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Soon, Joel Xie and Kristoff Xie completed the transfer procedures and sent the relevant documents to the wine factory.

In the meantime, Quin Lin, who had finished some work at Bay City, finally came to Dragonville of Long City again. Moreover, this time, she was determined to expand Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc at Long City.

As Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc was growing, the original Life Elixir Wine department had officially merged with the Xie family's wine business. Quin now had full control of all the shares, and she established a new beverage company. The new company was unified under Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, and it was categorized as one of the group's development project.

At the same time, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's cosmetics business had also merged with the company that the Xie Family had transferred to them. This helped them to have a firm foundation at Long City.

After such a series of events, Quin managed to lead Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc into gaining a firm foothold in Long City within a week's time. This stirred up a commotion in the Long City business circle. Within that short span of time, the business

circles in Long City were also having heated discussions about this new development.

There were all kinds of opinions in the discussions. Some of them supported Quin and her company, some objected to their actions, and some people were even just there to witness what was happening.

Of course, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc was an outsider, and it was inevitable for them to affect the businesses and interests of the other companies there. If they gained a foothold in Long City, it might influence their businesses negatively. Therefore, in the midst of these discussions, most people opposed their new presence.

Amongst them, there were some businessmen who were influential in the Long City business circles. They began to secretly negotiate with each other and were ready to launch a covert attack on Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

The people who were opposing Quin started to stir up trouble behind her back. Quin, on the other hand, was also busy making new acquaintances.

With Charles Wu, a powerful local tyrant, as a middleman, Quin soon got acquainted with a group of business partners. This group could be considered a business alliance, and they would work as a coalition in the future.

Just like that, the business world was full of secret

developments waiting to unfold and come to a head.

The Dai Family, the An Family, and the Qian Family, were the three well-known business families in Long City. They collaborated together and organized a banquet for their businesses. They invited Charles, Quin, and all the other business owners to attend this event.

Those who knew something about the business circle in Long City immediately realized what was going on when they received this news. After a period of dormancy, the two sides were finally going to start a war.

And this business banquet was exactly the place where they were going to start the war.

The local business group consisted of the giant of the local catering industry, the Dai family, the big boss of the media and communications industry, the An Family, and the leader of the energy industry, the Qian family. They were obviously working together to attack the business alliance led by Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

The power and influence that Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc wielded was not considered small or weak either. With the swift development of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc and its most important partners, the Wu family, who was a local tycoon, as well as some smaller businesses in the circle, the

coalition was quite formidable as well.

Before the bloodless battle in the business world had even started, the audience from the outside world had already gotten excited.

The result of this battle would determine who the big bosses of Long City would be in the future.

This was a battle for the positions of the future commercial leaders in Long City, and it was a war for their respective futures.

With this invisible tense atmosphere, Fade Chen changed into a custom-made smart casual suit and went to the hotel for dinner with his wife.

Quin had the advantage of being beautiful and lovely, and this gave her the upper hand as well.

When she made her appearance, the attention of everyone at the banquet was focused on her. Whether they were supporting Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc or they were opposing Quin, they looked over. All the men who yearned for her, as well as all the jealous women, could not resist casting their glances at Quin at that moment.

Fade, who was by Quin's side, was naturally the focus of everyone's attention in that instant as well.

However, most of these businessmen did not know much about Fade. They only knew that he was Quin's husband. They knew that he had some skills in the martial-arts. As for his other affairs, they did not

care much about them.

Of course, many of the young and elite businessmen viewed Fade like a thorn in their sides at first sight. They felt uncomfortable no matter how they looked at him and this was entirely due to Quin.

After all, Fade had married Quin, who was not only young and beautiful, but also an intelligent and wealthy woman. Many men's hearts were filled with envy.

However, Fade just ignored them completely and pretended not to notice their expressions. He even held his wife's little hand and kissed her cheeks on purpose. This caused the group of elite businessmen to become absolutely furious .

At eight o'clock in the evening, Charles and Quin, as well as the Dai family, the An family, and the Qian family who were sitting opposite them, had turned up. After delivering a simple speech, Gaffar Dai, the family head of the Dai family, walked to Quin with a smile and a glass of wine in his hand.

Witnessing this, everyone could not help but feel nervous.

Because right at this moment, the secret battle in Long City's business community was finally about to start.

Immediately, almost all the eyes in the venue were focused on them.

Gaffar walked over with a smile, picked up a glass of champagne, and raised his glass to Quin with a smile, saying, "President Lin is so young and promising. You've only been in our Long City for a week, but you've caused us old folks to become flustered! I really admire you indeed. I'd like to propose a toast to you, President Lin."

Quin's eyes twinkled as she said, "President Dai, you're too polite. You're my senior. Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc has just arrived at Long City and there are many things that we are not familiar with here. We still need President Dai, as a senior, to take care of us. I should be the one proposing a toast to you, President Dai."

"Of course. We'll definitely take care of you," Gaffar said. He had deliberately changed his tone when he said the words 'take care', in a tone that caused everyone to feel strange.

The two of them clinked their glasses and gulped down the wine at once.

After Gaffar had made his toast, the family heads of the An Family and the Qian Family also came forward to give their toasts. Although they all had smiles on their faces, their words were laced with sarcasm, commencing their attack on Quin.

Quin was also considered an experienced player in the business field. To deal with all these tactics, she had one simple move, and that was to defeat

strength by feigning weakness. She had to pretend to be weak and not face the opponents head-on.

After all, she was still new here. Even with Charles's help, she was still weaker than the three cunning and old foxes.

In the first round of verbal confrontation, although the three families had taken the initiative to launch an attack, Quin was not negatively affected at all. Therefore, both sides tied for the first round.

Of course, the three heads would not let go of the matter so easily. After giving each other some looks, Gaffar stood up again, looked around with a smile, and then said in a loud clear voice, "Everyone, we have something important to announce in this banquet today. We would greatly appreciate your kind support."

His words immediately attracted everyone's attention. All of them turned to look at Gaffar and the other two heads, not forgetting to take a glance at Quin from time to time. Obviously, they wanted to see how the next round of the battle would shape up.

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Under everyone's gaze, Gaffar Dai's eyes sank and he said in a clear voice, "After discussion, we, the Dai family, the An Family, and the Qian family have decided to establish a Chamber of Commerce together in Dragonville and invite all members of the business circle in Long City to join us."

"A Chamber of Commerce? There are already so many chambers of commerce. What's the point of establishing a new chamber of commerce?"

"Is there anything special about this Chamber of Commerce? Is it just another organization that has no purpose except to hold meetings?"

"President Dai, I'm a straightforward person and I won't beat around the bush. I want to know what's the advantage of joining this Chamber of Commerce?" a man named Old Liu asked.

Hearing this, Gaffar smiled and said, "Director Liu's question is good. I was just going to explain on this issue. I think it's what many people want to know."

Everyone nodded, and their eyes were full of curiosity and excitement.

On the other hand, Charles Wu and Quin Lin's expressions didn't look that great. Evidently, they had realized something.

Looking around at everyone, Gaffar immediately said in a clear voice, "This Chamber of Commerce will be led by the Dai family, the An family, and the Qian family. I believe that all of you are aware of our power and might."

Everyone nodded. These three giants were like three ferocious dragons in the business circle of Long City.

"If everyone trusts us, we will of course not allow anyone to suffer losses. We would like to officially make a promise that anyone who joins our Chamber of Commerce now, will receive 20% discount from all 3 of us, in all business dealings. This discount period will last for two years. At the same time, the partners of the Chamber of Commerce will set up a platform for sharing resources. The exchange of goods and resources will be given priority."

As soon as these conditions were stated, the eyes of many businessmen in the venue suddenly lit up. They had expressions of joy and eagerness.

No matter what kind of business they were running, it almost had something to do with these three families.

For example, The Dai family was involved in the restaurant and catering industry. Every employee in any company would need to eat and drink, so they would naturally have to deal with restaurants.

Many companies also had to get involved with The

An Family's media advertising company. The development and production of TV advertisements, as well as all types of publications, were related to the An Family.

As for the energy industry that the Qian Family was involved in, it was considered fundamental for the existence of many companies. As long as someone ran a business, they could not escape the need for energy. Especially factories, they relied even more on energy.

Many merchants were so excited that they raised their hands and signed up on the spot to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Of course, even if most merchants were interested, they were not too hasty. They wanted to know more about the situation regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

Therefore, someone asked, "President Dai, if we don't join the Chamber of Commerce, are there any other differences other than not getting a discount?"

When it came to this matter, Gaffar looked serious and his voice became low. He gazed faintly at the crowd and then said in a deep voice, "If you don't join our Chamber of Commerce, then I think you will not be able to do business with the business members of our Chamber of Commerce in Dragonville."

Everyone's expression changed when they heard

that.

Gaffar's words were harsh and the requirements he stipulated were also considered demanding. If they didn't join the Chamber of Commerce, then they couldn't do business with them. This almost meant that if you didn't join the Chamber of Commerce, you wouldn't be able to gain a foothold in Dragonville.

These words almost forced the merchants to choose their side. They would either join the Chamber of Commerce, do business together, and make a fortune together, or be a lone ranger in the business field without any contact with the members of this Chamber of Commerce.

These options forced people to respond on the spot, and the situation caused everyone to panic. They began to think thoroughly about how they should make this choice.

Once they considered the matter slightly, many merchants realized that they had no choice but to join the Chamber of Commerce. The three of them had too much influence in the Long City business circle. At that moment, when they had united to do this, it was as though they had formed a monopoly over the business circle. It was nearly impossible for these small-scale merchants to exist on their own.

Just as everyone was hesitating, Gaffar dropped another bombshell. He said, "If you want to join our

Chamber of Commerce, you can sign up now. Of course, we don't have much time. We only have half an hour. If you miss this opportunity now, you'll have no chance in the future to sign up."

As soon as he said that, the venue suddenly became lively.

A few merchants, who had been hesitating a moment ago, immediately expressed their willingness to join the Chamber of Commerce. Even many of the merchants who had previously made a deal with Charles and Quin decided to join the Chamber of Commerce at this moment.

Instantly, Charles and Quin looked worried and concerned. Their faces fell.

Although they had expected that the three families would attempt something, they did not expect that they would resort to such a vicious move, which was almost like a death sentence to them.

And now, without a doubt, they had almost won over 70% of the merchants in the venue, gaining the upper hand.

Charles and Quin were faced with a dilemma. With the power and might of both their families and businesses, they could choose not to join the Chamber of Commerce and perhaps survive. But obviously, without the business and support of so many members of the Chamber of Commerce, their business dealings in Dragonville would be an uphill

battle, and their cost of production and investments would increase many fold.

If they joined the Chamber of Commerce, it almost meant that they had surrendered and were defeated. In the future, everything within the Chamber of Commerce could only be decided by these three families.

All of a sudden, the atmosphere became tense. Almost everyone's eyes were focused on Charles and Quin, and they waited for them to make a decision.

Of course, Quin was the one getting the attention, because everyone knew that Charles's relationship with the three families was not very good. However, it was definitely not considered bad either. If he had not stood on Quin's side, the Wu family would have probably become a member of the new chamber of commerce.

Therefore, Quin's decision right then almost represented the most crucial battle in this business war.

In the face of such a situation, Quin was also confused. She certainly did not want to join the Chamber of Commerce. But now, if she did not join, the company's development in Long City would become a difficult matter, and it would also involve Charles and many other people who believed in her company.

For a moment, Quin felt a sharp headache.

As for Gaffar and his companions, they would certainly not let go of this golden opportunity. They were still urging her, saying, "President Lin, we don't have much time. There is only less than ten minutes left. It's better to make a decision as early as possible!"

Quin's expression changed and she looked even more anxious .

As time went by, the atmosphere became more and more tense.

Gaffar spoke again, with a hint of a threatening tone. "President Lin, you have to think about the matter carefully. Our Chamber of Commerce has assembled 70 percent of the businesses in Long City as our members. You will not benefit from opposing us!"

"I..." Quin felt a sense of urgency as she furrowed her brows even more tightly.

Right at this critical moment, under everyone's nervous gaze, Fade Chen walked up to Quin. He grabbed her hand gently, and said with a smile, "Dear, if you feel that it's a difficult choice, then don't make any choice. No one said that you have to choose between these two options."

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Fade Chen's sudden words interrupted the tense situation in the room. Everyone turned their focus to him.

Gaffar Dai fixed his gaze on him and said coldly, "Who are you? Do you think that you have the right to speak here?"

Fade grabbed Quin Lin's hand and said, "I'm Quin's husband. Why would I not have the right to speak?"

Gaffar snorted and he did not take Fade seriously at all. He spoke to Quin directly, "President Lin, you have to think about this matter carefully. The consequences of your choice will be affecting the future of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc."

Quin gazed at Gaffar and his companions. Then, she checked on her husband again, who seemed rather confident. An idea surfaced in her mind and she said in a clear voice, "I'll leave the choice to my husband, Fade."

Her words caused an uproar.

This choice was of great importance, and Quin had unexpectedly handed it over to a guy who was completely ignorant and oblivious in business matters.

Immediately, many merchants shook their heads

and began to discuss amongst themselves.

" President Lin has made a really bad move!"

"Even if he is President Lin's husband, this is not a trivial matter! President Lin has acted too recklessly."

"It's over. Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc is doomed this time. Whether they choose to join the chamber or not, there won't be any good outcomes for them."

"Yes, if they don't join the chamber, they will be blocked in all aspects and be utterly destroyed. If they join the chamber now, they have already offended President Dai, so their importance within the Chamber of Commerce will be lowered!"

In the midst of the discussion, everyone focused on Fade, waiting for him to make the final decision.

Gaffar snorted and said, "There is still one minute remaining. This is the very last moment. Once the time is out, there will be no chance for you to make a choice. You..."

Fade gestured his hand, interrupted Gaffar's words, and spoke directly, "There's no need to continue to speak on this matter. I have made my choice."

"It's settled!"

Everyone's expression turned tense, and they all stared at Fade.

Fade said casually, "My choice is...not to join the

chamber of commerce!"

All of a sudden, there was a dead silence, followed by a buzz of excitement, and then the voices of discussion could be heard in the entire place once again.

"Even though it's not a surprising choice, it's still a pity that he didn't choose to join us!"

"It seems that this is the end for Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's development in Long City."

"That's not all! I'm afraid that all their projects and businesses in Bay City will be suppressed by President Dai's coalition as well!"

"President Lin has been such a wise person that everyone looked up to, but now her reputation has been completely destroyed by her unreliable husband!"

In the midst of the discussion, many people were gloating over Fade and Quin's misfortunes.

Amongst them, a young woman finally stood up excitedly after resisting the temptation to do so previously. She said to Fade, "Fade, you didn't expect that you would end up in this situation, did you?"

Fade's eyes followed the sound of the voice and discovered that it was Lara Yin who was speaking.

The Yin family was also one of the attendees of this banquet. Before this, Lara would have been afraid of

Fade's power, and the Sun family which she thought was backing him. But since she learned that Fade was not invited by the Sun family, but was actually chased away by them, her fear of Fade immediately disappeared.

Therefore, as soon as Gaffar announced the establishment of the Chamber of Commerce, they chose to join as a member right away. It was an opportunity that could not be missed. Firstly, they intended to ridicule Fade, and secondly, they wanted revenge for what Fade had done to them before this.

"It's you!" Fade said. He glanced at Lara, with an indifferent tone and expression.

Lara, on the other hand, seemed a little more emotional. She almost gnashed her teeth as she spoke to Fade, "Fade, when you were telling me off last time, you would never have expected to be defeated by our Chamber of Commerce, right?"

"Now, I command you to kneel down and apologize for what you have done before this," Lara said. She had a rather insane expression, and she was hungry for revenge.

"Command me to kneel down?" Fade said. He had a serious expression, and his voice was a little cold. He took a step forward.

Lara was shocked and she took a few steps back out of regret. She said with a lingering sense of apprehension, "Don't, don't think about starting a

fight here. This is a banquet held by the Long City business community. If you dare to fight, I promise you no one will let you off the hook so easily."

Gaffar also shouted in the meantime, "There are rules in the business world. If someone acts against these rules, then don't blame us for being rude."

Hearing this, Lara looked even more arrogant. She smiled at Fade and said, "Come and kneel down and apologize to me at once."

Fade looked at Lara with an amused expression. He shook his head and said, "Lara, it seems that you haven't contacted Kristoff Xie these past few days, have you?"

Lara was stunned and she replied, "What's wrong with not contacting him? Kristoff has already found out that your backer is not the Sun Family. So don't expect Kristoff to still be afraid of you. You should get ready to receive a more tragic punishment when President Xie arrives!"

"Really?" Fade said and he smiled faintly. He gestured his hand, and said, "Come out now!"

As a result, Lara was utterly shocked when Kristoff and Joel Xie walked out, bowed respectfully to Fade and greeted him, "Hello, Mr. Chen."

Lara was dumbfounded by what she just saw.

"President Xie, President Xie, you, you guys are..."

Not only Lara, but many other merchants around

looked at Joel and Kristoff in surprise. They didn't understand what was happening.

After all, the Xie family was one of the major business giants in Long City. They didn't come to the banquet when it started. Everyone thought that they didn't want to attend the banquet because the Xie family had been affected by the transfer of the wine factory and the cosmetics company.

But no one expected the Xie family to show up, and act so respectfully toward Fade.

When the crowd was still completely stunned, Fade glanced at his wife and said, "We, the Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, will not join this Chamber of Commerce, but we have made our choice. We, the Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, together with the Wu family and the Xie family, will form a new Long City Enterprise Council. Those who want to join our council can choose to sign up. Of course, we don't have any time limit, so you can join us at any time."

As soon as the news was announced, the room suddenly became lively again, and some businessmen began another round of discussion.

On one side, the three giants consisting of the Dai family, the An family and the Qian family had formed a Chamber of Commerce, in order to suppress the union of the Wu family and Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. But the Xie family had suddenly paired up with Quin, Fade and Mr.Wu. The power and influence of

the two sides seemed more balance now. And because of the Xie family, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc actually had the upper hand, even if the advantage was slight.

For a moment, all these small businessmen and merchants were thinking about which association they should really join.

These merchants and businessmen had their ways of considering the pros and cons. The Dai family, the An Family, and the Qian Family, on the other hand, started to look anxious. Their expressions became cooler than before.

Lara was completely confused by what was happening. She did not understand why the Xie family suddenly had such a good relationship with Fade. They had specifically showed up to help him out.

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Feeling puzzled, Lara Yin couldn't help but approach Kristoff Xie. She asked, "Kristoff, why are you with Fade? Did he perhaps..."

Kristoff's expression turned serious and he shouted, "Lara, I have to warn you, you'd better not play any tricks. Fade's power and his trump card in this game are way beyond your imagination. Don't try to act smart."

"Kristoff, I..." Lara said. She still wanted to ask further questions, but Kristoff ignored her. He went and stood behind Fade Chen like a good obedient follower.

Gaffar Dai looked around at the small merchants and businessmen who were starting to change their minds, and his expression changed. He said in a cold voice, "Our Chamber of Commerce does not welcome those who are disloyal. If you want to choose another option, you can quit now."

"However, once you've withdrawn from our association, it will be impossible for you to join our Chamber of Commerce again. Because by then, you will have become our enemies."

Gaffar's words were very harsh. He even used the word "enemy", which immediately caused the

atmosphere to become even more tense.

Some of the merchants and businessmen who were still considering the matter became agitated. Their expressions shifted immediately, and they were at a loss on what they should do.

Right then, the sound of an old man's voice could be heard. Everyone spotted an elder walking toward Fade with a smile. He held Fade's hand warmly and said cheerfully, "Fade, you've come to Long City. Why didn't you tell me about this earlier? If the youngsters didn't talk about you, I wouldn't even know that you were here at the banquet."

"It's my fault indeed. I apologize to you, Old Mr Liu. I will visit you another day and have a round of drinks with you, Old Mr Liu," Fade said with a smile.

This old man was none other than Old Mr Liu, whom Fade had met on his way to Cloud Clan. He had made the trip to deliver the training techniques.

Old Mr Liu said with a smile, "That's for sure, you must come over!"

All the businessmen were stunned when they saw what was happening. The doubt and shock in their eyes became even more intense.

"This, this is Old Mr Liu, the former president of the Chamber of Commerce in Long City."

"Old Mr Liu can be considered the most successful president of all the Chambers of Commerce in Long

City. He has been in this position for more than 30 years, in which he made significant contributions to improve the business growth of Long City. Now Long City is prosperous indeed."

"Although Old Mr Liu has retired, his reputation and connections are still there! As long as he speaks, all these businessmen will rush over and worship him!"

"Since when did Fade become so close with Old Mr Liu?"

"Looks like he has a relationship with Old Mr Liu. No wonder he was so confident!"

"With Old Mr Liu around, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's development progress will definitely not be bad. I will choose to join them."

Some of them took the lead in making their decision, and the rest of the people who were still contemplating their options also made their choice immediately.

"President Chen, we want to join the Long City Enterprise Council."

"President Chen, President Lin, we would like to join too!"

"We only have a small factory. President Chen, can we join?"

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, more than 20 factories and companies were now under the control of the Long City Enterprise Council. Amongst

them were more than a dozen businessmen who had just chosen to join President Dai's Chamber of Commerce just now. They had decided to quit and join Fade's association instead.

Gaffar and his companions had cold expressions and they were somewhat embarrassed. They opened their mouths as if they wanted to speak.

However, before Gaffar could speak, there was the sound of another set of footsteps approaching.

Thereafter, they spotted a middle-aged man in a suit, supporting a gray-haired Old Master, who was walking toward Fade.

As soon as the crowd saw these two people, they were stunned again.

"Isn't, isn't this Officer Qin of the Industrial and Commercial Bureau, and his father, Old Master Qin?"

"What exactly is going on here? Officer Qin has arrived!"

"Officer Qin seems to, he seems to be walking toward Fade."

Under everyone's surprised gazes, Officer Qin and Old Master Qin walked up to Fade and bowed deeply to him. Both of them said sincerely, "Thank you for the healing, Dr. Chen."

"Officer Qin, you are too polite. I know that you are grateful. There's no need to keep bringing up this matter again," Fade said.

Officer Qin said, "Dr Chen, you must come over to visit us. Since you healed my father, he was able to walk on his own again. He insisted on coming to thank you in person."

With this, Old Master Qin bowed deeply to Fade once again and announced, "Dr Chen, this bow is to thank you for saving my life."

And then, he bowed again. "With this bow, I want to thank you for tolerating my old lady," he said.

Seeing this, all the people, including Gaffar, were dumbfounded. They couldn't believe that Officer Qin and Old Master Qin were both so polite to Fade.

After a moment of confusion, the crowd burst into an uproar and instantly became lively.

90% of the businessmen present rushed to Fade and signed up for the Long City Enterprise Council that was led by Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

And in that instant, 80% of the businesses from President Dai's Chamber of Commerce were gone. This seemed to be a tight slap in their faces, and Gaffar and his companions could almost feel a burning pain on their cheeks.

Even if there were some merchants left in their Chamber of Commerce, they were still contemplating on leaving. But in the end, because they had too close a relationship with the Dai, An and Qian family, they didn't dare to choose

otherwise.

However, in their minds, the Long City Enterprise Council under Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc definitely had greater potential and strength than the other chamber of commerce.

After all, they not only possessed three giants of equal power, but they also knew people like Old Mr Liu and Officer Qin with real authority. These people were also respected seniors in society. Their combined strength had surpassed that of the Dai family's Chamber of Commerce.

For a moment, these small businessmen could not help but sigh, including the Yin family.

Lara was completely stunned. She looked around the room in disbelief. "How, how is this even possible? We knew that the Sun family is not his backer. How can he have known so many people? Is, is this the power and the trump card that Kristoff was talking about?"

Looking at Fade's side, which was bustling with people, the expressions on the Dai family member's faces was extremely gloomy. Gaffar especially, he had a glint of resentment in his eyes and he looked crueler than ever.

"Fade, I must..." Gaffar said. He gritted his teeth and resolved to take his revenge.

Just then, Old Mr Liu walked up to Gaffar and said

coldly, "Mr Dai, some people are not to be provoked. You'd better be more rational!"

Gaffar was shocked and he said, "Old Mr Liu, what do you mean by that? I wasn't planning to do anything!"

Old Mr Liu shook his head gently and said, "That's all that I can say. It's up to you to decide what you're going to do next. I'll give you my last piece of advice. Go home and ask your son about Fade."

"My son, Jonathan, what does he have to do with Fade?" Gaffar asked. He was confused.

Meanwhile, Old Mr Liu had already walked away slowly with his hands behind his back.

Seeing this, Gaffar became more and more uneasy, so he took out his cell phone and called his son, Jonathan Dai. "Do you know someone called Fade?" he asked.

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As he was relaxing and having fun at home, Jonathan Dai, who had finally forgotten the traumatizing journey to Cloud Clan, received a phone call from his father at this moment. His father mentioned the name of Fade Chen as soon as he spoke. Jonathan trembled all over, and he almost flung the cell phone he was holding.

"Tell me, do you know a guy named Fade, who is in his early twenties. He is thin and frail..." Gaffar Dai yelled.

As his father mentioned this name, Jonathan gulped violently. He lowered his voice and said, "Dad, why, why are you asking me this?"

"I'm asking you this question, just answer me. What's your relationship with Fade? Who on earth is he?" Gaffar asked.

Jonathan immediately replied, "Dad, I do know Fade. Last time, when I went to Cloud Clan to seek for medicine, I met him on the way up the mountain. At that time..."

Then, Jonathan told his father about his experience in Cloud Clan.

As Gaffar listened, he was slowly filled with shock.

He defeated the bodyguard Karson Mao, a Yellow

Level master, whom he had hired for his son, with just one move!

He managed to beat the drum and successfully entered Cloud Clan.

He had a conflict with Sasha Li, the eldest daughter of the Li family from Peony River, and he killed her bodyguard.

In the end, even Donovan Zhuo, the Guardian of Cloud Clan, had to be respectful toward Fade.

After hearing this, Gaffar was shocked.

The richest family in the country, the Li family of Peony River, and Cloud Clan, were all well-known figures with extensive powers.

And these people were deferential to Fade, which meant that Fade's identity and power were even more immense than these people.

At the thought of this, Gaffar felt a chill in his heart and a sense of fear and dread rose within him.

The Cloud Clan was a Black Level force. Even if it had declined in power, which made them slightly weaker than the Sun Family, for the Dai Family, they were still undoubtedly a humongous monster that was difficult to defeat.

Fade, on the other hand, was respected by this humongous monster.

With this thought, Gaffar was shocked and he no

longer wanted to take revenge. He immediately hung up the phone and rushed in front of Fade. He bowed wholeheartedly and said, "Mr. Chen, I was wrong. I didn't know who you really were. It's definitely my fault that I offended you. Now, I would like to show my sincere apology to Mr Chen. I am willing to dissolve the Chamber of Commerce and apologize once again to Mr. Chen."

Everyone was stunned when they witnessed what was happening.

They didn't expect that the Dai family, being one of the three giants, would suddenly surrender to Fade and be so respectful.

Although they couldn't understand what was happening, they all knew that Gaffar's surrender and the dissolution of the Chamber of Commerce represented the end of this business war and the overall victory of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

The small businesses that were tied to the Dai family were now relieved after the Chamber of Commerce was disbanded. They then took the initiative to join the Long City Enterprise Council.

The puzzled An family and the Qian family spoke with Gaffar for a while, and their expressions changed altogether. They came forward and apologized to Fade. In the end, they were all willing to join the Enterprise Council.

In this case, the Long City Enterprise Council would

encompass 90% of the businesses within Long City, which would almost unify all the industries in Long City.

This business war, which had attracted the attention of the entire Long City, ended in an absolutely surprising way. Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc had not only successfully gained a firm foothold in Long City, but had also become one of the very few giants of Long City with the position of top leader within the Enterprise Council.

After dealing with all matters concerning the Enterprise Council, Quin Lin would become even busier in the following days.

Fade on the other hand, spent most of his days in the Du Medical Center, while teaching Caesar Du, Haider Dong and the others. He also played chess and drank tea with Old Mr Du.

This leisurely life lasted for a few days. Thereafter, Old Mr Du was very excited. When he saw Fade entering the house, he took Fade's hand right away without waiting for him to sit down. He said, "Fade, you must help me this time!"

"Old Mr Du, if there's anything that you need me to do, just tell me. You don't need to be polite," Fade said with a smile.

Old Mr Du said excitedly, "Fade, it's this matter. Tomorrow, there will be an auction held at the JB Auction House of Long City. I just heard that a



Buddhist treasure will be auctioned off at this event. It's an authentic Buddhist treasure, not the counterfeit that Caesar was fooled by last time."

"Fade, I appreciate and cherish Buddhist treasures very much. You must help me to appraise these items!" Old Mr Du said excitedly.

After listening to what he had to say, Fade smiled and said, "I see, a matter of appraising antiques. This is a small matter. Don't worry, Old Mr Du. I will go with you tomorrow."

"Great, great. I'm glad to have you by my side, Fade. I am truly relieved. Once I get the confirmation that the Buddhist treasure is authentic, I will make sure to acquire it even if it means I have to spend all my money this time," Old Mr Du said. He was a fanatical collector of antiques .

Right then, Fade suddenly thought of something, so he asked Caesar, "By the way, Caesar, did Donny pay the 90 million he promised the last time when we did the appraisal at Bay City?"

Caesar was stunned, then he shook his head and said, "Not yet. After Donny returned to Long City, he immediately went into seclusion and didn't want to see anyone. I went to visit him and brought up the matter a few times, but he didn't contact me after that. I got busy with so many things later on, so I have forgotten about this matter as well. I'm sorry, Brother Fade!"

Fade shook his head and said, "No problem, I have also forgotten about this matter. If Old Mr Du didn't mention the auction of the Buddhist treasure, I would really have forgotten about the 90 million."

Although the money meant nothing to Fade, Donny Liang had to pay for his crime anyhow.

With a snort, Fade said, "Since I remember this matter now, then this time, Donny can't just get away with it so easily."

Caesar immediately said, "Donny and his grandfather Shawn Liang will be attending the auction tomorrow."

"Well, since that's the case, we'll ask for the payment at the Auction Room tomorrow!" Fade announced loudly.

Caesar's face was full of smiles. Anything that could cause Donny to suffer a setback was something that he was looking forward to witness.

Just like that, a day passed by, and in the very next morning,

Fade accompanied the excited Old Mr Du and Caesar to the largest auction house in Long City... JB Auction House.

As they walked into the auction house, they spotted a few rows of chairs that were arranged in the shape of a fan. The chairs in the middle were lower than the ones on the edge, and the whole formation was

in the shape of a funnel.

Right then, all the collectors of Long City and even the cities nearby were gathered together. Old Mr Du also seemed to be much more active than usual. He kept greeting his colleagues and debated with them. He also compared his taste of antiques to other people's taste. He was definitely very happy.

Caesar, on the other hand, was busy introducing some famous people and explaining important matters in the industry to Fade.

Just as they were having conversations, Caesar's eyes lit up. He pointed to the front and said, "They're here!"

Fade looked over and saw a young man in his 20s walking in with an old man in his 70s. It was Donny and his grandfather, Shawn.



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As the president of the Dragonville Antique Association, Shawn Liang's arrival immediately attracted the attention of a lot of people. Many people came over to greet him.

Shawn responded to everyone's greetings with a smile. He seemed rather polite.

However, when his gaze fell on Old Mr Du, his expression changed and became serious. "Old Du, you're here too!"he said.

Old Mr Du said in a bad mood, "Since you are here, why can't I come?"

Shawn was not angry and he said, "Of course, Old Mr Du, you can come here. But I'm determined to acquire the Buddhist treasure being auctioned off this time. At that time, I'm afraid that you will return empty-handed."

Upon hearing this, Old Mr Du immediately gave a cold snort and said, "It's still too early to say who will return empty-handed !"

"It seems that you are quite confident, Old Mr Du!" Shawn said and he smiled. "I just don't know how lucky you will be this time, and whether or not you will manage to bid on something worthwhile, Old Mr Du,"he continued.

"You don't need to worry about that! You'd better take care of your own matters first," Old Mr Du replied in a bad mood.

Hearing this, Shawn laughed and said, "Oh don't you worry, I've taken good care of my matters. This time, I have hired Master Qi to be my purveying specialist. I was just wondering who is your purveying specialist, Old Mr Du?"

Upon hearing the name of Master Qi, Old Mr Du's expression started to change. His expression turned gloomy and anxious.

Caesar Du explained to Fade Chen, "This Master Qi was originally a purveying specialist in Capital City. But he was expelled from the city later on because he had offended a rich man there. He came to Long City and was hired by Shawn for a lot of money to be his purveying specialist."

The masters from the Capital City, even if they had some flaws, were still people from the Capital City after all. And when they came to a place like Long City, they would still inevitably be popular.

When Fade nodded, Shawn saw the solemn look on Old Mr Du's face and said sarcastically, "Old Du, why are you quiet? Are you going to be your own purveying specialist this time round?"

"Tsk tsk, to be honest, Old Du, in our circle, your eyesight is considered not bad. But compared with a professional purveying specialist, you are still far

behind. Not to mention Master Qi as well, but you are not even close to his level at all. You know, the Buddhist treasure this time, I've acquired it in advance. Haha!" Shawn said and he laughed proudly.

Old Mr Du got angry and he immediately shouted, "Who said I didn't hire a purveying specialist? This person right here, Fade, is my purveying specialist."

"This person, a purveying specialist?" Shawn said. He took a glance and observed Fade's youthful appearance and the way he was dressed. He immediately shook his head and said with a smile, "Oh Old Du, if you want to give up on yourself, you don't have to do this! If you want to hire this young kid to be your purveying specialist, you might as well just appraise the items yourself with your reading glasses!"

Old Mr Du snorted coldly and said, "You can't even begin to comprehend how powerful Fade is. You'll find out when the time comes."

"Haha, Old Mr Du! We are all acquaintances in the circle. Don't be so stubborn," Shawn said. He pointed to his peers around him and laughed. "Just by looking at your purveying specialist, I think we should stop talking about his true potential. It would be good enough if he is able to distinguish the differences between all the materials of these antiques."

Old Mr Du was so angry that he started to become flustered. Right then, Caesar couldn't stand it anymore. He stood out and spoke coldly, "What's the true potential of Mr. Chen's purveying skills? You'll find out when you ask your grandson Donny. Don't be embarrassed when you get slapped in the face then."

"Donny, he..." Shawn said. He was slightly shocked and then turned to look at his grandson.

When Donny Liang saw Fade, he started feeling anxious. That was why he had been hiding behind the crowd earlier, hoping that Fade wouldn't see him. However, he didn't expect his grandfather to call him forward.

"Master Liang, I haven't seen you in a while. I don't know if you still remember what had happened last time?" Fade asked.

Donny trembled suddenly and his expression changed. Then, he twitched his mouth and forced himself to pretend that he didn't know who Fade was. He said, "What happened last time? I don't know what you are talking about!"

"Really? Then I'll remind you, Master Liang," Fade said. "90 million. Do you remember now, Master Liang?" he asked.

Donny's expression changed and his face shook violently. His tone was a little flustered, but he still pretended not to know anything. "What 90 million? I

don't understand what you are saying, and I don't know what you're talking about,"he answered.

"Haha, looks like Master Liang needs me to explain everything in detail!" Fade said, and he smiled coldly.He was prepared to clarify the situation.

Right at that moment, a bell rang. The host on the stage stood up and said, "Everyone, the auction is about to begin. Please take your seats."

As the auction was about to start, the discussion between Fade and Donny was interrupted, so everyone sat down on their own seats.

Fade and Caesar looked at each other, and they both looked serious. Donny's attitude just now was already very obvious, showing that he didn't want to admit his debt of ninety million .

Donny was feeling uneasy. He could not calm down at all, as though there were ten million alpacas running wildly in his heart.

After the last scam was exposed, he had promised a compensation of 90 million to protect himself. But he had regretted his decision as soon as he returned to Long City.

Even if the Liang Family was rich, taking out ninety million at once would definitely be a huge expense, which was not an amount he could move around easily either. Moreover, since returning home, his energy and confidence had recovered. The more he

thought about the matter, the more he felt that Fade was not someone to be afraid of. So he made up his mind to deny the debt of ninety million yuan. He had never brought up the previous incident in conversation at home at all.

When Shawn saw that his grandson had reacted just now, he asked, "Do you know that purveying specialist? And what's this matter with the 90 million?"

Donny's expression changed and he was not willing to speak.

Shawn knew from his grandson's reaction that he was hiding something from him. He frowned because he could feel faintly that something was wrong.

By then, the host had explained the rules of the auction and asked the staff to bring out the first item.

After one round of introductions, the atmosphere in the room suddenly became more lively, and a lot of people had started to bid on the items.

As the first auction item was like a warm-up item, the price would not be too high usually. In the end, it was sold at the price of one million yuan, and the auction had also officially begun.

One by one, the items were brought up, and the atmosphere at the auction became lively. However,

Old Mr Du had not made a move yet. Obviously, he was gathering all his financial resources to bid for the Buddhist treasure.

Shawn, on the other hand, invited Master Qi, who was right next to him, to go forward and take a look. He bought a few small items at low prices. For a while, he caused Master Qi's name to become even more popular.

Many rich businessmen cast eager and envious glances at him. Apparently, they also wanted to have a sharp-eyed purveying specialist like him.

Seeing this, Shawn became more and more proud, and he deliberately looked over at Old Mr Du.

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Right then, another item was brought out for the auction, and it was a female palace dress. According to the introduction of the host, it was an item that had originated from the palace of the Qing Dynasty. The starting price was set at five million yuan.

Once the price was announced, the room instantly became a little quiet. There was actually no one bidding on this item. This atmosphere formed a stark contrast with the previous lively scene.

The people who were there participating in the auction were mostly from the inner circle of collectors, and they knew something about items like this. Even if they didn't know much about the matter, they would bring their purveying specialist with them.

Therefore, almost everyone in the hall could see that this royal dress was really not worth that much.

First of all, the appearance of this dress was not well preserved. It was in tatters, and many large pieces had fallen off. It didn't look good at all.

Secondly, it was the palace attire of the Qing Dynasty. It wasn't historical enough, and there were many items from that era, so it was not very

valuable .

The host had been advertising this item for a long time, but in the end, no one bid on it. The atmosphere suddenly became a little awkward. Everyone shook their heads and was waiting for this item to be auctioned off. After all, no one was interested in it.

Shawn Liang had an idea and said, "Old Du, why are you so quiet today? You haven't bid on anything yet. Can it be that you can't tell the good from the bad, so you can't make your decisions? Why don't you let your purveying specialist have a look at this item?"

Old Mr Du was annoyed. Everyone could see that this dress was worthless, but Shawn encouraged him to make a move. Obviously, he wanted him to be the victim.

Just as Old Mr Du was about to refuse, Fade Chen, who was right beside him, stopped him suddenly. Then, he raised his card and said, "Six million, I'll pay six million to buy this dress."

As soon as the words came out, the crowd was suddenly stunned, and then there was the buzzing sound of discussion.

"Now that he's provoked by Shawn, he finally put out a bid!"

"He's really still too young, he hasn't learnt how to be patient yet!"

"In my opinion, Old Mr Du made a mistake this time. He has hired a fake specialist."

"Bidding was alright. But that guy added one million yuan in one go. Money can't be spent this way!"

Shawn laughed happily, with a sarcastic smile on his face. He said, "Old Du, your purveying specialist is really amazing ! No one wants to buy this item, but he was able to tell at a glance that it's unusual. He even bid a million more on it. It's really eye-opening indeed,how admirable!"

Old Mr Du was so angry he wanted to refute him. But when he thought of Fade's move, he was immediately puzzled as well.

Shawn was unwilling to let go of this opportunity to satirize his long time enemy. Looking at Master Qi beside him, he deliberately said loudly, "Master Qi, you have a keen eye. Can you tell us what's so special about this dress? Why did Mr. Chen raise the bid by one million?"

He wanted to ridicule Fade, and he was trying to find ways to slam him a few more times!

Master Qi coughed, then stood up and said in a clear voice, "This dress is indeed the palace dress of the Qing Dynasty. But the style and cutting of this dress is very common. It's something ordinary palace maids would wear,and there's really nothing special about it. Moreover, the quality and appearance of this dress is too poor, which depletes the value of

this dress significantly. If you meet a buyer that likes it, I think that it would be worth three million yuan."

As soon as he said that, the crowd became jolly again. They glanced at Master Qi and Fade.

"That is true. I also think that this dress is worthless!"

"Master Qi has already spoken. That kid will suffer a great loss."

"If it was just an ordinary buyer, the loss would totally just be a loss. But if he is a purveying specialist, and he bought this item and suffered a loss, who else would hire him as a purveying specialist in the future?"

"That's right. Not only did this kid lower his own reputation, he also caused Old Mr Du to be disrespected. Such a laughing stock!"

The sighs and mocking words kept on coming, but Fade simply ignored them and he did not care about their opinions at all. Nevertheless, he went up to the stage, signed the documents, and took the dress .

Seeing that, everyone shook their heads and sighed again.

"Don't sign it! If you refuse to sign, you just have to pay some penalty, and you can still choose not to bid on it."

"If you sign the sales contract right now, six million yuan will be spent! This means you will lose three

million yuan."

"The loss is more than three million! Didn't you just hear what Master Qi said? The dress can only be sold for three million if you meet a buyer who likes it. This guy won't be able to sell the dress he purchased!"

Right at this moment, Fade suddenly made a shocking move.

He took the shabby dress in his hands and shook it violently as though it was an ordinary dress.

Immediately, a few pieces of rags fell off from the dress.

Then, before the crowd could recover from the shock, Fade took action right away again. With a fierce tug, he tore the dress in his hands and turned them into rags. These rags would've been too worn out to even be considered as cloths for mopping .

The crowd was dumbfounded and couldn't stop sighing.

"What is he doing? Why did he tear up the dress?"

"There's no need to tear up the dress though! He can at least sell it if he'd kept it nicely! Even if the dress can't sell for three million, it can still sell for two million, or even one million, right?"

"I think he is way too rich, so he came here on purpose to show off his wealth."

"He's just a young lad. It's fine if he doesn't have any purveying skills, but he can't even control his temper. What kind of purveying specialist is he?"

"This time, Old Mr Du has really been fooled by that boy big time. He has lost respect from everybody!"

Amongst the sarcastic voices, Shawn was full of smiles. He said, "Old Du, please console your purveying specialist. Even if he was scolded, there's no need to tear things up. After all, the dress is still considered an antique, and it's valuable somehow."

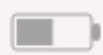
Old Mr Du wanted to argue, but he didn't know what to say. After all, he himself was also completely shocked by Fade's behaviour.

Right at this moment, Fade took the strips of cloth in his hand and groped around the sleeves, where he seemed to have found a string. He then pinched the string and began to pull it hard.

Fade pulled out a very thin silk thread from the dress.

Fade wrapped the string with his hands carefully. Only then did the crowd manage to see the string clearly.

The silk was translucent, white, and had a glittering quality. It was as thin as a quarter of a hair, yet it was also very tough. When Fade pulled it out forcefully, it did not break. Moreover, the amazing thing was, right when the water vapor around the silk



approaches the silk thread, it turned into a layer of hazy mist, creating a unique type of refreshing coolness. Anyone could tell that it was not something ordinary.

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"What, what's that?" someone asked, noticing the unusual thread.

Many people were puzzled. Master Qi was staring at the silk thread right at that moment, and there was a hint of excitement in his eyes. He suddenly stood up and said, "Ice Silk, that, that is the extremely rare hundred-year-old Ice Silk."

When everyone heard the name, they were confused. They didn't know what the ice silk was.

But looking at the excitement on Master Qi's face, they knew that the Ice Silk was not an ordinary item. It had to be exceptionally valuable.

Shawn Liang asked, "Master Qi, is the ice Silk considered valuable?"

Master Qi said slowly, "The Ice Silk can't be measured by money at all. Every wisp of Ice Silk is precious in its existence. Especially this type of Ice Silk, which has existed for hundreds of years, it is even more exquisite. This type of silk has impacted many warriors."

Speaking of this, Master Qi looked more and more excited. In addition to being a purveying specialist, he was also a powerful martial-arts master. Therefore, when he saw the Ice Silk, his eyes lit up

and he looked extremely shocked.

"It's remarkably valuable for a martial-artist. That, that should be worth at least tens of millions of yuan, right?" Donny Liang could not resist asking.

"Tens of millions of yuan!" Master Qi snorted and said. He continued, "This small roll of Ice Silk would be worth at least two hundred million. That kid has profited much indeed!"

Everyone was stupefied when they heard the price.

Two hundred million, at least. Less than three minutes ago, Fade Chen only spent six million yuan to buy that dress.

Now, in the blink of an eye, six million yuan had turned into two hundred million yuan. This caused all the people, who were trying to mock Fade for being oblivious and ignorant just now, to become absolutely red-faced.

For a moment, almost everyone in the room was stunned and they looked at Fade. They wanted to know how he managed to discern the existence of the Ice Silk in that dress.

"Wow, he must really be a purveying specialist with some legit skills!"

"He's still so young. Even if he's a purveying specialist, how powerful can he be? In my opinion, he just got lucky this time."

"I also think that it's luck. Otherwise, it's impossible

to explain this matter. After all, Master Qi hasn't even made a move earlier. How could he have seen it?"

"That's some crazy luck right there! Even when something bad happens, if lucks wants to find you, it will find a way!"

After a few rounds of heated discussions, most people only chalked Fade's good fortune up to being extremely lucky this time.

The auction continued and one by one, many collectible items were displayed.

Moreover, when an item appeared to be auctioned off later, everyone could not resist looking at Fade, as though they wanted to see if he would make a move or not. They wanted to tag along his good luck.

However, Fade did not make a move when he saw the rest of the items.

Finally the last auction item appeared, which was also the main focus of this auction. It was the Buddhist treasure.

The host asked the staff members to bring out the Buddhist treasure carefully and put it in a glass container.

Before the host could introduce it, everyone's attention was attracted by the Buddhist treasure within the glass container. It was a volume of extremely worn-out scriptures. The pages of the

volume were old and yellow, but the handwriting on it was still quite clear.

The most amazing thing about the handwriting on the volume was that as long as you stared at them long enough, you could sense the movements of the words. They would turn into Buddhist statues and begin to glow. The whole book would suddenly transform into tens of thousands of Buddhas which seem to land on the page, with a majestic and energetic aura.

Many of the collectors were interested once they noticed this unique aura.

Some people were getting impatient, so they raised their cards and said, "Dear host, hurry up, hurry up and announce the minimum price! I want to bid on this item!"

Old Mr Du and Shawn were also excited and they were itching to start bidding as well. However, they resisted the impulse to do that, and they looked at their purveying specialists.

Seeing this, Master Qi stepped forward and stared at Fade. He snorted and spoke disdainfully, "This scripture is the 'Diamond Sutra Scripture' from the Western Regions. Looking at its age, it should have originated from the Mid Tang Dynasty. Also, this scripture is unique because it was written personally by an aristocratic Taoist monk. The Teachings of Buddhism are profound and possess boundless

merits. It's a really rare and high-quality antique."

Upon hearing the confirmation and appraisal of Master Qi, everyone in the room became excited. Shawn also smiled confidently and proudly.

The host was also ready to take this opportunity to announce the starting price and begin with the bidding process.

Right then, Shawn had an idea and he yelled, "Wait a minute!". Then, he said to Old Mr Du with a smile, "Old Du, Master Qi's appraisal is over. You should also ask your purveying specialist to check out this item and let us all know how interesting it is!"

When everyone heard this, they burst out in laughter instantly. Obviously, Shawn intended to embarrass Old Mr Du and Fade. After all, they thought that Fade was not a capable appraiser. He had only been lucky in acquiring the Ice Silk earlier.

As the crowd was chuckling, Old Mr Du looked at Fade.

Fade, however, looked calm. He nodded and said, "What Master Qi just said was quite accurate."

Upon hearing this, the crowd chuckled and started to criticize him with even louder voices.

"This kid is trying to deceive us with some vague explanations."

"Speak clearly! Don't repeat anything that Master Qi has already said."

"In my opinion, we should let him check on the item first. In this way, we can expose his fake identity."

Shawn also laughed and said, "Old Du, your purveying specialist really doesn't have anything else to say!"

Old Mr Du was about to retort, but Fade smiled faintly and said, "There's no need for further explanations. The Buddhist treasure is confirmed to be an authentic item. Now, the most important thing is to acquire it. As for other matters, they are not that important."

As soon as he said that, there was another round of giggles.

Nonetheless, Fade did not care at all. He just whispered to Old Mr Du and asked, "Old Mr Du, how much money did you prepare this time? I'm afraid that this volume of scriptures is worth a lot!"

Old Mr Du patted his own pocket and said in a soft and confident voice, "I have prepared 120 million yuan this time. It will be enough."

In general, if an item reached tens of millions of yuan at the auction within their circle of collectors, it would be because it was of good quality. This time, because of the authentic Buddhist treasure, Old Mr Du had prepared over 100 million yuan. He felt that he had sufficient funds, and he was sure that he would acquire the item successfully.

However, when Shawn saw the smile on the corner of Old Mr Du's mouth, he also replied softly with a smile, "Old Du, do you think that amount is enough? That's just what you think!" While speaking, Shawn patted his purse with great confidence, implying in his expression that everything was under control.

Right then, the host finally announced the starting price of the Buddhist treasure, "The starting price is 50 million yuan. At each bid, the amount will be raised at least by one million. Now, let's begin the auction!"

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"55 million!"

"58 million!"

"60 million!"

"63 million!"

" 65 million!"

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As soon as the host finished speaking, people in the room started bidding in an intense manner, and the price also rose rapidly.

However, when the price rose to 80 million yuan, the speed slowed down, and there were fewer people who were still bidding. After all, only a few people could afford that price, and only a few big bosses were left who could continue with the auction.

Right then, Old Mr Du, who had been silent all this while, finally raised his card. When he started to speak, he showed utmost confidence and he raised the price by ten million yuan in one go. "90 million!"he said.

Hearing this, everyone was shocked, and their jaws dropped. They sighed in their hearts. The Buddhist treasure would probably belong to Old Mr Du this time.

In that instant, Shawn Liang smiled and raised his card, saying, "100 million!"

This time, everyone was in an uproar. Another rich person had added 10 million yuan. This type of competition stirred up the excitement of the crowd.

Old Mr Du glanced at Shawn and frowned. Yet, he raised his card once again. "105 million!" he said.

Since he only had 20 million capital remaining, the speed of the price increment had also slowed down.

Shawn then raised his card again, saying, "115 million! Old Du, why the slow price increment? Don't you have enough money? Haha!"

Old Mr Du looked serious and felt that things were getting complicated. He had thought that the 120 million yuan was definitely sufficient, yet he did not expect Shawn to be competing so closely with him.

Old Mr Du started to panic. He didn't know how much money Shawn had. He also wasn't sure if Shawn wanted to compete with him for this Buddhist treasure, or if he just wanted to victimize him by raising the price.

After hesitating for a while, Old Mr Du was determined and he finally set his eyes on the item. He said, "120 million."

He was going all-in with his funds. At the same time, he was using this momentum to scare Shawn, indicating to him that he should not do anything

ridiculous.

Right then, Shawn heard the bid of 120 million. He was stunned and was frightened by Old Mr Du's determination.

Just as Old Mr Du was feeling pleased, Shawn suddenly smirked and gazed at Old Mr Du. He shook his head and said, "Old Mr Du, it turns out that 120 million yuan is all of your capital! With such a small sum of money, how can you compete with me for the Buddhist treasure?"

While speaking, Shawn raised his card again and said, "130 million."

Old Mr Du looked unhappy. He did not expect Shawn to actually know about his budget. He looked even more serious. With greater determination, Old Mr Du raised his card and said, "135 million!"

He had spent 15 million yuan over his budget, and this would have been the maximum amount that Old Mr Du could afford.

However, Shawn was obviously well prepared. He raised the price again and said, "140 million yuan!"

This time, Old Mr Du started shivering. He sat down with disappointment, shook his head gently, and his arms began to tremble.

Shawn, with a victorious smile on his face, laughed and said, "Old Du, why don't you continue with the bidding? Well then, I shall take this Buddhist

treasure. If you want to see it in the future, you can come to my house to see it! I am not that stingy, and I will definitely show it to you."

Shawn also heaved a sigh of relief and he felt relaxed. Although his budget was much higher than Old Mr Du's, it was still only 150 million yuan. The 140 million yuan price was approaching his limit. If Old Mr Du gave it another go, maybe Shawn would have to give up .

Fortunately, Old Mr Du had given up, so he was safe right now.

When the crowd heard the bid, they were filled with envy and amazement.

"Host, Old Du has given up. You can start the count down now," Shawn said with a smile on his face.

The host was just about to count down, and right then, a faint voice sounded, " 150 million is my price!"

Everyone was stunned and looked toward the source of the voice.

They were all outraged when they discovered the person who had raised his card was Fade Chen.

Shawn immediately snorted and yelled, "Host, he's being completely ridiculous. How can a purveying specialist have 150 million yuan? I strongly demand that the organization investigate his right to bid in this auction."

The surrounding crowd also nodded. Obviously, they did not believe that Fade could afford so much money.

The host walked down and was about to say something.

And just then, Fade shook the card in his hand and said, "I really don't want to spend so much money to buy this item. But please look clearly, the card that I raised is not mine."

The crowd was startled, and when they looked at the number on the card, they realized that Fade had raised Old Mr Du's card.

All of a sudden, everyone's jaw dropped, and they turned their focus to Old Mr Du.

Old Mr Du looked at Fade hesitantly. Fade said softly, "Don't worry, Old Mr Du. I will get the Buddhist treasure for you."

Looking at Fade's resolute and determined expression, Old Mr Du coughed and said, "Yes, this is my card. I asked Fade to bid on the item on my behalf."

Since it was Old Mr Du's card, there was naturally no need to doubt the rights of the bidder.

Therefore, the host retreated and looked at Shawn. Obviously, he was seeing if Shawn wanted to continue bidding.

Shawn gazed at Fade and Old Mr Du, and he was

hesitant. They had offered 150 million yuan, which was the limit of his budget. If he continued to raise the price, he would be over the limit of his budget .

However, now that he had reached this point, he could not give up so easily. Also, judging from the expression on Old Mr Du's face, the funds he prepared should not be more than what he had.

Shawn gritted his teeth and said, "I'll pay 155 million."

The two of them continued bidding once again, and everyone could not help but exclaim in surprise.

Just as Shawn announced his bid, Fade's card was raised again, and the same faint voice was heard, "160 million!"

Shawn was shaken. His expression was gloomy and he seemed depressed. He shouted fiercely, "165 million!"

This time, before he could finish his words, Fade raised his card again and said lightly, "170 million!"

Shawn was on the verge of collapsing. This guy casually offered high prices. He was completely neglecting the value of money, treating money as though they just consisted of a few pieces of paper.

"You, you..." Shawn said. He glared at Fade furiously.

Fade's expression was calm. He said softly, "Why, Chairman Liang, why don't you continue to bid? Or, do you have no money left?"

Shawn's face fell, and then he shouted, "Yes I have run out of money. But I don't believe that Jason Du can fog out 170 million yuan just to bid for this Buddhist treasure. I request for an investigation of the bidding rights for him!"

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The audience was in shock. The host looked at Old Mr Du begrudgingly. Even when he had 120 million earlier, everyone was already staring at him suspiciously. Now that he suddenly bid up to 170 million when the starting price was so low, one couldn't blame the rest of the people for looking at him suspiciously.

Seeing the host walking toward him, Old Mr Du couldn't help but feel anxious. He definitely could not afford to pay a hefty price of 170 million but he was placing his trust in Fade Chen. This was the only reason why he was bidding at such a high amount.

If the other party forced his hand, he would have to gather the money even if it caused him to become broke. He couldn't let Dr. Chen look down on him.

Just as Old Mr Du had made up his mind and clenched his fist,

Fade gestured his hand at the host and said, "There's no need for an investigation. Old Mr Du would definitely not be able to pay 170 million!"

Hearing this, everyone on the scene was dumbfounded. They couldn't understand what was going on at all.

Old Mr Du believed that Fade was going to help him

outbid Shawn Liang. This guy had been crazily raising the price all this while till it reached 170 million. But at the final moment, he insisted that Old Mr Du did not have enough money.

No one in the audience saw this coming.

The host laughed dryly, looked at Old Mr Du and asked in a trembling voice, "Old Mr Du, you must be joking!"

Before Old Mr Du could say anything, Fade spoke again, "No, this isn't a joke. Old Mr Du only prepared 120 million in capital. I'm very sure he wouldn't be able to afford 170 million."

"Well..." The host didn't expect Fade to confirm this, so he was really stunned.

Hearing this, Shawn was shaken out of his daze. He laughed and said, "Old Mr Du, if you can't afford this item, then stop playing games. Now this kid has screwed you over. What are you going to do if you can't pull out this money?"

Old Mr Du's expression darkened. He gritted his teeth and was ready to refute him.

But at this time, Fade stood up again and pointed at Shawn. He smiled and said, "Old Mr Du's money is indeed not enough, but together with your money, it should be enough right?"

"Ah!"

The crowd was stunned once again. They didn't

know what crazy act Fade was pulling but it was definitely a mess.

Shawn was stunned for a moment, then he proceeded to laugh coolly, "You must be joking, what do you mean by the phrase 'together with your money'? Wait, do you think that I will lend money to Old Mr Du? Do you think that I'll bid together with him?"

"Host, obviously their biddings earlier were against the rules. I demand that their earlier biddings be cancelled," Shawn shouted.

The host also looked over.

Fade was still calm. He looked at Shawn and said, "I didn't say that you have to lend your money to Old Mr Du. What I meant was, your money is actually ours!"

"Bullshit, what are you talking about? Since when did my money become yours?" Shawn said. He was rarely this furious. He shouted angrily, "Host, this guy is just trying to make a scene. I strongly insist that you drive him out."

The host was about to make a move, but right at that moment, Fade's face fell, and he exuded a cold vibe. In an icy tone, he said, "Why don't you ask that good old grandson of yours, Donny, about this?"

"What do you mean?" Shawn asked. He frowned and looked at Donny Liang.

At this exact moment, Donny knew exactly what Fade meant. With a flustered look on his face, he knew without a doubt that Fade was referring to that 90 million.

"What's the matter?" Shawn asked.

Donny stuttered and murmured, unwilling to speak up.

Seeing this, Fade said, "Since he doesn't want to tell you, then I'll speak on his behalf! Your grandson, Donny, owes me 90 million. It has been long overdue and I want it back now. "

"What? You owe him 90 million!"

Not only Shawn, but the rest of the audience was also shocked. They couldn't help but turn their attention toward Donny.

Donny didn't look great. He glared at Fade and said through gritted teeth, "You're lying. I don't owe you any money, let alone 90 million. This is utter bullshit!"

Fade saw this coming. His lips curled into a sinister smile and he said, "If that's the case, you leave me with no choice but to tell everyone what happened that day."

Hearing this, Donny's expression changed immediately. If people found out that he scammed others, this would not only affect him, but also his grandfather. He was afraid that their position in the

Long City antique collector's circle would be jeopardized.

But at the thought of the 90 million, Donny's heart ached again. He gritted his teeth and said, "Go ahead and conjure up your story, I have no idea what happened and I don't have the slightest idea about the 90 million you're talking about."

"Is that so?" Fade said. He sneered, and then proceeded to give a signal to Caesar Du.

Caesar was already on standby. He took out a thumb drive from his pocket and handed it to one of the staff members. Turning to Donny, he teased him, saying " Hey Donny, I'm sure you never thought that someone would be filming you that day. Unfortunately for you, we have everything on camera."

Upon hearing this, Donny was so shocked that he started shivering and nearly collapsed to the ground. He wanted to stop the video from playing, but it was too late.

On the screen, the video had started to play. It showed the day that Fade was helping Caesar to spot and bid for the Buddhist treasure.

As the video came to the end, everyone finally understood what had happened that day. All of a sudden, everyone's gaze was focused on Donny. One could hear the crowd buzzing with excitement.

"I didn't think that Donny would try to cheat other people!"

"What a blow to Chairman Liang's reputation! This conniving son of a bit**"

"Someone like him shouldn't mingle within our circle. Don't even think about being around him in the future. Just when you let your guard down, you'll definitely be scammed by him."

"I only thought that he was a playboy. I never expected him to be so shameless."

Facing the criticism of the crowd, Donny's face became pale, his body swayed and he almost fell to the ground.

Beside him, Shawn's expression was dark, and he looked at his grandson with a sense of dissatisfaction. No one could tell what he was thinking about at that moment.

Seeing this, Fade announced, "Chairman Liang, now you may return the 90 million to me! As for the interest after the due date, I'll waive it for you."

Hearing this, Shawn's expression was gloomy again. Naturally, he didn't want the reputation of a scammer. However, he also didn't want to fork out 90 million for a complete stranger. After all, this was 90 million they were talking about!

After a moment of silence, Shawn seemed to have come to a conclusion. Suddenly, his face changed.

He laughed and said to Fade, "Hahaha, so this is the 90 million you're talking about. This is nothing but a few kids messing around and spouting nonsense. If this is the way you're trying to get 90 million from me, you must be dreaming!"

Hearing this, Fade's expression darkened, so he said, " I see that you're planning to avoid your debts?"

Shawn rolled his eyes and retorted, "The debts that you're talking about doesn't exist at all, so how can you say that I'm avoiding my debts?!"