## "Stone tablets?"

"Yes, and pictures are carved on it. If I'm not mistaken, it records an incident that happened in that year. After that, I've carefully studied it for days, but other than understanding that it's a mural which describes the burial scene of that year, I can't understand the writings on it. After so many years, I've lost my curiosity toward what happened in the past, so I kept it as an ancient art piece and stored it in my secret room!" Master Ghost replied.

# A mural again?

Whenever Chen Hao heard the word 'mural', he could not help but relate it to what he saw in the ancient tomb that day.

Ancient murals had been long-standing. They were closely related to the belief, custom and concept of aesthetic of the people in a particular era. In addition, they reflected the level of development in the politics, economy, literature, art and technology aspects of the society in that period.

Usually, these murals encompassed the stories from the imperial court to the martial society. It depicted scenes of vivid and accurate ancient life for the future generations, telling moving stories through this method.

Just like the ancient tomb of the God Knight, the murals had described in detail the interesting stories that happened since the day they found the God Knight until his burial.

Chen Hao even managed to unearth many clues regarding the League of the Sun from studying these murals.

"Once, I invited one of my old friends to study the burial method that is displayed on the murals, and he said that it was a special method of sea burial!" After pondering for a while, Master Ghost added.

"Sea burial?"

Chen Hao had an intuition. Could it be related to the Sea King's Tomb?

"Is it convenient for me to have a look at it?"

"Of course. You're welcome if you are interested!" Master Ghost made an inviting gesture.

He then led Chen Hao to a secret room where he meditated, located in the back courtyard at the back of the mountain.

The entire secret room was built using green granite, and it had a length of 50 feet and a width of 30 feet. There was nothing in this dark room. Only a square table was placed in the middle of this room. On the table, there was an oil lamp, and the small flame was flickering as it emitted faint light.

At the side of the secret room, there were 6 ancient stone tablets which were covered in traces of moss.

These were six murals.

Chen Hao took an oil lamp from Master Ghost and walked to the murals to have a closer look.

Upon detailed observation, Chen Hao realized that the writings on the murals were identical to those he saw in the ancient tomb.

It seemed like these murals and those in the ancient tomb were created in the same era.

When Chen Hao observed carefully, he was even more surprised to realize that this mural seemed to be the scene where the white-shirted girl was being buried!

His body tensed up at once and he inspected it carefully, afraid of missing even the tiniest detail.

In that era, Sea City was just a small fishing village. The people here earned their living through fishing, and they were secluded from the world.

According to the mural, a strange troop appeared in this place one morning.

They were carrying a huge coffin, and the head of the troop was an old man in a long robe.

This old man and the attire he wore were exactly the same as the old beggar in the mural of the ancient tomb, who reappeared in the country.

It was him again!

This mural was telling the story where the old man convoyed the white-shirted girl's coffin to this place after he separated the white-shirted girl from the God Knight.

At this point, Chen Hao was sure that the white-shirted girl was inside the coffin, and this place was the actual whereabouts of the white-shirted girl.

The mural stated that on that day, the villagers of the fishing village had returned from sea, and they were astonished to see the old man carrying the coffin to this place.

The old patriarch of the fishing village stepped forward and inquired, "Who is inside the coffin?"

The old beggar answered, "A Goddess that fell from the sky!"

At once, all the villagers kowtowed to the coffin.

After that, the old patriarch asked again, "Why is the goddess being convoyed to this place?"

The old beggar replied that they needed to bury her in this place. Then, the old beggar gave a lot of gold and silver to the patriarch and asked him to mobilize the local farmers out to the sea to build an underwater mausoleum.

That time, every household was given a large heap of gold and silver.

Moreover, they were building this mausoleum for the Goddess, so everyone was burning with enthusiasm.

Even the commoners around the fishing village joined in.

In just a short time, 8000 old and young people were gathered.

All of them went out to sea to build a mausoleum for the Goddess.

The mausoleum was named Goddess Palace, not the present Sea Palace.

Under the direction of the old man, Goddess Palace was finally completed after half a year.

Everyone gasped in awe as this was a great project under the sea, and it was marvelous.

Soon, it was the day to bury the whiteshirted girl.

On the second mural, the story of the white-shirted girl's burial was told. That day, there was a heavy downpour, and the lightning and thunder were relentless.

The old man only brought along 36 people on that trip.

It could be easily counted as they were all standing on the deck of a boat in 4 rows, and every row had 9 people.

Including the old man, there were a total of 37 people. All of them set off to the Goddess Palace in the torrential rain.

However, something happened when they were resting on an island halfway through the journey.

On the third mural, it said that they met with an extremely huge warship.

Chen Hao had seen this huge warship on the ancient tomb's mural before, and it was identical.

On this mural, it emphasized that this strange-looking warship was floating above the island.

All 36 of them thought that God had descended to the mortal world, so they kowtowed in fear.

Then, a person wearing a strange mask and a black robe came down from the huge warship and pointed at the coffin of the Goddess.

Upon reading this, Chen Hao tensed up at once.

According to the description, it seemed like they were the ones Shen Lan saw in

the Sun Totem.

Could it be that I will be killed by the people from the League of the Sun in the near future?

Chen Hao frowned at the thought and continued studying the mural.

It seemed like these people wanted to take the coffin away.

Following that, the old beggar leaped onto the huge warship and entered it.

On the fourth mural, it showed the old beggar leading the people to continue their journey. What happened after the old beggar entered the huge warship was skipped.

The story skipped to the point where they approached the Goddess Palace.

However, Chen Hao realized a strange fact. In the beginning, there were 36 people. Now, only 27 were left. 9 people were missing.

Where did those people go?

Chen Hao did not ponder on this question for too long because the next story in the mural made Chen Hao feel like it was rather unreal.

It stated that they had arrived at the Goddess Palace under the sea, but they had met with a giant dragon which was severely injured. It was thrashing in the water.

It was writhing in agony in the sea, or more precisely, it was writhing painfully above the Goddess Palace.

To free the dragon from the tormenting pain, the old beggar smashed its skull and ended its life.

Soon afterward, there was a heavy storm accompanied by deafening thunders and blinding lightning.

The boat was almost overturned.

Out of fear, everyone kowtowed on the deck.

On the fifth mural, the Goddess's coffin was sent under the sea along with the giant dragon carcass to be buried together.

Some information about the Goddess Palace was described here. Under the sea, the mausoleum was as magnificent as the Palace of the Dragon King.

If it wasn't for the mighty capability of the old beggar, no one would have been able to dive under the sea and stayed in the water for so long.

This was because on the mural, the old beggar had given these people an item before they dived into the sea.

The sixth mural was what left Chen Hao in bewilderment.

When they got out of the sea and returned to the deck, they had in their hands another coffin.

It was a crystal coffin, and it was not big.

Chen Hao speculated that it was probably

not an adult's corpse that was lying inside the crystal coffin.

Everyone protected it carefully.

But suddenly, one of them dropped it due to his negligence, and the coffin was overturned at once.

What?

The mural ended here.

Chen Hao guessed that this story must be depicted by one of the 36 people on the boat.

However, Chen Hao felt strange. Where did the small crystal coffin come from?

Due to the incomplete story, Chen Hao felt a void in his heart. He felt uneasy...



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As Chen Hao read the murals, he discussed the interpretation of the content with Master Ghost at the same time.

"Young Master Chen, do you think that this humongous warship on the mural was a creation which was beyond the scope of technology too? 40 years ago, my teacher could only hazard a guess. He thinks that this huge warship is rather bizarre," Master Ghost said.

"Yes. But this isn't the first time it has appeared, and it's not the first time I've seen it. I have a feeling that this strange huge warship augurs that a few 10 thousand years ago, there was another civilization that existed on Earth. There's also the giant dragon that was severely injured in the sea!" Chen Hao replied.

"It seems that you believe all these to be true. All these years, my teacher and I have been confused by the giant dragon and huge warship on the murals. On top of that, the warship fell from the sky. How could that be possible? We thought that it was just the imagination of the ancient people. But now, I'm almost convinced that

it's true! It seems to me that there was really a civilization in the past, and those legends are not just legends!" he said.

Master Ghost looked at these murals.

"I daresay that the item which the old man gave the people to dive into the sea is the Water Elusive Stone! If that's the case, everything kind of makes sense!" Master Ghost pointed at one of the murals and added.

That mural was the scene where the old beggar distributed an item to everyone on the deck.

"Water Elusive Stone?" Chen Hao asked.

"Yes. My teacher told me that the Water Elusive Stone is a magical item that is naturally produced. It exists as early as a few 10 thousand years ago, and its most significant effect is stated in its name—to avoid water. When one holds it in the mouth, it can cancel out the pressure under the sea. Common people can't withstand the high pressure under the sea!" Master Ghost explained.

Chen Hao pondered for a moment.

Indeed. Yesterday, when he was studying the Sea Palace's map which he snatched from the Ming Family, he realized the Sea Palace was located at the bottom of deep sea.

He had thought that although he had the ability of a Grandmaster, where his body had undergone tremendous training which made him unsusceptible to deep-sea pressure, it would still restrict the agility of his body.

The members of the Chen Family were not here yet because Chen Hao had told them to speed up the preparation of pressure-reducing equipment to be used under the sea.

This would allow the members of the Chen Family to dive into the sea and coordinate with him.

Sea Palace was huge, so it would be an impossible task if he were to do it alone.

If he could get the Water Elusive Stone, it

would save half the effort!

"Master, where can I find the Water Elusive Stone?" Chen Hao could not help but ask.

"Water Elusive Stone is one of the magical stones. If you want to know where to find it, I'm afraid you have to ask the Ming Family. A hundred years ago, some ancestors of the Ming Family had dived into the deep sea with the aid of the Water Elusive Stone to steal treasures. Therefore, the Ming Family probably knows where to find the Water Elusive Stone!" Master Ghost answered.

That would be easy since everything that belonged to the Ming Family was now his.

"Thank you, Master Ghost. I'll visit you again after I settle the matters of the Sea Palace!"

Chen Hao gave Master Ghost a fist in palm salute before he left.

Looking at Chen Hao's leaving figure, Master Ghost felt moved.

40 years ago, Master left the teachings of the deceased to me. Since then, I've been studying the teachings intensively, but it has proved to be fruitless. Is it possible that Master's calculation is right, and there will be a shocking change on Earth in the near future? Will a catastrophe fall upon humans? And when that day arrives, will a young man step forward and try to resist the occurrence of all these? It seems that this young man is Young Master Chen Hao! Master Ghost thought. He was going through a lot of emotions.

Everyone in the Ming Family was indeed as cunning as a fox.

When Chen Hao seized the Old Master of the Ming Family by the neck and lifted him off the ground, only did he tell the truth. As expected, the Ming Family knew where to find the Water Elusive Stone.

It was buried under one of the ancestor's mines of the Ming Family as it was a treasure that was even more precious than the Sea Palace's map.

Of course, all of these belonged to Chen

Hao now.

"Old man, when I get the Water Elusive Stone, you better be ready to sign the contract!"

In front of the Ming Family, Chen Hao threw Ming Zuotang onto the floor.

After that, he strode off.

"Shameless b\*stard! After drawing out our veins, he even wants to scrape out our bones! F\*ck you!" Ming Zuotang burst into tears, which streamed down his face unceasingly.

He had been in a daze ever since yesterday.

The glorious and happy life they once had was all gone now.

But the most unbearable thing was the humiliation that he felt.

He was overwhelmed with regret now. If his foolish granddaughter had not messed with this person, everything would still be

fine. Who would have expected that this person could be so unreasonable and was an extortioner? What he did was even worse than the Ming Family.

The Ming Family was a distinguished family in Sea City that had been on the top of the society for a few 100 years. They had never ever suffered a situation like this!

"Grandfather, the Water Elusive Stone is our last treasure. The teachings of our ancestors state that the Ming Family can be deficient in fortunes and power, but we must never lose the Water Elusive Stone!"

"True. If the Water Elusive Stone is given to him, the Ming Family will have nothing left. We will be doomed!"

The younger generation of the Ming Family gathered around.

Indeed. Even if Chen Hao had taken everything the Ming Family owned, Ming Zuotang was far from being in the depths of despair. As long as they had the Water Elusive Stone, the Ming Family would still

have a chance to make a comeback. It would not take many years until another Ming Family rose.

However, Chen Hao had just taken away the Ming Family's lifeblood.

Suddenly, a malicious expression appeared on Ming Zuotang's face.

He laughed out of anger and said, "There's no need to fret. Do you think Chen Hao will get the Water Elusive Stone that easily? In fact, if he manages to enter our ancestor's mine, I will be overjoyed instead. It will be a blessing from our ancestors!"

"Grandfather, why do you say so?" Ming Zhu asked timidly beside him.

"Ming Zhu, you have always been clever, so why are you confused now? Don't forget, we still have our trump card!"

"What trump card?" the Ming Family's eyes shimmered with hope and asked eagerly.

"We have the Thousand Years Poisonous Fog!" Ming Zuotang revealed with

clenched teeth and a face filled with hatred.

The Ming Family looked at each other and widened their eyes in surprise.

Thousand Years Poisonous Fog was the most valuable treasure among the three great treasures of the Ming Family.

Even the younger generations of the Ming Family thought that the Thousand Years Poisonous Fog mentioned by the ancestors was just a rumor. But hearing their grandfather, it seemed like this poison did exist.

Rumors said that with just a light inhale of this poison, one's organs would fester regardless of how mighty one was.

"Chen Hao might be mighty and unbeatable, but can he withstand this Thousand Years Poisonous Fog?"

Ming Zuotang stood up with a ferocious face and laughed maliciously.

"Ming Yi, Ming Zhu!"

"Yes, grandfather!"

"Yes, grandfather!"

"That year, Master Ghost gifted our family a sentence. He said that 'A comedown will fall upon your family if morals and kindness are neglected'. It means that the Ming Family will meet a disaster this year, and we will suffer a low ebb. It seems like this day is here. You shall look for him and ask him to predict whether we, the Ming Family, will overcome this disaster, and when will we resurge!" Ming Zuotang ordered.

After that, he gathered the people at the helm of the family to discuss some matters in the backyard secret room...



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Meanwhile, Master Ghost was still staring at the 6 murals and pondering about the story on the mural which was told by Chen Hao just now.

Somehow, he felt like something was missing.

At this moment, a young monk outside the door requested an audience.

"Master, there's a girl outside who insists on barging in. She wants you to read her fortune. I didn't allow her to enter but she fought her way in. W-We couldn't fight against her!"

"She said that if you refuse to meet her, she will burn the Taoist temple down today!" the young monk reported.

Master Ghost frowned and waved his hands. "I got it. Tell her to wait at the front hall!"

Master Ghost shook his head and walked out helplessly.

"I'm coming! My master told you to wait

here."

When Master Ghost walked out, he saw a stunning girl stepping on one of his disciples. The poor disciple was beaten up by her, bruised and wailing.

"Stop it, Miss!" Master Ghost stopped her hastily.

"Hey there, monk! You're finally willing to meet me!" the girl scoffed coldly.

"Miss, we can sort it out through a discussion if you have any problem. Why do you have to make things difficult for my disciple?" Master Ghost shook his head helplessly.

"Cut your crap! I came to find you... Ouch!
To seek your help!" the girl raised her
voice. At this moment, the injury on her
abdomen roused a piercing pain caused by
her movement. The girl held her abdomen
with her hands.

"You're injured. Please sit down and talk!"

Master Ghost saw her situation and

quickly appeased this stunning yet hottempered girl.

"Master, a few pilgrims were heavily injured by her!" a young monk rushed in and reported.

"Sigh! Inform the hospital to send people here to pick them up!" Master Ghost felt helpless yet frustrated. "Miss, you can vent your anger at me, but why did you attack those pilgrims?"

"They stared at things that they shouldn't have with their filthy eyes. I'm kind enough to not gouge their eyes out!" the girl said coldly.

When she went up the mountain just now, those filthy men ogled at her. A few of them even approached her and harassed her. She was just teaching them a small lesson.

It was kind enough of her to only destroy their ability to have offspring instead of killing them.

"What do you want to know?" Master

Ghost asked after letting out a sigh.

"I want to find a person. To be precise, I want to find a dead person!" she replied.

"You want to find someone too..." Master Ghost mumbled.

"Help me calculate. Can I find this person successfully on this trip?"

Master Ghost was unwilling to mess with this kind of missy any longer, so without any delay, he nodded and began the divination.

"May I have your name please?"

"Gu Yuxiao!" she answered.

"Very well, Miss Gu. Please place both of your hands on any two of the dragon's heads."

As he was speaking, the floorboard opened and the Nine Dragons display appeared.

Gu Xiaoyu acted following his instructions.

All 9 dragon heads spat out some copper coins.

Master Ghost stepped forward and observed it carefully.

Gu Xiaoyu had nothing to do, so she wandered around the hall.

Suddenly, a unique-looking, crystal clear colored-stone which was emitting green fluorescent light attracted her attention.

It was around half a meter tall.

Gu Yuxiao had a faint feeling that this colored-stone was uncommon.

Looking at it, it would give one an amiable feeling.

Subconsciously, Gu Yuxiao raised her snow-white wrist and touched the coloredstone gently.

Suddenly, the colored-stone lit up in a strange way, and a rainbow fluorescent light enveloped Gu Yuxiao at once.

The light was so bright that Gu Yuxiao had to cover her eyes with her hands and took a few steps backward.

When this rainbow light dissipated, the colored-stone returned to normal. However, a few complicated lines had appeared on the colored-stone.

"Miss Gu, are you okay?" At this moment, Master Ghost had completed his divination and walked toward her while smiling bitterly.

"I-I'm fine. What rubbish stone is this? Why did it emit light on its own?!" Gu Yuxiao could not help but ask in astonishment.

Gu Yuxiao felt that she had embarrassed herself just now, causing an alluring blush to appear on her pretty face.

"Miss Gu, this is the Marriage Stone which is used to read a person's marriage fate. You triggered the Marriage Stone when you touched it with both hands. Look, the lines on the stone represent your marriage fate!" Master Ghost explained.

"Marriage fate?" The redness on Gu Yuxiao's face got even deeper.

Obviously, a girl with a personality like hers rejected the idea of romance.

Gu Yuxiao was indeed that kind of person. Since young, she loathed all matters involving romance between a male and a female.

This was also why she was enraged out of embarrassment when she knew that Chen Hao had treated her wound and touched her skin.

She loathed these and perceived these as a taboo.

"Should I explain your marriage fate first?
This Marriage Stone can show who is your future lover!" Master Ghost asked.

"W-Who wants to listen to your explanation about these pointless matters? Have you analyzed my future?"

Gu Yuxiao's heart was racing and it was thumping rapidly.

Indeed. Every normal girl would feel shy if they heard about their marriage fate.

As hot-tempered as Gu Yuxiao was, she was still a girl in the end.

"As you wish then. I've got your results. Miss Gu, you will find what you seek on this trip. In addition, the Eight Trigrams hints that not only will you find the person you seek, you might even gain something unexpected and find the person you have been thinking of!" Master Ghost said.

Upon listening to his words, Gu Yuxiao's face was as red as a ripe apple.

This scene caused the few young monks around to gape and gulp when they saw her face, because this girl was beyond beautiful.

"If you wish to know more, I can analyze the clues on the Marriage Stone for you!"

"I came to find out if I would achieve my goals or not. I'm not interested to know anything other than that!" After that, Gu Yuxiao glanced at the Marriage Stone

before turning to leave.

But when she reached the door, her pace stopped involuntarily.

She was actually intrigued!

For years, she had been trying hard to avoid it, but those feelings and emotions had grown from a sprout into a huge tree. Now, some things could not be evaded even if she tried.

After struggling for a while, Gu Yuxiao walked back. "Fine. I'll just listen and judge if your calculation is accurate or not!"

Averting the story back to Chen Hao.

After Chen Hao got hold of the Water Elusive Stone's whereabouts, he went straight to the ancestor's mine of the Ming Family.

This place appeared to be a mine on the surface, but it was just a trick to deceive the public's eyes. In the deepest part, the Water Elusive Stone was buried within.

It was covered with spider webs on the outside.

Chen Hao walked straight inside.

Along the way, there was only some simple equipment.

After a few turns of tunnels and opening a few gears, Chen Hao finally saw the Water Elusive Stone, lying quietly on a tray. It was only a palm's size and it was fully white in color.



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It was emitting light.

Even from afar, Chen Hao could sense the energy given out by this Water Elusive Stone.

"It certainly is a treasure!" Chen Hao was elated.

"What?"

Just when Chen Hao reached out to take it, he heard a rope swishing down from a tunnel above him.

Someone was here!

A person was climbing down the rope from another direction.

In a swift action, Chen Hao hid himself in a concealed position.

Not long after, a girl jumped down as expected.

She patted her hands and fixed her gaze at this Water Elusive Stone.

A pretty smile appeared on her lips as she said softly, "As expected, it's here. Now that I have the Water Elusive Stone, I can set off!"

"It's her?"

In a well-concealed position, Chen Hao saw clearly that this girl was none other than Gu Yuxiao.

After he left the Dragon Temple, he went back to Yang Mansion and had a discussion with Yang Wei. At that time, he heard from the maid that Gu Yuxiao had left.

He knew that this girl was uncommon and was skilled in martial arts.

However, he did not expect that she was here to retrieve the Water Elusive Stone as well.

More importantly, it seemed that this girl knew the whereabouts of the Water Elusive Stone beforehand.

Chen Hao could not help but smile bitterly

as he realized that he had saved his competitor unintentionally.

Just when he was puzzling on how to show himself in front of Gu Yuxiao, an incident happened to her.

#### Roar!!!

A sickening roar could be heard suddenly. Gu Yuxiao was about to grab the Water Elusive Stone when a huge black figure appeared out of nowhere and pounded onto Gu Yuxiao while making a strange-sounding noise.

Before Gu Yuxiao's hand could reach the Water Elusive Stone, she was forced to dodge the attack. She jumped and rolled to the side.

At this moment, that black figure's appearance was revealed.

It was a bat.

To be precise, it was a giant bat which was even larger than a human.

Its head was as large as a human's head, but what made it frightening was it had extremely long red fur, and the buckteeth that were exposed made it look like it was a hideous, angry human.

Saliva was dripping from this bat's mouth.

It was baring its teeth and glaring fiercely.

#### Roar!!!

After another strange roar, the giant bat pounded toward Gu Yuxiao.

It moved extremely quickly, and it was strong.

Gu Yuxiao managed to dodge its claw attack, but she failed to escape its tail attack. She was hit on the chest, which caused her to fly across the air before landing brutally on the ground.

Gu Yuxiao's wounds started to hurt again.

This time, streams of blood seeped out from her abdomen.

This giant bat obviously did not have the intention to stop its attacks. It was approaching Gu Yuxiao, preparing to enjoy its scrumptious meal.

Will I die here? That useless old man. I shouldn't have trusted him. I should have set his Taoist Temple on fire to prevent him from deceiving others. He even said that my marriage fate will be... Gu Yuxiao thought.

After she left the Dragon Temple, she did not waste even one second and went straight to the mountain behind the Ming Family's manor, where their ancestor's mine was located. She wanted to get the Water Elusive Stone.

But now, she was going to die here and be eaten by this strange beast.

Gu Yuxiao felt disgusted at this thought.

She took out a dagger that she had and closed her eyes. She was planning to end her life.

"I'm sorry, great grandmother. I failed to

complete the task you entrusted me with.
I'm sorry that I couldn't go to the Sea
Palace!" After she said that, she was
prepared to take her own life.

Suddenly, the giant bat let out a bloodcurdling scream.

Following that scream was a noise of a heavy object collapsing onto the ground.

Gu Yuxiao opened her eyes.

She could not believe the scene she beheld. This giant bat was dead!

How could it be?

At this moment, Chen Hao showed himself.

"Hi, beautiful lady. I saved you once again!"
Chen Hao looked at Gu Yuxiao and smiled.

"It's you!"

As soon as Gu Yuxiao saw Chen Hao, her pale face due to fear was overtaken by a tinge of redness.

On top of that, her eyes held an inexplicable hatred and even killing intention.

"We have the same objective. Are you going to the Sea Palace too?" Chen Hao asked.

When she mentioned the Sea Palace, Chen Hao had jumped in surprise.

"I don't know. Don't talk to me!"

Gu Yuxiao hoisted herself up and turned her head to another direction immediately.

This was because Master Ghost's view of her marriage fate echoed in her mind once again.

"Miss Gu, judging from the lines on the Marriage Stone, you have already met your beloved one. In addition, you have just separated from him not long ago!" Master Ghost explained.

Her beloved one? Who could it be?

Could it be... him? The person who was

addressed as Young Master Chen by everyone?

"However..." Master Ghost shook his head.

"However what?"

"However, Miss Gu, although you will fall in love with him, he will not love you. Both of you don't have a future. It's a tragedy!" Master Ghost sighed.

"Old man, you're talking bullshit! Are you saying that I will be in love with a person who won't love me? Nonsense! I won't believe it!" Gu Yuxiao blasted angrily.

"It's a fact. You can't do anything about it!"

"A fact? If what you say is true, I absolutely will not allow it to happen. I will kill him to avoid future troubles. Then, I will come back to burn your Taoist Temple to ashes!"

After Gu Yuxiao finished, she stormed down the mountain with wrath and went straight to the mountain that was behind the Ming Family's manor.

She knew that Master Ghost was talking about Chen Hao.

But Gu Yuxiao thought, Even though he is handsome and he saved me, what makes him think that I will fall in love with him?

That was absolutely nonsense!

They would not even meet for the second time.

But what happened now was exactly the opposite. He had appeared in front of her and saved her again.

"You're injured, so it's best to move gently. This Water Elusive Stone is also useful to me, but I don't mind giving you some!" Chen Hao smiled as he spoke while reaching out to support her.

Unexpectedly, Gu Yuxiao flung his hand away.

"Don't touch me!"

"You've got a temper. Nonetheless, this Water Elusive Stone belongs to the Chen

Family now. How can you be so shameless even when you are stealing in front of its owner?" Chen Hao said helplessly.

He then reached his arm out and grabbed the Water Elusive Stone. In the end, it was still his.

After that, Chen Hao turned away to leave.

"Wait!"

"What?"

"You said that you would give me some Water Elusive Stone!" Gu Yuxiao replied lightly. Although she had a slight urge to kill Chen Hao now, she knew she did not have the ability to do so.

However, would she really fall in love with him?

"Alright, I'll give you one!"

The Water Elusive Stone looked slightly like the crystal stone which was made up of tiny pieces of stones.

This Water Elusive Stone might only be the size of a palm, but it could be separated into 1000 pieces.

Chen Hao gave Gu Yuxiao 3 pieces.

"I believe that we will meet again soon. Besides, I am also going to the Sea Palace. Do you want to go together?" Chen Hao felt that this girl was extremely suspicious.

After all, he only knew the matters of the Sea Palace through researching bit by bit on his own.

But judging from her words, it did not sound like she was going there simply to raid a tomb. It sounded like she was entrusted by someone to go there. Who could her great grandmother be? Could it be that her great grandmother knew some secrets? Chen Hao was eager to find out.

"I won't go with you. You can spare your thoughts!"

She then held her abdomen and walked out in a staggered pace.

At this moment, Chen Hao sniffed something.

His eyebrows raised in reflex. "Oh no! Come back now!"



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Chen Hao's nose was extremely sensitive. That was because he had already smelt a certain kind of gas.

This gas was extremely poisonous.

It would corrode a person's insides.

As expected, Gu Yuxiao had barely walked a few steps before feeling incredibly dizzy.

Not long after, she collapsed.

Chen Hao rushed over and immediately sealed the vital points on Gu Yuxiao's body.

"I can't breathe!" Gu Yuxiao's face was getting paler by the second.

"Luckily, you didn't breathe a lot of it in. Right now, you have to hold your breath and stop talking. The air around us has been poisoned. Someone is releasing this poison gas from outside!" Chen Hao told her hurriedly.

At the same time, he took a deep breath of this gas. In just a few seconds, Chen Hao

had already roughly dissected the ingredients of this poison gas.

What a joke. Chen Hao had already grown immune to some poisons a year prior, let alone right now.

This situation was exactly the same as if Chen Hao had accidentally spilled a bottle of vinegar while being surrounded by fresh air.

There had to be someone outside causing trouble!

Chen Hao looked at Gu Yuxiao lying in his arms.

She still knew some secrets about the Sea Palace, so he had to make sure she was alive.

Apart from that, from the moment Chen Hao saw her, he felt as if she had eyes similar to those of Su Tongxin's.

This sort of natural familiarity caused Chen Hao to want to save her. To be fair, even if she was a complete stranger, Chen Hao would also not leave her alone.

Currently, her eyes were filled with tears, and her face was red from holding her breath.

However, the green clouds of poison gas were increasing.

"You don't know the Breath-holding Technique?" Chen Hao asked.

Gu Yuxiao nodded heavily.

"Then I apologize in advance. You must come out of this alive, so please don't blame me!"

Chen Hao took a deep breath, cleansing the air in his lungs of poison gas. Then, he kissed Gu Yuxiao directly on the mouth.

Gu Yuxiao widened her eyes, wanting to retaliate. However, she was just too weak.

Just like that, Chen Hao constantly gave Gu Yuxiao air to breathe as the two of them walked out together.

Chen Hao wanted to see who was releasing this sort of poison gas.

It couldn't be targeted toward Gu Yuxiao. It had to be for him. They could get out through the tunnels above them, but Chen Hao did not know where the opening of the tunnel was!

"Uncle Ming, you released a lot of gas! Even if Chen Hao was built like a god, he wouldn't be able to walk out alive!" A young son of the Ming family standing near the mountain laughed as he spoke.

The cave had been sealed.

There was only one device at the entrance that constantly blew gusts of poison gas in.

"Of course! This is the Thousand Years
Poisonous Fog, after all. Even if he was a
god, he still would not be able to survive!"
a middle-aged man said with a sinister
smile, his back facing the cave.

"I really want to go in and take a look. I want to know if Chen Hao has already rotted!" The younger generation laughed.

"You don't want to live anymore, do you? Even if you breathe in just a hint of this fog, your innards will start to corrode. Do you all understand the backstory of our Ming Family's Thousand Year Poisonous Fog?" the middle-aged man said happily.

He seemed like a teacher who was teaching a group of wailing students.

"We don't, Uncle Ming. Please educate us!"

"Alright, then I'll explain to you all."

Uncle Ming cleared his throat, clearly in a good mood. However, just as he did so, the younger generation before him started to widen their eyes.

They were behaving as if they had seen something extremely terrifying, and they were all gulping in terror, their faces white with fear.

"Are you all okay? Did you all get scared by

my story?" the middle-aged man said as he laughed.

"Uncle Ming, b-behind you!" The younger generation pointed behind him in terror.

"Excuse me!" Without waiting for the middle-aged man to react, Chen Hao had kicked away the fog machine in front of the cave while holding onto Gu Yuxiao.

Then, he patted the shoulder of the middleaged man, who was standing in the way of the cave entrance.

When the middle-aged man turned back, he turned pale with fear.

"Chen—Young Master Chen!" He was extremely startled, and his eyeballs almost popped out of his head.

By right, Chen Hao should have become a puddle of rotten flesh by now. After ten days, the Ming Family would go in and cover up his corpse!

At the same time, the Ming Family would have attempted to take over some of Chen

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Hao's assets.

But to think that he hadn't died?

This was the Thousand Years Poisonous Fog! One thousand years!

Chen Hao didn't bother about these stunned people. First, he placed Gu Yuxiao, who had fainted, in a shadier area to allow her to rest quietly.

After that, he walked over to take a look at the device he had kicked over.

"What is this? Whatever could you all be so busy with?" Chen Hao asked with a smile.

"Y-Young Master Chen, we were w-worried that there wasn't enough oxygen in the cave!" The middle-aged man was sweating buckets. He felt as if his underarms were drenched and warm, and it was extremely uncomfortable.

"This is poison gas, right? It kills people through poisoning them. With just one breath, their insides will corrode! You prepared so much, too, and released it all inside. Are you this generous?" Chen Hao walked over and turned off the device.

"Young Master Chen! It was a misunderstanding. Everything was a misunderstanding!"

Thump. The middle-aged man straightaway knelt down.

Slap!

Chen Hao slapped that man in the face.

His teeth spurted out from between his lips, clattering on the floor.

"If I didn't have this special body, then you lot would have assassinated me just like that!" Chen Hao changed his expression instantly and yelled in anger.

This poisonous fog was extremely deadly, and even someone as powerful as Mo Canglong would die if they breathed in too much of it!

The Ming Family really were ruthless.

"Please, forgive us. Young Master Chen, please forgive us!"

The middle-aged man had a severe lisp now. He was crying, and the snot from his nostrils was running freely into his mouth.

"I'll forgive you all, sure. I'll throw all of you in and see if you can come out alive!"

Chen Hao lifted his leg and kicked the middle-aged man into the cave as if he were kicking a ball.

As for the younger generation, they received the same treatment.

After a while, their horrified screams stopped sounding out from the cave.

Then, Chen Hao picked up Gu Yuxiao in one hand, then picked up the can of Thousand Years Poisonous Fog in the other.

After that, he walked straight to the Ming Family's manor.

It was lively in the Ming Family's manor at

this moment.

Everyone had gathered in the main hall.

The Old Master of the Ming Family was aglow. When he heard that Chen Hao had not stepped foot out of that cave until now, his wrinkles all bunched together like a walnut as he smiled widely.

"Today is a very good day for the Ming Family! Our largest rival has been defeated, which means our luck is turning for the better!" the Old Master of the Ming Family said.

"Chen Hao was a young lad. However, he was brainless! He might have been extremely powerful, but he was way too young!" He laughed bitterly.

"Old Master is still the best. We beat Chen Hao at his own game and killed him! We finally got rid of our family's troubles!"

"Tonight, we must hold a large party to celebrate our actions today!"

Everyone was extremely happy.

"However, we just don't know how Ming Zhu and Ming Yi's meeting with the Master Ghost went. Looking at the time, they should be back by now!" Ming Zuotang said.

Right as they were discussing this, a servant called out, "Master, Ming Yi and Ming Zhu have returned!"

Then, they saw Ming Yi and Ming Zhu run in hurriedly from the courtyard.

"Grandpa!" the two of them yelled, looking extremely panicked.

"How was it? What did he predict for us?"

"Master Ghost said that he only gave us the first part of the sentence instead of the full sentence that year to lessen the trouble. But now, he has given us the second part of the sentence!" Ming Zhu said, crying.

"What is it? Give it to me!"

Ming Zuotang took the piece of paper and saw the words: A comedown will fall upon

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your family if morals and kindness are neglected, and starving people shall fill the land as your family dies out!



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