

Am I A God 421

Chapter 421: Dream World

“D*mn it! Where did this fool get his strength from?” In a moment of fury, Nightmare Cat stretched opened his mouth before sinking his teeth into Mango’s skin, ripping off a mouthful of fur.

The pain seared through Mango’s body, leaving him writhing in pain. Nightmare Cat expelled the fur from his mouth before chuckling, “Stupid fella, do you know who you’re up against? I’m the only cat trained in Wing Chun ...”

Meow! A nasty grimace spread across Mango’s face as fury raged through his body. He pounced towards this violent cat before sending a barrage of slaps across his face. Before Nightmare Cat could even retaliate, Mango had already sat right on top of him, preventing him from fighting back. Mango was not done yet. He continued his assault with another burst of slaps until Nightmare Cat started cowering in fear.

“Hey, stop it! Stop it!” Nightmare Cat shut his eyes and shielded his tiny head with his even tinier paws, “I submit, I submit to your rule!”

Somehow, Mango seemed to have understood his cries and finally stopped the assault. He then embraced Nightmare Cat in his arms before sending another flurry of licks across his face.

Nightmare Cat absolutely abhorred this treatment, but there was nothing he could do about it. To him, Mango was as strong as a dog and he simply couldn’t break free from his clutches.

Suddenly, an ingenious idea sprang into his head. A tail reached out from behind and rapped against the back of Mango’s head.

Mango immediately swept his head around, only to be disappointed by the sight a furry tail.

This brief moment of distraction was more than enough for Nightmare Cat to slip through Mango’s claws as he made a dash for a bedroom. He had detected a presence of another apostle inside.

With one leap, his body had turned into a pool of purple fumes before they spread into Zhao Yao's head, entering his dream state.

At the same time, a series of meows continued to puncture the air.

“Stay right there and wait for me if you dare call yourself a man! I will come back for you!”

A look of confusion was plastered on Mango's face when this puzzling scene unfolded in his eyes. He sprang onto Zhao Yao's bed before commencing his futile search for his doppelganger.

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Meanwhile, Zhao Yao and a few of his cats were gathered in the extradimensional belly within the dream state. His serious gaze swept towards Sphinx Cat as he instructed, “I will test this hypothesis by committing suicide. If I'm not revived, it simply means that I've returned to the real world, hence validating this method of escaping. Then, kill Diana and send her to me. I need her to send me back here later.”

“Huh?” Diana was barely able to breathe when she heard those words ringing in her head. It can't possibly be real. Before she could even move an inch, Sphinx Cat had already slammed his paw on her, restricting her every movement.

Tears streamed down Diana's cheeks as her entire body quivered with fear, “Please don't kill me! I promise that I'll be the most obedient cat ever! I will only eat cat food from now on! No more premium human food! I will take my fluids regularly and I'll never rub my butt against the bed anymore!”

A faint smile stretched across Sphinx Cat's face as he comforted her, “Alright, little sister, stop crying. Didn't you hear what Zhao Yao was saying? This is all a dream. It isn't real ...”

Zhao Yao was completely indifferent to Diana's worries. With a flick of his fingers, a tiny dagger had appeared in his hand. With his arm stretched in front of him, he thrust the dagger towards his neck, only for it to stop centimeters away from him.

Baiquan asked, “What's the matter, Boss? Is there something that we've forgotten?”

Zhao Yao's hand began to tremble as he explained, "Erm, everything's fine. I was just thinking of another way to end my life. This method sounds rather gruesome. I'm sure there's a more civilized method to end a life."

Sphinx Cat could not believe his ears as he sneered, "Don't tell me that you actually fear death?"

"Erm, I'm a little scared ..."

Bam!

Sphinx Cat's paw was already resting against Zhao Yao's chest as his heart was torn to pieces.

Given the physical distance between them, there was no way Zhao Yao could possibly avoid this attack.

In the real world, Zhao Yao could easily have easily swapped to timefreeze the moment he revived. Sphinx Cat would not have stood a chance.

But now ...

Zhao Yao simply collapsed to the ground as his heartbeat grew slower and slower, "Ahhh! Why did ... did you ... have ..." With one last breath, Zhao Yao had descended into complete unconsciousness.

Amidst the darkness clouding his sight, Zhao Yao could detect an intense stench stifling his breathing. Then, a furry hand began to tap against his head, again and again, jolting him from his sleep.

Zhao Yao opened his eyes to Mango's furry tail slapping against his face. Fear splintered his heart when Mango saw Zhao Yao's opened eyes. He immediately jumped down the bed, before disappearing into the living room.

"What the hell?" Zhao Yao's eyes swept across his room and immediately recalled everything that had happened in the dream. Usually, it was impossible for an ordinary person to recall the details in their dream. Everything in the dream would feel so blurry and hazy. However, Zhao Yao was no ordinary human. Everything which happened remained deeply etched at the back of his head.

“I guess my hypothesis was right.” With that, Zhao Yao dashed into the living room and started fishing for Diana’s body from the pool of unconscious cats.

Currently, Diana was still asleep as a trickle of saliva drooped from the corner of her lips.

“Sphinx Cat should have killed her in the dream world already.” Zhao Yao’s fingers started running through her fur as he muttered, “Based on my experience, she should still be asleep in the real world even though she’s already dead in the dream world.”

With that thought, Zhao Yao began to shake Diana’s body violently before consciousness started seeping into her. Suddenly, she let out an ear-splitting shriek with her eyes wide open.

“Alright, Diana. It was just a dream. Everything’s fine, you’re awake now.” Zhao Yao comforted her by cradling her in his arms, “Isn’t your own power related to dreams? Why couldn’t you differentiate it from reality?”

“Oh?” Diana’s beautiful sapphire eyes started to examine her surroundings. Disappointment sagged through her as she moaned, “It was all just a dream? My carefree lifestyle was all but a figment of my imagination? Why did you have to disturb me from that beautiful dream? I want to sleep! I want to return!” Finally, she recalled her purpose for returning. What Sphinx Cat had mentioned was probably true.

“Are you finally awake?” Zhao Yao sent another burst of slaps across her head, “Can you help me re-enter the dream?”

Diana pondered for a moment but hesitated to reply, “I should be? However, I’ve never used my power for such a large-scale dream state.”

“Just try your best.” With Diana cradled in his arms, Zhao Yao brought her to the side of his bed, “However, try to be fast. Even with my strength, it will take quite some time for me to kill everyone.”

“However, I need you to be asleep in order for my power to work.”

“That’s easy,” Zhao Yao grabbed a pillow from a corner before casting ‘five sense deprivation’ on himself. Immediately, he had collapsed onto the bed.

Despite his physical and mental strength, even Zhao Yao was not immune to the effects of the power.

Rays of white light started to sweep across his eyes. By the time he had awoken, he found himself standing right in front of an ATM machine.

Someone was complaining behind him, “Hey, what’s the holdup? Do you even know how to use the machine?”

Zhao Yao knew that something was amiss. He looked skywards and saw a regular sun staring straight at him. Immediately, he knew what had happened, “Diana, stop playing, let me enter their common dream state.”

Suddenly, the gentlest female voice you could ever imagine echoed in Zhao Yao’s head, “That was just a dream. Who is Diana? You don’t even have a cat.”

“If you continue bullshitting, I will shave you bald when I get out.” Zhao Yao threatened.

“This devil,” Diana commented as her lips drew into a snarl. Immediately, his vision when blur before his unconscious mind was transported to the common dream state.

Once again, he raised his head. This time around, the sun was still there. However, it was shooting out lights of all sorts of colors, turning Jiangmen City into a giant dancefloor.

With a curl of his lips, Zhao Yao muttered, “Fish Ball, that fella ...”

Meanwhile, Nightmare Cat was also staring at this incredulous sight. He could hardly believe his eyes as he lamented, “What kind of bloody cat would dream of this? To think that he had successfully achieved this in the common dream, just how bad does he crave for this?”

With his control over the NPCs, including the various media outlets, Nightmare Cat broadcasted a series on information, reminding the masses that it was just a regular sight, nothing out of the ordinary. He could not allow anyone to realize that this was just a dream.

“The composition in the air has caused the light rays to refract in an unorthodox manner, hence producing the variety of colors in the sky.”

“Global warming has caused detrimental impacts to our environment. The beautiful colors in the sky are but a warning of what is to come if we continue destroying our environment.”

Thankfully, a large majority of the supercats and apostles took in the information hook, line and sinker. However, the few skeptical ones had started doubting the world they were living in.

Nightmare Cat slid the revolving sun a condescending glare and threatened, “This stupid cat! I have located your position! I will never invite you into the next dream!”

Chapter 422: Capture the Cat (I)

The sky was adorned with a rainbow of colors shooting out from that weird sun. Zhao Yao couldn't help but shake his head at this scene. All of a sudden, a gate appeared out of nowhere as Zhao Yao disappeared into his dimensional belly.

Zhao Yao's eyes glanced across his mission panel and he realized that he had yet to complete the mission even though he had already met all the supercats back in his apartment in the real world.

“I guess most people are still clueless that this world is nothing but an extension of their imagination, a part of their dream state. In that case, my mission remains the same – find my remaining supercats and kill everyone living in this world to transport them back to the real world.”

Zhao Yao's fingers were running through his hair when a thought suddenly popped into his head, “Do you know where Dust Ball, Ares, and Red Packet are hiding at?”

Zhao Yao was inundated by a sea of shaking heads. This was the first time the supercats had gathered together since arriving in this dream world. However, they did share the common vague memory that everyone had left Zhao Yao's apartment.

Suddenly, Sphynx Cat began to lick the corner of his lips before muttering, "I do have some idea as to where Ares and gang are hiding."

Moments later, Sphynx Cat and Zhao Yao had re-appeared at a bustling street along Jiangmen City with Zhao Yao trailing immediately behind Sphynx Cat, "How did you even learn about their whereabouts?"

Sphynx Cat replied matter-of-factly, "I was with them the moment I arrived in this dream world." Suddenly, a whiff of familiar scent rushed into his nose, confirming the route.

Look of suspicion and doubt appeared on Zhao Yao's face as he sneered, "Are you sure? I don't want to spend the rest of the day looking for them in vain."

"Stop complaining! I told you that I remembered! Anyway, we are almost there already. It should be around that corner."

Half an hour later, the duo continued to linger around that same spot as Sphynx Cat continued tracking that familiar scent. However, Zhao Yao had already stopped in his tracks. A monstrous object, resting in the middle of the road had caught his eye, "What the hell is that?"

Sphynx Cat slid him a disdainful glare and commented, "Isn't that just a regular transit elevated bus? Haven't you been on one before?" Evidently, an extended stay in the dream world had distorted the individual's perception of the world.

"Your perception of the world gets increasingly skewed as you spend more time in here. This means I have no time to waste." Zhao Yao was left speechless, "However, this transit elevated bus seems rather familiar ... don't tell me he was the one who created it."

The monstrous object lying in the middle of the road looked too futuristic to be real. The vehicle was at least six meters tall, towering over your normal cars and vans. However, there was a huge hollow gap beneath its chassis, allowing all vehicles to whizz under it. This was the project which Xiao Ming had invested in previously. I guess it finally took off in the dream world.

As expected, a photograph of Xiao Ming was printed on the back of the vehicle. Xiao Ming was smartly dressed in his Canali suit, sporting his most radiant smile. He even had a cat in his arms.

“How narcissistic! Which person would even want their face printed on this monstrosity? And that cat...” Zhao Yao’s eyes squinted into a hard line as he recognized that cat from the picture, “So that’s where Red Packet has been hiding.”

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Perched on top of Jiangmen City’s beautiful skyline was the tallest skyscraper. In it stood Xiao Ming dressed in his bathrobes with a bottle of champagne in his hands. From there, he had the perfect view of the city all to himself.

“This is spectacular.” A broad smile stretched across Xiao Ming’s face. Memories of him turning his transit elevated bus project from a dream into reality flooded his mind. Now, he was a multi-millionaire sitting on his transportation throne. That warm, fuzzy feeling fluttered through him everytime he thought about it, “With a new line opening tomorrow, the company’s stock will immediately skyrocket, turning me into the richest man in the world!”

Red Packet was sunbathing on his exquisite Fabio leather sofa when his claws accidentally tore a hole in it.

“Hmph, if I was in a regular household, my owner would have killed me. However, I’m the pet of the richest man alive. What is a Fabio sofa to me? Nothing! Absolutely nothing!”

The pair of them was blissfully immersed in their dreams when Xiao Ming noticed a chilling presence in his vicinity. He opened his eyes to see the reflection of Zhao Yao inching towards him, “You ...”

“It’s time to wake up!” Zhao Yao roared as the deflative field tore through Xiao Ming’s skin and crushed his vitals to pieces.

“Zhao Yao!” Red Packet’s scream echoed throughout that extraordinary apartment. However, his escape had failed the moment Zhao Yao picked him off the ground before tossing him into the belly.

“Alright, just go and help me look for Ares and the rest.”

The screams did not subside after he got thrown into the belly, “Murder! Murder! Zhao Yao killed a person!”

Meanwhile, Matcha, Elizabeth, Airplane and Uncle Egg were all engrossed in a game of bridge, completely indifferent to Red Packet's scream. Elizabeth spoke slowly but surely, "What's so strange about Zhao Yao killing someone?"

Red Packet could not believe the words echoing in his head, "Murder! He murdered a living person! And it's a person we all know! I knew it! I knew he was the devil! He has been hiding all this while! Now, he's unleashing his true self! We're dead! We're all dead! Nothing can stop him!"

Meanwhile, Xiao Ming had opened his eyes to a scene of a regular KFC restaurant. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Xiao Ming could only sigh in despair as he grumbled, "So it was all a dream? And I couldn't even become the richest man in a dream! I am hopeless! Completely useless!"

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In an alley approximately 50 meters away from the bank stood Ares with his head squashed into a pair of stockings. With his voice muffled, he instructed, "Everyone ready? Our livelihood will be dependent on the outcome of today's mission."

Lucifer, Fūjin, and Rakshasa stood by his side as their heads nodded along to each instruction uttered by Ares. They had disguised using the exact same black stockings.

Only Gaia was staring at a phone mounted on a selfie stick as he explained, "Hi everyone! We won't be streaming our gameplay today! Instead, we will be robbing a bank! I'm sure none of you have ever seen it before, so please enjoy!"

Ares's body locked up with rage when he heard Gaia's voice echoing in his head, "Gaia, what the hell are you doing?"

Gaia retorted, "Are you blind? Obviously, I'm live streaming! I know that I'm the strongest and most skilled League of Legend player to ever walk on the surface of Earth. However, I must do my part to maintain my fan base. Constant interaction is the key! Hence, I'll be doing more of this in the future!" Gaia noticed the skyrocketing number of viewers and was overwhelmed with excitement, "Hey, look! Everyone's watching us! We're gonna be famous!"

Ares retorted angrily, “But we are robbing a god d*mn bank! Who even records themselves committing a crime?” Ares immediately slapped the phone against the ground and lectured, “No more bullshit from you! I expect professionalism throughout this entire mission! Understood?”

“Tsk.” Gaia scoffed before sweeping his head around.

Suddenly, Fūjin tapped on Ares’s back and asked, “Bro, none of us can drive. From what I’ve seen in the movies, we need a driver to help us escape after our job is done.”

Rakshasa added on, “Stupid dumb dumb! Who even uses cash in this day and age! We’ll obviously ask them to transact using Alipay!”

“R*tards!, I told you to be professional! How can we use Alipay?” Ares roared as he slapped against their face, “There is a god d*mn daily transaction cap in Alipay! We can’t possibly use that!”

Fūjin’s eyes were brimming with admiration as he muttered, “You are a genius! Only a genius is able to anticipate that!”

“You don’t say? If not for my wit, how would I have ruled over this piece of land? If not for me, all of you would have been thrown behind bars, eating your prison food!” Ares eyeballed the cats in stockings as he continued, “Once inside, Fūjin will be responsible the hostage situation. After stashing all the money in our bags, we will escape using Gaia’s power ... Gaia!” What the hell are you doing?”

Chapter 423: Capture the Cat (II)

With his phone carefully tilted towards the perfect angle, Gaia explained, “I’m posting this on Weibo. My fans are concerned about my wellbeing. My inbox is flooded with questions on why I stop streaming.”

“Stop it!” Gaia’s behavior was truly getting on Ares’s nerves, “Do you know what we are doing? One post on Weibo and the entire country learns of our plan to rob this bloody bank!”

“That’s not possible.” Gaia pointed to a corner of his screen and responded, “Look! I only have 1,426,296 followers. I’m sure China has more people than that.”

Bam!

Ares's deflective field had surged forward before grabbing the phone from Gaia's paw and slamming it against the ground. The mere force of the collision tore the phone to pieces as the remains flew in all directions. Ares was still panting from the boiling anger searing through him, "I want you to focus on the task. No more bullshit about Weibo or any social media."

With that, he led his team down the alley before turning right towards their objective.

Meanwhile, Gaia was already straggling behind the team when he secretly whipped out his second phone to take photos of this atrocity. This was followed by another Weibo message, "First, I got scolded for using Weibo. Now, my phone was broken by some disgusting cat! How uncivilized! How dare they even call me their brother? I don't want to rob the bank with them anymore!"

Finally, Ares raised his arm and stopped the team in their tracks. He slid the pair of them a glance, gesturing Lucifer and Gaia to take up position.

"Now!"

Instantly, Ares's deflective field exploded into the surroundings, annihilating anything which came into contact with it. Similarly, Rakshasa has sent a scurry of shock waves into the bank, destroying anything on sight. In an instant, all the security guards had collapsed to the ground, unconscious.

Immediately, a robotic voice echoed into the surroundings, "This is a robbery! If you want to escape this ordeal with your precious life, do as I say. Put your hands behind your head and lay down. Expose your belly as well!"

Everyone started sliding each other a guarded look. However, there was no time to think. Another wave of attack by Ares hurled the desks into the air before slamming it against the wall. Everyone's heart nearly stopped when they witnessed this outrageous scene and immediately acquiesced with the instruction.

Ares then shouted his next instruction, "Rakshasa, stay here and take care of the hostages! Everyone, follow me to the vault!"

The remaining cats bolted towards the vault. Any security locks which impeded their progress were instantly blasted to pieces by Ares's deflective field. If that failed, they simply skidded past it using Gaia's power.

Finally, they had reached the vault by using Gaia's power to bypass the last layer of impregnable wall. Suddenly, a thought jumped at Lucifer as he screamed, "Why didn't we just use Gaia's power right at the start? Why did we even use the main entrance?"

A moment of awkward silence ensued. The corner of Gaia's lips turned up as he crafted his next Weibo message, "Meowhaha, all these fools are so dependent on my power!"

The brief silence was cut short by Ares's sudden roar, "Stop this nonsense and continue with our mission!"

With that, an invisible force had started lifting the stacks of cash into the air before arranging them into neat piles in front of them.

Beams of excitement shot out of the cats' eyes when they witnessed this scene. With that money, they could do anything and buy everything that they have ever imagined!

Suddenly, an ear-piercing shriek echoed down the hallway from where they entered.

Lucifer felt something amiss and muttered, "That scream ... doesn't it sound exactly like Fūjin's scream?"

Ares responded carelessly, "That's impossible, it must be your stupid hallucination. This vault is perfectly sealed, with no chance of anything entering or escaping it. There is no way that we can possibly hear Rakshasa's scream from here!"

"Ah! Ah! Ah! Zhao Yao is here!"

"Ares, I don't think so," Rakshasa could feel his chest tightening with fear as he exclaimed, "I heard it too! He's screaming someone's name!"

Ares's frown deepened into a scowl as he retorted, "Use your brain! I already told you that this place is sealed! It's impossible to hear anything from here!"

Gaia suddenly interjected, “But other than communicating using soundwaves, we can also communicate telepathically.”

“Ah! I admit it! It’s my fault! Zhao Yao, please forgive me! I only did all these because Ares forced me to! I had no choice!”

This time around, the content of the screams rang crystal-clear in their ears. There was no doubt as to what was happening upstairs.

The pit of Ares’s stomach fell as he felt a shiver running through his body, “Hey, is it just me or did you guys hear the mention of the name ... Zhao Yao?” However, there was no response. Ares immediately swept his head back only to see Gaia, Lucifer, and Rakshasa submerging underground. Everyone had left, except for him.

“D*mn it! What the hell are you doing? How can you leave without me?”

Before Ares could continue his tirade, a deafening blast had already erupted in his ears. The vault’s impregnable door had been smashed to pieces by Sphynx Cat’s paw. Behind Sphynx Cat stood that man Ares would never forget.

Fūjin was struggling relentlessly in Zhao Yao’s arm as he stared at the three escaping cats and the remaining cat which was shaking like a leaf.

In a split second, his deflective field had already swept into the surroundings, putting an end to their pathetic attempt at escape. An awkward smile began to stretch across Gaia’s face as he chatted, “Zhao Yao, what a coincidence? Did you come to rob a bank as well? In that case, we will take our leave first. Feel free to take whatever’s here.”

Zhao Yao was not interested in that bullshit. His face had already contorted into a hideous scowl as he roared, “Robbing a bank? What have I been teaching all of you this entire time?”

Ares was not about to back down as he screamed, “To do whatever I want! That is my cat way!”

With that deafening scream, an immense force exploded from Ares as an invisible palm went straight for Zhao Yao’s head.

However, the attack was immediately stopped by a ring of golden beam. Ares's deflective field was no match for Zhao Yao's enhanced deflective field. It simply faltered before disintegrating into thin air.

The golden beam extended towards Lucifer before slithering across his neck, strangling him to death. Ares struggled with all his might and shouted, "Let me go! Zhao Yao! We will never succumb to violence!"

However, Zhao Yao did not speak a single word. His magnificent golden palm emerged from behind him and slammed Lucifer against the ground, turning him into minced meat. Lucifer was shuddering violently as a pool of blood accumulated beneath him. However, that same sadistic smile appeared on his face.

"We are sorry!"

"We admit our mistake!"

Gaia and Rakshasa had instantaneously collapsed to the ground in kowtow position. With their front paws outstretched in front of them, they had completely surrendered to Zhao Yao's rule.

Rakshasa's gaze swept towards Ares as he shouted, "Boss! Just admit defeat already! This is Zhao Yao!"

For the past two years, Ares had never expected this day to befall on them. However, he felt his knee giving way as he muttered, "Let go of me ... I will kneel on my own."

However, Sphinx Cat bolted forward and stopped Ares from kneeling. Sphinx Cat cocked his head towards Zhao Yao and reasoned, "Zhao Yao, he is the boss of these cats! How do you expect him to face them if you force him to go on his knees?"

"That's enough! All of you, go back!" Zhao Yao threw his arm in the air before gesturing the bunch of them to return to the belly. He slowly circled the vault and pondered, "That means I'm only left with the apostles who were thrown into this dream state. However, judging from Ares's condition, they will grow increasingly delirious if they spent more time here."

Next, Zhao Yao had already disappeared behind his extradimensional belly gate. With the belly's property, Zhao Yao had already teleported to the entrance of the building.

“Let's begin with this then.”

Staring at this towering building looming over him, Zhao Yao activated his golden deflective field which crashed mercilessly against the building. First, all the glass shattered to pieces. Next, the building started to vibrate. The vibration grew more and more intense. Pillars began to give way before the entire building collapsed onto itself, leaving behind its ruins.

Meanwhile, Nightmare Cat was quickly alerted to the situation over here and had soon noticed Zhao Yao's involvement.

“D*mn it, what is this guy doing here again?” A line etched between his brows as he calculated, “Why the city center of all places? Many people will die if I pull out the big guns. That means they'll get thrown out of the dream state!”

His eyes squinted into a hard line as he uttered coolly, “I only have one option: activate the apostle team and get rid of him.”

On one hand, Zhao Yao had no reasons to conceal his location. On the other, Nightmare Cat had carefully calibrated the NPCs to guide the apostle team towards Zhao Yao. Hence, one apostle had already found himself staring straight at Zhao Yao.

Chapter 424: Fighting Crime, Trying to Save the World

One punch. That was all it took to turn the monstrous skyscraper into rubble.

Moments later, shots of golden beams started shooting in all directions, pushing the rubble away. From the ruins, a person appeared. It was none other than Zhao Yao.

Zhao Yao glanced at his mission panel and noticed the addition of a new mission.

Mission: Dream World!

Objective: Rescue everyone from their dream state

Reward: The experience points rewarded were directly proportional to the number of people rescued. The experience points were also capped at 2000.

Punishment: Nil

That same old smile returned to Zhao Yao's face when he read the description. That was what he had been waiting for.

Suddenly, he noticed a somewhat familiar hypnotic flashing lights zooming towards him. It was the police. The policeman sprang down from their vehicles, with their muzzles pointing straight at Zhao Yao's head. With fear splintering his heart, the policeman shouted, "Raise your hands! Behind your head! Stop moving!"

Zhao Yao obviously paid no attention to this insignificant NPCs. Immediately, that same beam of blinding light swept across a 300 meters radius, knocking all the policemen within it unconscious.

He glanced to his left and right before he decided on this particular rote. The sphere of golden beam followed him wherever he went. It was like a tsunami engulfing the entire city. Anything that came in contact with it was instantly destroyed. Buildings, towers or even skyscrapers collapsed the moment Zhao Yao went pass them.

This time, not only were the police involved. Even the military was roped in for this operation. However, Zhao Yao was completely indifferent to their attacks since he was hiding behind the extradimensional belly gate. Conversely, tens of victims would fall whenever the defective field swept past them. However, they weren't dead. They simply woke up in the real life.

"That was scary!"

"For a moment, I really thought I was going to die!"

"That nightmare felt so realistic!"

At the same time, Zhao Yao had helped countless victims return to the real world. Again and again, that golden beam would streak across the sky before another building collapsed to the ground.

Zhao Yao simply walked through the streets like Godzilla. Nothing stood in his way, be it living or non-living matter. They were annihilated the moment they came within striking distance of Zhao Yao.

However, things were not as peaceful for those who were still stuck in the dream world.

Ah! Ear-splitting shrieks flooded the city as the victims ran around like headless chicken. Honestly, they had no idea where to go. Neither did they know the source of the destruction. In their head, running was simply a better choice than staying put.

Meng Hao noticed the frantic crowd but yet remained calm and composed. Instead, a smile crept up his face.

“Is it the headless warrior? I knew that my arch-nemesis would not have gone down as easily as that.”

Meng Hao was there when the headless horseman was seemingly annihilated in the battle. He saw it for himself. However, that was just another one of his trick. The headless horseman had returned and he was wreaking havoc in the middle of the city.

Meng Hao watched as he saw two skyscrapers colliding into one another before collapsing into ruins. He shook his head and muttered, “What a tragedy. You could have achieved greatness with that power, but you chose destruction. Now, I shall deliver you your own destruction and inherit the title of Jiangmen City’s strongest ...”

As he spoke, the muscles and bones in his body began to mutate and transform in an unprecedented manner. He wasn’t just a human-beast hybrid. He even had a pair of bat’s wings, a scorpion’s tail, a mouth full of smilodon’s teeth and even layers and layers of hardened scales.

His huge frame was easily five meters tall. It was a monster brought straight out from the depths of hell.

“Two years of training! Every day, I did 50 push-ups, 100 squats, 100 sit ups, 2km run. And now, I’ve achieved perfection!”

With a flap of his wings, Meng Hao had already disappeared into the sky before nosediving straight towards a building.

This power was what Meng Hao had dreamt of. By training relentlessly over the past two years, he had acquired strength which even surpassed Sphinx Cat. He was even harder than diamond. His flying ability was just another icing on the cake.

“Found you!” A glimmer flashed across Meng Hao’s eyes as he located his objective floating in mid-air, hiding behind that extradimensional gate.

Before he could even make his first move, he heard a thunderous explosion coming from afar. It was as if a thousand nuclear explosions had simultaneously detonated together. Meng Hao raised his head and saw Explosive Man bolting towards him, with the roaring flame propelling him forward.

Explosive Man burst into a series of laughter, “Headless horseman! Let me show you the product of my two years of training! Don’t worry, I will not kill you immediately! I need some time to demonstrate the disparity in our strength!” Suddenly, a ring of flame erupted, encircling Explosive Man’s body.

“Look at me! Not only can I control explosions, I can even control the flames around me and increase their temperature to a staggering 10,000 °C. By combining this energy together ...” Explosive Man clasped his palms together as a thunderous boom exploded. Amidst all the explosions, a pool of ions had materialized in his hands.

“Take this ... the ionic explosion of the fiery emperor!”

Meng Hao stared dumbfounded at this scene, “Has this guy gone mad? To use this attack in the heart of the city?” Before he even reacted, Explosive Man had suddenly froze in mid-air. His lifeless body began to ascend towards the sky before it exploded into a spectacular display of fireworks.

“What happened? What kind of power is this?” More questions flooded Meng Hao’s head. Obviously, he had no idea that Zhao Yao had used Elizabeth’s power to gain control over his opponent’s body. However, he knew that the headless horseman was somehow connected to this anomaly.

Suddenly, Meng Hao noticed another dangerous presence lurking in the air. Immediately, a beam of white light streaked across an entire street. By the time Meng Hao had noticed his presence, it was already too late. The beam of dazzling light had already crashed straight into Zhao Yao.

However, by the time Meng Hao had fixed his eyes on Zhao Yao, the beam of light had already disappeared. Milk, with the power of extreme speed, had already vaporized into thin air after colliding with Zhao Yao.

“Another one dead already?” For the first time in a long while, Meng Hao felt his chest tightening with fear. Suddenly, he noticed Yue Shan, Li Li and a huge company of supercats and apostles streaming towards the headless horseman.

The four elements, earth, water, fire, and air, continued to encircle Yue Shan as he roared, “For the past 700 hundred days, I have poured my heart and soul to train and become stronger. I only have one goal and that is to defeat you. Currently, my psychokinesis power can even be extended to the molecular level, thus granting me control over the four basic elements ...”

Meng Hao could feel the raw power pulsating through Yue Shan’s body. He was barely able to breathe when he saw the conviction in his eyes. Before he could even appreciate Yue Shan’s true strength, Zhao Yao had already activated timefreeze and rewarded Yue Shan with a series of punches. When time resumed, his body simply exploded.

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Yue Shan instantly woke up as he set on his bed and observed his surroundings. Apparently, he was in a hospital.

He breathed a long sigh of despair, “D*mn it, I couldn’t even defeat him in a bloody dream! Stupid!”

“Ahh!”

Suddenly, another shriek punctured the air. Yue Shan turned his head around and saw Lin Chen sitting on his bed, “What the hell! For a moment I thought I was really dead!”

After some time, Inspector Ho returned and asked, “Are you guys finally awake?”

Chapter 425: Solution

“D*mn it,” The last time Meng Hao actually witnessed such devastating destruction was in the movie, Godzilla. Nothing could possibly stop him.

Some apostle had powers which were ripped straight from Ironman as his laser beams instantly vaporized an entire street. However, Zhao Yao still killed him by simply twisting his neck.

Some had the power to radiate immense heat from their bodies. It was a temperature that rivaled the Earth’s core. They could simply melt an entire building by standing in it. However, they were destroyed to pieces before they could come close to Zhao Yao.

Some even had the power to dissect matters at a molecular level, and yet they can’t stop the headless horseman. In an instant, all of them had fallen to him.

No one could stop him at all. Regardless of what kind of power you threw at him, it was simply futile. Instead, you would earn his ire and spelled your own death.

Meng Hao stared at this ridiculous scene and muttered, “This is unfair! How can all of us gang up against one person? Never mind, I’ll just wait for headless horseman to liberate all of them before fighting him 1 on 1.”

The deluge of attack which rained down on Zhao Yao couldn’t even leave a scratch on him. All they accomplished was to destroy the city’s infrastructure.

Naturally, the main culprits behind this destruction were the apostles who were bent on taking Zhao Yao’s live. After all, they did enjoy an immense power in this dream world. However, they just couldn’t seem to break into the extradimensional belly gate.

Suddenly, a shadow leaped gracefully across the sky before stopping right in front of Zhao Yao.

Judging from her face alone, she was the most beautiful woman that you could possibly imagine. However, if you look slightly lower, you would be taken aback by that chiseled body. It was even

more muscular than Butcher's. However, Zhao Yao did find her somewhat familiar but he just couldn't put his finger to it.

"Ah, headless horseman, I have never expected to meet you here again!" That woman began to caress the bulging muscles on her body as she sighed, "Look at this perfect culmination of beauty and strength! It is the perfect embodiment of the human body!"

"Who are you?" Zhao Yao interrupted impolitely.

"Haha, have you forgotten about me already? Indeed, my appearance has changed rather significantly from two years ago. Have you forgotten about our encounter in the gym? Or the time when we met at the cat island?"

Zhao Yao's eyes squinted into a hard line as he scrutinized the person before him. Suddenly, all his hair began to stand on ends, "Butcher? You turned into a woman?"

"Don't call me butcher! I am butcheress. Also, I haven't turned into a woman. I'm currently ..."

Zhao Yao could feel the disgust slithering through his body when he heard those words. Before butcheress could even finish her statement, Zhao Yao had already killed her.

"One followed by another! I didn't know that all of them had such weird fantasies!"

Suddenly, Zhao Yao felt a searing pain pulsating through his body. This pain was unmistakable. He swept his head around and saw Black Panther thrusting his dagger straight through his belly. Black Panther asked, "Master Headless, I've never expected you to return to this world. But why did you have to kill all these people? All of them were my friends!"

In the dream world, Black Panther had mastered the ability to teleport to anyone's position, in any part of the world. Even Zhao Yao's extradimensional belly gate was useless against him.

However, Zhao Yao had immediately activated timefreeze. Brandishing one katana in each hand, Zhao Yao thrust them straight through his belly. When time resumed, an ear-splitting scream echoed throughout the street as Black Panther collapsed to the ground. Zhao Yao commented, "Now, you'll finally understand my pain!"

With Black Panther settled, Zhao Yao had changed to his power of super-regeneration. A sinister smile crept up his face as the pain of the stab swept through him.

“Pleasure!”

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Black Panther was jolted from his sleep as his hand reached forward for his belly. Luckily, nothing had actually happened. He could finally breathe a sigh of relief, “Thank goodness! It was just a dream!”

Xiao Ming sat on his chair with his face plunged in despair. He noticed Black Panther’s sudden movement and shouted, “Black Panther, you also had a nightmare?”

With both his arms resting against his hip, Black Panther explained, “Yes, I even got stabbed twice in my hip. I guess I should be more careful with my abilities. It really hurts like hell to get stabbed in this spot.”

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Zhao Yao’s relentless attack had sent more and more people to their graves. To put it more accurately, he simply sent them back to the real world. Nightmare Cat observed as his beautiful plan got foiled before his eyes. He gritted his teeth and sent wave after wave of apostles against Zhao Yao, but it was useless.

Moments later, the corner of Nightmare Cat’s mouth quirked up as he exclaimed, “Finally, I have seen through him! He might have an impregnable defense but his attack range and efficiency is so limited! This will be his downfall!”

With this idea firmly planted in his head, Nightmare Cat had ordered his NPCs to back down from Zhao Yao. By withholding information of Zhao Yao’s location from the apostles, the number of attacks had dwindled considerably.

This had greatly diminished Zhao Yao’s efficiency. Currently, Nightmare Cat’s dream world was extended to the entire Jiangmen City. It included tens of thousands of apostles and supercats, coupled with millions of NPC roaming around the place.

This vast landscape proved to be rather troublesome for Zhao Yao. Even with his offensive powers stretched to the maximum, it would take far too much time before Zhao Yao could obliterate every single remaining apostle and sent them to the real world.

“The range of this dream state is far larger than I’ve imagined.” Zhao Yao’s extradimensional belly gate began to flicker skywards. This position granted Zhao Yao a bird’s eye view of the entire city. Even at this height, Zhao Yao couldn’t see the end of this dream world, “Did he really replicate the entire city in this dream world?”

“I can’t possibly sweep through the entire city and kill every single person that I see. Even my power does not allow me to do so.”

“Furthermore, if this dream state continues to expand by recruiting more people from the real world ... that means I’ll simply have to kill more and more people.”

Zhao Yao’s hypothesis was absolutely correct. Since Nightmare Cat’s initial introduction of apostles and supercats into the dream world, he had continued his effort to invite more people in. This was essential in maintaining the existence of the dream world.

“What am I supposed to do?” Zhao Yao thought long and hard about it but just couldn’t come up with a logical plan to save everyone. At this moment, his eyes glanced towards the cat glowing in the sky.

“Maybe ... Fish Ball can do it?”

A glimmer flashed across Zhao Yao’s eyes as he created the first extradimensional belly gate at his current spot. With the two remaining gates, he used it to traverse across the vast sky as he bolted towards Fish Ball’s position.

These extradimensional belly gates were resting on this 3d space-time dimension. This meant that it could float at any height, any position, anywhere. This key characteristic lent Zhao Yao the ability to seemingly teleport from one position to another and floated in mid-air.

In the dream world, Fish Ball’s height was not that high. After flickering for approximately 10,000 times, Zhao Yao already had a clear view of this unique sun.

Currently, Fish Ball remained in his disco ball form as a rainbow of colors shot out from his body. Jiangmen City had turned into a giant dance floor.

Zhao Yao exclaimed, “Fish Ball, can you hear what I’m saying?”

Suddenly, Fish Ball’s eyes started to flicker as if he had noticed Zhao Yao’s appearance.

However, that same dumb expression returned to his face immediately, pretending as if he had heard nothing.

Just when Zhao Yao thought that Fish Ball had lost his five senses because of his transformation into a sun, Zhao Yao saw the fear crossing his face. At the same time, the rainbow colors had disappeared. In its place were the police red and blue emergency lights, casting the entire Jiangmen City into an emergency state.

“A reaction! Maybe his reaction is just slower than usual.” A smile stretched across Zhao Yao’s face as he asked, “In that case, could you kindly explode from your position?”

The lights illuminating from Fish Ball’s body turned again. This time, it had turned to the blue emergency lights of an ambulance.

Chapter 426: The Escape

Zhao Yao’s eyes narrowed into hard lines as he observed the vivid lights shot out of Fish Ball’s body. Instantly, he had turned to Elizabeth’s power of control.

He felt as if he had plunged into a pool of quicksand the moment he activated the power. Every action and movement consumed so much energy. It felt like it would take eons before he could even complete a simple action.

Zhao Yao immediately withdrew control over Fish Ball. With his face scrunched into a scowl, he lamented, “Is it because he had turned into a sun? Even though I had already witnessed all sorts of weird things in this world, all of them still somehow abided to some basic rules. That is, that they must still conform to our innate impression of these objects.

Now that Fish Ball had turned into a gargantuan sun, his action and cognitive processing skills had consequently slowed down considerably. That's because that is the way a sun would behave in Fish Ball's eyes. Even if I managed to control it, the effects would be far too slow."

However, a sudden thought dawned on Zhao Yao, "Wait, there's something wrong. Just now, the color change was so sudden and so rapid. Why? What's happening?" Memories of Zhao Yao's exchange with the gigantic Fish Ball started flooding his mind, "The change in emotions leading to a change in color projected? And the changes are instantaneous?"

This hypothesis seemed extremely probable. Hence, Zhao Yao decided to give it a go, "But what should I do to effect a change in Fish Ball's emotions?"

Zhao Yao thought about is as a huge layer of deflective field wrapped around his body. Without a warning, the deflective field had bolted towards Fish Ball, slamming against him. However, Fish Ball was still the sun of this world and seemed totally unaffected by this attack. It was futile as the blue emergency lights continued to flicker from afar.

"A normal physical attack is totally useless against this fella."

Zhao Yao began to stroke his chin as he pondered, "If a physical attack is rendered useless, I shall resort to an emotional attack then. Hmph, what is this cat most afraid of?"

Zhao Yao's eyes started gleaming with excitement the moment he thought about this question. With Elizabeth's power of illusion, Zhao Yao had already appeared in front of Fish Ball's eyes in the form of Xiao Yu.

'Xiao Yu' was floating in mid-air with her finger pointing straight at Fish Ball as she screamed angrily, "Fish Ball, what are you doing?"

Zhao Yao literally saw the sun tremble with fear the moment Xiao Yu appeared. As the words echoed in Fish Ball's head, his color had instantly changed from the original blue to his current black and white. Obviously, the black color was created by emitting no light at all.

From afar, Fish Ball looked exactly like those photographs you would see in the obituary.

However, Zhao Yao did not stop there. With a curl of his lips, Zhao Yao tried his best Xiao Yu impersonation as he screamed, "What are you doing up there? Get the hell down here! Right now!"

The trembling seemed to have intensified as scurries of wind blew across Jiangmen City. Consequently, the light radiated from his body also began to dim. Somehow, even the size of the sun started to reduce.

“Wow, that’s impressive. Just a few words from Xiao Yu is enough to make him shrink.” However, that grimace did not disappear from Zhao Yao’s face as he reflected, “If I continue this scolding, will Fish Ball eventually revert to his original size? But a world without a sun is simply too scary! But is it enough to scare everyone off the dream world and return to the real world?”

Zhao Yao had never planned to save everyone using this approach. Hence, he instantly adopted for a new plan, “If continuous scolding can shrink him, which means the opposite would ...”

Hence, a gentle smile began to spread across ‘Xiao Yu’s’ face. Her earnest eyes looked towards Fish Ball as she apologized, “Fish Ball, I’m so sorry. This is all my fault! I shouldn’t even have scolded you.”

These words were like steroids injected straight into Fish Ball’s body. Bit by bit, he began to enlarge. He even seemed to have regained his original brightness.

A sly grin appeared on Zhao Yao’s face as he muttered, “It works!”

Continuing his pretense, Zhao Yao put on the most dramatic expression he was capable of and shouted, “Fish Ball! You are so big and so bright! You look so handsome! Is it possible to turn even larger than this?”

Somehow, the rate of expansion managed to skyrocket further as the beams of light turned even more dazzling. The color had turned from the original lifeless white to a gleaming golden! Those golden rays reflected off his body made him the most impressive sun ever.

“You are so big! Fish Ball, you are wonderful! I love you!”

Expand! Expand! Expand! The solemn expression on Fish Ball’s face had long disappeared. Now, it was filled with happiness and pride.

Zhao Yao's mouth had already turned into a wide grin as he stared at this rapidly-enlarging sun, "Good, continue expanding!"

Meanwhile, Nightmare Cat had always been on the sidelines watching the event unfold. Initially, he thought nothing of Zhao Yao's actions. However, an alarm started ringing in his head when this gigantic sun's expansion showed no signs of slowing.

"This stupid cat! You are the most stupid cat in the world! How could such a dumb cat actually exist in this world? Who would expand from just a few words of praise? D*mn it! I really shouldn't have allowed this cat inside my dream world."

However, even Nightmare Cat didn't have the power to just kill Fish Ball and expel him from this world. The strength of his power was dependent on the number of dreamers living inside the dream world. However, the precision of his control over the world would wane as the number of dreamers increased. Today's incident was the perfect example to illustrate this point. With tens of thousands of dreamers, his influence over the world was purely restricted to the NPCs.

While Nightmare Cat was still busy contemplating his strategy, Fish Ball had already expanded to a size which was simply frightening.

"Fish Ball, you are absolutely marvelous!"

"So cool! So smart! You can do it! 666 1 !"

"Fish Ball, you can turn even bigger than this!"

However, Zhao Yao was not satisfied as the scowl returned to his face. Even though Fish Ball had already turned to this gleaming golden sun which was at least 10 times larger than before, this speed was still too slow in Zhao Yao's eyes.

With that, Zhao Yao could only resort to his secret weapon as he screamed, "Fish Ball! You are so powerful! From now on, you shouldn't be my pet! Instead, I should be your pet!"

Instantaneously, the dazzling lights emitted became blinding to the eye. The rapid expansion was a few times faster than before. Fish Ball was brimming with confidence and happiness. Now, he wasn't even looking at 'Xiao Yu'. Instead, he was looking straight towards the sky.

“Ah! Master Fish Ball, you have turned so big!”

“Ah, I cannot take it. How is possible for anything to be so big? So bright!”

“Master Fish Ball, allow me to be your humble servant for the rest of my life. I will clean your shit forever.

The rapidly expanding sun had attracted the attention of all the dreamers in the world. Their eyes were filled with fear as the sun continued to expand and expand. Soon, the effects started spreading to the very infrastructure in the city. Buildings were set ablaze. Streets started collapsing onto themselves. Finally, the last straw was Fish Ball’s collision against the very surface of the Earth, destroying the city and dream world immediately.

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Suddenly, Fish Ball felt a blanket of darkness enveloping his eyes as he woke up.

He turned his head around and saw Xiao Yu sitting there with that same confused look on her face. He screamed, “Xiao Yu, what are you waiting for? Help me to my bed now!”

Obviously, Fish Ball was still clueless as to what actually happened. He just saw Xiao Yu staring blankly at him when he typed out a string of words on his phone, “I almost forgot that you did not understand my language.”

When the voice assistant’s voice echoed in Xiao Yu’s ears, she immediately swept her head around with fury pouring out of her eyes.

Chapter 427: Snap Back to Reality

The first thing Xiao Yu did the moment she woke up was to inspect her body. Her eyes peered through the gap in her shirt only to see her pre-pubescent chest. Immediately, her eyes were filled with anger and abject disappointment.

At this very unfortunate moment, Fish Ball's meow shattered the silence in the room. This was followed by a voice which echoed in her ears, "Xiao Yu, what are you waiting for? Help me to my bed now! Oh, don't forget to help me warm my bed."

Initially, Xiao Yu was still drowning in disappointment from the shocking realization that it was just a dream. Fish Ball's words instantly incinerated her disappointment into anger.

Piack! Piack! Piack! Piack!

With Roly Poly struggling in her left arm, Xiao Yu treated him to an avalanche of slaps before tossing him into a corner of the room.

Fish Ball struggled to get onto his feet as he stood there motionlessly. Xiao Yu slid him a condescending glare before sneering, "Trying to rebel against me? Without my instruction, you are not allowed to sit forever!"

Those words immediately plunged Fish Ball into despair. A thought popped into his head, "Moments ago, you were still referring to me as Master Fish Ball. Now, you're beating me up for no reason? Elementary school students are seriously so capricious!"

Meanwhile, Noodle was resting in his usual spot as he watched the comedy unfold in front of him. He tried so hard to suppress his laughter as he thought, "R*tard, do you think that you actually stood a chance against me and Ho Hao Cang? Wait a minute, who is Ho Hao Cang? How do I even know this random guy's name?"

In a secluded corner of Jiangmen City, Nightmare Cat was crawling out of a huge pile of trash. He could barely catch his breath as he panted, "B*stard. This is bad, so bad. I thought I could earn so much money by inviting all these dreamers into my world. In the end, the whole world was destroyed in a matter of minutes!"

Images of the headless horseman and Fish Ball foiling his perfect plan flooded his head. Rage swept over him as he promised himself, "Hmph, I've remembered all your faces! Don't worry, I'll pay back whatever you did to me by 10 folds! Also, that pesky guy ..." An image of the adorable Mango appeared in his head, "I'm not going to forgive that fool as well! I will return!"

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Zhao Yao's eyelids began to tremble as he opened his eyes to the beautiful sight of the real world. At the same time, a series of meows and screams had flooded the apartment.

Following Zhao Yao, the rest of the cats had also woken up. However, their response was completely different from Zhao Yao's. Matcha immediately ran towards a wall before slamming his fist relentlessly against it as tears streamed down his cheeks.

"My castle! My harem! Gone! All of them are gone!"

Old Cat immediately sprinted towards Matcha and informed him, "Sir George! Sir George! Just take a look at that Roly Poly! Something's wrong with him!"

Matcha instantly swept his head in Roly Poly's direction.

What he saw shocked him. Roly Poly simply sat on the ground in a quarter lotus position. The snow-white fur on his body drifted along the slight breeze as his body emanated an other-worldly peace and tranquility.

However, that thing which annoyed Matcha the most was the mutiny in the dream world. Even in the real world, the gang of Uncle Egg, Airplane and company had gathered behind Roly Poly.

Old Cat's voice trembled as he spoke, "This serendipitous dream had somehow provided the perfect opportunity for them to come together as one. I fear that their strength in numbers might threaten your claim to the throne."

"Hmph, they are just a bunch of losers. A group of good-for-nothings that I can't be bothered with," Matcha sneered.

Suddenly, Lion Head had appeared in the middle of the living room as her eyes darted from Matcha to Roly Poly. Her expression struck the perfect balance between shame and hesitation. The words struggled to come out from her mouth, "Why? Why did God make me fall in love with both Roly Poly and Matcha when he knows I can't be with both?"

Both Roly Poly and Matcha's face contorted beyond any recognizable means when they heard those disgusting words. Meanwhile, Lion Head had already lowered her head in shame before disappearing off to a corner, "Ah, don't force me to make this decision! I have no idea who I should choose or who I love more!" With that, her thunderous footsteps had erupted towards the corner.

Uncle Egg then whispered into Roly Poly's ears, "Roly Poly, I think Matcha is rather hostile towards you."

Roly Poly looked as if he had already reached the stage of Nirvana as he replied calmly, "It's okay. I have long retired from all these. I do not want to torment myself with battles of the past. Times have changed. All I want is some serenity as I spend the rest of my life as a domestic cat."

Uncle Egg responded, "But I fear that the serenity which you crave for is unattainable. Matcha, that cunning cat, had turned into Zhao Yao's perfect lapdog. Every day, he is spying on our each and every action, reporting all of them to Zhao Yao. We, coming together as one, are definitely his number one sore eye."

Roly Poly lamented, "What is the entire purpose of this ruthless game of thrones? In the end, it is all but a dream."

All the cats could not believe the wisdom coming out of Roly Poly's words.

Initially, they were subordinates to Lion Head. However, her affection towards Roly Poly caused them to extend their allegiance towards him. Finally, they were completely captivated by his wisdom and sagacity.

This was especially true since the night when Roly Poly's fur turned snow-white. He seemed to have seen past everything. No one could even fathom what he was thinking at this point.

However, all the cats had somehow missed the glimmer in Roly Poly's eyes. In his head, he was screaming, "Power? Title? Wealth? I want all of that! I want them so much that I would die for it! However, Zhao Yao's punishment for me has yet to end. Hence, I need to stay low for the time being. As for that fool, Matcha, I will tolerate his stupid shenanigans for now. One day, he will definitely earn the wrath of Zhao Yao. That day would also be the day I return to power! Meowhahaha!"

Suddenly, the familiar footsteps echoed from the hallway. Roly Poly's body disappeared in an instant before appearing with a cloth in his mouth. Diligently, he started to get rid of the stains on the floor.

Conversely, Matcha had pounced onto Zhao Yao's calf before rubbing his head affectionately against it.

Zhao Yao glanced at this obedient fur ball before patting him on his head, "Matcha, you're so well-behaved."

Matcha responded by stretching his front paws in the air, demanding a hug from Zhao Yao.

A glimmer flashed across Zhao Yao's eyes as he cradled Matcha in his arms. With his fingers running through Matcha's silky fur, Zhao Yao glanced at the remaining cats before announcing, "I bet all of you had more than enough sleep already! Since it's still Chinese New Year Eve, we'll continue with our feast! Baiquan, are there any more meat left in the fridge? Bring out all the mutton and beef. Oh yes, I want some dumplings as well! More chives please!"

A chorus of cheers erupted amongst the cats when they heard this splendid news.

Even though Zhao Yao had wasted quite some time in the dream world, the missions were finally completed. He glanced at his mission panel and was delighted by the 'complete' statuses printed on it. Despite not having found Dust Ball and Rice Cake, he still managed to bag 10,000 experience points.

Furthermore, for rescuing all the apostles and destroying the dream world, Zhao Yao was awarded another 2000*2 experience points.

Zhao Yao stared at his BOOK and saw the beautiful numbers printed on it, book: lv6(17602/20000).

He could hardly contain the happiness racing through him as he pondered, "I should make use of the next few days to properly plan what to do with all these experience points."

Matcha was still relishing the moment with that smug look of his, "Hmph, look at all you peasants! None of you would ever get to enjoy this royal treatment ..."

Before he even finished gloating over the others, Zhao Yao had already placed him on the ground before he moved on to Elizabeth. From the looks of it, he was going to hug Elizabeth for the entire duration of the hotpot. This was enough to cause Matcha to shake with fury. Hence, he sprang onto the seat next to Zhao Yao before fixing his death glare at Elizabeth.

Elizabeth simply set in Zhao Yao's arms, with her belly exposed for all to see. Sadness crushed her. In her dream, she had more money, apartments, luxury bags than she could ever ask for. Now, she was just a regular chubby cat serving as a waitress in a café, a victim of multiple molestation cases.

“Hmph, if only I could return to the dream.”

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The current dream world was enveloped in total darkness. Spirit cat's forehead was drenched in cold sweat as he flew from one corner to another. Finally, he had no choice but to scream, “Is ... anyone here?”

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“The hotpot is ready!”

A storm of paws reached towards the boiling soup before Matcha stopped all of them with his chopsticks.

“Preposterous! How dare you eat before our dear leader? Take your dirty paws away!” Matcha then forced his most amiable smile and announced, “Leader, please!”

Somehow, a distracting thought was tugging at Zhao Yao, “Did I forget about something?”

Suddenly, he cocked his head towards Dust Ball who remained fast asleep, “D*mn it! Dust Ball is still sleeping?”

Chapter 428: Reunion Dinner

Zhao Yao immediately brought Diana over to Dust Ball. He watched as that plump Ragdoll pressed her even fatter paw against Dust Ball's head. Instantly, her eyes were snapped shut.

Moments later, Diana's eyelids began to quiver as her expression contorted into a scowl, "She is still stuck in her dream, in a place filled with catmint."

By stoking his ego relentlessly, Zhao Yao had successfully caused the sun, Fish Ball, to collide directly against Jiangmen City. The impact of the collision was enough to bring the entire dream universe to the brink of destruction. Hence, even Nightmare Cast was thrown out of it.

However, Dust Ball was hiding inside the extradimensional belly when that happened. Meanwhile, Nekomata remained in his formless state. Hence, both were impervious to the massive destruction due to their unique circumstances. Instead, they continued to linger in the dream world even after Nightmare Cat's departure.

Zhao Yao already had a clue as to what had happened after hearing Diana's explanation. Matcha, who was eavesdropping by the side, also had a general idea. Suddenly, he leaped towards Dust Ball before landing a flurry of slaps against her face, "Wake up! I want you to wake up now! Do you know how many cats are waiting for you?"

Dust Ball's eyelids trembled as she struggled to open them against the blinding light. Disappointment sagged through her as she opened her eyes, "What? So it was all just a dream?" Her bloodshot eyes were completely sunken within the sockets. Her body felt leaden with the abject disappointment weighing down on her. She looked just like a drug addict on cold turkey.

Matcha gave her no time to wallow in self-pity as he roared, "Everyone's waiting for you before we can start our reunion dinner! Why are you still sleeping? Wake the hell up now!"

Dust Ball's lifeless body struggled to get on her feet as she complained, "Eat again? I'm still so full."

Zhao Yao dangled the ultimate bait in her face by saying, "I've specially instructed Baiquan to prepare a special catmint sauce. You can try and see if it's nice."

"Really?" Those words were like caffeine injected straight into her bloodstream as she jumped with excitement. However, her paws started to run along the grooves on her cheeks as she muttered, "Why do my cheeks feel somewhat swollen?"

Matcha immediately clarified, "You accidentally smashed your face against the floor during your sleep. I immediately helped you up the moment you fell."

Zhao Yao was overwhelmed with happiness when he saw all his cats sitting diligently in their respective seats, “Alright, you may begin. However, remember to use the chopsticks instead of your paws. If you don’t know how to use it, simply ask someone for help.”

A deluge of beef, mutton, chicken, fish balls, and meatballs slid down into the pot of bubbling soup. It was impossible to resist that tantalizing aroma as they stared wide-eyed at that mouth-watering meat. However, their soup was not the usual soup we were used to. Instead, it was made purely using chicken stock, with zero seasoning.

Dust Ball was completely indifferent to the bubbling soup. Instead, she was completely captivated by the sauce before her as she dabbed a pawful of catmint sauce on her tongue. It tasted heavenly!

By the time the meat was almost ready, Dust Ball had already collapsed on the table with a trickle of saliva running down her lips, “I can still eat... give me another bowl ...I’m still awake!”

Meanwhile, a storm of chopsticks had clashed in the epicenter of the bowl. Some cats held their chopsticks by their paws while others simply resorted to their mouths. To them, grabbing a piece of meat using chopsticks was a herculean task but the succulent meat definitely made it all worthwhile.

Even though they had just enjoyed a sumptuous meal hours ago, the mental and physical turmoil inflicted on them had depleted them of all their energy. Hence, they were more than ready to eat again.

With the deflective field’s pinpoint precision, piece after piece of succulent beef simply flew towards Ares before sliding down his throat. Rakshasa, Fūjin and the rest immediately turned green with envy at the sight of it.

Suddenly, Zhao Yao’s voice reverberated throughout the table, “Ares, since you are so proficient with your power, I will entrust you with the responsibility of feeding all the cats.”

Before Ares could even refute, Zhao Yao had already pinned him down with his signature death glare. That look was enough to send shivers running down his spine as he nodded his head in agreement.

Hence, the food began to fly in all directions, to the cats’ delight.

At the same time, Elizabeth was still reminiscing about her beautiful memories in the dream world. A trickle of tear would roll down her cheeks as she opened her mouth for more incoming food.

Meanwhile, Dust Ball was already snoring on the table.

With his eyes glued to his phone, Gaia would raise his head periodically for the incoming food from Ares.

Sphinx Cat's affectionate gaze was permanently fixed on Ares. From time to time, he would even offer a napkin and some timely reminders, "Ares, slow down. Just look at you, you have sauce splattered all over your lips."

Matcha was also staring at someone. However, his eyes were filled with animosity. He would fix his death glare on Elizabeth for one minute before switching to Roly Poly, which was hiding in a corner.

However, Roly Poly simply responded to Matcha's animosity with a gentle grin. When Uncle Egg offered him a piece of eat, he would simply raise his hand and refused, "Thanks, but no thanks. I prefer a vegan diet."

The piece of juicy beef was centimeters away from Diana's lips when her mother intercepted it with her chopsticks. She even commented, "Diana, just look at you. How do you expect to get married with that body of yours?"

However, Diana was not about to go down without a fight. With rage pouring through her body, she retorted, "A ragdoll is only cute when she is fat. Just look at Elizabeth! Everyone is so crazy over her because of her size!"

Somehow, Elizabeth had managed to eavesdrop on their conversation as she stared at her own body in disbelief. This chubby frame was obviously due to her over-puffy fur! She obviously wasn't fat. Hence, the red glimmer flashed across her eyes as the two ragdolls smashed their heads against each other.

Meanwhile, Caesar was walking towards Ares with three wine glasses in his hand. Each glass was filled to the brim with yogurt. His eyes scanned across both Ares and Sphinx Cat before he announced in his most authoritative voice, "From now on, I will be depending on the both of you in cat nation. Ares, do not worry. I will never ever divulge your secret to others."

Ares recalled the previous lie about his sexual orientation and could only play along with him, “Very much appreciated.”

This was still a rather rare sight. After all, opportunities like this only came once in a while. For once, they could finally air out all their grievances, without worrying about the consequences. For once, they could just forget about everything and just relax.

On this special occasion, Zhao Yao decided to ignore the complete chaos and racket created. Instead, he raised his cup in the air and announced, “I would like to wish everyone a happy new year! Cheers!”

Baiquan did not even bother to raise his head as he threw his arm in the air. Currently, his attention was all focused on the plates of meat in front of him. After all, how could he possibly build muscles without some protein?

All the cats followed suit as they struggled to raise the cups in the air as they screamed in unison, “Cheers!”

Immediately, they began to gulp down the entire cup of delicious yogurt.

Amidst the chatters and laughter, a sudden knock caught everyone’s attention. Zhao Yao instantly rushed over and saw Yellow Mud squatting by the side of the door. He floundered with embarrassment as he presented a few rotten fruits to Zhao Yao.

Obviously, these were fruits found in the dumpster. However, Yellow Mud did make an effort to make them look slightly more presentable.

Since his first encounter with Zhao Yao, Yellow Mud had frequently visited their apartment for free meals. However, this was the first time he actually came with a gift.

Seeing the embarrassed Yellow Mud in front of him, Zhao Yao asked, “What’s the matter?”

A flush crept up his face as he replied, “The aroma coming from your house was simply too irresistible. Can I join you guys for your reunion dinner?”

“Sure.” Zhao Yao embraced him in open arms, “You can just leave your fruits on the table. Remember to shut the door. Speaking of which, the weather has gone rather chilly the past few days. If you want, you can crash at my apartment for now.”

A wide grin stretched across Yellow Mud’s face as he dashed into the apartment. He couldn’t believe his eyes when he saw the pot of sumptuous food lying in front of him.

When everyone’s head was still buried in their respective bowls, Lucifer suddenly pointed his finger towards a window and announced, “Look! Fireworks!”

Beneath the spectacular fireworks were a group of children playing happily with firecrackers.

Chapter 429: Home Sweet Home

“Wow!” Lucifer exclaimed as he stared at that spectacular fireworks display from the windowsill. He couldn’t help but reach his paws towards it, hoping that he could somehow reach it.

Matcha, Old Cat, Lucifer, Ares and the rest immediately followed suit and sprang onto the windowsill. Their eyes were gleaming like diamonds as they stood there, completely enchanted by this phenomenal spectacle.

After all, this was the first time these supercats had celebrated Chinese New Year since receiving their human-like intelligence. Hence, this also marked their first encounter with this amazing performance.

Obviously, not all cats were as fond of the celebration. Some of them disliked or even abhorred the sound of the fireworks blasting in their ears. Ultimately, they were still cats. It was only natural for them to fear such deafening blasts.

Currently, Roly Poly, Uncle Egg, and Caesar were hiding beneath the sofa, trembling in fear. Every blast which exploded in their ears would cause their heart to skip a beat.

Uncle Egg was shaking from head to toe when he suddenly noticed a familiar figure next to him. He was confounded by that individual’s appearance, “Roly Poly, why are you hiding here? Don’t tell me ...”

“Oh, I just wanted to have some exercise after that satisfying meal,” Roly Poly lied without even batting an eyelid. Suddenly, another deafening roar echoed in the apartment which caused Roly Poly’s fats to jiggle along to it.

Meanwhile, Caesar dared not to even open his eyes as he threw his paws over his ears. With his teeth chattering, he asked, “Is there a war being waged in Jiangmen City? Are the Americans trying to fight us? What do we do?”

“How can that possibly be a war. It is simply a firework.” Roly Poly explained as his eyes swept across the content on Wikipedia, “Fireworks is a common thing humans detonate during festive occasions such as Chinese New Year.”

“A thing you detonate during festive occasions?” Roly Poly’s words only managed to worsen Caesar’s trembles, “I knew it. Every single human out there is just like Zhao Yao! They are all devils!”

Hence, Chinese New Year Eve was over in a blur amidst the binge-eating, the gossiping, and the fireworks display. Soon, all the cats had somehow retreated to their usual spots for a wonderful sleep.

Ares’s body was stretched across the couch with Sphynx Cat’s head buried in his belly.

Elizabeth and her family were all huddled together in their cat bed, sleeping soundly to the tune of the snores.

Matcha’s entire body had curled up into a tiny ball, squeezed right next to Zhao Yao’s feet. You could even hear his adorable snore if you came close enough.

As for Zhao Yao, he had instantly collapsed onto his bed the moment he entered the bedroom. After all, he had just saved every supercat and apostle from Nightmare Cat’s insidious power.

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Since it was Chinese New Year, the café was closed for the subsequent days. Zhao Yao also couldn't be bothered to pay a visit to all those nosy relatives and thus decided a hedonistic and carefree lifestyle with his cats.

As for the experience points earned from this most recent adventure, Zhao Yao decided to save it first. By accumulating up to 20,000 experience points, it would allow him to upgrade his BOOK to lvl 7 any time.

This simply represented another trump card in his hand. By upgrading his BOOK to lvl 7, he would integrate Sphynx Cat's strength, agility, speed into his own body.

Obviously, Zhao Yao would prefer to save it unless he was forced to show his hand. After all, Sphynx Cat would only continue to grow stronger, thus the effects of the integration would only grow more significant.

"Hmph, I'll just have to accumulate up to 20,000 experience points. From then, I will only pump the surplus into the cats. This would allow me to upgrade the book whenever necessary."

A few days later, Zhao Yao was awoken amidst a series of meows and screams.

"D*mn it, why is it so noisy?"

He threw his hand over his head, straight towards the furry noise machine. With one throw, he had tossed him straight out of the bedroom.

Lightning's body tumbled across the length of the hallway before coming to a screeching halt. With tears streaming down his cheeks, he bolted back into the bedroom and sprang right onto Zhao Yao's lap, "No! Zhao Yao! I'm finished! I'm dead! I'm gone!"

Zhao Yao could not be bothered with his relentless screams and responded by kicking both Matcha and Lightning out of the bed, leaving Matcha completely confused.

Once again, Lightning sprang onto the bed before resuming his wailing.

Acting as the perfect lapdog, Matcha dashed towards Lightning and sent one tight slap across his face, “What’s the matter? Do you understand the ramification of your actions for disrupting our dear leader’s much-needed rest?” Cold-bloodedly, Matcha began to drag Lightning out of the room.

Lightning struggled mightily as he threw his paws against the parquet floor, leaving behind a long trail of scratch, “Let me speak to Zhao Yao! Just one sentence is enough! If not, I will really die! I am really going to die!”

Zhao Yao let out a long sigh before struggling to get himself up. With his zombie-like eyes staring straight at Lightning, he asked, “Speak up, what is the matter?”

Lightning’s scream was so loud that even the furniture started to tremble, “Zhao Yao, I have contracted a terminal illness! I am going to die!”

Zhao Yao’s face twisted into a frown as he muttered, “What the hell are you talking about?”

Lightning clarified, “This morning when I went for my morning toilet run, I felt a searing pain running through my belly!”

Zhao Yao shot him a glare before insisting, “Erm, I’m sure it’s because you overate last night.”

“No, it’s not!” With terror seared across his face, Lightning whipped out his phone and flashed the Google results straight in Zhao Yao’s face, “I went to google the moment I felt the pain! After more than one hour of research, I realized that I have contracted a terminal disease! In a week’s time, I will start to pee blood. Then, the mind-numbing pain will sear through my entire body. By then, I will have less than six months to live!”

Zhao Yao’s face went blank as his body crashed back onto his bed, “All the information out there is false. Trust me, drink some water and the pain will be gone.”

“How can all of that be fake?” A line was etched between Lightning’s brows, “Those were comments left by professionals! Doctors!”

Lightning climbed up to Zhao Yao and whispered into his ears, “Zhao Yao, on the account that I’ll be dead in six months’ time, can you kindly help me fulfill my last wish?”

All these while, Matcha was just sitting on the floor staring dumbfoundedly at this eccentric Lightning. Hearing his last sentence, Matcha clarified, “What is your last wish?”

Lightning announced, “My last wish is to return to the borderless plain fields, to hunt in the Gobi Desert, to climb up the ravines, to take in the fresh air that nature has to offer, to admire the beautiful blue sky! I want to die as a Pallas’s cat!”

Zhao Yao’s eyelids sagged as he listened to his absurd claims and muttered, “How lame.”

However, an amazing sight awaited Zhao Yao when he randomly stretched his neck towards Lightning’s direction. It was the golden exclamation mark!

“A mission?”

Mission: Return home

Objective: Bring Lightning to a place which resembled his natural habitat

Reward: 200 experience points

Punishment: Nil

Zhao Yao noticed the new mission assigned to him and immediately accepted the offer. After all, there was nothing for him to lose.

“But to think of it, the paltry experience point is quite a disappointment.”

However, it was still better than nothing. Zhao Yao then dragged his heavy body out of his bed before bringing Roly Poly and Lightning out on a trip.

Lightning struggled relentlessly in his arms and screamed, “What are you doing?”

“I’m bringing you back home.”

Immediately, beams of anticipation shot out of his eyes, “Really? That’s amazing! I can finally return to those beautiful plains!”

On the other hand, Zhao Yao only brought Roly Poly along because his power offered the perfect camouflage in the modern metropolis. Furthermore, Zhao Yao had yet to receive Roly Poly’s power since he had not been recruited into the team.

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One hour later, Lightning was seen squatting next to a giant tree trunk with his eyes fixed on a nearby cage. A few dumb-looking Pallas’s cats simply stared back at him, blankly. Anger rolled through him as Lightning demanded, “Is this a joke? I asked for the plain fields! The Gobi Desert! How is the zoo my natural habitat?”

“Alright, alright.”

Five minutes later, Lightning found himself standing at the entrance to the wild beast exhibit. He got so angry that the static had caused his body to puff up to twice his original size, “Who told you that I preferred a safari? Other than the difference in size, this place is still a bloody zoo! I want my plain fields! I want the Gobi Desert!”

Chapter 430: The Departure

Lightning’s grumbling was starting to get on Zhao Yao’s nerves as he shot him a death glare, “You expect me to bring you to the grassland for 200 experience points? Only a r*tard will do that. I will think about it if you offered me 2000 instead.”

However, the frown on Zhao Yao’s face had already dissolved into a grin by the next second, “Oh, mission completed already?”

Apparently, Zhao Yao had managed to complete Lightning’s mission of bringing him back to his natural habitat. Despite his lackluster effort, Zhao Yao had earned himself 200*2 experience points.

With the mission completed, the probability of Zhao Yao bringing Lightning to the actual grassland or desert had plummeted to zero. Despite his relentless struggle, Zhao Yao simply ran his fingers through his fur before bringing him back home.

Zhao Yao opened his front gate to a solemn-looking Hanako staring straight at him, with her arms folded across her chest. Seeing Lightning in Zhao Yao's arms, Hanako simply nodded her head despondently, "Zhao Yao, I'm happy to see you and Lightning enjoying each other's company."

Lightning's futile struggle grew even more violent, "How are we even enjoying each other's company? I want to return to the grassland! I want my title as King of the Gobi!"

Zhao Yao comforted him by saying, "Alright, alright. Tomorrow, I will bring you to the garden downstairs for a stroll."

Lightning's lips drew into a snarl as he shot Zhao Yao a look of disdain.

However, Zhao Yao had no time for Lightning. He noticed the luggage standing next to Hanako and asked, "Are you going back to Japan?"

Hanako nodded her head before bending her body in a complete 90° bow, "I've thought about it and I think it's best for me to go back one more time."

Zhao Yao's brows immediately snapped together when he heard Hanako's words, "Are you sure it's going to be okay?"

An awkward smile stretched across Hanako's face as she shook her head, "I cannot be 100% sure about that. However, I am responsible for this matter and I should do whatever I can to resolve it."

As a matter of fact, she had already grown used to her life with Zhao Yao. However, during the previous dream state, everyone except for her stayed in Jiangmen City. Only she returned to Japan, the street which she grew up in.

She clasped Zhao Yao's palms between her own and pleaded, "Zhao Yao, I'm afraid I cannot bring Lightning along, could you kindly take care of him on my behalf?"

“Hmph,” Zhao Yao nodded his head and offered, “Alright, I’ll take care of your cat temporarily. Considering all that you have done, I’ll simply charge you RMB 50 a day. Also, do not forget about the money which you owed me previously.”

Hanako could only let out a mirthless laugh as she answered, “Once I’m back in Japan, I’ll get my people to return you the money which I owe.”

Seeing Hanako’s tiny body disappearing behind his front gate, a sudden thought popped into Zhao Yao’s head as he screamed, “Hey, don’t be afraid to give me a call if you’re in any sorts of trouble.”

Suddenly, Hanako swept her head around with anticipation glistening in her eyes, “Zhao Yao, are you willing to go to Japan with me?”

“It’s too far. Furthermore, I don’t even have a visa,” Zhao Yao blabbered, “We’ll talk about this when you’re really in trouble.”

In the end, Hanako still left without the company of a trusted friend. Zhao Yao watched that heartless Lightning was having a whale of a time playing with Mango and felt the anger bubbling in him, “Don’t you feel a shred of sadness now that your owner is leaving?”

“In this world, there isn’t a single thing that will last forever, even relationships or people whom you truly treasure. Zhao Yao, do not get overly emotional about it. Hanako might have left for Japan but you can still FaceTime her,” Then, Lightning diverted the topic by expounding on his predicament, “I am a lone beast destined for greatness in the grassland. Even if Hanako didn’t leave for Japan today, it was only a matter of time before we separated.”

Zhao Yao stared wide-eyed at this delusional cat and could not be bothered with him.

However, there was a certain resolve in Lightning’s words this time around. He seemed bent on a trip to the fields or even the Gobi Desert.

Hence for the subsequent days, Lightning continued bombarding Zhao Yao with his request to do so.

While Zhao Yao was peeing, Lightning would suddenly appear from the tiny crack behind the toilet bowl and pleaded, “Zhao Yao, bring me to the grassland where I belong!”

While Zhao Yao was enjoying his food, Lightning's furry head would reach out from beneath the dining table and asked, "Zhao Yao, a trip to the grassland will provide the freshest of meat, the best of fruits that the world can provide. Also ..."

Before he could even complete his request, Zhao Yao had stuffed his head back underneath the table.

While Zhao Yao was enjoying a nice hot shower, Lightning would appear on the ceiling. Despite the steam and water splattering on him, he would continue to beg, "Bring me ..."

Bam! Zhao Yao immediately grabbed the shower head and aimed it straight at Lightning, drenching him from head to toe.

While Zhao Yao was sleeping, Lightning would creep up to his bedside and whispered into his ears, "You want to go to the grassland, you really want to ..."

A few seconds later, Lightning felt a strong grip grabbing onto his body as he got thrown into the toilet.

While Zhao Yao was sitting on the toilet bowl, the door suddenly flung open as Lightning crept in sheepishly. A glimmer flashed across Zhao Yao's eyes as he threatened, "Another word from you and I would flush you down the sewage along with all my shit."

This continued throughout the festive period. Despite his best efforts aimed at convincing Zhao Yao, Zhao Yao remained adamant. Firstly, the place was too far. Secondly, he was too lazy.

This night, like all other nights, Lightning once again got thrown out of the bedroom. However, Red Packet was lurking in the shadows observing everything.

Since starting work at the cat café, Red Packet had been staying at Zhao Yao's apartment all these time. However, her soft-spoken nature combined with her resting bitch face had caused many to forget about her existence.

Even though Red Packet's body was physically inside the apartment, his mind had long drifted into the exciting outdoors.

“With my power, I can easily earn so much money that would make Zhao Yao jealous. A life outside with all these money is definitely better than this monotonous life!”

However, his ‘prison break’ plan was completely infeasible. Faced with Zhao Yao, there was practically zero chance of escaping. Nothing could possibly slip past his razor-sharp eyes. However, a glimmer began to flash across Red Packet’s eyes as he watched the unwavering Lightning continued his begging.

Suddenly, Red Packet had stealthily crept up behind Lightning and began probing him “Do you want to return to the plains?”

Lightning shot him a look of disdain but did not even bother to reply him.

Red Packet continued by saying, “I have a solution which might be able to help you.”

Finally, Red Packet had Lightning’s attention as he looked expectantly towards him. However, he immediately shook his head the next movement and reasoned, “Are you crazy? You want me to do it behind Zhao Yao’s back? He will skin us alive if he hears of it!”

“I admit. Zhao Yao is strong, but he isn’t a god.” A devious smile spread across Red Packet’s face as he continued, “Once you have escaped into the grassland, how can he possibly find you? That place is huge!”

A glimmer of excitement flashed across Lightning’s face before he shook his head again, “No, no. We won’t be able to escape from him! Do you even know where the grassland is? How can we ever get there?”

Red Packet assured him with a reassuring gaze, “In the past, I spent quite some time che... outside doing some business. I happened to know quite a few cats around. Don’t talk about the grassland, I can even get you out of the country if you wished to.”

This time around, Lightning had looked at Red Packet all differently. He slid a pack of catmint into Red Packet’s paw and whispered, “Bro, you really have the means to do it?”

Red Packet’s face turned into a grimace before rejecting the catmint offered to him, “Thanks but no thanks. I’m not interested in that. Let’s talk about our great escape plan.”

This was enough to get Lightning all excited, “Just tell me exactly what to do and I’ll do it!”

Finally, the relentless requests stopped. Instead, he acquiesced and was contented with the grass patch downstairs. Naturally, Zhao Yao was over the moon to see his supercat grown all reasonable. However, Zhao Yao had made it a rule that they could only go down after midnight, accounting for Lightning’s peculiar appearance. Also, Dust Ball was instructed to look out for them in case of any trouble.