen retorted sarcastically, causing the people around him to erupt in laughter. The yellow-haired man flushed with anger and shot back spitefully, 'Boy, let me tell you something. I'm a member of the Dai family from Long City's Dragonville. My father is Jasper Dai.' 'Jasper Dai!' Upon hearing this name, some people in the pavilion couldn't hold in their shock as their eyes widened and mouth gaped in surprise. 'Jasper Dai is one of the biggest shareholders in Long City's hospitality services, owning more than billions of yuan in assets. Could this guy be Jonathan Dai, the famous Master Dai of Long City?' 'Why would Master Dai be here, of all places he could choose to be? Could it be that he's also here to request for medicine?' Jonathan felt proud when he heard the crowd's discussion. He looked at Fade and shouted, 'Kid, now that you know how I am, hurry up and give me that seat.' However, Fade just glanced at him coldly and chuckled, 'Are you really so powerful? Well, I didn't hear anything about that. I just know that people are talking about how powerful your dad is. As for you... Hearing this, Jonathan's face darkened and he was about to lose his temper. Right at this moment, someone turned

to look at the lady behind Jonathan and couldn't help but ask, 'If Master Dai is here, then the pretty lady in the hat should be .' Another person squinted as he looked up and down at the woman, before exclaiming in shock, 'Wait a minute, I know who she is! This is Winnie Ho, a famous actress!' As soon as her identity was recognized, the beautiful woman couldn't help but tremble and instinctively wanted to leave. However, as a female celebrity with little stamina, she was already tired after walking so far on the mountain road. She tried taking a step forward but ended up losing the strength in her knees and fell on the ground. Her knees hit the ground first and was badly scratched by the small rocks on the ground as blood slowly flowed out of the wound. The lady scrunched her eyebrows as she gasped softly from the pain. Upon seeing this, Jonathan's attention shifted away from anger and instead he rushed over to Winnie's side to ask in concern, 'Winnie, are you alright? It looks like a serious wound, hurry and let's get it disinfected.' Instead of accepting his kindness, she shrank her body a little further away from him and said coldly, 'It's alright, I can handle it myself. No need for you to interfere, Master Dai.' .

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The rejection from Winnie Huo was a big slap to Jonathan Dai's self-esteem. When he turned his head and saw Fade's smiling face, he immediately simmered with anger. He turned and shouted at the bodyguard-like man behind him, 'Uncle Karson, throw this good-for-nothing out!' Upon orders, the sturdy middle-aged bodyguard

walked up to Fade grimly, cracking his fists as a sign of dominance. He stared at Fade Chen and threatened, 'Boy, do you want me to do it, or do you want to get out on your own?' Fade gave him a sidelong glance and said flatly, 'I want you to get out of my way.' 'Boy, what did you say?' The man warned ominously. 'Didn't you hear me? I asked you to get out of here!' Fade picked his ears and provoked, looking down at the man in scorn. Such an expression immediately angered the bodyguard. He snorted heavily and lashed out fiercely, hitting the stone pillar next to Fade. The sturdy stone pillar cracked with a loud boom as an imprint of a pain appeared on its surface, and the whole place trembled from the sheer magnitude of force. Jonathan boasted, 'Uncle Karson is my personal bodyguard with the skills of a late- Yellow Level martial artist. Fool you're dead meat if you provoked him. Haha!' Upon hearing this, everyone was shocked. After all, a late-Yellow Level martial artist was no ordinary person. Even to the rich, they were considered elitists in their field. Instantly, the crowd could not help but worry for Fade's safety. Some of the older women who had chatted with him just now were secretly trying to convince him to apologize and just give way since one could not simply offend an expert at this level. Fade knew that they meant well, but he still didn't get up. He said blandly, 'Don't worry, I'll be fine.' Seeing this, the bodyguard snorted and mocked, 'Boy, since you refuse to accept my goodwill and give up the seat, I'll not hold back. As soon as he finished speaking, the bodyguard gave a war cry and threw himself at Fade, a savage look plastered on his face. Fade narrowed his eyes and was about to fight back. At this moment, the white-haired Mr. Liu shouted, 'Stop!' At the same time, Mr. Liu's butler rushed in front of Fade and blocked the attack. No one expected this turn of events, and they all turned to look at the elder. Jonathan was also briefly stunned. As his eyes fell on Mr. Liu, his attitude took a change as he greeted, 'Mr. Liu, why are you here?' Mr. Liu snorted and said, 'I needed to see with my own eyes that you were

bullying others.' Jonathan gulped and he scratched his head as he explained, 'Mr. Liu, I'm not bullying others. I'm just..' He tried to look for an excuse when he noticed Winnie on the ground, and quickly covered it up. 'Winnie was hurt, so I wanted to find a place for her to rest.' She immediately cleared it up by saying, 'Jonathan Dai, don't drag me into your own business.' Jonathan couldn't help but feel awkward as he continued to think up excuses to explain his behaviour. Mr. Liu snorted at his poor excuse and blatant lies, then turned towards Winnie and said, 'Miss, you are injured. Fade is a doctor, you can let him take a look at your injury.' 'He is a doctor?' Winnie looked towards Fade in disbelief. The people around them, however, started to discuss among themselves heatedly. 'Young girl, you have to believe him. Dr. Chen's medical skills are exceptional!' 'Dr. Chen just saved Mr. Liu's life.' 'Dr. Chen's medical skills are very outstanding.' The crowd's claims left Winnie in hesitation. Finally, she limped over to Fade slowly and muttered softly, 'Doctor Chen, can you help me?' She wasn't in cahoots with Jonathan, and since she was asking politely, Fade naturally agreed to her request. He made way for her to sit down, and then reached for her long, slender legs, straightening them down on the ground. Right after that, he used his fingers to gently trace a line on Winnie's jeans. After applying some force, her jeans were ripped apart and turned into a makeshift denim skirt. It barely managed to cover her thighs, and revealed her slender and fair legs. Winnie's face reddened as she trembled slightly. Fade noticed her reaction and explained, 'If I don't get rid of the clothes, I won't be able to treat the wound properly.' Then, he twisted open a bottle of mineral water and said to her, 'I'll clean your wound first. It may hurt a little but please bear with it.' Winnie nodded and allowed him to place her hands on her thigh to hold her legs in place. The minute water got in contact with her wound, she twitched in pain. As though he had already expected it, Fade strengthened his hold and held her legs firmly in place. Winnie could almost feel the strong throbbing of his

heart on her legs through his clothes. After cleansing the wound, Fade took out his silver needle and sterilized it under heat. Then, he pricked them around the wound on her knee to stop the bleeding. In a while, Fade asked the onlookers to help him pick a few types of wild grass from the roadside. After smashing and mixing them together, he applied the paste onto the wound. Finally, he looked up and smiled as a gesture of comfort at Winnie and said, 'Wait for 15 minutes, and your knee will be like brand new.' Winnie was already convinced about Fade's skills after seeing his smooth precision and sharp decisions. She nodded with a sweet smile and thanked him, 'Thank you, Dr. Chen.' Fade just waved his hand and said, 'It's nothing. It's just a piece of cake.' 'It's not a big deal for you, but it's a big deal for me.' Winnie said with a smile. Suddenly, a thought popped up in her head and she asked hesitantly, 'Dr. Chen, will a scar be left?' After all, she was an actress who was required to keep up appearances. A scar on her legs would definitely affect her career outlook. Fade took a look at her legs and commented, 'The herbs that have been collected have limited functions and may result in leaving a small scar behind.' 'Ah..' Winnie was a little worried. Fade noticed immediately added on, 'You don't have to worry. I can make a new set of ointment to remove the scars without a trace once we head down the mountain to get sufficient herbs. 'Really?' Winnie's eyes glowed as she heard his words. 'When will you head down the mountain then?' 'Um, well.' Fade thought for a moment and said, 'Well, let's exchange contact numbers and I'll contact you after I head down. 'That's great! Thank you so much.' Winnie smiled and exchanged her contact numbers with Fade. The two of them went on chatting, as though they were long lost friends who had just met. There weren't any signs that showed that they had just met. When Jonathan saw this, he gritted his teeth in annoyance and looked at Fade in hatred..



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Jonathan Dai had spent a lot of effort trying to pursue after this woman for the longest time but had failed to make any progress. Yet, some random guy managed to get close to Winnie Huo, even managing to feel up her legs. Jonathan was furious. ‘Kid, move!’ He yelled and ordered his bodyguard, ‘Uncle Karson, throw him out.’ The bodyguard was already in a bad mood when he was stopped earlier. Certainly, he sneered and walked towards Fade menacingly. Seeing this, Winnie’s expression darkened and she immediately stood in front of Fade Chen, ‘Jonathan! What are you going to do?’ When Jonathan saw her protecting Fade, the anger in his heart burned even more furiously. He said threateningly, ‘Winnie, that guy took advantage of you. I can’t sit by and do nothing. Let me teach him a lesson.’ However, Winnie was angry and annoyed. She shouted back, ‘Jonathan, what are you talking about? Dr. Chen was just helping me with the treatment.’ ‘Helping you with the treatment?’ Jonathan scoffed, ‘A treatment that requires cutting off half of your jeans? He even touched your legs!’ Winnie was so speechless with Jonathan but resisted the urge to slap him. She said angrily, ‘Jonathan, as I said, Dr. Chen was just helping me treat my wound. It’s your thinking that’s problematic if you’re relating it to weird things like this.’ ‘My thinking is problematic?’ Jonathan roared. ‘Winnie, I’m trying to help you!’ Winnie retorted, ‘Stop trying to butt into this, it’s my own business. Even if I was taken advantage of, it’s still none of your business.’ Jonathan was fuming when he heard this, his face turning scarlet as though someone had set it on fire. After all, the person he admired allowed a brat to touch her, but refused to accept him. Such disgrace was unforgivable in his opinion.

With a shaky voice, he ordered his bodyguard, ‘Uncle Karson, teach that guy a lesson.’ The bodyguard complied as he flailed his meaty arms and walked towards Fade, a sinister smile plastered on his face. Winnie was anxious, but she couldn’t do anything about it. Beside him, the Mr. Liu’s expression was solemn as he looked at the situation. He shouted, Jonathan, do you really want to fight in front of me?’ Jonathan glanced over at Mr. Liu with a somewhat hesitant expression, but the anger he felt at the moment made it difficult for him to calm down. Finally, he made his decision and announced, ‘Mr. Liu, this matter has nothing to do with you. If you are really angry, I will come ask for your forgiveness after I return to Long City.’ After he finished his sentence, he glared at Fade with a burning anger in his eyes, his teeth tightly gritted as he made up his mind to take action. Mr. Liu was so furious that he was about to erupt with fury himself. He glanced at the butler beside him who was already preparing to stand up and defend Fade. At that moment, Fade looked over at them with a smile. He gently waved his hand and said, ‘Mr. Liu, thank you for your kindness, but I can solve this matter by myself.’ ‘Fade! But, he is at the late-Yellow Level...’ Mr. Liu said with a worried expression as they were taken aback by Fade’s bold remarks. Of course, Fade noticed that the opponent’s bodyguard, Uncle Karson, had the skills of a late-Yellow Level martial artist. Yet, Mr. Liu’s butler was at the mid-Yellow Level only. If they went up against each other, Mr. Liu’s butler wouldn’t stand a chance, so Fade decided to take over the fight himself. He dismissed their worries and repeated, ‘Don’t worry, Mr. Liu. I can handle it.’ While speaking, he had strolled in front of Winnie and blocked her from the conflict. Then, he looked at the bodyguard who was two meters away with a calm and confident expression. Upon seeing Fade’s confident demeanor, the bodyguard was stunned momentarily but quickly regained his composure and teased, ‘Boy, you really think you can kill me? You must be dreaming.’ ‘Come at me if you can!’ He let out a roar and charged at Fade,

waving his giant fists that made Fade's look like marbles. He was prepared to kill him with one shot His fists looked like giant hammers swinging down on their target, ominous yet unstoppable as they were waved around in the air madly. In such a situation, Winnie and Mr. Liu couldn't help looking worried, barely managing to stop themselves from rushing over. In contrast, Jonathan stood aside with a smile on his face. He crossed his arms in front of his chest and snickered gleefully. Just as the bodyguard's fist was about to land smack onto Fade's body, he retaliated by reaching out for the bodyguard's fist fearlessly Seeing this, Jonathan laughed loudly and taunted, 'Haha, is this kid stupid? He actually wanted to stop Uncle Karson's fist. Does he have a death wish?' Uncle Karson was also smiling victoriously upon seeing Fade's stupidity. He raised his fist higher and slammed it down with an even greater power. Such a strong blow would definitely render the puny Fade dead. After all, he looked so weak that he would be blown over by a mere gust of wind. Yet at the very last moment, Fade's slender hand reached out and managed to grab hold of the bodyguard's fist. The bodyguard was infuriated as he continued to exert his strength, shouting, 'Get out of my way!' 'Snap!' With a crisp sound, Fade's palm managed to grab hold of his fist The bodyguard was startled. Obviously, he didn't expect Fade to catch his fist. He quickly continued to fight back by putting greater strength into his fist and blows in an attempt to break Fade's hand. Yet, his expectations fell short as he found no matter how much strength he put in, Fade's palm would just not budge. 'What's going on? How is this guy able to withstand my blow?' The bodyguard was confused. The people around were also stunned, and they didn't understand what was going on. Jonathan could not help but frown as he yelled at him, 'Uncle Karson, don't show any mercy. Teach that kid a good lesson.' Uncle Karson clenched his teeth and tried his strength once more. His efforts proved to be futile as Fade's fist was still unfazed even if he put in all his strength. It was as though he was trying to push against a

concrete wall instead of a person. ‘How is this possible?’ The bodyguard was both confused and surprised. He could even feel a tingling pain in his arm from the excessive strength that he was putting in. At this crucial moment, Fade remarked lightly, ‘Are you done? If you are, it’s my turn now.’ ‘You... The bodyguard was shocked, but before he could finish his sentence, he felt an unstoppable force spreading from Fade’s arm to his whole body. Eventually, his whole body was lifted up by Fade with just one hand, who grabbed onto him like an eagle holding its prey. There was no use trying to struggle free as Fade spun him in the air multiple times, then threw him out of the pavilion right out the ceiling. His body fell heavily on the mountain path and he staggered backwards until he finally hit the wall. Witnessing this, the crowd fell silent as everyone was dumbfounded. It took only a few seconds for the crowd to erupt in discussion..

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Mr. Liu and Winnie Huo who were initially worried gave in to excitement after being momentarily shocked. They looked at Fade Chen with a proud smile on their faces. ‘Fade, I didn’t expect you to be so powerful. It seems that I had no need to stop him just now!’ Mr. Liu smirked. Winnie looked at him with admiration and praised, ‘Fade, didn’t expect that there was a strong fighter laying underneath those bones of yours!’ The crowd in the pavilion were also surprised at this moment. ‘Dr. Chen, I didn’t expect you to be a professional in both medicine and martial arts!’ ‘Dr. Chen, no, Master Chen, can you teach me a move or two?’ ‘Haha, someone just said

that they were going to teach Dr. Chen a lesson, take that!' The liveliness in the crowd was of stark contrast to Jonathan Dai, who had heard every single word they said. His proud smile was no longer anywhere to be seen, and instead he glared begrudgingly at Fade. Fade felt his gaze and turned around to face him, scoffing at him with a cold expression, 'Why are you still not convinced?' Jonathan trembled violently and immediately ran out of the pavilion as though someone was after his life. He saw his bodyguard struggling to get up from the ground, and a menacingly look crossed his eyes. Then, he motioned to the bodyguard and the both of them quickly continued their journey uphill. At the same time, his expression was contorted uglily as he mumbled, 'Brat, how dare you take away my woman and make a fool out of me! Just you wait. As long as we arrive at the Cloud Clan, I'll get them to help me after presenting them with my gift. By then, I will have them teach you a lesson!' Just the thought of that filled Jonathan with joy. As for the bodyguard Uncle Karson, he wiped the blood from the corners of the mouth and staggered unsteadily after Jonathan. The people in the pavilion gathered around Fade and started chatting away. It was also time to remove the herbal paste from Winnie's knee. After washing the wound once again with water, it was visible that the blood had stopped flowing from the wound, and the skin was starting to grow back. She stood up and tried treading on her injured leg, which to her surprise felt like normal. It was as though she had never injured her leg at all, which threw Winnie into a frenzied joy. She threw herself into Fade's arms without thinking and kept on thanking him repeatedly. The crowd burst into an uproar. Some people took photos, some wanted to get an autograph and some even wanted to post the photos on social media. Winnie was anxious about this but could only chuckle awkwardly. After joking around for a while, everyone has had a good rest, so they set off one after another and continued to walk up the mountain. Fade was not in a hurry. He slowed his pace down and chatted with everyone while walking

uphill. Mr. Liu and Winnie were obviously very interested in Fade. Mr. Liu asked about his hometown, his work, and other work related questions, even vaguely hinting about recruiting him. However, after his refusal, Mr. Liu did not say anything more. As for Winnie, she stuck herself around Fade and kept asking him if what he said was really effective in removing scars. Also, she wondered if he had any other herbs that could help with skin whitening or even weight loss. Overall, she was befitting of an actress as she was extremely concerned about her personal beauty and image. He could only attempt to pass off the questions with a smile. Eventually, he agreed to prepare something for her to help her deal with scars once he got back to Long City. He also agreed to prepare some herbs that could help with skin whitening and weight loss. Winnie was overjoyed upon hearing this. Along the way, she held Fade's arm intimately and promised that if he had could contact her if he met with problems in Long City. If he was in trouble, he could just give them her name and she would try her best to help him in whatever way she could. Just like this, the company along the way made the mountainous roads less difficult to climb. As the sun began to set, they finally arrived at the peak of the mountain. The sunset has dyed the mountains and trees around them with a pretty golden glow that slowly faded away as though it was bidding them farewell. Standing on top of the mountain, they felt as though they were on top of the world as they looked down and enjoyed the view from the peak. Such an impressive scenery made people feel more calm and relaxed. Along with the freshness of the air at the peak of the mountain, the scent of elixir from the Cloud Clan floated faintly in the air and made everyone feel even more refreshed and comforted. For a moment, everyone's eyes were shining as they looked at the majestic and exquisite gates to the Cloud Clan The Cloud Clan, which had been hidden from sight for more than 20 years had definitely had their place renovated. The mountain gate and the buildings stood majestically and were obviously new and fresh, giving off a golden touch under the

pretty sunset. In addition, fragrant sandalwood the size of an arm was burning silently in front of a bronze altar in front of the gates. Rising smoke rose from it along with the faint fragrance that wafted into one's nose. Taking a step into the clan's doors felt like stepping into heaven on earth. Everyone swarmed towards the main gates in an instant, hoping to enter the Cloud Clan as soon as possible to pay their respects. However, upon arriving at the gates, they noticed many people sitting cross-legged on the empty spots around the gate. They looked up, and saw several solemn-faced Cloud Clan disciples guarding the gates. Everyone was astonished as questions started to flow in. 'What's going on? Why can't we go in?' 'Excuse me, can we enter?' The disciple who guarded the door shook his head mechanically and reported strictly, 'No, no one is allowed to enter now. Please wait outside.' The crowd burst into an uproar as everyone started to fly into a uproar of discontent. 'Why don't you let us in?' 'What's wrong with the Cloud Clan? They weren't like this to the public in the past, they used to be really enthusiastic in inviting outsiders into their clan.' 'Yeah! It's already late, and if you don't let us in we'll have to stay in the mountain overnight. I didn't bring any camping equipment with me!' 'Is it because the Cloud Clan has been promoted to the Black level, so you're looking down on ordinary people like us?' 'No, the elders of the Cloud Clan have always been very kind. They won't treat us like this.' Some people did not believe it. They tried approaching the disciples and asking them about this, but was met with their cold and unkind replies, 'We apologize, but this is the order of the elders of the Clan.' Although everyone was dissatisfied, they had already come this far. No one would be willing to climb down the mountain as it was also getting dark. Hence, they could only sit idly by the door and wait. Fade and the others also sat down and started chatting. Some people were carrying food and water with them, so they ate and laughed away as if they were having a picnic. On the other hand, Jonathan and his bodyguard, Karson Mao,

who had arrived earlier, were utterly dumbfounded. They had assumed they would be able to successfully enter the Cloud Clan and stay in one of their guest rooms, hence solving their needs for food and water. Therefore, they did not think of bring anything to eat with them, and had already finished the only two bottles of water that they brought up the mountain. However, they did not expect that they would encounter such a problem here at the mountain peak. Not only were they were denied access, they were also hungry and thirsty As time went by, the sky began to darken. Since it was the winter season, the cold winds blew unforgivingly and brought along a frost with them. The people on top of the mountain shivering uncontrollably as the chill hit their bones..

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Jonathan Dai was thirsty and hungry, barely holding in his tears from the sheer cold the wind brought. He did not dare to break into the gates of Cloud Clan, and could only shout at his bodyguard, ‘Uncle Karson, quick, think of something! I want to go in now, or I’ll freeze to death out here.’ Karson Mao was also in a dilemma. Despite having a considerable amount of strength, he knew that he was no match for the Cloud Clan who was part of the Black Level Clan. It was impossible, but he still had to find a way to abide and fulfill Master Dai’s wishes. As he was racking his brains for a solution, his sight fell on a small hut a distance away from the gates. His eyes widened as a plan formed in his brain, and he exclaimed, ‘Master Dai, I have a plan.’ ‘What plan?’ Jonathan was eager to know. ‘Master Dai, you will understand when you see it.’ Karson smiled as he stood up and walked towards the small hut. The old hut was standing lonelily at an abandoned site around the gates, and looked worn down from the rain and

shine. Cobwebs decorated the corners of the house and traces of unidentified gunk could be seen on the walls and the roof of the hut. Karson marched forward confidently and swiped away the cobwebs that hung in front of the doorway. His gaze fell on a meter-high drum sitting in the middle of the hut, and he reached out to grab the drumsticks that were laying by the drum. The guarding Cloud Clan disciples were puzzled upon seeing him, but their concerns changed to worry when they suddenly thought of something. They quickly rushed over and stopped him, asking, 'Put down the drumsticks, what are you doing?' Karson ignored them and took the drumsticks, smiling as he said, 'I have heard rumors that the Cloud Clan has a special rule from long ago. Regardless whoever it is, one can beat this drum as long as they have a favour to ask from the Cloud Clan. After passing their trials, it is said that the clan will fulfill their request at all costs no matter what it is about.' 'Such a tradition has not been abolished, has it?' he looked at the young disciples. The disciples were momentarily taken aback before nodding their head in reply, 'It's not abolished.' These rules were set by the Cloud Clan a long time ago and had been maintained as traditions through their 20 years of excellence back in the past. The clan elders and disciples were also very kind and would help whoever was in need as best as they could. However, following Feather Gu's massacre and rebellion, their clan's reputation slowly died out from the public eye. Since then, the drum had not been beaten by anyone until today. If Karson had not brought it up, the young disciples themselves would've already forgotten that such a rule existed in the first place. 'Since there's nothing wrong, I can beat the drum now right?' Karson was just about to beat the drum. The disciples didn't look good and they hurriedly stopped him, 'It's fine if you beat the drum, but the trials have always been quite difficult to pass. Have you considered this thoroughly?' 'What kind of test is it?' Karson asked. It had been years since someone had beaten the drum, so the disciples were also clueless to what the tests were

about. One of them quickly turned back to report it to their elders. Karson was not in a hurry, so he turned to the public and started explaining some Cloud Clan rules that he was aware of. Instantly, everyone's interest was aroused. Many wanted to try for themselves or had their bodyguards standby to beat the drum later. Some had already had their requests in mind to ask to the Cloud Clan after beating the drum. For instance, some wanted to ask for some precious medicinal herbs, while some wanted to have the Cloud Clan take them in as disciples. While everyone was still deep in their thoughts, the disciple that left just now returned with a cold look in his eyes. He glanced around at the crowd and announced, 'The details of the trial will be to resist 100 attacks from 4 of the Cloud Clan's official disciples. If you are still standing after their attacks, we will acknowledge that you have passed.' As soon as he said this, four disciples dressed in green robes stood forward. They were evidently skilled and stood out from ordinary people. Immediately, many people hesitated. At this moment, one of the four disciples stood forward and declared, 'Let me inform you in advance, two of us here are at the late-Yellow Level, while the other two are at the mid Yellow Level. However, we are already close to reaching the late-Yellow Levels. If anyone here has confidence in taking the challenge, do step forward.' His words caused an uproar as many excited individuals turned pale and backed off from the trial. Despite many of them hiring bodyguards who had some martial arts skills, they were at most at the mid-Yellow Level stages. To put them up against two mid-Yellow Level and two late-Yellow Level martial artists would be suicide. They wouldn't stand a chance at all. Instantly, many retreated from the challenge with no other choice. Karson was also hesitating whether or not he should pull out from the trial. However, Jonathan had other plans upon seeing the intimate exchange of words between Fade Chen and Winnie Huo. He couldn't hold in his anger and instructed, 'Uncle Karson, you have to pass the test. Karson took note of the

instructions and nodded in compliance as he walked towards the four disciples. With the strength of a late-Yellow Level martial artist, he would probably be defeated quickly if he were to fight against these four disciples. However, the details of the trial were only to remain standing after 100 moves, so he was pretty confident he could do it. After all, he had been stuck at the late-Yellow Level for several years. Adding on to his practical experiences fighting in real battles, he was sure that he had the skills to survive for 100 moves. 'I'm willing to take the test. Come at me!' He challenged the four disciples fearlessly. This sent the crowd into a mixture of envy and excitement. Jonathan immediately felt prideful as he could feel the crowd's attention shifting towards him. He put his hands behind his back as though it was nothing to be worried about and said, 'Uncle Karson, I'll be waiting for your good news.' He then turned to Fade and looked romantically into Winnie's eyes as he said, 'Winnie, come with me after Uncle Karson passes the trial later! You're a celebrity, you can't stay here.' Winnie declined his invitation and said, 'It's alright, I would rather stay here.' After that, she turned away from him and stuck closer to Fade. This was an insult to Jonathan as his expression soured. He glared at Fade and scowled, 'Winnie, wasn't this guy trying to show off just now? Look at him now, he's not even trying to take the trial! He's just a coward and you shouldn't associate yourself with him.' 'Jonathan, Fade is my friend. I won't allow you to insult him like this,' Winnie refuted coldly. Jonathan sneered, 'Insult? I'm not in the wrong here. Uncle Karson is going to pass the trial soon, but how about him? Putting aside the question of whether he can pass the test or not, but he's not even taking a try at passing it! Tell me, if this is not the behaviour of a coward, what is?' Fade overheard his remarks and sighed while shaking his head in disapproval. The only reason why he didn't try was because he felt that there was something fishy about the Cloud Clan forbidding outsiders to enter. They probably had their own concerns. He didn't expect that not giving the trial

a try would actually make him look like a coward. ‘Don’t shake your head, you coward. You’re not qualified to be with Winnie, let alone stand beside her. Jonathan taunted. Fade retorted coolly, ‘I think you should stop commenting on me and instead worry about your bodyguard. I don’t think he’s going to last to the end of the trial.’ ‘What a joke! Uncle Karson’s strength is at the late-Yellow Level. Even if he doesn’t win, he can surely survive a hundred moves. You are just weak, don’t think that others are on the same level as you.’ Jonathan boasted proudly to Fade. All of a sudden, a loud cry of pain could be heard. The crowd turned towards the voice and saw Uncle Karson whom Jonathan was so confident in winning flying backwards into the air. He fell to the ground right beside Jonathan, a trail of blood trickling from his mouth and his face as pale as a ghost. Dead silence hung in the air. Jonathan, who was initially full of pride and content was now utterly dumbfounded. He could say nothing but gawk at the scene, his face contorted uglily as he was forced to take back his words from just now..



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Everyone burst into laughter, and Jonathan Dai felt even more embarrassed. At this moment, the four disciples of the Cloud Clan who had defeated Karson said coldly, ‘Is there anyone else who wants to beat the drum?’ Everyone’s expression was frozen. They hurriedly lowered their heads and did not dare to make eye contact with any of the disciples. After all, even a late-Yellow Level martial artist like Karson Mao couldn’t withstand 50 moves by the four of them. The rest of the crowd was too

intimidated to try out. Therefore, the whole crowd was deathly quiet for a while. 'If no one else is around, then we'll be leaving.' The four disciples immediately turned around and prepared to leave. Seeing as they were about to leave, Jonathan's eyes flashed with fury and deceit as he called out towards Fade Chen, 'What are you laughing at? Even if Uncle Karson has failed, at least he tried. As for you, you're a coward for not even trying. You don't have the right to laugh.' Fade was utterly speechless at how dumb Jonathan was. He turned away and ignored his words completely. However, Jonathan continued to mock him as he grew bolder and prouder, 'If you don't have the guts, just admit it. You don't have to hide! Admit that you're a coward and stop pretending that you're not one, it's disgraceful.' 'A person like you isn't qualified to stay with Winnie at all. Get out of here!' Winnie Huo couldn't bear to listen any longer. Her expression grew stern and she retorted sharply, 'Jonathan, are you finished? Fade clearly is trying to avoid arguing with you, yet you're trying to pick a fight? Everyone had seen the outcome of what happened when your bodyguard was fighting with Fade. Do you really think you're qualified to insult him?' Jonathan didn't expect Winnie to defend Fade like this, and his expression fell. He wanted to refute her words, but many people witnessed Karson losing to Fade just now. He had no way of talking his way out. Therefore, he could only attempt to make up an excuse on the spot, 'Uncle Karson only lost the fight just now because he had his guard down. His lost doesn't count.' 'Plus, you said that he's powerful right? In that case, he should go and take on the trial, but he isn't! An empty tin can makes the most noise, just face it. He's a pitiful coward.' Jonathan forced his insults on Fade. Winnie's face reddened in anger, and she was going to refute his words. At this moment, Fade stood up and grabbed hold of her hand, motioning her to stop by shaking his head. When Jonathan saw this, he sneered and said, 'Don't just shake your head. If you don't dare to try, just admit it. Don't pretend to hide behind a woman, you puny coward!'

Fade's eyes flashed with fury and it was clear that he was now very pissed off. He glared long at Jonathan and finally spoke in an ominous tone, 'I really didn't want to waste my time with a piece of trash like you, but you've been testing my patience all this time.' 'Me? Trash? Do you even know..' Jonathan shouted back in defiance. Fade slapped him smack across the face and scoffed at him, 'Shut up!' 'You hit me..' Jonathan clasped his now swollen cheek and complained loudly. Fade replied with another slap that evened out the other side of his face, leaving both his cheeks swollen. Then, he repeated himself again coldly, 'I told you to shut up. Do you hear me?' Fade's deadly gaze and the burning pain on his face finally reminded Jonathan of innate fear. He shut his mouth tightly and did not dare to speak anymore. The four disciples noticed the brawl and frowned before shouting at them, 'if you guys are here for medicinal treatment, we'll let you in automatically when the time is here. Don't try anything funny now, or else.' Fade waved at them and interrupted them to say, 'No need to continue threatening.' 'What do you mean?' The faces of the four disciples darkened and they looked a little unhappy. After all, they were the official disciples of Cloud Clan. Everyone else who came for medicinal treatment were polite and respectful towards them, except for this guy. Fade strode straight into the hut, grabbed the drumsticks and pounded the drum twice. Then he walked up to the four disciples and said, 'I'll take on the trial. Can we start now?' Everyone including the four disciples were dumbfounded by Fade and looked at him in disbelief. 'Are you sure?' The four disciples looked at him uneasily. This guy was making them look bad. The crowd immediately started chattering with excitement. Some people who had seen Fade defeat Karson just now cheered for him with utter belief and confidence. Other people who had not seen it, naturally did not believe in him. Some shook their heads and some sighed. They all looked at Fade as if he was a fool looking for his early demise. As for Jonathan, there was a look of resentment on his

swollen face. He muttered to himself, 'You'd better be given a lesson by the Cloud Clan disciples. See if you'll be able to fake it then!' At this moment, Fade nodded to the four disciples and said, 'I'm sure. Let's start now!' 'Okay then, start!' The four disciples shouted, then quickly separated and surrounded him from all four directions, Then, they launched their attacks together at him. It went without saying that the four of them had close to perfect cooperation, leaving no room or time between attacks. If any ordinary martial artist was up against them, they would probably be overwhelmed by the attacks and quickly lose their ability to keep up. Needless to say, they were formidable opponents indeed. However, Fade was different. In the face of consecutive attacks, he had no intention to stay on the defense. Instead, he decided to go on the offense and started off by directing a blow towards one of the disciples. 'Too late!' The disciple sneered and launched a punch at Fade's waist However, he remained calm and countered the attack with his palm. At the same time, he said lightly, 'First move!' Hearing this, everyone couldn't help wondering what he meant Jonathan snickered as he commented, 'What does he even mean? He doesn't even know if he can take all those blows but he's counting the moves? Ignorant.' Just as he was about to taunt further, the sound of something snapping could be heard. Fade's palm had landed straight on the disciple's chest and the disciple was thrown backwards. He fell on the ground groaning and couldn't get back up. Quickly after, Fade used the momentum from his palm to turn around and face another disciple. He launched another punch while announcing, 'Second move!' With another sound, the disciple was sent hurtling backwards, and fell to the ground with a wail. He did the same for the other two disciples and sent them flying backwards. Both of them fell to the ground and struggled to get up without avail. At the same time, Fade announced calmly, 'Third move, fourth move. Done!' Everyone was stunned and looked at Fade in shock. They couldn't believe that he had

defeated four Cloud Clan disciples so easily Now, everyone finally realized what Fade was counting. He wasn't counting the number of moves he had to resist that were left, but instead referred to the moves that the opponents could take. Four people, and only four moves was used! They were all defeated with a single move. Such amazing strength left everyone in awe. Even the Cloud Clan disciples looked at Fade with disbelief and a tinge of admiration.

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Fade Chen looked at the inner disciples and asked politely, 'Now, can I make my request?' The four disciples knew that he had shown mercy on them as their injuries were all external ones. Now that they managed to get up, they knew that they weren't hurt very badly. After exchanging blows with Fade, they were all aware of the large gap in skills that they had with him. If he was serious, they would probably be left with more than just internal injuries Therefore, they were extremely respectful towards Fade. They bowed politely and replied, 'Of course, Mr. Chen, what is your request? Seeing this, the people who were waiting for medicinal treatment were envious and hopeful. They had their gazes fixed on Fade. Some people even shouted out in anticipation, 'Mr. Chen, I'm willing to pay one million yuan. Can you help me fulfill my wish? I hope that the Cloud Clan can...' Before he could finish speaking, a rich man butted in and said. 'Only one million yuan? You can't do anything with that amount! Mr. Chen, I'll pay you five million, help me instead!' 'Mr. Chen, my wish is to get medicine for my sick mother, please help me. I'll pay six million

yuan. ‘I’ll pay ten million yuan. I just want to join the Cloud Clan.’ The place was immediately turned into an auction house. As many who came to the Cloud Clan were billionaires trying to obtain rare medicines, they started to offer Fade heaps of money just to buy the right to his wish. The Cloud Clan disciples disapproved of what was going on. However, there was no rule that forbade them from doing so, so they could only quietly watch from the sidelines. In the meantime, the auction for Fade’s wish was getting more intense, with the bidding price reaching a staggering amount of 40 million yuan. At this price, it was already very difficult for any normal rich person. The people who were left fighting over the wish were the richest of the rich. Among them was a fat and wealthy man who had been bidding from the beginning. At this moment, he clenched his teeth and made his bid, ‘50 million, I’ll pay 50 million yuan.’ Hearing his decision, a middle-aged man in glasses who was trying to outbid him shook his head and gave up. The fat man’s face lit up with joy as he thought he had won over the rights to Fade’s wish. He looked at Fade and said, ‘Mr. Chen, I... Yet, he was suddenly interrupted by a female who said, ‘Sixty million, I’ll bid sixty million.’ Everyone was stunned and looked in the direction of the voice. A young, short-haired woman walked towards them slowly with a smile, and behind her was an elder dressed in a traditional Chinese robe. Evidently, they were here to request for medicinal treatment too. The fat rich man could already see his wish getting granted, so he was infuriated upon being interrupted by the woman. He turned towards her and offered again, ‘Sixty five million yuan, I’ll pay sixty five million yuan. Little girl, do you really want to bid with me? I’m the boss of Long City’s Eternity Real Estate Company.’ Eternity Real Estate was a well-known real estate firm in Long City with assets amounting to tens of billions. After he revealed his identity, the people who were listening knew that even if they had continued bidding, they would never be a match for him. Yet, the short-woman looked scornful as

she claimed, 'I've never heard of Eternity Real Estate before.' 'You..' The fat boss was angry, his face turning scarlet from the humiliation 'I offer one hundred million yuan!' The short-haired woman continued to bid and continued to mock the fat man. 'I bid one hundred million yuan, do you still want to continue to bid?' He gritted his teeth in annoyance and glared at her. A while later, he shook with rage and spat out difficultly, 'I'll pay a hundred million and..' Before he could finish, the short-haired woman brushed back her hair coolly and smiled as she introduced, 'By the way fattie, I forgot to introduce myself. I'm Sasha Li from Peony River.' 'Sasha Li, Peony River.' The fat man repeated her words as they sounded quite familiar. Out of the blue, the man recalled something and his eyes widened in shock. He turned to the woman and trembled in disbelief as he said, 'Your surname is Li and you're from Peony River.... Are you from Peony River's Li family, ranked the richest family out of all Chinese billionaires?' The short-haired woman chuckled and agreed, 'It seems that you're not as dumb as I thought you'd be.' As she didn't refute the man's words, her identity was now clear to the public. Instantly, everyone looked at her with a mixture of shock and shear envy. The Li family of Peony River started their legacy from the head of the family at that time, Fenrir Li. He created a huge business empire for the family from scratch, and since then dominated the rankings for the richest Chinese in the area for more than 20 years. Their businesses have franchises all over the world, and were considered one of the richest people on earth. Trying to compare wealth and assets with them were like trying to compare the sizes between an elephant and an ant. For a moment, everyone gawked at Sasha with a tinge of respect and fear in their eyes, some even stepping backwards automatically. Even Jonathan who was extremely arrogant just now had fallen silent. He kept his head down and took a few steps back, not daring to make eye contact with her. Sasha seemed to enjoy being the center of attention. With a faint smile hung loosely on her face, she walked proudly

in front of Fade and commanded, 'My wish is to request Donovan Zhuo of the Cloud Clan to come with me to the Li family of Peony River. Now, go make the request!' After that, she took out a cheque and handed it over to Fade condescendingly. Fade looked closely at this woman named Sasha. She was quite pretty and had luxurious clothes and accessories on her. They managed to complement her beauty very well, making her look like a goddess from heaven. However, she had a haughty and supercilious look in her eyes as if everything was under her control. This disgusted Fade. People were allowed to be prideful but not arrogant, especially when they were trying to ask someone for a favour. Therefore, Fade did not accept Sasha's cheque and instead said, 'I don't think I have mentioned that I was going to sell my wish. I'm sorry but I can't accept this.' Sasha glared at him and frowned, 'It seems you want more money. Just name your price.' Fade repeated himself once again, 'Miss Li, it seems you don't understand what I'm trying to say. I've already said it once and I'll say it again, my wish is not for sale!' 'Not for sale?' Sasha scoffed with disdain, 'From my point of view, there are only things that are affordable and not affordable. I have always been able to get my hands on whatever I want. Now, tell me how much you want.' 'Oh really?' Fade remarked, 'Since Miss Li insists, wouldn't it be better if you just directly bought your wish from the Cloud Clan instead of me here?' 'You..' Sasha was taken aback as her request was turned down and was fuming with anger. She did try to bribe Donovan Zhuo of the Cloud Clan, but her efforts proved fruitless. Hence, she came here in person in order to think of a way to get him to come with her back to the Li family in order to help cure her grandfather. She thought she was lucky when Fade managed to pass the trial and obtain a chance to make a request..



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Sasha Li didn't want to miss this golden opportunity, so she decided to bid for the chance. After all, money was never an issue for her. She asked again, 'Two hundred million yuan, is that enough for you? It'll be enough for you to spend for a lifetime, maybe even for your next few generations! Since I've already shown you my sincerity, I hope you can give me what I need.' 'Miss, are you kidding me? I've told you that I don't want to talk about this.' Fade Chen was speechless. He did not want to talk to someone who values money above anything else anymore and instead walked towards the Cloud Clan disciples and said, 'Hello, I would like to make my request!' 'Well, theoretically, you can make any request. However, it must be within the Cloud Clan's ability, and it must not be offensive either. The disciple explained before hearing Fade out. Fade nodded under the intense gaze of the spectators, Although they couldn't buy Fade's wish off him, they were interested in what kind of request he was going to make. After all, the opportunity to make a request like this was rare. 20 years ago, the last person who managed to pass the trial had requested for a herb that cost more than 5 million yuan. 5 million yuan from 20 years ago could easily be worth at least tens of millions now. Besides, many people even believed that the request that the person had made 20 years ago was too fickle. Take the billionaires who were here as an example, they probably had even stranger requests to make. Some wanted to become Cloud Clan apprentices, some wanted the secret to their martial arts, and others wanted precious elixirs that could save lives... These were all extremely precious things, worth at least tens of millions of yuan. Under everyone's guesses, Fade thought for a moment before pointing to Winnie Huo, Mr. Liu, and a few old people he knew and said, 'It's getting late.

Some of us here are old and may not be able to last the night. Can you let us into your clan and give us a place to stay for the night?’ ‘Ah!’ When the disciple heard this, he couldn’t help but be stunned. He looked at Fade in disbelief and confirmed once more, ‘You mean your request is for these people and yourself to come in to rest?’ Fade nodded and said, ‘Yes, that’s my request!’ Everyone was dumbfounded upon hearing Fade’s request. They looked at him in complication, not knowing if they were supposed to think of him as dumb or kind. No one expected Fade to make such a simple request of letting everyone rest for a night in the clan. This was a wish that people would spend millions to get, yet was spent on such a fickle issue. In particular, Sasha was furious. She would’ve never expected Fade to turn down her offer of 200 million yuan for a mere request like this. She couldn’t hold back and reprimanded him for wasting such an opportunity on this, ‘Boy, are you out of your mind? This is a chance for you to make a wish to the Cloud Clan. How can you make such a stupid request?’ Fade turned to look at her puzzledly before replying, ‘I know! But does my request have anything to do with you?’ ‘You..’ Sasha was pissed off and was about to make a remark about something again. However, she was reminded that she had no authority to tell Fade off since he was the one who passed the trial. He had all the rights of making the request, regardless of how dumb it would be. The Cloud Clan disciple was momentarily astonished before informing Fade, ‘I’ll have to report your request to the elders, please hold on. Fade nodded and sat back down. Winnie Huo, Mr. Liu and a few others took this moment to scooch over to him and gawked at him in bewilderment. ‘Fade, that’s hundreds of millions of cash gone. Don’t you envy them at all?’ ‘Fade, even if you didn’t want the money, you should’ve also tried to maintain a good relationship with that Sasha Li. She’s from the Li family, the richest family that you can find! If you are able to get on her good side, then...’ ‘Yeah, not only did you not befriend her, you made her angry. This will be a problem for you later on!’

‘Fade, it really is a big pity that you lost this chance!’ Everyone felt remorseful over it, but Fade himself was calm and unfazed. He commented, ‘It was already a miracle that I was able to make this request, so we shouldn’t focus on it too much. Besides, I already have enough money to spend. I won’t need that much anyways.’ Mr. Liu sighed and said, ‘Fade, you’re definitely calmer than the rest of us who have lived years ahead of you.’ At that moment, the disciples returned with permission from the elders to allow Fade and the rest of the crowd to enter and rest in the clan. Therefore, he brought Winnie, Mr. Liu and the others into the clan. Outside the gates, a group of people could only stare as they entered. They couldn’t make out what they were feeling, possibly a mixture of envy, regret, pity and confusion. They sighed heavily and could only proceed with finding ways to survive in the cold wind of the night. Sasha didn’t bring anything to stay for the night. She glanced around and finally bought a brand new tent from a young man with the stack of money she had. Currently, Fade and the others were brought to the Cloud Clan’s guest rooms. It was a little shabby but clean and homey. The bedroom had been prepared especially for them in advance, and everything was prim and proper in place. Upon seeing this, Fade couldn’t help but feel something was wrong. Based on the situation, it looked like the Cloud Clan had made preparations to welcome the guests in. Yet, now they had refused anyone seeking medicinal treatment from entering. It was as if something bad had happened. Everyone chose their rooms to stay. After the disciples informed everyone of the rules to abide to in the clan, they were prepared to leave. Suddenly, Fade stopped one of the disciples and said, ‘Please wait!’ ‘Mr. Chen, do you have any other requirements?’ Ever since he was defeated in one move, the disciple was much more reverent towards Fade. Fade said, ‘Please take me to your elder. I have something to talk to him about.’ ‘Our elder, this.’ The disciple looked like he was in a tight spot. After a moment of hesitation, he agreed and said, ‘Alright, Mr. Chen.’

Please follow me.' Fade followed the disciple all the way through the guest rooms, going around the main hall and arriving at the resting areas for the disciples of the clan. The boy had Fade wait outside shortly while he went in to make a report. A few minutes later, he returned with permission for Fade to speak to one of the elders there called Weston Chai, but only for a short while. Fade nodded and went into the room. Inside the room was a burly and tough-looking man in his fifties. Upon seeing Fade, he looked up and closely examined him from top to bottom suspiciously. Fade smiled as though he pretended not to know and greeted politely, 'Greetings, Elder Chai.' 'Hello Mr. Chen. What business do you have with me?' Elder Chai asked..



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Fade Chen took out a booklet and handed it to Elder Chai, saying, 'I'm here to return this.' 'This..' The elder took over the booklet and examined it closer. Instantly, his eyes widened and he exclaimed, 'The Cloud-Reaching Skill, this is something that the clan has been looking for for ages.' 'Mr. Chen, are you the one who killed the traitor, Feather Gu, in Hanover City?' Elder Chai looked at Fade expectantly. Fade nodded and said, 'Yes, that's me. I happened to come here on my way, so I thought about returning this booklet back to the Cloud Clan.' 'Thank you so much, Mr. Chen.' Elder Chai saluted deeply towards Fade. Fade Chen was about to leave but was stopped by Elder Chai, who wanted to get all the elders together to thank him in person. Fade agreed and 15 minutes later, 8 elders had gathered in the clan's side hall. As the Guardian of the clan, Donavan

Zhuo was not there, Elder Chai was the one who had the most authority there. He took out the booklet and started explaining the whole incident to the other elders. After hearing the story, all the elders were in ecstasy and quickly took a look at the Cloud Reaching Skill booklet. After confirming that it was the real deal, the elders immediately thanked Fade politely. Fade responded by waving his hand as a gesture of goodwill. But at this time, a somewhat unfriendly voice could be heard amongst the crowd, saying 'Mr. Chen, may I ask you a question?' Everyone including Fade turned towards the voice. An elder in his fifties that had eyes as sharp as daggers was glaring at him sternly. Fade lowered his gaze and replied, 'Yes, please do. The elder glanced around and asked, 'I would like to know, how did you find Feather, how did you kill him, and how did you find the Cloud Reaching Skill?' As soon as these questions were asked, Fade's expression hardened. Everyone's expression froze in awkwardness and Elder Chai quickly came over. He snapped, 'Elder Hu, Mr. Chen has done a great favor for us. What do you mean by this?' Elder Hu shook his head and looked at Fade, saying, 'If everything is true, Mr. Chen is naturally the benefactor of our Clan. But I'm worried that something is wrong.' 'Wrong? What do you mean?' Fade asked coldly. Elder Hu's eyes narrowed as his gaze was fixated on Fade and asked sternly, 'According to the rumors, Feather has now reached mid- Black Level and has overwhelming strength. I want to ask you, Mr. Chen, you're in your mid twenties, so how did you manage to kill Feather since he's at mid-Black Level?' When everyone heard this, they couldn't help but stare at Fade. Although they didn't doubt what he said, but they were still curious to how he was so powerful. Upon hearing this, Fade simply said, 'How, you ask? I merely defeated him, then I killed him. That's all there is.' 'Defeat him?' Elder Hu let out a muffled snort. 'That's easy for Mr. Chen to say. Then, may I ask you, Mr. Chen, how did you defeat an expert at the mid- Black Level? You should know that with Feathers current strength, even a few

elders like us would be at a disadvantage if we were to fight against him.’ Fade sneered and said, ‘I defeated him with strength alone. How else would I have defeated him?’ ‘Nonsense!’ Elder Hu sneered. ‘Mr. Chen, you’re exaggerating. To defeat a professional at the mid-Black Level, you would have to be at the peak of the Black Level. Or do you mean that you’ve already attained that level?’ As soon as he finished asking, Elder Hu shook his head with a look of disbelief. The elders around him did not think it was possible. Elder Chai tried to calm everyone down, ‘Perhaps, Feather isn’t as powerful as the rumors say? Or perhaps he didn’t expect Mr. Chen’s strength?’ Elder Hu shook his head and said, ‘Elder Chai, you’re trying to say that it was a sneak attack, aren’t you? Even if it was one, it still would be no easy feat to defeat a mid-Black Level martial artist. One would need to be at the early-Black Level stages to do so. Mr. Chen, have you attained this level maybe?’ With that, he turned back at Fade with a glint of doubt in his eyes. Fade’s eyes narrowed with the accusation, secretly fuming inside. However, he chose not to directly confront them or explain. Instead, he turned around and fixed his gaze upon a big bronze pillar situated in the middle of the hall. He walked to it and stared at it deep in thought. ‘What are you going to do?’ Elder Hu asked in confusion. ‘Are you trying to avoid my question?’ All of a sudden, Fade gave a loud war cry and jabbed his right index finger out. Immediately, a fiery-red aura wrapped around his finger and shot out like an arrow headed for its target. The crowd saw this and could not help but be shocked. ‘What, what is he going to do?’ ‘Mr. Chen, stop it!’ Amidst the surprise, Fade thrust forward his finger towards the pillar. A loud crack sound could be heard and he quickly withdrew his hand and placed them behind his back, as though nothing had happened. The elders all looked at the pillar wide-eyed. What they saw shocked them all, as a finger-sized hole had appeared on the sturdy pillar. The hole had been cleanly drilled through the pillar as though it was there all along. All the elders gasped and looked

at Fade in disbelief. 'Did he just stab a hole through the pillar with one finger? What, what kind of strength is this?' 'I'm at the early stages of the Black Level, and I can am only able to smash the pillar with my palm due to its thickness, To be able to drill a hole with one finger is too advanced for me.' 'So, has Mr. Chen really reached late Black Level? Or has he reached the legendary Earth Level?' 'Then what Mr. Chen said just now was completely true. He must've crushed Feather completely!' All the elders were very excited. Fade turned and looked at Elder Hu who was full of doubt. He asked coldly, 'Elder Hu, do you still have any doubts?' Elder Hu's expression was uncertain and his face paled. He didn't expect Fade to be so powerful. With such strength, it was more than easy for him to defeat Feather. After a moment of silence, Elder Hu looked up at Fade and said, 'Even if Mr. Chen is powerful enough to kill Feather, still have one more question.' 'What is it this time?' Fade sighed impatiently. Elder Chai and the others desperately tried to send signs to Elder Hu to stop provoking Fade. If he had made an enemy out of Fade, it would be a big blow to the Cloud Clan who had just regained its place in the Black Level clans. Elder Hu pretended not to notice and continued asking Fade sharply, 'Since Mr. Chen found the booklet containing the Cloud Reaching skill from Feather, you must have read it.' After a slight pause, he continued, 'The Cloud Reaching skill is one of the most renowned skills from the Cloud Clan Even if some Earth Level clans tried to request them from us, we have never agreed to their requests. Since Mr. Chen has looked through the booklet, may I know how much you remember?'



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As soon as he said this, Weston Chai's eyes widened and he quickly shouted at Elder Hu, 'Elder Hu, stop talking nonsense. Apologize to Mr. Chen quickly!' The other elders also pitched in and tried to persuade Elder Hu to stop and apologize. What Elder Hu was trying to say was that Fade Chen was secretly duplicating the Cloud Reaching Skill of the clan. In other words, he was trying to accuse Fade of stealing from the clan. Such an accusation was a sign of suspicion and distrust, and was also a sign of Elder Hu's malice towards Fade. This could easily trigger Fade's anger and spur him to attack the Cloud Clan, explaining why Elder Chai and the others were desperate to stop him. However, Elder Hu was determined. He looked at Fade and continued, 'I would like to ask Mr. Chen to answer my question.' Fade raised an eyebrow and glowered, 'If I said I didn't write it down, would you believe me?' 'Humph!' Elder Hu snorted and said, 'I don't believe you are not interested in a martial arts technique of such a high level.' Hearing this, Fade sneered and said, 'Since you're already so sure that I've copied the Cloud Reaching Skill, what's the use of asking me?' 'I just want you to admit it yourself!' Elder Hu said. Fade sneered and said, 'Admit it myself? Ridiculous. I'll say it again, I didn't copy the Cloud Reaching Skill. I wouldn't even try to remember it even if I did because it's of no use to me.' 'Lies!' Elder Hu berated furiously. Elder Chai and the others didn't believe Fade either and thought that he was just joking. Fade snorted and mocked, 'Lies? You overestimate yourself. Not just the Cloud Reaching Skill, the entire Cloud Clan is nothing to me.' As soon as he said this, Elder Hu's expression gravened as he reprimanded, 'Nonsense, boy. Apologize immediately, or face the Cloud Clan's wrath.' Elder Chai and the others were also equally shocked. Despite feeling that Fade had gone slightly over the line, they knew that they were in the wrong since the one who started it was one of them. They quickly attempted to make up for it. However, Fade sneered as he threw out a jade amulet

towards Elder Hu, 'Do you really think that someone like me would need to steal from you?' 'Don't try to fool me with this. You..' Elder Hu glanced at the amulet and said, but was immediately cut off the moment he saw the characters written on it. Seeing this, Elder Chai and the others immediately came over to take a look and froze in place. They looked at the amulet incredulously, and then at Fade. No one dared to move a muscle or utter a word. A full 10 seconds later, Elder Chai came back to his senses and handed the amulet to Fade with trembling hands, saying 'Mr. Chen, your amulet!' Fade grabbed hold of the amulet and asked Elder Hu, 'Do you have any other questions now?' Without waiting for Elder Hu to respond, Elder Chai and the others hurriedly waved their hands and said, 'No, none at all.' No joke! They clearly knew what the three words 'Tianwu Clan' on the jade badge represented in martial arts world. In the current martial arts world, the four levels of martial arts could be separated into four levels, Heaven Earth, Black and Yellow level. Currently, their clan Cloud Clan had just regained their place within the Black Level clans, but they were still at the very bottom of the ladder. Above the Black Level, there were still the Earth and Heaven levels. Earth Level clans could easily dominate an area due to their overwhelming skills and strength. Heaven Level clans would be considered a miracle and spectacle due to their scarcity. One of the famous Heaven level clan was the Tianwu Clan on Tianwu Mountain Yet now, Fade had taken out the jade amulet belonging to the Tianwu Clan apart from demonstrating his strength. Elder Chai and others immediately knew that he was a disciple of the Tianwu Clan. He had concealed his identity and went down the mountain, killing Feather Gu along the way and returning the booklet to the Cloud Clan. Unfortunately, he was suspected by Elder Hu and was forced to reveal his identity. Elder Chai and the rest glared angrily at Elder Hu, their eyes full of rage. Because of his inexplicable suspicion, Fade now had a bad impression towards the Cloud Clan, maybe even resenting them for this. If a disciple

of the Heaven Level clans held a grudge towards them, no one would be able to handle their revenge. After all, for Heaven Level clans, it was easy to destroy the Cloud Clan. It was only now that they realized why Fade had no intention of stealing the Cloud Reaching Skill from them, and why he had disregarded it as useless. He was telling the truth. However, what they didn't know was that although Fade came from Tianwu Mountain, he was not a disciple of the Tianwu Clan. The amulet from the Tianwu Clan was given to him by an old man there when he descended the mountain. Elder Chai and the others fiercely glared at Elder Hu and shouted, 'Elder Hu, apologize to Mr. Chen!' Elder Hu was discontented and looked annoyed. His face was that of sheer surprise as though he still couldn't believe what had happened. Although he was irritated, the thought of Fade belonging to the Tianwu Clan was just too intimidating. He shuddered and couldn't think of anything else as he knelt in front of Fade and prostrated himself in apologies. Fade looked at Elder Hu and didn't say anything even though his head was already bleeding profusely. Only then did he say, 'Since you asked me so many questions just now, let me ask you something.' 'My pleasure, Mr. Chen.' Elder Hu's attitude was extremely respectful at the moment. Fade asked faintly, 'Why would you suspect me?' As soon as he heard the question, Elder Hu's face turned pale. Elder Chai and the others also noticed and frowned. They had noticed how Elder Hu had treated Fade. Despite being gloomy and uninteresting at times, he wouldn't try to shift the blame onto Fade without any good reason. Yet, he had continued to accuse him even after Fade had displayed his true strength, and even tried to accuse him after that. It was clear that this was too much. Elder Hu's mouth quivered. He wanted to say something, but then he shut up. Fade glanced at him coldly and shouted, 'What's wrong? Do you really want me to make you answer by force?' Elder Hu trembled and shook his head. The thought of being forced to admit his wrongdoings by a skilled martial artist like Fade was terrifying. He couldn't stand it and started sobbing

while kowtowing on the ground, crying, 'I was wrong, I'm sorry!' 'Because, because I actually know Feather!' Elder Hu finally admitted..



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Hearing this, some of the elders felt something was amiss. 'What do you mean by you and Feather knowing each other? We all know him too! After all, he used to be our Senior Brother!' They exclaimed. However, a thought suddenly came to Elder Chai, and his face changed greatly. He stared at Elder Hu sternly and shouted, 'You mean that you've been in touch with Feather all the time? You are the hidden traitor that he arranged in our clan?' Elder Hu's expression changed. Finally, he nodded and cried, 'Back then, Feather asked me to steal the booklet and pills from Master's room with him. I didn't dare go. I didn't expect that he would kill Master and Senior Brother that day.' 'At that time, Feather, who was preparing to run away, gave me some herbal medicine and asked me to help him escape by being his eyes and ears here. I didn't agree at first, but he threatened me. I was so scared that I had no choice but to agree. 'So, when we were chasing after Feather, I occasionally revealed some information to him.' Hearing this, all elders looked ferocious and glared angrily at Elder Hu. 'Now we know why we didn't catch Feather in the end. It turns out that you, the hidden traitor, had been sending him messages!' They exclaimed. 'He colluded with a traitor, he's a traitor too. Arrest him right now.' Fade looked at Elder Hu and said faintly, 'You are in touch with Feather, so when you heard that he has been killed, you were worried that he had told me about you.' 'So, you deliberately made things difficult for me. You

wanted to make other elders distrust me so that I can avoid revealing that you are the traitor. Am I right?’ Fade looked at Elder Hu and said in a low voice. Elder Hu was silent for a while. He then nodded and said, ‘Yes.’ As the head of punishment for the clan, Elder Chai’s face turned cold when he heard these words. He shouted, ‘Arrest him and lock him up in the dungeon. The Guardian will deal with him after he is done with his self-isolation.’ Two elders then walked over and started to grab Elder Hu. Suddenly, there was a violent explosion, and the whole side hall seemed to be shaken. Everyone was shocked and quickly rushed out, looking at the place where the explosion occurred. There were caves built on the mountain side behind the Cloud Clan building. From one of the caves on the mountain, flame and smoke was billowing. Upon seeing this, the expressions on the elders’ faces immediately changed. They cried out in alarm, ‘Oh no, Guardian, he.’ ‘What’s going on?’ Fade asked. As he walked, Elder Chai explained to Fade, ‘Half a month ago, Guardian Zhuo was preparing to produce the Inner Strength Pill to reward the disciples who had outstanding performances, as well as to those who requested for this medicine.’ ‘We didn’t expect that when the Guardian was refining the medicine, a very precious herb suddenly disappeared. Instead, it was replaced by another kind of herb. After the herbs were put into the furnace, a violent reaction happened, which almost caused the whole furnace to explode.’ ‘The Guardian was shocked and used all kinds of means to control the furnace. But he couldn’t bear to waste the pills, so he manipulated the furnace with his powers, and then ordered us to locate the lost herb immediately.’ After listening to Elder Chai’s explanation, Fade came to a realization. ‘And because you have to look for the herb, you have stopped allowing in those people who are requesting for medical help.’ Elder Chai sighed and said, ‘That’s true. We can’t do anything about it. It will be more difficult to find the herb if there were more people coming in and asking for medication.’ At this moment, Fade suddenly

noticed that Elder Hu, who was being pressed to the ground, had a cold smile flashing across his face. Immediately, Fade's eyes darkened. He stepped forward and shouted coldly, 'What do you know about what happened to Guardian Zhuo? Elder Hu's face darkened, he looked surprised, and then he fell silent. Fade gave a fierce grunt. He raised his palm, and said coldly. 'Do you want me to force it out of you?' shocked. His body trembled for a moment. Elder Hu was before he stuttered, 'I, I was the one who switched Guardian Zhuo's precious herbs.' 'What? How could you do that?' Elder Chai shouted angrily, he was appalled. Elder Hu lowered his head and said, 'I heard that Feather has been killed. I was worried that my identity would be exposed. So I made another preparation.' 'You, you... The elders around him were so angry, they wanted to kill Elder Hu on the spot! On the contrary, Fade asked calmly, 'Where is the herb you took?' Elder Chai and the others suddenly came to their senses and hurriedly asked, 'That's right. Where's the herb?' Elder Hu smiled and said, 'I've already refined and consumed it.' 'How dare you...' Elder Chai and the others were boiling with anger! At this time, there was another explosion from the cave on the mountain wall, and the billowing smoke was massive. When Elder Chai and the others saw this, they grew anxious. 'Oh no, the furnace might have gone out of control. The Guardian is in danger.' 'Take him away!' Elder Chai asked for two elders to escort Elder Hu back to the dungeons. The rest of them rushed towards the cave, and Fade followed suit. Soon, the group of people arrived outside the cave where Guardian Zhuo was. The cave was built into the mountain wall, equipped with a Magic Furnace, a source of fire, a storage room, and other items. These items were specially designed for Guardian Zhuo to perform his pill refining operation. At this moment, the large cave was filled with thick smoke. A huge medicinal cauldron was placed on a fire. From time to time, explosions could be heard from within the Magic Furnace. Beside it, a long-haired man with a darkened face was

doing his best to control the situation. It was as though he wanted to rescue the medicinal pills from within the Magic Furnace. However, the explosions from the Magic Furnace kept injuring the long-haired man, causing him to tremble violently and spit out a mouthful of blood. Seeing this, Elder Chai and others were very anxious. They rushed into the cave and shouted simultaneously, ‘Guardian, it’s dangerous. Come out quickly.’ When the Guardian saw this, he bellowed, ‘Don’t come over. The Magic Furnace has lost control. If I leave, there will be a huge explosion. I’m afraid that the entire cave system behind the mountain will be destroyed. The Cloud Clan cannot afford such losses. The hearts of Elder Chai and the others sank. There were dozens of caves in the mountain, some of which were used to refine pills and some to store priceless treasures. Many of the clan’s precious herbs and weapons were at stake. There were also some outstanding disciples who were practising in the caves at this moment. If the caves were to really be destroyed, the Cloud Clan would definitely be greatly weakened, and their skill level would fall from Black Level immediately. There would be no chance for them to rise again.

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‘However, Guardian, if you don’t leave now, you’ll be in danger,’ said Elder Chai anxiously. Guardian Zhuo was a little relieved but determined. He said, ‘Now, I’m the only person who can control the furnace and slowly calm it down. As long as the foundation of the clan is protected, I will have no regrets even if I die.’ ‘Guardian Zhuo, you can’t die! We...’ Elder Chai and the others were extremely anxious, but they couldn’t think

of any other way. At this moment, they were like ants on hot bricks. At this moment, Fade, who had been watching the furnace for several minutes, walked toward the cave and said, 'Let me give it a try!' Guardian Zhuo was shocked at his words. He quickly said, 'Young man, don't come over. This place is too dangerous. You..' Elder Chai and the others immediately explained, 'Guardian Zhuo, this is Fade Chen. He killed the traitor, Feather Gu, and he also returned the Cloud-reaching Skill booklet to us.' 'So you are the saviour of Cloud Clan,' Guardian Zhuo said gratefully, 'Since Mr. Chen is our saviour, then we can't let him take the risk. Elder Chai, you should take him away quickly.' Fade did not leave. Instead, he continued to walk closer. 'Don't worry, Guardian Zhuo. I'm confident,' he said. When Guardian Zhuo saw this, he became a little anxious and said, 'Mr. Chen, you can't get any closer. This place is really too dangerous.' Then, he yelled at Elder Chai and the others, 'Elder Chai, take Mr. Chen away quickly.' Elder Chai did not move. Instead, he explained, 'Guardian Zhuo, Mr. Chen is from Tianwu Clan.' 'Tianwu Clan!' Guardian Zhuo was stunned, and then he looked at Fade in shock. At this moment, Fade walked to the side of the Magic Furnace. He took a look at it, then he used his palm to press against the furnace. Immediately, he said, 'Guardian Zhuo, you can let go of the furnace now. Leave the rest to me!' 'But, this Magic Furnace is very dangerous. Inside.' Guardian Zhuo said anxiously. Fade smiled lightly and said, 'Don't worry, Guardian Zhuo. If I'm not mistaken, when you refined the Inner Strength Pill, you used willow branch instead of catalpa branch and you threw it into the furnace. As a result, the energy of the Purple Sun Flower, which was supposed to be mixed with the willow branch, could not be neutralized, which led to the loss of control of the furnace.' 'Right now, you are using your inner energy to forcefully suppress it, but it won't solve the fundamental problem. Once the burning exceeds the limits that you can suppress, you will not be able to control it and it will explode. I will find a way to stabilize the furnace.'

Guardian Zhuo was shocked when he heard Fade speak with knowledge and assurance. He knew all the herbs used in his Magic Furnace. He felt a helpless. He shook his head and said, 'I know that I need to stabilize the burning as soon as possible. However, I can't find any Catalpa branch, and there is no other way at all!' Hearing this, Fade shook his head and said with a smile, 'No, Guardian Zhuo, there are other ways.' 'There are other ways? Are you going to find herbal medicine that can replace the Catalpa branch? It's impossible to find such herbs in a short time.' Guardian Zhuo said, and he looked curiously at Fade. Fade looked at the cabinet where herbs were stored and said, 'No, we will use ordinary herbs. After processing them, they will have similar effects.' 'Ordinary herbs, to replace medicinal herbs?' Guardian Zhuo asked. He did not believe him. Fade chuckled and said, 'I'll temporarily suppress the burning in the furnace. Guardian Zhuo, please help me to find some medicinal ingredients. Three stalks of Cloud Falling Grass, Two Star Radiance Flowers, and one White Beard Root...' Guardian Zhuo moved his hand away from the furnace doubtfully. To his surprise, the violent furnace didn't explode. Instead, it was pressed down by Fade, and it seemed more stable. Guardian Zhuo's confidence in Fade increased tremendously. He rushed to the cabinet and began to collect herbs according to Fade's instructions, Soon, Guardian Zhuo brought the herbs that he had prepared to Fade. Fade pressed one hand on the furnace and channeled his inner energy in order to stabilize it. With a gentle pat on the lid of the furnace with his other hand, he selected a few types of herbs and threw them into the furnace according to different order and timing. At the same time, he exerted the strength of his left hand, which was attached to the furnace, to shake the furnace gently, and to mix the herbs in it according to his willpower. The huge furnace was very active in Fade's hand. Every small action he took could influence the position of herbs in the furnace. Looking at Fade's deft movements, Donovan Zhuo was stunned. He said in surprise,

‘He’s worthy of being a disciple of Tianwu Mountain. At such a young age, he has such excellent alchemy skills. I can’t catch up with him!’ Fade’s movements were accurate and stable, and he made no errors. He controlled the furnace perfectly. Beside him, Donovan could clearly sense that the raging burning energy within the Magic Furnace was gradually stabilizing. The furnace came under Fade’s control. ‘Finally, the burning energy is under control. There is no danger of explosion. This cave is safe, and the crisis of Cloud Clan has finally been resolved,’ Donovan said, and he could not help but let out a long sigh of relief. A rare smile appeared on his face. Elder Chai and the others, who were standing a little further away, finally felt relaxed when they saw Guardian Zhuo smiling. However, at this moment, a huge gust of energy suddenly surged out of the Magic Furnace. It was as though the energy had transformed into a black dragon that was about to charge out of it. Suddenly, the expression of Guardian Zhuo, which was relaxed, changed. He said, ‘Oh no, the magic furnace is out of control.’ Elder Chai and the others were shocked as well. Immediately, they shouted, ‘Guardian, Mr. Chen, we have to go!’ Guardian Zhuo’s expression was grave. He looked at Elder Chai and the others, who were anxious. He then looked down at Cloud Clan below the cave. He gritted his teeth and walked toward Fade with a resolute look in his eyes. He said, ‘Mr. Chen, thank you for your help. Now, leave the furnace to me. I should be able to control it for more than ten seconds. You should escape as soon as possible!’ Hearing this, Fade turned to Guardian Zhuo in astonishment and said, ‘Escape? Why should I escape?’ Guardian Zhuo was stunned and quickly said, ‘Mr. Chen, the energy in the furnace is out of control. It’s about to explode. You’d better run. This is Cloud Clan’s issue, and we shouldn’t get Mr. Chen in trouble.’ Hearing this, Fade did not stop his hand movements. He was still controlling the furnace with ease. On the contrary, he smiled. He said, ‘Who told you that it was going to explode? There’s no problem. The furnace is fine now.’.

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‘But, that wild and violent energy?’ Guardian Zhuo asked, and he was still extremely worried. He pointed to the guest of energy that was hovering above the furnace like a dragon. Fade Chen didn’t speak. He shot out several beams of energy with his right hand. Like chains, they bound the dragon which was flying in the air. Then he put forth his strength with his fingers, and the chain instantly tightened. The roaring dragon was pulled back into the Magic Furnace. Then, Fade quickly patted the Magic Furnace with his left hand. The liquid in the furnace captured the energy, and the furnace rotated, freezing the dragon. Finally, Fade clapped on the furnace, and dozens of black pills in the size of fingernails popped out. He immediately picked up a jade plate and raised his arm in the air. Then, he put all the pills perfectly in position on the plate. Putting the jade plate on the wooden table beside him, Fade said to Guardian Zhuo with a smile, ‘Guardian, the Inner Strength Pills are ready!’ Guardian Zhuo looked at the round and fragrant pills on the jade plate. His mouth and his eyes were wide open as he looked at this scene in disbelief. He said, ‘Are these really Inner Strength Pills?’ ‘Of course! Without the Catalpa branch, they’ll be less effective though,’ Fade said with a smile. ‘This, this is incredible. Mr. Chen, your alchemy technique is really superb. I can’t describe it in words,’ Guardian Zhuo said in excitement. Outside, Elder Chai and the others, who witnessed this bizarre situation, walked over curiously. When they saw the pills on the jade plate and heard Guardian Zhuo’s words, they immediately understood what had happened. They looked at Fade in disbelief. ‘Well,

Mr. Chen, how did you achieve this?’ they asked. ‘Yes, the Magic Furnace was about to explode. But, you controlled the burning energy and successfully refined the pills which were ruined beforehand. This, this is perfection!’ someone said. All the elders were moved. Fade smiled and gestured his hand, saying nothing. After that, Guardian Zhuo and the others expressed their gratitude to Fade. They were willing to present all the treasures in the clan to him, allowing him to choose a present. Fade’s kindness to them was not just due to his refinement of pills. He had rescued Guardian Donovan Zhuo and the foundations of Cloud Clan. Without his help, half of the clan would have been destroyed. Therefore, Fade’s kindness and actions had protected Cloud Clan. He had killed Feather Gu, returned the Cloud-reaching Skill booklet, and spotted the hidden traitor Elder Hu. Fade had saved Cloud Clan, from a huge crisis, all by himself. No wonder Guardian Zhuo and the others were so moved, and they had great respect for Fade. Fade declined Guardian Zhuo’s offers of gratitude. He excused himself, saying that it was already late and that he was ready to go back to rest. But just as he was about to leave, a unique scent wafted into his nose. Then, he looked at the fire below the Magic Furnace. ‘Mr. Chen, is anything the matter?’ Guardian Zhuo asked. Fade stared at the fire and said, ‘Guardian Zhuo, where did these flames under the furnace come from?’ Guardian Zhuo was surprised. He wondered why would Fade inquire about this matter. He replied, ‘At the back of the mountain, there is a hot spring. Below the hot spring, the ground is scorching hot. We have investigated the matter, and we discovered lava underneath the ground. Therefore, we dug a tunnel, allowed the lava to seep out, and built this fire place.’ ‘Mr. Chen, is there something wrong with the fireplace?’ Guardian Zhuo asked. ‘Nothing at all!’ Fade shook his head and said nothing. Then he turned and left. After everyone left the back of the mountain, Guardian Zhuo returned to the side hall and found out that Elder Hu was a spy. He was instantly angry, and then he was

grateful to Fade. Finally, Guardian Zhuo, along with Elder Chai and the others, sent Fade back to the resting area. Then, while Guardian Zhuo was dealing with matters in the clan, he asked disciples to open the gates and let the people waiting for medicine to come in. They were busy until around midnight. The entire Cloud Clan was ablaze with lights, and the place was bustling. At dawn the next morning, the entrance of Cloud Clan was full of people. As time passed, more people gathered in front of the mountain gate. As the sky-worshipping ceremony of the Cloud Clan would be held today, many people came to the mountain. The Cloud Clan had mobilized almost all the disciples for this event. They began to prepare for the ceremony, entertaining guests and dealing with other relevant matters. During the busy time, Elder Chai came to look for Fade. He wanted to arrange for Fade to be an honored guest of the Cloud Clan, as a gesture of respect. Fade declined his kind offer and told them that he would just sit with the general public. Then, he took seats next to Winnie Huo, Old Mr Liu and the others. Before ten o'clock, thousands of people had gathered on the mountain. People came from all over the country to acquire medicine. There were envoys from other clans who came to congratulate them, and local officials as well. Sharp at ten o'clock in the morning, a melodious bell was struck and the ringing sound indicated the official start of the Cloud Clan Sky-worshipping ceremony. The noisy crowd became quiet. Guardian Zhuo wore a brand new robe, and he proceeded to walk out with the elders and disciples. His expression was serious. Then, a sophisticated and majestic ceremony commenced. Although the public didn't know much about the ceremony, their commanding presence, respectful attitude and the solemn atmosphere of the procession caused everyone to feel a sense of great power and authority. After the opening procession, the disciples of Cloud Clan took their seats. Guardian Zhuo went up to the stage and briefly announced the order of events. He also spoke of his high expectations for the future of the Clan, and expressed his

gratitude to everyone who had supported Cloud Clan. After an eloquent speech, the Cloud Clan was officially proclaimed as a Black Level clan. Instantly, warm applause could be heard. Finally, the event that everyone was anticipating would commence, the Cloud Clan would start distributing medicine to the crowd. For some time, hundreds of people were bustling with noise and excitement. The Cloud Clan was experienced in this matter, so they were not in a hurry. The elders and disciples proceeded in an orderly fashion and inquired about the relevant information of each person who requested for medicine. Then, they handed out the medicine to the person without charge. Many people who obtained the medicine were so excited that they knelt down and groveled in front of members of the clan. They were truly grateful. They even burst into tears. The scene at the ceremony was lively and full of enthusiasm. Because there were too many people rushing forward, Winnie Huo was not willing to go forward with them, due to her identity. She sat in her seat next to Fade and remained still..



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Chapter 224 As they were seated together, Fade Chen began to chat with Winnie Huo. He said, ‘Winnie, you’re a big star. Why did you come to Cloud Clan to ask for medicine?’ As he said this, Winnie’s face fell slightly. She shook her head and said, ‘My main purpose coming here is not to ask for medicine, but to travel to a new place and enjoy myself. I heard about Cloud Clan, so I came here for a holiday.’ ‘You are here on holiday? Is your work causing you stress?’ Fade asked as he smiled. Winnie nodded, and she complained to Fade, ‘Many people think that the

lives of film stars are glamorous, but we face many issues secretly. Especially for an aging actress like myself, I might not regain popularity any time soon.’ ‘Why would you say that? You are only around 27 or 28 years old. Your popularity is waning?’ Fade asked. Winnie sighed, ‘You don’t know the enormous pressure and stiff competition we face in our industry. Nowadays, those young and beautiful girls in their early twenties are all stunning. It’s quite normal for us to be called aunts.’ ‘I see, you are stressed about work,’ Fade said, and he tried to console her. He said, ‘With your great qualities, you can still earn a good income, even if you are not the top star!’ Winnie said, ‘These issues have been getting on my nerves recently. I am stressed out all the time, so I decided to travel and take it easy.’ When she spoke of her personal affairs, Winnie felt rather annoyed. She stopped talking about these issues, and she changed the topic. ‘By the way, Fade, you seem quite young. How can you be so powerful?’ Then, both of them started conversing. Fade finally discovered Winnie’s authentic side. She was beautiful in person and straightforward in personality, which was more attractive than her image as an actress. Jonathan Dai was beside them. His cheeks were still red and swollen. When he saw that Fade and Winnie were chatting animatedly, he became furious. He couldn’t help but whisper, ‘Present our gifts later, and the leader of Cloud Clan will teach that guy a lesson.’ Karson Mao nodded and said, ‘Master, don’t worry. Our gift is considered precious. The master of Cloud Clan will definitely agree to our request.’ Both of them immediately smiled confidently, and they were not in a hurry to walk forward. There were two others who didn’t follow the crowd. They were the eldest daughter of the Li family of Peony River, Sasha Li, and an elder beside her. Sasha held her hands in front of her chest and looked disdainfully at the crowd. With a contemptuous smile, she whispered, ‘Look at these group of ants behaving like beggars. How terrible!’ The elder beside her said, ‘Miss, do you want me to drive them away?’ Sasha said, ‘No, I still have

time anyway. Besides, I'm worried that Guardian Zhuo will be annoyed if I drive them away now.' At the mention of Guardian Zhuo, the elder pondered for a while. Then, he said, 'Miss, do you think you can personally get Guardian Zhuo to take action?' There was a confident smile on the corner of Sasha's mouth, and she said, 'I didn't have confidence yesterday. But now, I'm sure he won't decline our offer. Once he sees the gift that arrived yesterday, he will accept our offer.' As they talked to each other, both of them glanced at Donovan Zhuo, who was smiling as he distributed medicine. It was a busy time. After nearly two hours, almost all the people who were there for medicine got what they wanted, and they were pleased. Seeing that there were fewer people, Jonathan made his move at this moment. He walked with Karson Mao toward Elder Chai, smiling confidently. 'May I help you?' Elder Chai asked. With a smile on his face, Jonathan approached him and took out an item from the pocket on his shirt. He handed it to Elder Chai and said, 'Master, this is a high quality jade that I specially ordered. Please accept this gift!' Elder Chai's face fell when he saw this. He yelled, 'What are your intentions?' Jonathan smiled and said, 'Master, it's just a little gift to show my gratitude. I wanted to request for Guanyin Drunken Medicine.' He wanted to use this medicine to take down Winnie. Hearing his request, Elder Chai's face turned cold instantly. He said icily, 'Cloud Clan does not have that kind of medicine. Get out, quickly leave right now!' Jonathan wasn't expecting Elder Chai to get angry, he quickly explained, 'Master, this is a high quality jade. I spent.' Without waiting for Jonathan to finish his sentence, Elder Chai's body erupted with a wave of violent energy, causing Jonathan to be blown away. At the same time, he shouted, 'Medicine from Cloud Clan is meant for healing, to cure sick people, and not for selfish purposes. You are insulting Cloud Clan!' Jonathan didn't expect this to happen, and he was dumbfounded. The people around gazed at Jonathan as though they were watching a drama unfold. They kept shaking their heads and started

talking about him. ‘This guy thought that he can buy anything with money! This is not any ordinary city. This is a clan!’ ‘He is used to doing things this way in the city, and he thought that he could bribe the masters of Cloud Clan!’ ‘How ridiculous. If the clan leaders were after money, they would just need to open a pharmacy in the city. The profit they can earn there would be higher!’ Jonathan’s face suddenly fell. He didn’t expect to become the laughingstock of the public. His face changed. At this time, Sasha and the elder held their heads high and walked over with confidence. They glanced at Jonathan with disdain, and then walked directly to Donovan. Sasha said, ‘Guardian Zhuo, I’m Sasha Li from Peony River.’ As soon as Donovan heard her name, he knew why Sasha was here. He immediately said in a low voice, ‘Miss Li, forgive me, I can’t help your grandfather.’ Sasha smiled and said, ‘Guardian Zhuo, don’t reject me in a hurry. This is a little gift from the Li family.’ After that, the elder clapped his hands. Suddenly, the whirring sound of a helicopter could be heard. A huge parcel was hanging from the helicopter as it flew toward the square. Hearing this sound, Elder Chai’s face fell. He said sternly, ‘Miss Li, do you need me to repeat my words? Cloud Clan will not allow requests for selfish reasons.’ Guardian Zhuo smiled and nodded. Clearly, he agreed with Elder Chai’s words. However, Sasha had a confident look on her face. She shook her head and said, ‘Elder Chai and Guardian Zhuo, don’t be anxious. Let’s just wait and see what this gift is.’ Then, the helicopter approached, and the parcel fell to the ground. The elder opened the parcel, revealing what was inside. Seeing the gift in the parcel, everyone’s eyes lit up and their faces were full of surprise.



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This was because the large bag contained one ton of precious herbs of all varieties. Each herb was worth at least ten million. Roughly estimated, the bag of herbs was worth more than a billion yuan. The crowd was amazed. They could only sigh at the wealth of the Li Family. Even Elder Chai and Guardian Zhuo's eyes shrank at this moment, and their faces twitched slightly. However, Elder Chai immediately reinstated his cold expression and said, 'I'm sorry. No matter what the gift is, our rules will not be changed.' Guardian Zhuo nodded as well, agreeing with Elder Chai. Their clan had lived by these principles for many years, and they would not easily change the rules. However, Sasha Li smiled and said, 'Guardian Zhuo, Elder Chai, I think there may be a misunderstanding. This gift is not for both of you, but for the entire Cloud Clan.' 'My grandfather heard that Cloud Clan has been giving medicine for free throughout the years and had done many good deeds. He admired your clan, but he never had the opportunity to visit you, so he sent me here to present these herbs to you.' 'These herbs are actually not considered precious. However, they are necessary items for the disciples of the clan. I don't think Guardian Zhuo will reject this contribution to the disciples!' After listening to her, the eyes of the disciples lit up. At this moment, Guardian Zhuo was a little hesitant. He didn't care for these herbs, and he could reject them if he wanted to. But for the entire clan which had just recovered from a crisis, it would be a huge assistance to the disciples if they could get such a large amount of herbs. It would improve their strength, and it would be a positive situation for the clan. Donovan Zhuo was at a loss for words. As long as he nodded and agreed to accept this gift, then the strength of Cloud Clan could increase in a short period of time. This would help build a solid foundation for the future development of the clan. But on the other hand, he was unwilling to accept the gift. If he accepted the gift, he couldn't decline the

Li family's request. They were asking him to treat Fenrir Li. And the principles of Cloud Clan would be lost. No matter who came, so long they had money, the disciples would refine pills and make medicine for them. In that case, only powerful people would be able to acquire the pills, and ordinary people would have no chance at all. If things went on like this, the clan would completely go against the ancestral teachings of Cloud Clan, which had been passed down from generation to generation. Moreover, Fenrir was not a good person. He had taken the lives of many and became wealthy. This was also one of the main reasons why Donovan did not want to refine the pills for him. Thinking of this, Donovan made up his mind. His eyes became determined. He shook his head at Sasha and said, 'Miss Li, please take these herbs back. Cloud Clan will not accept gifts like this.' Hearing his words, her expression changed. She didn't expect him to reject such a magnificent gift. 'Guardian Zhuo, are you sure you don't want to consider this matter again?' Sasha asked. Donovan was silent. He just shook his head to express his view. Sasha's expression on her face suddenly became gloomy. She felt that she was disrespected. She was the granddaughter of the richest man in China. Yesterday, she had failed to bribe a young kid with money. Today, she had failed to convince Donovan. Sasha had always believed in the power of money. These experiences were like slaps to her face. Moreover, everyone witnessed these events, and she felt embarrassed. When she thought about how she would be talked about and mocked by others if word were to spread, she started to become furious and resentful. She glanced at the elder beside her and at Donovan again. Her voice was low and there was a sharp glint in her eyes. She said, 'Guardian Zhuo, I've shown you great respect. Are you really not willing to go to Peony River?' Upon hearing her words, Elder Chai's voice turned cold. In a deep voice, he asked, 'What do you mean by your words? Are you threatening our Guardian?' Donovan also spoke in a deep voice, 'Miss Li, Cloud Clan has no intention of pursuing any relationship with the Li

family. Please return home.’ Sasha’s expression on her face darkened. She said in a cold voice, ‘Guardian Zhuo, you will come to Peony River, whether you want to or not.’ ‘How dare you!’ Elder Chai shouted and raised his eyebrows. He glared at Sasha and stood in an imposing manner. He was ready to attack. However, Sasha was not intimidated, and she nodded to the elder beside her. ‘Sorry to trouble you, Uncle Fenrir.’ The elder nodded and walked out with his hands behind his back. He faced Elder Chai directly. Elder Chai felt that his inner energy, which was about to erupt, was stifled. It seemed like he had been blocked by a wall. In an instant, Elder Chai’s expression changed drastically. He looked at the elder in front of him and said in a deep voice, ‘You are a master beyond the Black Level!’ Elder Chai himself was already an early stage Black Level Master. As for Uncle Fenrir, who was able to suppress his energy, his skills were definitely higher than the Black Level. Uncle Fenrir glanced at Elder Chai and said lightly, ‘There is no enmity between Cloud Clan and myself. I do not intend to hurt anyone. We only request that your Guardian makes this trip.’ ‘Such arrogance! No one knows who will emerge as the winner of this fight!’ Elder Chai said with a glare, and he gritted his teeth and launched a blow with his fist. Suddenly, there was a whirlwind. This blow sounded like a fierce tiger running down a mountain, and the energy rushed ferociously toward the thin elder. But the elder didn’t move at all. As elder Chai’s fist drew close and was about to strike him, he turned gently. His right hand twisted elder Chai’s arm like a snake. In an instant, Elder Chai felt that his ferocious punch was weakened. He was unable to exert any strength. It was as though the fierce tiger had been trapped by a giant python. He could not move at all. Elder Chai felt his whole arm being twisted by his opponent. His arm gradually became limp and numb, and he fell down helplessly. He had no strength to resist this attack. ‘Retreat!’ Uncle Fenrir shouted. With a gentle twist of his flexible arm, it seemed like a snake was slamming the fierce tiger. He pushed Elder Chai

backward, and Elder Chai staggered a few steps back. Blood was oozing from the corner of his mouth, and his face turned pale in an instant.

Witnessing this scene, Guardian Zhuo's face fell and he shouted, 'How dare you hurt him!'. .