

Character Biography

Alex Smith is neither too tall or too short. He is 26 year old and has an average build. He has a clean face with no pimples or wrinkles or even tiny scars. He is Caucasian. He owns a sex toy shop in Beijing and that is where he lives. He sleeps in the dusty rundown store. He inherits the shop from his father who inherits it from his father who inherits it from his father. The products in the shop have changed drastically but the layout and design of the shop remained the same for generations. Pretty predicable, in a He became the negative model to the kids in the community. Parents would always say to their kids “if you don’t study well, you’ll become Alex.”

Alex holds a book of history of his family and is proud of it. His great great grandfather started the sex toy business in London nineteenth century. At the time, the business was considered sinful. To run away from the punishment, he boarded the ship to America to pursue his passion in the business. The business was not a great success but enough to feed the family. At the beginning of the twentieth century, the family moved to Peking—the capita of the Qing dynasty. During the late Qing period, young people from the local rich families who had studied abroad and military officers who fought for freedom, even the royal family members who were curious about the new stuff became the main customers of the shop. The store earned a good fortune and his great grandfather developed very good friendship with these people. That helped the store survive the war later on. His grandfather took over the business during cultural revolution. It was only because of his US passport that the store was not burned by the hysteric people. Ever since then, the store was rarely visited by people.

Alex is a family oriented man because he was very much affected by the Chinese culture here. The store was at the very edge of the forbidden city when it was established. But now it is one of the most expensive location in the world. Many people suggest him to sell the land and enjoy the rest of

his life. But he refused. Alex dedicates himself in bringing back the glory of the family business, but it was hard for him. He is a virgin. He does not understand most products in the store. So he is very shy when a rare customer shows up.

He tried to date some girls and because of his handsome face, a lot of them were into him. However whenever he tells the girl about his work, she would laugh at him and dump him. Alex doesn't mind that because he was not very into them anyways. He goes to date just because he feels the responsibility to have a family.

Alex meets a Chinese boy named Huaishan. Huaishan is from a family of doctor and nurse. His dream is to be a gynecologist but he dare not to tell this to his family especially his father who is a very traditional Chinese man. Huaishan invited Alex to his house for a family dinner. During the dinner, he was asked about his job. He told the truth expecting the usual scornful laughter. But the entire family shows great appreciation to his work. They understand the importance of the joy of sex because of their science background. The father even mentioned that the work is no less meaningful than a gynecologist's. There should be no limitation on genders nor shame in doing these jobs. Both jobs bring joy to people.

Alex is inspired by the talk and starts to grow confidence. He begins with catching the rare customers in his shop and making their purchases happen. Gradually, he earns a reputation in a small circle of people. As Alex's business slowly expands, Huaishan is also studying hard to pass the gynecologist exam. Alex and Huaishan also develop a feeling towards each other when dealing with the difficulties on their journey.