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Chapter 141: Crossfire

“Oh my God, earthquake cat had made its move,” Isabella reacted to it by giving a high whistle. She felt immense tremors coming from the ground underneath her feet. The people at the collapsed building seemed like they were walking on sponge as they hobbled around and could not stand properly.

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Lin Chen was half-kneeling in front of the ruins as his eyes remained fixed on it.

Beside him was a girl in a ponytail and a chubby boy. five people had just escaped from the ruins by using the accelerated speed the supercat had endowed them with.

All of them were apostles who were recruited under Inspector Ho. 8 of them were activated for today's mission to capture earthquake cat.

All the apostles were government officials and had received their power from Milk. This meant that all of them had the same power as Lin Chen. Firstly, this was to ensure that all their skills were standardized, making it easier for the higher-ups to control. Secondly, this power was specifically chosen to deal with earthquake cat.

“Team Lin, how is the situation at your side?” The chubby boy was sweating from head to toe. He said, “I ... I thought I was going to be crushed to death. When is the army coming over to reinforce us?”

“Idiot, what's the point of having more people here?” The girl in ponytail retorted, “What if their presence startle earthquake cat and it set off a magnitude 8.0 earthquake in Jiangmen city? Team Lin, did you manage to hit the enemy?”

“Yes.” Lin Chen replied as he recalled the sneak attack just now.

Most cats were extremely timid. Anything that was slightly out of the ordinary would startle them. Only a minority of supercats were not as easily frightened. However, Lin Chen's team did not want to bet on it. They did not know how much earthquake cat could take before it got flustered and started using its power.

If earthquake cat set off a massive earthquake in the middle of the operation, the results would be disastrous.

Millions of lives would be affected, and nobody would be able to answer for it.

They did not dare to commence a wide-scale search for earthquake cat to prevent startling the residents, resulting in public unrest. Hence, the police personnel were all in plainclothes and operated secretly. They would hand over the operation to the apostles once they have identified the objective. Meanwhile, the army personnel was kilometers away and on standby. If need be, they will take out earthquake cat instantly.

During the previous sneak attack, Lin Chen managed to hit earthquake cat with one of his anesthetic bullets. However, earthquake cat had activated its power before it went unconscious which resulted in the building collapsing.

Just when Lin Chen was in the midst of recalling what had happened in the building, the ruins of the collapsed building started to shake violently. All the apostles were staring at it nervously. It was as if an invisible force was separating the ruins into halves. Suddenly, a Scottish Fold appeared from the ruins with its back arched, and its fur all puffed up. It emerged from the ruins with its squinted eyes, staring right into Lin Chen's eyes.

At the instant when the Scottish Fold appeared, Lin Chen had already dashed towards it like a black bolt of lightning, leaving behind his afterimages. He stretched out his hand and slapped the cat with an astounding speed that cannot be seen by the naked eye.

Even amongst the apostles with accelerated speed, Lin Chen was the strongest among them.

The power to create earthquakes was too dangerous. Lin Chen would not allow the cat any chance of using its power again.

Just when his palm was about to make contact with the cat, the Scottish Fold's body quivered before it fell to the floor. Its eyes were shut, and its breathing was regular.

Lin Chen was taken aback by the cat's behavior, but he immediately realized, "Has the anesthesia taken effect?" Lin Chen heaved a sigh of relief as he carried the Scottish Fold into his arms and turned to the girl behind him. He said, "I'm telling you guys that your reactions are too slow." He was referring to how all of them stood rooted to the ground when the supercat reappeared.

"I'm sorry," the chubby boy lowered his head out of embarrassment.

Lin Chen shook his head as he looked at them. The chubby boy had not graduated from police academy. If not for his potential to be an apostle, he would not have been deployed for this mission before he graduated.

"Report to the higher-ups and ask them to send people over to receive the cat."

After relaying his instructions, the girl in ponytail took her phone and was about to call Inspector Ho.

Suddenly, there was a gunshot sound and the girls' phone exploded. The other apostles sent by the government immediately went into hiding.

"What happened? Who is it?" Lin Chen shouted. He saw that the ground from afar began to melt into a body of fluid. three masked men rose from the liquid.

One of the masked men was holding on to a pistol, and he came dashing towards Lin Chen.

A metal man went straight for the girl in ponytail. The remaining masked man went for the chubby boy.

Judging from the metal man and their ability to turn the ground into liquid, it was apparent that the gang of the masked men was apostles under Ho Hao Cang.

Lin Chen held his pistol and fired the anesthetic bullet at the masked man charging towards him. However, he was able to dodge the bullet quickly, and he continued running towards Lin Chen.

“Hmm, is it trying to get closer to me? That’s good for me as well.” Lin Chen smirked as he carefully placed the Scottish Fold on the floor. He activated his power and dashed towards the masked man like a black bolt of lightning. Before the masked man could react to Lin Chen’s attack, Lin Chen had already positioned his pistol on the masked man’s belly and fired off three rounds.

This was followed by three punches which landed on his face, neck, and chest.

This was all done in 0.3 seconds. It was impossible for an ordinary person to react to it.

“It has ended.”

Just when Lin Chen thought he had subdued his enemy, the masked man started laughing and repeated what Lin Chen said, “It has ended.” The masked man had simultaneously removed the pin from his grenade.

“What?” Lin Chen was still reacting to his opponent’s incredible toughness when he noticed this crazy move he made.

“D*mn it!” Lin Chen dashed away at top speed as his body morphed into a giant gust of wind. However, the masked man was holding on to the edge of his shirt. Lin Chen’s speed was too fast as he managed to escape with a torn shirt.

However, the masked man’s action had delayed Lin Chen’s escape, and Lin Chen was still a little too late.

Following the loud explosion, you could see the waves rippling radially from the grenade, and they were slowly catching up to Lin Chen in mid-air.

Bam!

The masked man was blown away by the explosion. Lin Chen’s vision turned black as he fell to the floor. He could only hear buzzing in his head, and his four limbs went limp. He was about to lose consciousness.

“Team Lin!”

Both the girl and boy turned around to this horrific scene. They were shocked by what they saw, but they still had to take care of the masked man attacking them.

What shocked them more was that the masked man who was drenched in blood got up again. He shook his head as all his wounds started to heal miraculously. He then carried on walking towards the Scottish Fold.

Chapter 142: The Battle with the Undying

For a moment, the chubby boys wanted to dash forward and help Lin Chen. However, one of the masked men appeared from the ground and grabbed onto his ankles. The masked man dragged the chubby boy into the ground.

The girl in ponytail also wanted to help Lin Chen, but she had her hands full with metalman. The anesthetic shot used against the supercat was futile against metalman. She threw it away, took out another pistol and fired a barrage of bullets at metalman.

All the bullets managed to do was to create sparks against his body accompanied by clanking sounds. Metalman took a few steps back but then started dashing towards the girl unscathed.

Even though the two of them were occupied with their fights, the remaining five apostles had their pistols in hand and had a clear shot at the last remaining apostle.

With five apostles locked on from 5 different directions, the masked man would not be able to escape even if he wanted to.

Gunshots were fired, and blood spurted out from his body. He stumbled from the impact of all the gunshots before he fell to the ground.

At the moment when his body came crashing to the floor, he opened his eyes and fired a shot at the back of an apostle's head.

“It is the power of regeneration!” The chubby boy reacted to it and exclaimed, “Use the anesthetic shots instead!” The masked man who could travel underground pulled the chubby boy down to the ground again after he warned his teammates.

The remaining four apostles reacted to the chubby boy’s suggestion and switched to anesthetic bullets instead. They started firing at the masked man with the power of regeneration.

The masked man seemed remarkably experienced at dodging bullets. He did a front roll the moment he stood up, allowing him to avoid the first wave of shots. He then threw a grenade into the air.

Bam! A blinding light radiated from the explosion.

“It is a stun grenade.”

“Be careful!”

Sounds of footsteps rang in the apostle’s ear. The apostle repeatedly pressed the trigger in the direction of the source of the noise. Soon, he felt something pressing against his stomach; the masked man had already positioned his pistol on him.

Bam! The masked man fired off a shot, and the bullet punctured the apostle’s skin and impaled his organs.

“He got shot! He’s in my area!”

The apostle clutched onto his wound as his vision turned blurry. He saw the masked man removing a dagger and slowly chopped off his hand which got hit by an anesthetic bullet

The remaining three apostles had already heard their friend’s call for help. Under all the confusion, they could only shoot at where their friend previously stood at.

The three apostles’ vision was still affected by the flashbang previously. However, they did not hesitate to fire at the enemy.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

The masked man just jumped and dodged the majority of the bullets. However, two rounds still managed to land on his chest and high. He did not panic but just smiled at the sight of it. He raised his pistol and fired a shot at his head.

That shot destroyed his central nervous system when the bullet pierced through his brain. However, he had already started to recover, and that anesthetic shots did not affect his newly reconstructed central nervous system.

The apostles just saw the masked man falling to the ground before opening his eyes again. He stood up and immediately took an aimed shot at one of the apostles.

The apostle was about to activate his power and escape. However, he felt that something was grabbing onto his ankle. He lowered his head and saw a hand grabbing onto him; he could only watch the masked man pulled the trigger and fired a shot at him.

He roared and fired a stream of shots in retaliation.

Both their eyes met, and the bullets landed on the masked man and apostle's body at the same time.

The apostle fell to the floor while the masked man was struggling to stand. The bullets were squeezed out of his body, and he looked as good as new.

Lin Chen finally regained his consciousness from the impact of the grenade's explosion. He struggled to get on his feet but was taken aback by the masked man's onslaught.

Within that short span of time, the remaining five apostles had all died. Only Lin Chen, the girl, and the chubby boy survived.

The masked man was extremely powerful, be it his physical strength, proficiency at handling pistol, battle experience, and even his control over his power.

This was especially so with the help of the other masked man who could travel underground and helped restrain his opponents. They were invincible.

If Lin Chen were at his best and knew about his opponent's ability of self-regeneration, he would still have a shot at taking him down. However, the chances of that now were close to 0.

The girl in a ponytail and the chubby boy were both restrained by metalman and the underground man respectively.

"Stop ... Stop it!"

"Oh, you still can move?" The masked man turned around to Lin Chen who was crawling on the floor. Lin Chen was grabbing on to the masked man's ankle. The masked man remarked, "I have to admit you're pretty fast. You managed to dodge the majority of the impact from the explosion within such a short span of time."

"However, do you still want to fight against me at your current state?" The masked man raised his foot and slammed it down, instantly breaking Lin Chen's arm.

When the masked man was about to take another step forward, Lin Chen stopped him with his other arm.

Only one thought flashed across Lin Chen's head, "Earthquake cat cannot be taken by anyone else."

Lin Chen raised his head and stared right into masked man's eyes, "Were you part of Special Forces? All your moves are similar to the ones taught in Special Forces."

The masked man was somewhat stunned by Lin Chen's question and asked, "So what?"

"Have you forgotten your oath?"

"Haha, I've stopped serving this country for a long time," the masked man sniggered.

The masked man raised his foot again and started to stamp against Lin Chen's arm repeatedly. Lin Chen could not help but to release his grip. The masked man then kicked Lin Chen to the side.

He walked forward and carried the Scottish Fold into his arms. A grin appeared on his face, and he whispered, "Earthquake cat, I've finally found you."

Suddenly, a cat's meow rang in everyone's ears.

“The power of The 5 Senses!”

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Isabella was observing the entire situation from afar using her telescope.

She mumbled, “A building collapsed, and people are escaping from it. Are they apostles sent by the government?”

“Oh, the ruins started moving again. Is it because of earthquake cat? It's really powerful.” She witnessed the scene where earthquake cat appeared with its back arched. She was stunned by what she saw.

The black cat at her feet asked, “What time am I going to eat?”

However, Isabella's eyes were fixed on the scene in front of her, “Are they afraid of attracting too much attention? Is that why they've only sent apostles here?”

Isabella's eyes squinted into a line as she saw the apostle carrying the cat into his arms. She thought, “Eight apostles would be extremely difficult to handle. Even millions of soldiers might not be able to take the cat away from them.” She knew the strength of an apostle alone. The combined power of eight of them would be enormous.

Each apostle possessed strength which greatly surpassed an ordinary human. Furthermore, as government officials, they were highly trained and were synergized as a unit.

The power of accelerated speed gave them extreme speed, flexibility and even reaction time. They could easily dodge a rain of bullets.

Just when she was immersed in her thoughts, the masked men appeared and clashed against the apostles.

“Are they crazy? 3 of them are going against eight apostles?” The masked men displayed their superior combat skills just when Isabella started doubting them.

She saw how the masked man survived all the things which could have easily killed anyone, including an apostle and was shocked beyond words.

“This guy is too strong.” Isabella witnessed the massacre as the five apostles fell to them one by one. Then, she saw the masked man carrying the Scottish Fold in his arms.

“D*mn it, why must the cat end up in that guy’s hands,” Isabella gritted her teeth, and her eyes burned with anger.

If Lin Chen’s team were the one who captured the cat, Isabella would still find an opportunity to steal it from them secretly. However, the masked men were killing machines. She did not dare to do anything against them.

However, a new variable had been added to the battle.

Chapter 143: Where is Earthquake Cat?

She saw everyone crashing to the floor, including the masked men. It was as if their souls had been taken away by a mysterious force as they lay on the ground, unconscious.

“What happened?” Isabella could not believe the turn of events that happened and did not understand how it happened as well.

Suddenly, her vision turned blurry, and a man in a sporting attire appeared with his hands in his pocket. He was directly in front of earthquake cat.

“Is he the guy? Is he the guy who caused all of them to go unconscious?” Isabella stared at that guy’s back as she tried to decipher his power. At that moment, he turned around.

His face was covered with a black surgical mask, and he had a black cap on. She could not see his face but could only make out his bloodshot eyes.

She felt chills down her spine when she saw the pair of red eyes glimmered in the dark.

“Red eyes?” it was already too late when Isabella realized that something was wrong.

Isabella had lost control of her body. Zhao Yao had her under his control with Elizabeth’s ability. Elizabeth’s illusion and power to control other living beings worked differently. Illusion depended on sound waves to propagate while the power to control required Zhao Yao to make eye contact with his opponent.

Elizabeth controlled Isabella by raising her pistol to her temple. Isabella thought that she would be forced to take her own life.

“He managed to control me with just one look. What exactly is his power?” Isabella knew at that moment that her fate no longer laid in her hands, but was in the hands of the man standing there. Goosebumps erupted all over her body.

“Hello, miss.”

Isabella opened her mouth, but the words that came out were not what she wanted to say.

“What happened? Why am I talking?” Elizabeth’s eyes darted around and her pupil constricted. She thought, “The opponent has taken control over my body. He is using my mouth to talk.”

“Miss, let’s play a game.”

Bam!

A bullet flew past Isabella’s scalp. Her heart skipped a beat.

When she had reacted to the situation, her entire body went limp, and she was drenched in cold sweat.

“You have 10 minutes to leave this place. If you choose not to, I can guarantee that I will not miss with my next bullet.”

She peeped at the battlefield and realized that the man and the Scottish Fold were both gone.

“Monster!” Isabella was gasping for breath, but her mind was flooded with what had just happened.

“I have to leave here right now; I never knew that Jiangmen city had such a monster.”

In her eyes, the man who just controlled her was stronger than anyone she had ever seen. He was dangerous.

If Lin Chen were a normal human being, the masked man would be a Godzilla, while Zhao Yao would be God.

One minute later, Isabella carried Lucy and was making her escape out of this town.

At the same time, the sound of police sirens just got louder and louder. Soon, the entire town was surrounded by police cars.

“D*mn it,” The masked man was the first one to regain consciousness after Zhao Yao left. He surveyed his surroundings and woke his companion up immediately. The 3 of them submerged underground.

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In the commanding vehicle, Inspector Ho was listening to the report by his subordinate.

“Are you joking? All of them managed to escape?” Inspector Ho frantically scratched his bald head. He shouted, “There’s 8 of you, and you cannot even get a hold of anyone of them? Are you guys stupid? How about our satellite images?”

“There were too many clouds in the night sky which prevented the satellite cameras from capturing anything.”

“Inspector, we have located earthquake cat.”

“Where is it?”

“Someone saw a golden-haired woman running away with a grey Scottish Fold. There were no cameras in the area. We handed the eyewitnesses a few photographs and the person was identified. She is Isabella.”

“Isabella? She is also involved in the ship’s explosion,” Inspector Ho scratched his chin and continued, “Did Lin Chen report that earthquake cat is a grey Scottish Fold?”

“Yes.”

“I didn’t expect CIA personnel to come knocking at our door,” Inspector Ho took a deep breath before continuing, “This woman was involved in the ship explosion, isn’t it? The Americans have flown all the way to our land. What should we do?”

He slammed against the table and shouted, “F*ck them, if we allow them to leave after causing havoc. How can we face others in the future?”

“Deploy everyone to find her. I don’t care what you do, but I want her captured. Inform Colonel Li and Secretary Song. No.” Inspector Ho took out his phone and said, “I’ll make the call myself.”

When Inspector Ho was making the call, his assistant had retreated to a corner of the room and started spreading information regarding Isabella.

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Ho Hao Cang pressed his fingers against his temples. In front of him was the masked man. However, he had removed his mask and had changed into a suit, with an air of a butler

“Master, I’m sorry,” The butler lowered his head and apologized, “I made a mistake.”

Behind him were the middle-aged man and the teenager.

Ho Hao Cang stared at the 3 of them with a stern look. He asked, "Mr. Xia, with your skills and power of regeneration, I'm sure Inspector Ho's subordinates were no match for you. Tell me, what happened?"

The other two subordinates were shaking like a leaf when they saw Ho Hao Cang so solemn and serious. They did not even dare to breathe too loudly.

Only the butler maintained his composure and replied, "I have no idea. I defeated Lin Chen's team and captured the Scottish Fold. Then, I lose consciousness. Maybe, I did not lose my consciousness but my vision turned dark, and I could not feel anything.

When I regained my consciousness, the cat was already gone."

"Your vision turned dark, and you could not feel anything?" Hao Cang's forehead furrowed as he continued, "Maybe there was a third party involved?"

Suddenly, Hao Cang's phone vibrated. He glanced at it, and his eyes squinted into a line. He waved at the two subordinates to signal them to take their leave.

"It is an American woman by the name of Isabella that took earthquake cat."

"Isabella?" The butler raised his head and asked, "Is it the female apostle responsible for the ship's explosion? The Americans got earthquake cat?"

Soon, the teenager returned. He used his power to turn the ground into a tunnel.

"Master, the police are here. We must leave now."

"I guess we should leave then," Ho Hao Cang then walked into the tunnel created by the teenager.

Meanwhile, everyone was interested in what happened. Intelligence agents from all over the world snooped around to gather information.

After escaping from the old town, Isabella had avoided numerous blockades from the police. She was currently dashing across a field. She was furious and mumbled, “D*mn it, why are they focusing all their attention on me?”

Zhao Yao was behind Isabella. He had no problems catching up to her with “Two is better than one”. He had cast an illusion on both Isabella and her cat, turning her black cat into a grey Scottish Fold.

Chapter 144: The Disguise and the Chase

In reality, Zhao Yao had been following behind Isabelle since she took her first step out of the old town. He wanted to disguise her cat as earthquake cat to trick the other parties into tracking her instead.

The 5 Senses allowed him to conceal his presence to prevent Isabelle from noticing him completely. He also prevented Isabella from knowing that her black cat had turned into a grey Scottish Fold in others’ eyes.

“Two is better than one” allowed Zhao Yao to run beside her comfortably. Even though Isabella was remarkably fit from her training with CIA, Zhao Yao had no problem catching up to her.

Matcha was panting as he ran alongside them. He stuck out his tongue like a dog. He shouted, “No, I cannot keep up, I’m about to die!”

Even though Elizabeth remained silent throughout the run, she was also struggling to catch up. Both her eyes had almost rolled over.

Zhao Yao found the cat bag a little cumbersome during the battle. It also prevented the cats from fighting effectively. Hence he had absorbed the cat bag into his belly and allowed both cats to roam on their own.

However, this period of extended running had taken a toll on both cats.

A cat’s strength was never in their endurance. Furthermore, both domestic cats were used to their sedentary lives and lacked proper training.

After running alongside Elizabeth the entire duration, they thought they were going to die.

Matcha pounced onto Zhao Yao's calf and said, "I really cannot take it. I will die if I continue running."

Zhao Yao was annoyed by his cats' poor physical conditioning. However, he knew that many people had seen Isabella escaping along with earthquake cat because of his illusion. Hence, he thought it would be safe to keep them in the bag.

He immediately released the cat bag from his belly and instructed, "Get in, now!"

Elizabeth immediately jumped on the opportunity to rest. She had not run such a long distance in a long time. It was especially tiring for her with her massive fur.

Matcha stared at Zhao Yao with his Puss in Boots eyes and clasped his hands together as if he were praying. He stared at Zhao Yao and begged, "Zhao Yao, please carry me in."

Zhao Yao rolled his eyes but still carried Matcha into the cat bag.

"I guess it's time to return home."

Zhao Yao returned to the secluded corner where he parked his Panamera previously. He released the car from his belly before making his way home.

A thought lingered at the back of his head as he drove, "This should be enough, right? Would they continue pursuing the woman? I did a pretty good job with the disguise, and there were no cameras in the old town."

Back home, Zhao Yao looked at the Scottish Fold in his arms and carefully placed it on the sofa.

Meanwhile, he had completed his mission to find the Scottish Fold and received the reward. With his "X2 Exp Card", he earned 600 experience points. Now, his book reached lv3(1132/2000).

Matcha jumped onto the sofa and took a look at the Scottish Fold that was fast asleep on their couch. He asked, "Is this the guy responsible for the earthquakes?" Matcha then craned his neck forward as he took a sniff at the Scottish Fold's butt. He said, "Let me check whether it's a guy or a girl."

"Get lost, pervert!" Elizabeth stopped Matcha with her paws and said, "Zhao Yao, what are your plans for this cat? It would be disastrous if this cat went crazy."

Zhao Yao scratched his chin and replied, "We'll talk about it when it wakes up. If I really cannot control it, I will let you control it using your power."

Both Roly Poly and Dust Ball climbed onto the sofa and observed the Scottish Fold in front of them.

Roly Poly stared at it in awe and said, "It has the power to create earthquakes? That's so cool! If only I had such a powerful ability."

Zhao Yao folded his arms and replied, "Maybe you would have been captured by some bad people by now, and you will never see KFC for the rest of your life. With such a destructive power, no one would allow it to roam around freely."

Dust Ball carefully observed the Scottish Fold in front of her and noticed its slightly rapid breathing. She commented, "If I remember correctly, Scottish Fold's body is rather frail and weak too."

Zhao Yao reacted to her response immediately and said, "Yes. They are extremely prone to degenerative joint diseases."

On the surface, Scottish Fold looked like an adorable companion. However, they had a very significant defect. Almost all Scottish Folds suffered from a genetic degenerative joint disease that had passed down for a long time. However, after generations of natural selection, the probability of a Scottish Fold suffering from it in their lifetime had been significantly reduced. Some even lived their entire lives without suffering from the pain.

However, once it started, their bones and joints would be affected, and their range of motion would be significantly reduced. They would also suffer from extreme pain, and it would stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Furthermore, this disease could not be treated. This meant that their suffering would only get worse until the day they died.

Zhao Yao immediately instructed Elizabeth, “Elizabeth, could you activate Celestial Beats?” Because of the battle and the infiltration previously, Zhao Yao could not allow Elizabeth to activate her power at all.

Zhao Yao did not know if Celestial Beats would be beneficial for Scottish Fold’s degenerative joint disease, but it could at least alleviate some pain.

After Elizabeth activated Celestial Beats, the Scottish Fold’s breathing started to slow down.

Zhao Yao nodded his head and said, “Hopefully it will be able to lessen its pain. I’ll take care of it tonight.”

Meanwhile, spirit cat had seen everything that was going on in the apartment.

He floated to the Scottish Fold’s side, and tears welled in his eyes. He asked, “Are you suffering from osteodystrophy? Is it the same one which Aya Kitō suffered from?”

Aya Kitō was a character in “1 Liter of Tears”. After suffering from Spinocerebellar Atrophy, she eventually lost control over her limbs and was paralyzed. She ultimately died of it.

This was the drama series that made spirit cat cried so badly. Memories of the drama series flashed across his head when he looked at the cat on the sofa.

“Maybe Ho Hao Cang can help this cat. With the rapid advancement in medical technology, I’m sure there’s some medicine out there that can help this cat. Furthermore, Hao Cang had been searching for earthquake cat all this while. Zhao Yao and his cats cannot protect earthquake cat alone.”

Just when spirit cat was about to inform Ho Hao Cang regarding the location of earthquake cat, he turned around and saw Zhao Yao sitting on the sofa watching over the Scottish Fold. At the corner of the living room, Matcha was on his massage throne playing Mobile Legends. Elizabeth was

engrossed in her drama series as usual. Roly Poly was happily asleep. Mango and Dust Ball were chasing each other delightedly. Spirit cat was in a dilemma.

“Even though this place is filled with the devil’s temptations, but I cannot deny the fact that the cats are enjoying themselves here. If Hao Cang came, he might take all of them away from Zhao Yao. Their drama series and Mobile Legends would be taken from them.

If beautiful Elizabeth does not get to watch her drama, she would be devastated. I do not want to see her sad.”

Spirit cat had made his decision.

“Let me think of a solution.”

Chapter 145: The Threat

The next morning, the Scottish Fold’s eyelids quivered before it finally woke up.

She had never experienced such a good sleep for her entire life. It felt like she had returned to her mother’s womb and everything felt so soft and comfortable.

“Oh, you’re awake?” Zhao Yao stared at her with his giant eye bags.

“Meow!”

The cat immediately went on her feet. She wagged her tail furiously which reflected how scared she was. She stared at Zhao Yao warily.

Suddenly, she screamed at the top of her lungs and raised both her paws in the sky, “Let the world feel my wrath!”

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There was no reaction. The Scottish Fold herself was shocked by it. She raised her paws in the sky and shouted again, "Let the world feel my wrath!"

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All Zhao Yao heard was a little girl's scream. Zhao Yao stared at her helplessly and patted her on her head and said, "Did you fail to activate your power?"

She was taken aback by Zhao Yao's action and immediately took a few steps back. She opened her mouth and shouted again, "Humans! I will let you feel my wrath!"

Zhao Yao started chortling after 5 seconds of silence. He commented, "It seems like you cannot create the earthquake whenever you want. Let the world feel my wrath? Is that a slogan which you must recite before activating your power?"

"How can you understand what I'm saying?" Zhao Yao could sense the awkwardness and shyness in her voice. She continued staring at Zhao Yao with her brows tightly knitted together. It seemed like she was ashamed after realizing that Zhao Yao could understand her slogan.

"I guess you can consider that my power." Zhao Yao tried to pat her on her head, but she immediately slapped Zhao Yao's plan with her paws. She shouted, "Don't touch me!"

Zhao Yao could not help but laughed and asked, "How are you? Are you feeling better?"

"Hmm, now that he has mentioned it, my body does feel a lot lighter, and the joints in my limbs do not hurt as much as before."

Zhao Yao explained to her the phenomenon, “This is the power of Celestial Beats. It is my supercat’s ability. If you stay with me, the pain you experience from your degenerative joint disease will lessen significantly. However, even if you choose not to stay with us, you should at least stay until you recover.”

Just when she was staring at Zhao Yao with suspicion, she noticed a giant mass of orange meat jumping onto the sofa. He came extremely close to her and whispered, “Oh look, it’s a female cat!”

Matcha started walking around her in circles and said, “My name is George Matcha, and I’m a Jiangmen Fold. I guess we are distant relatives. From today onwards, I will protect you. If anyone dares to hurt you, you can report it to me directly.”

Matcha began licking the back of her head after his grand speech. The Scottish Fold had the same reaction as she slapped Matcha’s paws away and shouted, “Don’t touch me!”

It was not just Matcha. Elizabeth, Roly Poly and Dust Ball were also observing her from afar.

Dust Ball jumped onto the couch and stared at the earthquake cat. Dust Ball snarled at her. It seemed like a threat or a warning. Most cats would do it when they met new cats.

Dust Ball said, “Hey new cat, do not be too cocky around here. Maintain a low profile. You are considered the youngest among all of us.”

“Alright! Alright! Stop looking at her and have breakfast. We have a day of work awaiting us.” Zhao Yap clapped his hands and sent the four cats scurrying to their food bowl. Zhao Yao also placed a plate of cat rice in front of the Scottish Fold.

“This is your breakfast.”

She did not eat straight away. She observed her surroundings before taking a few sniffs. After seeing how the rest of the cats were all enjoying their food and how famished she was, she gave in to it. She took a small bite to ensure that there was nothing wrong.

Next, she devoured the food instantly.

Baiquan walked to Zhao Yao and noticed the new cat at home. He asked, "Boss, where did you kidnap this cat from?"

"Kidnap? Can you please watch your words? I just saved it from the bad guys out there! Don't think that she's harmless just because she looks so cute. She has the power to destroy the entire Jiangmen city instantly."

"She's so powerful?" Baiquan could not believe his eyes as the cat in front of him was just a cute little Scottish Fold.

"She is that powerful," Zhao Yao said smugly. He continued, "So never allow this cat to escape from your field of vision. You must take care of her! You cannot let her escape or allow others to take her away."

"Yes, I understand," Baiquan fixed his eyes on the adorable cat and said, "I will never let her escape!"

When everyone was off to the café, Zhao Yao naturally also had to bring earthquake cat along. She was extremely important, and he could not take the risk of leaving her alone at home.

Hence, Zhao Yao and his cats came to the café as per usual. However, he was surprised to see that he was the earliest.

"Hmm, where is Shi Yu?" Zhao Yao guessed, "Is she having menstruation?"

Zhao Yao found it strange that she was late but he was not worried. It was still a job, and it was natural for people to report late for work. Maybe, Shi Yu just overslept.

However, Xiao Shi Yu was still nowhere to be found after 1 hour.

Just when Zhao Yao thought that something had happened to her, he received a Wechat message from Xiao Shi Yu.

"If you want this woman to stay alive, meet me at the roof of the building along XXXX road. If not, I will have to kill her. Also, bring Elizabeth along. If not, I will also have to kill her."

“Bring Elizabeth along?” Zhao Yao was puzzled by this strange yet specific request. He had a strange feeling and thought, “Is this person coming for me? However, there is no mention of earthquake cat, is it a personal grudge?”

“Should I report to Inspector Ho?”

However, he recognized how messy the current situation was. Everyone was out there searching for earthquake cat. He shook his head and decided not to involve Inspector Ho. He thought, “With Matcha and Elizabeth, I can manipulate the perfect illusion with the ability to stop time. I can even escape into my extradimensional belly if need be. I can deal with most of the apostles with this power. I’m sure I can settle this as well.”

Zhao Yao told Baiquan, Dust Ball, Roly Poly and the earthquake cat, “Sorry, I have something to attend to so I’ll be leaving the café.”

“Did something happen to Shi Yu?”

Seeing how worried Baiquan was, Zhao Yao just patted him on his shoulder and said, “Don’t worry, it will be resolved soon.”

Suddenly, a red glimmer flashed across his eyes, and he had controlled earthquake cat to walk into a cage.

After deactivating his power, earthquake cat’s eyes burned with anger as she shouted, “Let me out!”

Zhao Yao replied, “I can let you out. However, you have to promise me that you would behave yourself. I will not forgive you if you try to escape.”

Earthquake cat listened to Zhao Yao’s conditions and nodded her head. She replied, “Human, I understand. As long as you let me out of the cage, I will not escape from your café.”

The moment she saw Zhao Yao unlocking the cage, she immediately bolted out. However, she realized that her vision turned dark the instant she left the cage. She had entered Zhao Yao’s extradimensional belly.

Earthquake cat stared at her surroundings in fear and asked, “What is this place?”

Actually, Zhao Yao kept her inside the cage with an ulterior motive. By using an illusion to hide Dust Ball with her mouth wide open outside the cage, he was able to keep the earthquake cat safely in his belly.

For living matter to enter the extradimensional belly, it must be done willingly. Zhao Yao could not control her body and made her enter. He could only trick her in like what he did with Specter.

Zhao Yao finally had a piece of mind with earthquake cat safely inside him.

Chapter 146: The Retaliation

Zhao Yao did not bother about the earthquake cat once she was safely kept inside his belly. He then switched to Matcha’s power of time freeze. He turned to Baiquan and instructed him, “Take care of the café. I’ll come back soon.”

Zhao Yao looked at Dust Ball and said, “You must stay here. If anything goes wrong, I would enter the extradimensional belly and escape from your side. If anything goes wrong in the café, get everyone in and come to my side.”

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Meanwhile, spirit cat stared at the phone in front of him and heaved a sigh of relief. He thought, “I guess this should be enough.”

He turned his head to face Xiao Shi Yu. With a wave of his paws, he had slowly placed Shi Yu on the floor with his psychokinesis power. Shi Yu was fast asleep.

Spirit cat used Shi Yu’s phone to send the message to Zhao Yao after he had tied her to a corner on the rooftop.

“At this rate, Elizabeth would be here soon!” Spirit cat’s paws swiped across the phone as he began contacting Ho Hao Cang.

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On a small courtyard in the suburb, Hao Cang was knocking his fingers against the tabletop incessantly. In front of him was the butler with his head lowered. He said, "Master, according to our sources, Isabella no longer has the earthquake cat with her."

"She doesn't have the earthquake cat with her?" Hao Cang's forehead furrowed.

"Yes, it seems like she has hidden the cat. Since last night, no one has seen her alongside earthquake cat," The butler reported.

"She had hidden the cat? Does this mean that she has an accomplice?" Hao Cang reached out his hand as he started caressing Ares which was beside him. Ares tilted its head back as it rubbed its head against Hao Cang's palm.

"It seems like it."

Hao Cang squinted his eyes as he carefully considered the entire situation. Suddenly, his phone rang. A smirk appeared on his face as he took a glance at his phone.

"It seems like lady luck is smiling on me," Hao Cang told the butler. He continued, "Where do you think earthquake cat is hiding at?"

"Where?"

"Zhao Yao," Hao Cang replied excitedly. He continued, "Nekomata saw him bringing earthquake cat back to his apartment last night."

"Zhao Yao? This means that he came to the old town yesterday? It seems like Isabella was all but a distraction. She secretly passed the earthquake cat to him, someone nobody would expect to be strong enough to steal earthquake cat."

“Hahaha, no wonder he rejected my offer to join the team,” Hao Cang said as his eyes flickered with anger. He said, “I’m afraid this guy is not as weak as I thought. Maybe he even has the backing of the Americans.”

The butler replied, “Master, I will go over now and get the earthquake cat back for you.” The butler was disgruntled after failing to capture earthquake cat when it was right in front of him.

“Wait. For him to be recruited by the Americans means that he is quite strong. Bring along Four-Eyed, Golden-Haired, and Ah Tao. The 4 of you should be able to take care of him.”

Lucifer which was resting on the couch heard their conversation and immediately went over to Hao Cang and typed on his phone, “Do not kill Zhao Yao.”

“Don’t worry, Lucifer. I will not kill him.” Hao Cang assured Lucifer. Hao Cang then turned his head to the butler and instructed, “Capture Zhao Yao and bring him back here.” After Lucifer walked away, Hao Cang made a hand gesture which ordered the butler to kill Zhao Yao.

Hao Cang was displeased with the attention Lucifer had showered him with. He thought, “It is better to kill people like Zhao Yao.”

“I know,” The butler understood Hao Cang’s intention, but he warned Hao Cang, “Master if I bring along Ah Tao, there will be no one left at your side.”

Hao Cang’s lips curled into a smile, and he replied, “Other than an army, do you think that there’s anyone in this world that’s capable of hurting me? If Ah Tao stays here, do you think I’m the one being protected or will I be the one protecting him instead?”

“I understand,” The butler lowered his head as he slowly took his leave.

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After one hour, Zhao Yao had finally reached the rooftop of the building. He saw Shi Yu lying on the floor unscathed and her phone by her side.

“What the f*ck happened,” Zhao Yao walked towards Shi Yu was and took her phone. He did not understand what was going on.

Matcha started rubbing his body against Shi Yu's face and said, "I think she has fallen asleep, but she's not hurt."

Zhao Yao was confused by the entire situation. Did the person ask him to meet here just so to trick him?

Spirit cat was in a corner secretly observing the entire situation. He heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Zhao Yao, Matcha and Elizabeth rushing over. He thought, "Alright, this probably means that Hao Cang's subordinate had captured earthquake cat. This will prevent Elizabeth from being taken away from Zhao Yao."

Zhao Yao started thinking hard and finally realized what had happened, "No, this was done on purpose to lure me away."

He immediately opened his mouth and switched to Dust Ball's ability. He wanted to bring Matcha, Elizabeth and himself back to the café. Suddenly, he noticed a shadow and saw Dust Ball streaking out.

"Dust Ball?" Zhao Yao sounded extremely stern as he questioned Dust Ball, "What happened?"

Dust Ball was panting heavily as he replied, "A few apostles came barging into the café."

Zhao Yao was flustered and asked, "Didn't I tell you to get everyone into the extradimensional belly if there was any danger? What happened to Baiquan, Mango, and Roly Poly?"

"Baiquan, Roly Poly and Mango had all been taken away." Dust Ball was devastated as she continued explaining, "There were a total of 4 apostles and their movement was too fast. I only managed to get myself in and could not get the rest in. I couldn't save anyone."

Zhao Yao noticed how affected Dust Ball was. He calmed himself down and patted her head. He comforted her by saying, "Don't worry. It will be okay. We will get all of them back."

Zhao Yao took out his phone and thought, "Hopefully Roly Poly managed to bring his phone along."

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Inside a van, there were twenty odd cats kept in cages. Baiquan had bruises all over his body, and he was sitting in the back seat. There was a footprint on his face. He looked like he was about to die.

The teenager with the rainbow-colored hair drove the car and sniggered, “This old man here is quite tough, he refused to let go even after I kicked his face.”

Butler Xia who sat next to him commented, “He is just stubborn. That’s all.”

The spectacled middle-aged man asked, “Butler Xia, what will happen if the earthquake cat is not among them?”

“Even though Zhao Yao isn’t here, I’m sure the apostle knows a little about it,” Butler Xia commented as he took a look at Baiquan and the cats behind him. He continued, “Maybe there are even more supercats among them. I’m sure they’ll know about the earthquake cat.”

Just when they were discussing their next course of action, Roly Poly was carefully observing the four individuals. He constantly fidgeted his hand as if he was typing something in the air.

Roly Poly had turned his phone invisible and was currently communicating with Zhao Yao

Chapter 147: Dragon Ball

“It’s a message from Roly Poly.”

Zhao Yao read his message and was pleasantly surprised, “He had managed to turn his phone invisible, and his assailants have not realized it.”

Zhao Yao immediately replied to Roly Poly’s message, “Roly Poly, are you inside their car now? Look out of the window and tell me any prominent landmarks or street signs that you can see.”

Zhao Yao glanced at Shi Yu who was still sleeping soundly. He carried her downstairs after ensuring that she was not hurt. He used his illusion to hide before waking Shi Yu up.

Shi Yu struggled to her feet, and panically glanced to her left and right. It seemed like she had no idea where she was. Zhao Yao nodded his head before he returned to his Panamera.

Spirit cat decided to follow Zhao Yao. Spirit cat's forehead furrowed together. He was in a dilemma.

"Elizabeth, why are you following along?" A thought flashed across spirit cat's head, "Should I inform Ho Hao Cang? No, they would all be captured by Hao Cang if I informed him. However, I can't stop them with my strength alone."

Spirit cat was in agony. He was caught between informing Ho Hao Cang or stopping Zhao Yao and gang by his efforts alone.

"If it really comes down to the crunch, I guess I would have to step up and save Elizabeth," Suddenly, spirit cat starting to grin ear from ear. He thought, "Wouldn't that make me a hero who saved the damsel in distress?"

Meanwhile, Zhao Yao rammed his foot into the accelerator as his Panamera dashed out like a bolt of lightning.

Zhao Yao continually glanced at his phone to ensure that he did not miss any vital information from Roly Poly.

"XX Highway?"

"XX Tunnel?"

Roly Poly was on the constant lookout for street signs which the van wheezed by. Based on the information that Roly Poly has provided with, Zhao Yao had constructed a mental route towards the suburb in his head.

He stepped harder against his accelerator and his speed exceeded 100km/hr. With the sharpened awareness and reaction time endowed by "Two is better than one", Zhao Yao's Panamera was able to weave through the traffic and sped towards the suburb.

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Golden-Haired turned the van into an expressway. He hummed to the tune of 'Dusk till Dawn' as they made their way towards Hao Cang's mansion.

While they were stuck at a traffic light, they saw a person walking blatantly in the middle of the road.

Golden-Haired squinted his eyes and took a better look. He said, "Isn't that Zhao Yao?"

The three other apostles immediately turned their head towards that person. Butler Xia squinted his eyes and commented, "I don't know whether he's smart or stupid to come knocking at our door."

Golden-Haired started laughing before he continued, "This guy is a r*etard. He is just an amateur, and dares to come knocking at our door?" He stomped his foot on the accelerator, and his van flew in Zhao Yao's direction.

Golden-Haired asked cold-bloodedly, "Since there are no surveillance cameras around here, can I just knock him down and kill him?"

"We still don't know where earthquake cat is, knock him down but don't kill him," Butler Xia instructed coolly.

Golden-Haired's lips curled in disgust when he heard butler Xia's cowardly remarks. However, he still did as he was told.

Butler Xia commanded, "Everyone get ready. Regardless of whether he managed to avoid the van, the 3 of us would jump out of the van. Golden-Haired, just continue to drive the van."

The van maintained at the astounding speed as the distance between Zhao Yao, and it shortened as every second passed. When the vehicle was just meters away from Zhao Yao, Golden-Haired licked his lips and exuded the aura of a cold-blooded killer.

There was no change in butler Xia's facial expression. He just reached for the pistol in his pocket.

Four-Eyed pupils started to constrict. He was extremely nervous.

The bald man's, Ah Tao, lips curled into a devious smile. He had already begun picturing the massacre in his head.

Throughout the entire process, Zhao Yao just continued to stare coolly at the van which was speeding towards it. He did not seem worried that there was a chance that he might get knocked down by the van.

Suddenly, with all four pairs of eyes focused on Zhao Yao, they noticed a red glimmer flashing across Zhao Yao's eyes.

Suddenly, Golden-Haired lost control of his body as his arms started spinning the steering wheel uncontrollably.

The sudden change of direction threw the van into the air, and it started rolling towards Zhao Yao's path after it crashed to the floor.

Just when the van was about to crash into Zhao Yao, Zhao Yao opened his mouth, and the van had been absorbed into his belly. At the same time, Zhao Yao noticed a few shadows streaking out.

The 4 of them had reacted to the situation and had activated their powers.

Four-Eyed's body started to coat itself in metal. Zhao Yao noticed that visible air currents were streaming around Ah Tao's body.

Golden-Haired dove into the ground as if the floor had turned into an ocean. It seemed like he was the apostle who could turn the ground into fluid and moved around in it.

Four-Eyed's entire body was coated in metal and was distinguishable by his iconic clanking.

Ah Tao's feet started spurting out air current as he slowly descended to the ground. If not for his appearance, some might even mistake him for being iron man.

Zhao Yao saw the three powers on display in front of him, and a thought flashed across his head, "Are they Ho Hao Cang's man?"

“Zhao Yao, it seemed like you have picked the wrong guy to mess with,” Suddenly, the ground which Zhao Yao stepped on had turned into liquid, and he started sinking into it.

Seeing that the sinking ground had trapped Zhao Yao, butler Xia immediately took out his pistol and aimed at Zhao Yao’s head. Butler Xia demanded, “Zhao Yao, where’s earthquake cat?”

Both Four-Eyed and Ah Tao heaved a sigh of relief when they thought that everything was under their control. Frankly, they were frightened when they saw the entire van disappeared. However, they believed that Zhao Yao was not as powerful as they imagined when Golden-Haired quickly restrained him.

Under the intense gaze of the four men, Zhao Yao’s face turned expressionless, and he smirked, “So you guys feel safe just like that?”

Butler Xia pulled the trigger, and the bullet was inches away from hitting Zhao Yao’s face. He bolted towards Zhao Yao and pressed his pistol against his stomach and said, “I will smash your stomach into pieces with the next bullet. Trust me; I have ways to make you plead for your death.”

Instead, Zhao Yao just smiled coolly at the threat. He responded, “So this little toy is the source of your outrageous confidence?”

Butler Xia squinted his eyes with his brows snapped together. He mumbled, “Stubborn little brat.”

Suddenly, golden flames erupted from Zhao Yao’s body.

“Have you ever watched Dragon Ball?”

“What?”

All of them were astonished by what they saw. They could even feel the tremors in the ground and the roar of the gusting wind.

Butler Xia, who was nearest to Zhao Yao, got blown away by the golden gust of wind like a leaf. He landed on his head, and the impact had crushed his entire spine. His organs had ruptured, and his blood had accumulated into a small puddle on the floor.

Meanwhile, Zhao Yao palm struck the ground, and the land was torn into halves, revealing Golden-Haired who was hiding underneath with his mouth wide open.

Golden-Haired stared at Zhao Yao, and he could not believe his eyes. Zhao Yao held him by his neck and threw him into the sky. The impact of the throw contorted Golden-Haired's body as he flew into the air.

Zhao Yao aimed his palm at Golden-Haired which seemed like a small dot now. A golden beam of light erupted from Zhao Yao's palm and instantly vaporized Golden-Haired.

"Run!" Butler Xia had just regained consciousness and saw the true power of Zhao Yao. He knew there was only one thing to do – escape.

Suddenly, he heard a shrilling scream and turned his head around. He saw Zhao Yao teleporting in front of Four-Eyed and landed a light punch on his body.

Before his punch even made contact with Four-Eyed, a loud blare erupted in his ears, and Four-Eyed had been blown into pieces.

The impact from Zhao Yao's punch swept down the concrete road, destroying anything which was in its way.

Ah Tao was shaking like a leaf as he looked at Zhao Yao. He pleaded, "I give up! I give up!"

Zhao Yao's eyes flashed a glimmer of golden light when he replied, "I'm sorry, but I do not accept surrenders here."

Suddenly, a golden pillar of light shot out from Zhao Yao's eyes and vaporized Ah Tao's body in a millionth of a second.

The air particles surrounding the pillar of light had been distorted due to the intense heat it emanated. It also left behind a 10 meters long burnt mark on the ground.

“Monster!” Butler Xia was shocked beyond words by this scene. He never thought it was possible for humans to reach this level. He stumbled and crawled as he made his way back to Hao Cang’s mansion.

Chapter 148: The Illusion

Zhao Yao started rolling around with laughter when he saw butler Xia struggling to make his way back. He turned around and saw the van intact, and stopped by the side of the road.

Golden-Haired, Four-Eyed and Ah Tao were just lying inside the van. Baiquan and the cats which were in the vehicle were also unscathed.

What butler Xiao and the three other apostles had seen were just images conjured by Zhao Yao’s perfect illusion.

Butler Xiao thought he had witnessed what Zhao Yao was capable of and was scurrying back to report everything to Ho Hao Cang.

Zhao Yao stretched his finger inside Dust Ball’s mouth and started fishing for something. He said, “I remember putting a Manila hemp inside here.”

Dust Ball was gagging from Zhao Yao’s finger. She could not even say a word during the process.

“Wait a moment, I’m going to find it soon,” Zhao Yao concentrated on locating the rope from Dust Ball’s belly. He planned to tie the remaining three apostles up and restrained them.

After restraining the three apostles, Zhao Yao quickly followed behind butler Xiao as he made his way towards the mansion.

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Inside the mansion, Hao Cang was sitting in the middle of the grand hall. Today’s mission was kept a secret. Other than his five supercats, there was no one else left inside the building.

Currently, all 5 of his supercats, including Ares and Lucifer, were either lying in Hao Cang's arms, resting beside his feet or just lazing on the sofa.

Hao Cang was shocked to see butler Xiao stumbling back to the mansion.

Ho Hao Cang raised his eyebrow and asked, "Butler Xia, what happened? Where is the cat?"

Based on butler Xia's report back at the café, they had managed to capture Zhao Yao's subordinate and the cats even though Zhao Yao himself was not there. However, all Hao Cang saw was a distressed butler Xia.

Butler Xia raised his head, but his face was still quivering with fear. He mumbled, "Zhao Yao is here. He has slaughtered Golden-Haired, Four-Eyed, and Ah Tao. Master! We have to run now! Even you are no match for him!"

Hao Cang's brows drew together, and he asked, "Butler Xia, do not panic. Calm down. Recall the incident just now and tell me what his ability is?"

"There is no time!" A vein popped on butler Xiao's forehead, and cold sweat erupted on his face. He shouted, "Zhao Yao will be here anytime. Master, we have to leave now! If not, it will be too late!"

Ho Hao Cang did not believe a word butler Xiao uttered. Furthermore, he had absolute confidence in his abilities and powers.

Suddenly, a line appeared between Hao Cang's brows, and he said coolly, "He is already here."

"What?" Butler Xia immediately turned his head back, but he could not see anyone standing at the door.

"Can't you see him? He's standing right on our doorstep." Hao Cang was puzzled by butler Xia's confused look. Butler Xia was not lying when he said he could not see Zhao Yao.

Butler Xia repeated, "I cannot see him!"

“This should be his power.” Ho Hao Cang gazed at Zhao Yao before he whispered, “Is it some sort of illusion?”

Zhao Yao chewed on his lower lip, and he thought, “So this guy is really Ho Hao Cang.” Zhao Yao had met him previously at the café. However, he did not know his real identity then.

“Zhao Yao, he’s not affected by my illusion,” Elizabeth whispered into Zhao Yao’s ears. She continued, “It was like the previous time in the cafe where he was immune to the effects of Celestial Beats. Illusion too could not affect him.” A red glimmer flashed across Elizabeth’s eyes, and she concluded, “I also cannot control his body.”

Hao Cang chortled and asked, “Are you trying to use your power against me?” Hao Cang remained seated in his chair with the smirk on his face. He had no intention to get on his feet. However, his five cats had started gathering around him.

“It’s useless,” Hao Cang roared as he caressed the cat in his arms, “Zhao Yao, my power is invincible. I admit that you are pretty strong given the fact that you defeated butler Xiao.

I’m giving you a last chance because I see you as a talent. Give up earthquake cat and join my side.” Suddenly, the smirk vanished from his face, and he stared daggers at Zhao Yao’s eyes and said, “Or you die!”

As he spoke, he slowly raised his hand, and an invisible force erupted in the air. It was as if an invisible wall had come crashing into Zhao Yao.

This attack would have crushed an ordinary person. However, Zhao Yao’s reaction, observation and speed far exceeded that of an average person with “Two is better than one”. He immediately grabbed Elizabeth and Matcha and took a step behind the door.

“Oh?” Hao Cang seemed pretty surprised by Zhao Yao’s movement, but he remained in his seat. He commented, “Your reaction is quite fast.”

Zhao Yao placed Elizabeth and Matcha on the floor and instructed, “Wait for me outside. This guy is quite strong.”

Both Matcha and Elizabeth knew that Zhao Yao was not kidding. They looked into his eyes before retreating. They did not leave but merely waited outside in case anything happened.

Spirit cat was also there. He had stalked Elizabeth all the way and let out a long sigh of despair when he sensed the impending battle between Zhao Yao and Hao Cang.

“All my efforts have gone down the drain. But I don’t think anything would happen to Elizabeth.”

“I applaud you for your response,” Hao Cang commented when he saw Zhao Yao getting the cats out of harm’s way. He nodded his head and said, “I guess I won’t have to worry about hurting your cat.”

Butler Xia was bewildered by the scene as he could only see Hao Cang speaking to the air and did not know what had happened. He was still under Elizabeth’s illusion.

Hearing Hao Cang’s provocative words, Zhao Yao just smiled and replied, “You are strong and stubborn, I guess I can only do one thing to you. Destroy you!”

Bam! At the moment when the last word rang in Hao Cang’s ears, Zhao Yao had already disappeared from his sight. With Hao Cang’s body as the epicenter, a barrage of explosion erupted in the air. It sounded as if a few bombs had simultaneously detonated at Hao Cang’s position.

Suddenly, Zhao Yao appeared 5 meters in front of him. With a swirl, he vanished into thin air again.

Inside his extradimensional belly, Zhao Yao scratched his chin and thought, “This is bad, this guy has a layer of protective shell around him. My barrage of attacks during the time previous did not affect him.”

During the previous time freeze, Zhao Yao commenced his assault on Hao Cong from all angles. However, his body was wrapped in a protective layer, and it extended to his five cats. He could not penetrate the layer no matter how hard he hit.”

“I’ll have to wait for my 6 seconds of cooldown before I commenced my next wave of attack.”

Hao Cang was lost when he saw Zhao Yao disappearing into thin air again.

Chapter 149: The Weakness

“Disappear, attack, disappear,” Hao Cang was replaying the images from just now as he tried to process the information.

“The first disappearance was sudden, but he swirled into the second disappearance. What kind of power is it?” Hao Cang stared forward, but there was no one in the hall. He scratched his chin and thought, “He went into hiding after his first wave of attack. Is he waiting to use his second wave?”

“No matter what, as long as I maintain Ares’s defense, he would not be able to hurt me, and I would be invincible.” Hao Cang immediately instructed, “Fūjin and Destroyer, find him!”

A Siamese cat which was draped in dark fur meowed in response. Following the meow, huge gusts of wind erupted from its body and the waves it created swept through the hall.

It was apparent that the Siamese cat could alter the air current on its skin. Currently, it had turned the air into gusts of wind which swept across the hall in search of Zhao Yao.

Within a few seconds, the Siamese cat had searched every nook and crannies in the hall but still could not find any trace of Zhao Yao.

Suddenly, a gunshot erupted in the air, and the roar of the gun slicing through the air rang in Hao Cang’s ears. A bullet and 12 long swords had simultaneously appeared in front of Hao Cang. However, they seemed to have been stopped by an invisible wall as they fell to the floor.

During the time freeze, Zhao Yao had taken the pistol from butler Xia and retrieved the long swords he had stashed in the extradimensional belly.

Again, Zhao Yao disappeared into thin air after a swirl.

Hao Cang’s jaws tightened after the second wave of attack.

“It was the same attack followed by the same method of disappearing,” However, Hao Cang noticed something, “The point at which Zhao Yao appeared from was the same as the point he disappeared into.”

Even though he had no clue about Zhao Yao's extradimensional belly, Hao Cang had understood that the entrance and exit of Zhao Yao's extradimensional belly was the same place after two waves of attack.

He glanced at the Siamese cat and pointed at the point where Zhao Yao disappeared. The Siamese cat, Fūjin, let out a giant roar and sent out gusts of strong wind at the position where Zhao Yao previously appeared from.

"No?" Hao Cang gritted his teeth. Upon noticing that Fūjin had stopped its attack, he instructed, "Continue using your power until he reappears." He had an inkling as to how Zhao Yao's power worked.

After 6 seconds, Zhao Yao exited from his extradimensional belly and received a warming welcome from the huge gusts of wind.

Even with his sharpened reaction time from "Two is better than one", Zhao Yao still required time to switch to Matcha's ability of time freeze from Dust Ball's ability. The massive gust of wind smashed against his body during the transition, and it left a large blue-black on his chest.

If he took a little more time to switch to Matcha's ability, the injuries would have been far worse.

"This hurts!" Zhao Yao stared at Hao Cang and mumbled, "Is it a coincidence or has he already discovered the weakness to Suck Me In?"

However, from his previous waves of attack, Zhao Yao had a rough gauge as to the size of Hao Cang's protective shell.

"It has a radius of 3 meters, and bullets cannot penetrate it. Even Elizabeth's illusion cannot penetrate it." Suddenly, Zhao Yao's lips curled into a smile. He sniggered, "But you still have to breathe."

Next, he retrieved the packets of paprika and lime power from his belly and poured them all over Hao Cang's body.

After doing this, he immediately exited by the door before switching to Dust Ball's ability and reabsorbed himself in his belly.

Even though he had no idea whether Hao Cang's attack was purely coincidental or he had already started to understand extradimensional belly, Zhao Yao did not want to take any risk. Hence, he hid from Hao Cang's field of vision before using Suck Me In.

What Hao Cang saw was Zhao Yao getting hit by Fūjin's gust of wind and got blown out of the hall and had disappeared. Before Hao Cang could react to the paprika and lime powder falling onto his body, he had already breathed in the powders. Some of them even landed in his eyes.

"What is this?" With the paprika in his eyes and nose, the surge of spiciness erupted in his body. Hao Cang let out a giant roar as his invisible shield appeared from the air and swept the powder away.

This is the power he had borrowed from Ares. With his body as the epicenter, he could repel any sorts of object, radiation or attack from his body.

Even bullets, fire, and special powers could be repelled.

This included Elizabeth's power of illusion. As long as he did not want any power coming near to his body, he could repel them away from him.

He could even expand the size of this shield. The shield would stop any objects that flew towards it before they fall to the ground.

However, he still had to breathe, and he never repelled air flow or air particles from coming near his body.

"A*shole, how did he manage to discover my weakness!" Hao Cang began coughing incessantly as tears welled up in his eyes.

Even though paprika might sound like an ingredient used for cooking, its spiciness was not based on our taste buds but was a sensation derived from a chemical process.

If you inhaled an excessive amount of paprika into your body, you might even die.

As for lime powder, excessive inhalation of it might lead to blindness if left untreated.

“This is a brilliant strategy, but it’s not enough!” Hao Cang gritted his teeth as he endured the pain. He commanded, “Ares, defend me while Lucifer heals my wounds now!”

Ares had already taken back its power and opened its sphere of shield. Lucifer placed its paw on Hao Cang and lent him its super-regeneration powers.

With the power of regeneration, he started recovering from the damage he sustained from inhaling paprika and lime powder. He even managed to expel the grains of powder from his body.

“Ares power alone was already strong enough. Combined with the power of Lucifer’s regeneration, I’m close to invincible.”

Hao Cang covered his eyes which was flooded with tears as he sniggered, “I just have to focus on recovering now. I also have to thank you for identifying Ares’s weakness. Next time, I will even repel large particulate matter using my shield.”

Hao Cang had never imagined such an attack from overcoming his shield. However, after seeing how Zhao Yao had used it to hurt him, he would never leave such an opening again.

However, Zhao Yao would never allow him to recover in peace.

Chapter 150: Suicide

Suddenly, Hao Cang realized that there was a giant hole right beneath his feet.

After Zhao Yao retreated to his extradimensional belly, he came out with his torchlight, compass and charged back out.

While Hao Cang was busy settling the paprika and lime powder all over his body, Zhao Yao had activated Dust Ball’s ability and had absorbed the cement underneath Hao Cang.

With Dust Ball’s power, Zhao Yao had created an underground tunnel which led directly to where Hao Cang was.

The effect of Dust Ball's power was almost instantaneous. Hence the construction of the tunnel took less than a second. The cement was quickly absorbed into Zhao Yao's belly.

"Hao Cang's shield seemed to have created a 360° barrier with no blind spot. However, the barrier did not encompass his feet."

"If the barrier had shielded his feet, there should be cracks underneath where he sat, or there might even be a depression. Even if there were no cracks, there was a possibility that there was a gap between Hao Cang's feet and the floor."

"However, there was no such gap between his feet and the floor."

"By constructing a tunnel which leads to his feet, Zhao Yao would be able to enter the inside of his shield."

When Hao Cang noticed the enormous hole beneath him, a hand came flying out towards him and grabbed onto his ankle.

"Ares!" Just when Hao Cang wanted to alert Ares to redirect its ability, Hao Cang had already activated Elizabeth's illusion, and it had affected Hao Cang and his five cats.

"The 5 Senses!"

The next moment, Ho Hao Cang's vision had turned dark, and he fell to the floor, unconscious. Zhao Yao finally heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Hao Cang and his cats all unconscious on the floor. Zhao Yao whispered, "What a troublesome power. But, it's finally over!"

Bam!

A gunshot was heard. Zhao Yao turned around to see butler Xia.

Butler Xia was under the influence of Elizabeth's illusion. Hence he should not be able to see the fight between Zhao Yao and Hao Cang previously. He should only see Hao Cang speaking to the air like a lunatic. Zhao Yao did not bother about butler Xia for this reason until now.

“Why did he fire a shot? He should not be able to see me. He was not aiming for me. He was aiming at Ho Hao Cang!” Zhao Yao finally reacted to the situation.

Zhao Yao turned and saw a large gunshot wound on Hao Cang’s head. He was bleeding profusely from it. His brain had stopped working and hence no longer influenced by Elizabeth’s illusion.

Suddenly, he got to his feet and grinned from ear to ear. He took out the hand grenade from his pocket.

Seeing this, Zhao Yao immediately cast his perfect illusion on Hao Cang, to rid him of his five senses.

However, his perfect illusion only managed to remove his ability to perceive his surroundings. Hao Cang could still control his body.

Without his sense of smell, sight, touch, hearing, and taste, Hao Cang removed the pin from the hand grenade.

“F*ck!” Zhao Yao’s jaw dropped as he immediately switched to Matcha’s power and activated time freeze.

When the world was at a standstill, Zhao Yao dashed over to Hao Cang and tried to snatch the grenade from his hand.

“This guy! Why is his grip so tight?”

A vein popped out in Zhao Yao’s forehead as he was not sure if he could remove the grenade from his hand and throw it away in 6 seconds.

“If I absorb the grenade into my belly, it might injure 地震猫-earthquake cat which was still inside.”

Zhao Yao had no time to think through his choices. He grabbed the five supercats lying on the floor and bolted out of the door.

When time resumed, he was grabbing two cats by the neck in each hand and held the last one using his mouth. He managed to run 20 meters away from the building along with Matcha and Elizabeth.

Bam!

The grenade exploded, and the impact of the explosion swept across the entire area. Zhao Yao crouch on the floor but could still hear the buzzing in his ear.

He got to his feet and immediately dashed back into the mansion.

He thought, “He was just trying to escape from my illusion by chasing me away with the explosion!”

When he returned to the hall, all he saw were the blood and minced meat scattered all over the floor. Both butler Xia and Ho Hao Cang were gone.

Zhao Yao’s ears started twitching as he used his passive power of “Two is better than one” to detect even the faintest sound in the surrounding. Suddenly, he swept his head in a direction and shouted, “There!”

Meanwhile, Matcha noticed the five unconscious cats lying on the floor and immediately pounced on them. He started to slap the Persian cat, Ares, on its cheeks.

Matcha noticed Elizabeth standing there dumbfounded and immediately shouted at her, “Why are you still standing there doing nothing? Attack!”

Elizabeth was stunned by Matcha’s words, “Attack?”

“Didn’t Zhao Yao return to the mansion? Isn’t he still fighting against the bad guys? Just use your power to control them!”

Even though both Matcha and Elizabeth had no idea what was going on in the fight just now, she agreed with Matcha that the best thing for her to do was to control them and take their power back

from the apostles. Suddenly, a red glimmer flashed across Elizabeth's eyes, and she had started working on Ares.

"Take back their power!"

"Next one!"

Zhao Yao ran out of the mansion and into the garden. Before long, he heard screaming coming from the eastern side of the garden.

Both Ho Hang Cang and butler Xia lay on the fields. Hao Cang wanted to use his power of regeneration before he self-detonated to force Zhao Yao to retreat.

Butler Xia's entire body was a mess. His head had been impaled by a ball bearing from the grenade explosion. Initially, he still had the power of self-regeneration and was recovering from the injuries. However, the ability was suddenly taken away from him, and it seemed like he had stopped breathing as well.

All of Ho Hao Cang's limbs were broken. There was a giant open wound across his body, and you could even see his organs. He was also on the verge of death. He stared at Zhao Yao with his vengeful eyes. His expression emanated an intense anger and hopelessness.

Zhao Yao then understood what had happened. He thought, "Elizabeth must have taken control of the supercats and taken power back from their apostles."

Zhao Yao stared at Hao Cang and said, "You are truly a ruthless man."

"Some people would rather choose to die than to lose." Hao Cang did not answer Zhao Yao's question but stared straight into his eyes and asked, "What exactly is your power? Tell me! I cannot die without knowing it!"

Hao Cang's eyes had started losing focus, and his breathing grew weaker and weaker. He was about to die.

Zhao Yao let out a long sigh and cast his perfect illusion. He whispered two words which could only be heard by Hao Cang.

“Time freeze.”

Hao Cang’s lips curled into a smile when he heard those two words.

“It explains everything.” Hao Cang finally understood all the anomalies in the battle, all the sudden disappearance and reappearance. He seemed somewhat relieved with a tinge of regret, anger, and despair. He said, “Zhao Yao, use your power ...”

Hao Cang reached out his hand. It seemed like he wanted to grab something or say something.

However, he had lost his last ounce of strength before he could say anything. His hand just fell to the floor.

Zhao Yao sighed as he returned to Matcha.

“We have to go.”

Zhao Yao looked at the five unconscious cats and kept all of them with him. He destroyed all the security footages in the mansion before casting an illusion and leaving the place.

Just when Zhao Yao had left the mansion, spirit cat had appeared out of thin air and floated in front of Ho Hao Cang.

He had witnessed the entire fight just now. He was taken aback by both parties’ wit, intelligence and their adaptability.

Ho Hao Cang which he thought was invincible had fallen to Zhao Yao.

His eyes flickered with sadness as he looked at Hao Cang lying lifelessly on the floor.