

Am I A God 731

Chapter 731: Having A Meal

Unlike Zhao Xue, who was in the 7D cinema, Xiao Ming and Black Panther walked one round and finally proceeded to the buffet restaurant.

It was the first day of business so almost everything was free. Xiao Ming and Black Panther were famished as they had not had any breakfast. They intended to binge at the opening of Cat Wonderland.

Two of them walked into the restaurant in old tattered clothes and were received by a waiter. All the waiters were employed by Uncle Ho and related to the government.

The opening of the Cat Wonderland was due to Zhao Yao's influence and the support of the government. With the development and greater awareness of the supercats and apostles, the government was trying to increase the tolerance of the public with regards to supercats news.

The Cat Wonderland and the various services provided by the supercats were a litmus test for the country and they provided a good opportunity to release supercat news.

Xiao Ming looked at the waiter and asked shyly, "Is the buffet restaurant open for business?"

The waiter did not treat Xiao Ming differently because of his old clothes and embarrassed expression, instead he smiled courteously and replied, "The restaurant is open, a table for two? Please come in."

Xiao Ming pulled Black Panther into the restaurant and settled down. After surveying the environment, he said, "Do you know the tactics involved in a buffet meal?"

"Of course." Black Panther nodded and smiled confidently as he said, "First consume the fruits, then the seafood, starting from raw then moving onto cooked, from cold food to warm. The last bit is dessert."

Xiao Ming nodded and said seriously, “Today’s battle is very important as it determines how much expenses we can save for this week. The more we save, the faster we can set up our next business. Once we are successful, we can eat whatever we like.”

“All the best!”

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As they were about to attack the food, they saw a few cats binging behind a partition on the side. There was a lot of fresh fish fillet, pork, beef and various vegetables and fruits on the table.

“Cats are invited too?” Xiao Ming asked in surprise.

The waiter at the side explained, “Those cats opposite are in the cat section, guests are able to have their meals with their chosen cats and enjoy their time together. There are also cat owners who brought their own cats for a meal.”

The white cat that Xiao Ming was gazing at lifted his head and showed him his middle finger.

Xiao Ming said, “That is a supercat, isn’t it? He must be a supercat.” He thought, “In the Cat Wonderland, are supercats customers too?” He suddenly had the gut feeling that underneath the glamorous facade of the Cat Wonderland were dark hidden secrets.

Xiao Ming shook his head and disregarded his gut feeling. It was far more important to grab as many plates of food as possible.

Xiao Ming arrived at the buffet table and nodded at the wide variety of delicacies. He was dumbfounded when he looked at the transparent kitchen and saw Zhao Yao in a chef costume stir frying with a large wok.

Black Panther was astonished and asked, “Mentor, why are you cooking here?”

Zhao Yao turned his head and smiled at both of them. “Don’t you know that I have the most amazing culinary skills in the world? I am happy to inform that you are in luck to be able to taste my delicacies.”

Xiao Ming and Black Panther looked at each other and resisted touching the delicacies. Instead, they attacked the fruits followed by the seafood.

Xiao Ming held a plate and took a few catties of salmon. After a bite, his eyes popped out.

“The fresh taste, the rich fragrant layering and the thick sauce! Even the mustard is extraordinary!” Xiao Ming was pleasantly surprised. “How did they make such delicious salmon?”

Black Panther took a piece of salmon and was moved to tears. “I have never tasted such delicious salmon! Why is this salmon so delicious?”

“We made the right decision coming here!” Xiao Ming’s eyes glowed and they chowed down the salmon happily.

The following seafood and cooked delicacies brought more pleasant surprises for them. Xiao Ming had tried many delicacies before, however, compared to Zhao Yao’s exquisite dishes, the difference in taste was like Heaven and Earth.

Xiao Ming rarely took fried rice, however, he scooped a ladle of fried rice and was astonished. “Even an ordinary egg fried rice can be so tasty! The feeling is like tasting sea cucumber and abalone, how did they do that?”

“Incredible, these delicacies are too incredible.” Xiao Ming covered his cheeks as he was very touched. “I have eaten so much but I don’t feel satiated at all. Is it because the food is so delicious that my body has forgotten the feeling of satiation and wanted to take as much as possible?”

“Of course not.” Zhao Yao smiled after listening to Xiao Ming’s words and thought, “How can I serve you the real stuff when it is a free buffet?”

Zhao Yao looked at the empty plates in reality and thought, “By using illusion to create delicacies, I saved money and labor cost. There are no food safety issues and the customers do not put on weight. I am such a genius for killing three birds with one stone. Incorrect, the food created in the illusion is based on my personal experience of super tasty delicacies, hence that is killing four birds with one stone.”

Previously Old Man Zhuang engaged top chefs daily to create delicacies for Zhao Yao to taste. After numerous meals, Zhao Yao's taste buds had attained superior standard hence he had become a master chef in the illusion world.

Zhao Yao stroked his chin and thought, "It will be a waste of my talent to stay here and cook up a storm."

Xiao Ming and Black Panther binged for more than two hours but did not feel satiated at all.

Xiao Ming thought, "This is loathsome, why am I not full? I have planned to eat my fill that will last for the next two days. Why am I not satiated?"

Black Panther thought, "... Why am I feeling hungrier and hungrier? The food is too incredible. These are the delicacies of the devil!"

While superpowers and cats were used to entertain the guests and provide a unique enjoyable experience, the underground Cat Wonderland was equally bustling with activities.

The ground underneath the Cat Wonderland was connected to a clean culvert. Many supercats from the Jianghai city strolled along the culvert into Cat Wonderland.

At the exit of the culvert was a shiny golden door illuminated by huge neon lights. The door opened and Matcha, who was adorned with a big hat and a nice bow tie, stood at the entrance and welcomed his friends and guests.

"President Green! You have arrived! Welcome, welcome!"

"CEO Blue, it has been a long time since we met! Come in quickly. I have reserved a good seat for you!"

"Chairman Green... how can I forget you? I had prepared the best delicacies for you. Come in and enjoy."

Chapter 732: Underground

Matcha was happily receiving guests at the Cat Wonderland entrance. He could earn commissions from those invited guests.

“It’s a pity Fish Ball and Noodle came here to work instead of spending. I have wasted all my efforts convincing them.” Matcha spat out his saliva when he thought about them. He scolded them in his thoughts. “The two miserly paupers.”

Roly Poly came up and greeted a large orange cat while Matcha was lost in his thoughts. Roly Poly smiled and said, “Brother Fur, what brings you here? Please come in, come in!” He shouted to the interior of the wonderland, “Caesar, why are you standing there? Help usher in the VIP.”

The Ragdoll cat Caesar came forward, smiled at Brother Fur and said, “Brother Fur, please come in!”

This orange cat, Brother Fur, was the Cao Gang’s actual leader. He looked almost like Matcha, who impersonated him and drained the Mao Gang of their money.

Matcha looked at Brother Fur and trembled in fear. Noticing more than ten supercats behind Brother Fur, he turned his head away in terror and thought, “Don’t recognize me... don’t recognize me... don’t recognize me...”

The floret cat behind Brother Fur was walking past Matcha when he looked puzzled and said, “Hey boy, turn your head over here.” He felt that Matcha was someone familiar.

Matcha lowered his voice and said, “My face is full of a skin infection and looks horrible.”

“Skin infection? Let me see.” The floret cat walked up to examine Matcha’s face.

Matcha’s head was dripping cold sweat and he thought, “What shall I do? What shall I do?”

The floret cat turned over Matcha’s face and retreated back in shock. “What are you up to?”

Matcha’s face was covered with a large pile of white fur and looked like a total mess.

The floret cat glanced a few times at Matcha, shook his head and left.

Roly Poly exclaimed in shock as he stroked his buttocks. “Who is the villain who plucked my fur?”

Matcha watched Brother Fur and his gang walk deep into the Cat Wonderland and heaved in relief. He removed the white fur that he had plucked from Roly Poly during the Time Freeze and said, “D*mn, today is the first day of business, I do not wish to create trouble so I let them off.”

Matcha’s eyes brightened when he saw the serval cat from the zoo. She was one of his contacted guests.

Matcha walked towards the serval cat and greeted, “Dainty! You have arrived!”

Dainty nodded, looked nervously at the shiny golden door, and said, “Brother Matcha, what is this place about?”

“Cat Wonderland, a place for cats to enjoy. Come in quickly. There is lots of food and entertainment. I am sure you will be pleased.”

“Oh.” Dainty nodded, her eyes showing hesitation and shyness. She would like Matcha to accompany her but was too embarrassed to ask.

Milk Tea came out of nowhere and pounced on Matcha’s back. He said with a merry face, “Brother Matcha, when are you getting off? Let’s play together!”

“Knock it off, I am busy today. Go and play by yourself.”

Dainty looked surprised at Milk Tea and Matcha and thought, “That face! They look almost alike! Are they blood-related? They must be blood-related!” She asked timidly, “Brother Matcha, who is this?”

“My distant cousin Milk Tea from the rural areas, a country bumpkin.”

Dainty looked curiously at Milk Tea and said, “Milk Tea, you are adorable.”

Milk Tea looked warily at Dainty and hid behind Matcha. He could not resist sticking his head out to observe Dainty and said privately to Matcha, “Brother Matcha, shall I ask her for money?”

Matcha was embarrassed and said privately to Milk Tea, “No, no, do not ask money from guests who just arrived. Wait for them to enjoy themselves first.”

Milk Tea nodded earnestly and said, “I understand, Brother Matcha.”

Matcha patted Dainty’s shoulders and said, “Go in quickly Dainty. It is very fun inside.”

Dainty would have liked to chat with Matcha but he was already receiving other guests. She sighed dejectedly and entered the Cat Wonderland.

A bustling and lively atmosphere pervaded the entire Cat Wonderland. The difference with the underground Cat Wonderland was that Zhao Yao had made use of the Headless Horseman identity to promote to the supercats that the first day of business was free of charge. Hence, numerous supercats took the opportunity to take advantage of the Headless Horseman.

Dainty saw a sea of cats surrounding a huge arena when she entered. There were two cats fighting on the arena while cats below were cursing, shouting, and smoking catmint with their paws.

This was the Millionaire’s Cat Wonderland underground Cat Fight. All the supercats could make their bets while watching the tournament.

On the arena, Sphinx cat surveyed the surrounding sea of wild cats and sneered at his opponent.

Catmint was provided free to the spectators in the spectator stand. With the stimulation of the catmint, the supercats became even more hysterical.

There were supercats who stayed on the catmint tabletop, smoking catmint while cursing, “Idiot! I will smoke all the catmint till you are broke!” These were obviously supercats who were bullied by Zhao Yao.

Dainty was not interesting in betting and cat fighting so she went downstairs to the second level of the underground Cat Wonderland. Her nose was stung by the catmint dust that pervaded the air. It was so thick that the dust was noticeable by naked eyes.

Dainty looked up and discovered the entire space populated by cat dwellings, kitty towers and lounge chairs. On them were various supercats who looked high from smoking catmint.

She did not like catmint and held her breath while she ventured one level down.

At the stairway, Cheese, who came to Cat Wonderland as a security guard, fixed his gaze on Dainty and thought, “D*mn, what kind of a cat is that? Never seen her before.”

Because of the opening of Cat Wonderland, Zhao Yao deployed a number of cats as security guards for the six sections. Though his fame was a deterrent against crimes, he had to be prepared for impulsive crimes.

Uncle Ho was in charge of the security for the surface level of Cat Wonderland so nobody dared create trouble.

Dainty walked past various internet bars, computer games area, and massage section where supercats could enjoy themselves.

Although there were many supercats in Jianghai and a Cat Street available, such a huge and legal entertainment complex like the Millionaire’s Cat Wonderland was not available. With the powerful Headless Horseman watching over the wonderland, no cats dared to create trouble.

Dainty did not understand the reason but she felt that the Cat Wonderland would become livelier and be the main venue for supercats to eat, play, and meet.

That night, in the Extradimensional Belly, a chafing dish was placed on the table as Zhao Yao raised his mug of beer and said, “Everyone, it was hard on you today! The future of the Cat Wonderland will depend on your hard work, let me give everyone a toast.”

The cats were distracted as they clapped their hands. Their eyes were glued on the meat pieces boiling in the chafing dish.

Zhao Yao said, “Next, I am going to say two words...”

Chapter 733: Talking and Cheering

As Zhao Yao was speaking, all the cats sighed. Although they looked like they were listening attentively, they were all chatting telepathically.

Matcha: “Aye, he said he would speak a few sentences. One sentence takes 30 minutes.”

Roly Poly: “Don’t speak badly about boss! Boss’s words are elegant and meaningful. They are all words of wisdom. It is our honor that he is willing to share with us.”

Dust Ball replied calmly, “Suck up.”

The husky lifted his head. “What?”

Dust Ball rolled her eyes. “Why is a dog among us?”

The husky shouted, “I was invited by your boss to help out. Do you know how many customers asked for me?”

Fish Ball: “They must be blind.”

Noodle sneered, “Fish Ball, how many customers did you have today?”

Fish Ball: “Do you think that the money you earned is yours? I have told Xiaoyu about it and send her a photo of you entertaining the customers.”

Noodle: “Huh!”

Milk Tea was curious. “Brother Matcha, what is entertaining customers?”

Matcha answered, “Oh, entertaining customers is ..”

Elizabeth stopped them.”Matcha, don’t teach Milk Tea these kind of things! Don’t let Milk Tea listen to the adults talk.”

Rice Cake: “Haha, stupid Milk Tea, now you are kicked out.”

Elizabeth: “Kick Rice Cake out too.”

Rice Cake: “What?”

After a while, Zhao Yao said, “... Okay, I shall end my speech today. Are they any questions?”

All the cats fell silent and looked at Zhao Yao quietly without any questions.

“If no cat has any questions...”

Just when all the cats thought that Zhao Yao was done with his speech and they could go and eat, someone raised their paws and stood up.

Roly Poly stood up and asked, “Boss, can I ask something? How should we develop the supercats services to correspond with the societal trends today?”

“Roly Poly asked a good question.” Zhao Yao answered, “Regarding the issue on how to use powers to benefit society and generate more economic benefits, I am quite experienced in this. I shall use the next two to three minutes to explain it to you...”

“Aye...” There were sighs in the private chat again.

Matcha: “Roly Poly, you idiot. Does it hurt if you stop flattering him?”

Uncle Egg: “Matcha! What are you implying? You want to fight with the Royal Cat Police Force?”

Matcha sneered, “A bunch of bootlickers.”

Elizabeth: “Stop fighting. You guys are distracting me from watching my video.”

Cannon: “Does anyone have money to lend me?”

Dust Ball: “Weren’t you just given bonus from the catmint?”

Cannon laughed awkwardly. “I bought too many snacks.”

Cheese: “Don’t lend him anything. I saw him gambling today. He must have lost all of it.”

Cannon was angered. “Who knows that Sphinx cat would lose on purpose! Is it my fault?”

When Zhao Yao was speaking, all the cats were chatting under the stage. This carried on for 10 minutes and Zhao Yao said, “Okay, I shall stop explanation here. Who else...”

Roly Poly felt his body tighten and Ares’s voice sounded in his mind. “If you ask another question, I will kill you.”

Zhao Yao was disappointed. “None of you want to ask any questions? Roly Poly? Do you still have any questions?” When he saw Roly Poly shake his head vigorously, Zhao Yao sighed, “All of you are so reluctant to learn. Okay, I shall end it here. Let’s start eating.”

All the cats clapped enthusiastically and started to dine on the meat in the pot.

Zhao Yao looked at this scene and was thinking blissfully to himself. “The sales will definitely go up and when it comes to the monthly settlements, there will be an increase in cash and experience points.”

Late at night, Zhao Yao was sound asleep. Matcha was lying on his pillow and hugging Zhao Yao’s head while he snored.

Milk Tea was hugging Matcha’s tail and sleeping soundly. He would smack his mouth and lick Matcha’s tail once in a while.

In this quiet night, there was a voice from in Zhao Yao's head.

“Headless Horseman...”

“We need you...”

“In the far east...”

“There is a ghastly evil approaching...”

Zhao Yao opened his eyes and shouted in fury. “Too noisy!”

The voice continued. “But a ghastly evil is...”

“You are so annoying!” Zhao Yao yelled, “You annoy me again and I will catch you and peel your skin off.”

“This concerns the safety of the world...”

“Still?” Zhao Yao glared and activated the Deflective Field to surround his bed. “Is it the middle of the night, don't you need to sleep?”

The voice looked at Zhao Yao who was in the Deflective Field in exasperation. “You.. you are...” After seeing that Zhao Yao could not hear him, he sighed and disappeared.

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Meanwhile, when Zhao Yao's Big Fortune Cat City was in full swing and business was getting better.

In a city in the South, two official apostles were walking on the streets.

They looked at the deserted streets and dark buildings. One of them said, “What is going on? Why does it look so deserted?”

The other girl said, “Is there any news from Old Jia?”

The guy looked at his phone and shook his head. “No, they haven’t been in contact for 12 hours already. Something is not right.”

The two of them walked on the streets carefully and everywhere they went looked deserted. All the buildings were pitch black. No lights were seen. The buildings were at the sides of the road standing there like a patch of dark woods or a cliff. It made them feel very uneasy.

“This is unusual. This is too unusual.”

“Why is there no one?”

On this pitch black and silent street, a shriek sounded and the two apostles rushed towards the origin of the sound immediately.

At where the shriek sounded, a human figure could be made out under the flickering dim lights. He seemed to be squatting there.

The guy apostle pulled out his torch and shone towards the figure. A guy was back facing them while he squat on the floor.

The guy apostle shouted, “Are you okay?”

The girl apostle shouted, “We are police, do you need help?”

The figure remain stationary as if he were dead.

The apostles looked at each other and felt that something was amiss. They pulled out their guns and walked slowly towards the guy.

The girl apostle pointed the gun at the guy squatting while the guy apostles walked in front to see what the guy was doing.

Chapter 734: Cooking and Debris

The girl apostle saw that her buddy who had walked in front was terrified by what he saw.

“Ah!!!”

Screams echoed in the city as the lights dimmed. The surroundings were engulfed by darkness.

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In the morning in Jianghai, Zhao Yao's eyes shot open as he reached up to the right side of his head. Matcha was holding onto his head with stiff limbs.

“Again?” Zhao Yao pulled Matcha off forcefully. As Matcha was pulled off, a dozen strands of hair stayed trapped by Matcha's claws.

Zhao Yao: “Ouch!”

Even when Matcha was in the air, he showed no sign of waking up. His four claws grasped the air looking for something.

Zhao Yao looked down to see Milk Tea hanging below Matcha. Milk Tea bit Matcha's tail and he swung along with Matcha's movements.

“When did these two pick up these habits?” Zhao Yao shook his head speechlessly and threw them out. Accompanied by a series of clashes, Zhao Yao shouted, “You sleep on my head again and I will shave your fur off!”

Matcha ran out with Milk Tea behind him. After running about 50 meters, Matcha was tired and started walking. Milk Tea shouted behind him, “Brother Matcha! It's okay. He did not follow us out. There's no need to run!”

Matcha turned and saw that Zhao Yao did not chase them. Then he said viciously, “Humph, he is lucky that he did not chase us. If he did I would have scratched him to his death.”

Milk Tea asked, “Brother Matcha, what are we doing today?”

Matcha thought about it and said, “We shall go to the construction site first. If there is no problem there then we can go to the Millionaire’s Cat Wonderland.” He licked his lips and thought, “Even if I do not go to the construction site, there will still be cats working there and in the end I will still be given the Death Exemption Ticket. However, in the Millionaire’s Cat Wonderland, the more I do, the more I earn.”

Zhao Yao crawled out from his bed and rubbed his head. “I feel like I have forgotten something.”

“Forget it, if it can be forgotten that means it’s nothing serious.”

He came to the dining table in the Extradimensional Belly. Old K and Lang Gou had already served breakfast. Midnight was frying eggs, meat, and dumplings while looking bored.

The three of them were Ivory’s apostles and had been sent by the King of Death to kill Zhao Yao.

After seeing that the Virtual-Spirit army, Dark Scorch army and the Ark army were defeated by Zhao Yao, they were convinced about Zhao Yao’s capabilities. Now, they were completely loyal to Zhao Yao. He was a devil. The only way to survive was to please him.

Zhao Yao tried Midnight’s Xiaolongbao and spat it out. “Too sweet and the skin is too thick. It has been so long. Why haven’t you guys improved?”

Midnight ran over and apologized with Old K and Lang Gou.

Midnight: “Boss, give me some time. I will practice hard and improve my culinary skills. It will be better next time.” The other two pleaded as well.

Zhao Yao rubbed his chin and shook his head as he fell into deep thought. The reason he wanted them to practice their culinary skills was not to satisfy his appetite.

He wanted to let the three of them cook for Millionaire's Cat Wonderland. Zhao Yao could not use illusions to make food everyday. Hence, he had to hire a group of chefs and the three of them were free-labor.

The monthly mission gave experience points based on the profit. Every 50 thousand made was worth 100 experience points. Hence, Zhao Yao is trying all sorts of ways to reduce the cost.

But now...

Zhao Yao looked at the three of them and said slowly, "Looks like it is hard to expect you guys to reach the skills of a professional cook in a short period of time."

When they saw Zhao Yao in deep thought, Midnight, Old K and Lang Gou were nervous. When they heard what Zhao Yao said, they heaved a sigh of relief.

Then, Zhao Yao continued, "If you can't be cooks then you will do something else to earn money."

"Something else?" The three of them looked at each other. They were happy that they no longer needed to cook.

"Yes." Zhao Yao nodded. "Go be idols."

"What?"

"Idols have high income," Zhao Yao said slowly. "So tomorrow, the three of you will take a plane to Thailand. Get plastic surgery and gender reassignment surgery. After that, you guys can come back and form a girls group. As it happens, there is a girls group competition soon. You guys can join that."

"What?!" When the three of them heard Zhao Yao, they fell on their knees and wailed, "Boss! Spare us! We promise to cook properly!"

Zhao Yao glanced at the three of them and said calmly, “Since you guys no talent in cooking, you guys can form a girls group. You guys would know what men like, have a decent body, and I have money to give you the best surgery. Who knows... You guys may be popular!”

“No!” Midnight cried, crawled to Zhao Yao, and hugged his leg. “Boss! I am still a virgin! I can’t throw it away without even using it!”

Zhao Yao looked at the three of them who were crying and asked coldly, “You guys don’t want to do this and can’t do that. Tell me, what should I do?”

Midnight shouted, “Boss! We will learn how to cook with the greatest determination! Please give us another chance!”

When Zhao Yao saw the three of them on the floor shouting desperately, he nodded and handed out a menu. “This the menu of the buffet. Practice this menu. If you need any ingredients just tell Bai Quan.

By the end of the month, if you guys still cannot produce dishes that I am satisfied with, I will book your plane tickets to Thailand.”

Zhao Yao nodded when he saw that the three of them were determined to learn how to cook. Of course he could not rely just on the three of them, he had decided to ask Sphynx cat to lend them his powers.

On top of their determination to practice cooking everyday Sphynx cat’s powers would increase their efficiency.

Sphynx cat’s powers would enhance their overall abilities. Although he would only lend them for half a month, it was enough for them to gain extraordinary arm strength, stamina, memory, smell, taste and sensitivity. It would improve their basic culinary skills and let the three of them be responsible for the workload of an entire team of chefs.

They would be in charge of everything from cooking and cutting ingredients to washing the plates and cleaning the tables.

If it couldn’t be done then Zhao Yao would have to employ a team of chefs.

For the next half a month, Zhao Yao spent most of his time and effort on the Millionaire's Cat Wonderland. He hoped that he would obtain more experience points every month.

The Millionaire's Cat Wonderland was becoming a more and more popular option for apostles and supercats. As Zhao Yao did not advertise much for ordinary people, though many of them came, they were not the main consumer base.

Zhao Yao was doing business peacefully when Uncle Ho's phone call broke the peace.

"Zhao Yao, there's trouble!"

Zhao Yao was sitting in one of the sleeping room in Cat Wonderland as he watched the cats walk around on the glass ceiling above him. Catherine was one of them.

The sleeping rooms were one of the few quiet places in Cat Wonderland and it was also the only place to stay overnight.

The room was filled rolls of sofas that were large enough to lie in it. On the ceiling was a glass panel where one could watch the cats play around.

With Catherine, anyone who watched the cats play would fall asleep. For those with insomnia or neurasthenia, Cat Wonderland was their favorite place to stay. In fact, some customers would hug the cats and sleep through the night.

Zhao Yao answered the call and walked out."What is the problem again?"

"In the south, OX city, there was a supernatural incident." Uncle Ho said, "The situation is very bad. We have hundreds of people trapped there."

"OX city?" Wait isn't it overseas? Was it Vietnam or Myanmar? Why are you guys there?" Zhao Yao said.

Uncle Ho answered in despair, "A traitor snatched meteorite fragments that we had just discovered and brought them to OX city. We sent apostles out to pursuit him but... There is something wrong

with the city. All the apostles we have sent have lost contact with us and the local government has sent troops to surround the city.”

Uncle Ho sighed, “We also don’t know who leaked the news. Apostles from several countries have proceeded to OX city in attempt to snatch the meteorite fragments. Now the situation is very critical. We cannot send too many men over. We can only rely on the individual strength of an apostle. We need your back-up.”

“Meteorite Fragments.” Zhao Yao’s lips curved upwards. He had experienced the benefits of the skill points: two skills at once. It was a good experience.

Zhao Yao laughed. “I am interested. How do you want me to help?”

Uncle Ho said, “We hope that you can help us to recover the meteorite fragments and save the surviving apostles in OX city. Can you do it?”

Zhao Yao: “Simple.”

Five minutes later, a hurricane stationed in the sky above Cat Wonderland for awhile before flying south.

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In the south, OX city.

A team of white, black, and yellow skinned apostles were eying the the streets outside the window with great caution.

The streets were deserted and the entire city was abandoned.

A black man was in cold sweat and said apprehensively, “Damn it. OX city is a small city but there should be a population of at least 500 thousand. Now, they are all gone. What the hell?”

Another tall blond guy who wearing a suit said, “Aren’t the things we saw ghosts?”

All of them fell silent and looked terrified as they recalled the horrific memory.

A girl said, "What should we do now Edward?"

Edward who had blond hair answered, "The mission has failed. This city is finished. We have to escape. It is our only chance."

"But we are surrounded by troops. How are we going to go out?"

Edward looked at the Chinese man who was tied up and asked fiercely, "Chinese guy, since you guys dared to enter, you must know a way out. Tell us..."

Then, there was a loud rumble in the sky and all of them looked at the sky. It seemed like something was soaring in the sky and left a trail.

"Who is it? That arrogant? Flying straight in? Does he think that the surrounding troops are for display?" Edward frowned and said, "This guy is dead."

Like Edward said, the next moment, a few rounds of missiles were fired into the sky.

Chapter 735: Arrival and Search

In OX city, a few Asians were constantly jumping on the roofs of the city. All of them showed extraordinary physical qualities.

After proceeding a certain distance, they would stop, look for trails and converse in their own dialect.

"Where did that guy go?"

"There is a blood trail here."

"He can't run far with such heavy injuries."

They were from the neighboring Southeast Asian countries. It was their first time in OX city. They were here for the meteorite fragments.

The person leading the team was a young person whose hand was filled with bandages and face had several scars. He stopped and searched as he muttered. "Meteorite Fragments can enhance powers. Ever since the European incident, all the big countries have been developing their superpowers. However, our country doesn't even have one meteorite fragment. This is our best chance."

Another youth looked at the scarred face man with admiration. He was the apostle who had the highest compatibility with supercats in their country. Before he had powers, he already was a great warrior in the army. After obtaining powers, he had become like a superhero.

The youth looked at him and said, "Leader Bason, we found trails of blood!"

Bason came to the blood trails, he squat down to dab it and sniffed it. His eyes lit up. "He is near by. Get ready to fight."

After Bason and his men searched, they found their target. It was a dark skinned and skinny apostle. When he saw Bason and his men, he started to scold them. Apparently he was a Southeast Asian apostle too.

Bason and his men surrounded him and probed him. They realized that he no longer had his powers. 24 hours were over and the powers that he had borrowed were no longer valid.

Bason waved his hand to call his men with weapons to back off. He clenched his fist, stretched his neck and walked up slowly. "You are an apostle from this city right? Your powers are gone. Tell me what you know about the meteorite fragment and what happened to this city. Then, I can let you off."

Bason wanted him alive to ask for information. That's why he asked his men to back off.

The skinny and black apostle heard Bason and laughed coldly. He lifted his pistol and fired at Bason.

However, the bullet hit Bason with a loud clash and scratched past him like on a metal board.

It was the power that Bason had borrowed. Steel body: it enhanced the muscles and bones to give a strong defense and physical abilities.

Bason patted the place that was hit by the bullet as he smiled menacingly. He charged up and attacked the apostle with both his fists that brought about the sound of thunder and wind.

Straight punch, side kick, swing punch, knee, and uppercut. After a series of attacks, Bason looked at the apostle that was lying on the floor like a rag doll. He went up and broke the apostle's calf.

Bason smiled menacingly and said calmly. "It's okay if you don't say." He waved his hands and asked his men to come forward. "Make him spit out all the information that he knows."

Soon, Bason had some basic information about the city.

Bason frowned and said, "If we want to get hold of the meteorite fragment, we have to find the Chinese men. They have more Intel."

When they heard Chinese, all the other youths frowned. They did not want to go against a big country.

Bason looked at his men and laughed, "Don't be so nervous. Although our country is incomparable to the big countries as apostles we can beat them. Like how our boxers can beat their boxers easily. It's about individual capabilities. It has nothing to do with the country."

Bason smiled and continued, "Furthermore, they have entered the city for long enough for most of the apostles to have lost their powers."

One of the men asked Bason, "Will the Chinese take revenge on us?"

Bason laughed, "There are apostles from several countries in this city after them. How can they take revenge?"

Bason was right. According to the Intel from the last hours, after the Chinese apostles entered OX city, they were met with a supernatural occurrence while they were searching for the meteorite fragment. The Chinese apostles and the local apostles had suffered heavy losses.

After that, because they had stayed in the city for too long and lost their powers, all the other apostles from other countries had better capabilities and could pursue them easily to demand Intel.

Then, they heard a loud bang in the air.

All of them looked up to see a trail across the sky.

“What was that?”

In the sky, Zhao Yao was wearing the Cheese Cloak and holding onto the Rice Cake Blade. He activated his Deflective Field and hugged Roly Poly to stay invisible. He looked at the approaching missiles and smiled.

Then, he removed a portion of his invisibility and his body could be seen floating in the air. He waved his hand and changed to Dust Ball’s power and shouted, “Cats!”

That instant, except the Dimension Portal on the Cat Island, all the remaining four Dimension Portals opened behind Zhao Yao and pointed in the direction of the missile.

Close to 200 supercats were in the four Dimension Portals, releasing their powers.

Ice, Flames, Lightning, Hurricane, Acid, Toxins and Force Fields were the most common powers. There was a variety of decelerations, curses, rebounds, offsets, cat litter and bricks that flew out. There were some powers that even Zhao Yao was unfamiliar with and some that were useless against the missiles.

Even Milk Tea and Matcha picked up a bunch of cat litter and threw it.

Sphinx cat’s eyes narrowed and his claws slashed. A steel column flew out like a bolt of lightning. The air was blasted and a sound barrier was formed.

Although the strength of the powers were uneven, the quantity was huge.

Close to 200 supercats activated their powers at the same time, the air formed tsunami like waves and engulfed the missiles that weren't even near. The missiles turned into a few fireballs and exploded in the air.

Originally, Zhao Yao could already command most of the cats in the Extradimensional Belly. After the opening of Cat Wonderland, all the cats had an income and with such incentives, all the cats were extra obedient.

Hence, Zhao Yao could easily gather the cats and smash the missiles that could easily crush any other apostle.

After dealing with the missile, Zhao Yao looked at the restless troops in the distance and clenched his fist. He felt invincible.

“Are there no opponents?”

“I don't even have a decent opponent. My life is so lonely.”

After the Europe incident, Zhao Yao realized that he was invincible. Every night, he could not help but ask himself:

“Zhao Yao, are you the strongest in the world now?”

“Aye, I can't be so boastful. I may just be the strongest man in the world.”

“No.” Zhao Yao shook his head in the air. “Zhao Yao, you can't become too proud. How many people were defeated because they thought themselves invincible? I cannot repeat their mistake.”

“I need to keep a low profile but do high profile things.”

Zhao Yao decided to be low profile and left the restless troops alone. He randomly chose a direction and landed in OX city.

Many apostles in OX city saw the scene in the sky and were stricken with fear.

Bason's face fell and cold sweat rolled down his head. He felt that his abilities were insignificant compared to the apostle in the air.

He thought to himself, "Who is that guy? There are such apostles in the world? Compared to the Golden Dragon apostle in Europe incident, I wonder who is stronger?"

Bason shook his head and said, "Let's change a direction and avoid that person."

Meanwhile, the blond haired Edward looked calm on the surface but he was panicking inside. "What terrifying powers. We cannot stay in this city any longer. We have to leave." All the other apostles around him nodded vigorously.

As Zhao Yao landed, all the apostles in that direction fled in all directions. All of them were unwilling to meet the mysterious but strong apostle.

Zhao Yao did not care so much and landed on a rooftop. He looked down at the OX city and couldn't see anyone. He thought to himself. "Why is there no one in the city? Have they evacuated?"

Because Uncle Ho had lost contact with the apostles, Zhao Yao did not know what supernatural incident had occurred in OX city. He needed to find an apostle from his country to find out.

"How am I going to find them?" Zhao Yao rubbed his chin. Looking for them one by one on the streets would be the least efficient solution. "It is best if they can come look for me. However, Uncle Ho asked me to not expose my identity. It would be bad to cause international conflict."

Zhao Yao looked at the mission he had received from Uncle Ho.

Mission: Rescue

Mission Objective: Rescue the trapped official apostles from OX city

Rewards: Every apostles rescued, 100 experience points would be awarded. If identity is exposed, mission failed.

Mission Penalty: Cuddle for three hours

For this mission, the more people he rescued the better. If Zhao Yao intended to search for them one by one, it would be too slow. Furthermore, it was rare for the Book to have a Mission Penalty. Although the penalty was unclear but Zhao Yao did not want to experience it.

“Then, I have to think of a way to gather all the Chinese apostles without exposing my identity.”

Zhao Yao opened the Dimension Portal and shouted, “Fish Ball? Ask him to come out.”

Matcha spoke in the headset. “Where is Cat No.19? Ask him to come over, Boss is looking for him... what? He is with a guest?” Matcha looked at Zhao Yao. “Boss, Cat No.19 is with a guest. He can’t come at the moment.”

“Chey.” This was the disadvantage of opening the Cat Wonderland. If the cats were working, it was not good to ask him to come over.

Matcha spoke in the headset. “Boss, do we call him over? But he is with a regular customer, it is not too good to call him over.”

Zhao Yao shook his head and said, “Forget it, ask him to work peacefully. In Cat Wonderland, we should not cheat the customers.”

“At first I wanted to ask Fish Ball to make a glowing symbol and attract all the official apostles over.” Zhao Yao rubbed his chin and thought, “I have to think of another way.”

Chapter 736: Attack and Rescue

In the east corner of OX city, a youth was standing on the roof and spoke into the microphone. “Captain, that guy has disappeared.”

“Has he?” A middle-aged man, who was in the cabin below, nodded and spoke into the microphone. “Continue to keep watch. Inform me if there is any problem. I will take your shift in 30 minutes.”

“It’s okay, Captain, I can continue.”

“This is an order, Dong Zi. You have not slept for two days. At this rate, you will be a burden when we start fighting.”

Dong Zi sighed, “Okay Captain.”

After speaking, Captain could not help but reveal a trace of exhaustion. He looked at his soldiers that were lying around the room and sighed deeply.

This mission was far more dangerous than they had expected. Instead of capturing the traitor and taking back the meteorite fragment, they had lost many men and lost contact with their country.

Just then, another apostle, who could take on an army and smash missiles, appeared, and landed in the city.

Dong Zi spoke through the walkie-talkie again. “Captain, you missed the action. A few KS1C were shot up. They were destroyed in a second. That guy is so strong. What if he is here for the meteorite fragment too?”

Captain fell silent and answered, “We have lost contact for so long. Our country would have send back-up long ago. Don’t worry. It’s fine.”

Dong Zi asked worriedly, “Do we have such strong apostles too?”

Captain paused and answered confidently, “Of course.”

Dong Zi asked curiously. “Who? Do I know the person? How strong is the apostle?”

Captain laughed, “I can tell you but don’t spread it. Our country’s strongest apostle goes by the name ‘Oriental Beacon’.”

“Oriental Poison?” Dong Zi frowned. “Are his powers the ability to use poison? Sounds weird.”

“No, not poison, beacon.” Captain continued, “I heard our leaders speak of him once. That man is the strongest apostle in the country. He is said to have the ability to take on an entire country.”

Dong Zi looked fascinated. “That powerful? How is he compared to the one in the sky just now?”

Captain answered hesitantly. “They... should be on par? No, he would be better than the one in the sky.”

After the Captain spoke, Dong Zi frowned and said, “Wait, I think that guy just threw something into the sky.” He raised his binoculars and looked.

Captain asked, “What is it?”

Dong Zi said bewilderedly, “It looks like letters cut out from the billboard. It is huge, let me take a look...” He stared and read out the letters that flew into the sky. “W... T... Q... S? WTQS? What does it mean?”

Captain was startled. “WTQS? What does he want to do?!”

Dong Zi answered, “It may be English initials.”

Captain nodded, “Watch closely and report the situation to me.”

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Meanwhile, Zhao Yao used the Deflective Field to cut out a few letter that was as big as houses and raised it to the sky. He made himself invisible and the four letters could be seen clearly.

He flew into mid air and use Deflective Field to raise the letters up as he stared at the alphabets. “These are the chinese initials of the Headless Horseman. This is obvious enough, right? What if they can’t tell what I am trying to say?”

“How can it be?” Roly Poly exclaimed, “WTQS is so straightforward. As long as they have learnt HanYuPinYin, they will know these are the initials of the Headless Horseman. You are very famous in the country. If they knew it was you, they would come running over.”

“You keep flattering me.” Zhao Yao rubbed his head. “I think I should change something. What if they don’t get it.”

“Well, what is more obvious?”

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Dong Zi was still on the roof and suddenly his gaze turned cold. He shouted in the walkie-talkie. “Captain, someone is coming here. I think they are coming for us.”

Captain shouted immediately, “Wake up, there are people coming.”

Of the soldiers who were sleeping, half of them woke up immediately, wiped their faces and woke up the rest.

They held their guns, moved to the side of the window, and looked at the street.

Dong Zi’s voice came from the headset. “20 degrees north-east, they are here in a truck.”

Everyone soon heard the sound of the engine as the truck drove towards them. It stopped about a hundred meters away and a few yellow skinned people exited from the truck. They were grabbing a kid. They pointed to the building and were conversing.

Dong Zi frowned, “Oh no, it is the kid that we saved.”

Captain pulled the bolt and said coldly, “Prepare to fight.” He was praying that the enemy didn’t have strong apostles or that they weren’t even apostles.

It was because all the soldiers in this building including him no longer had any powers. At this point of time, although they were experienced, they were just ordinary humans.

However, reality is always cruel. The five yellow skinned apostles locked the kid back in the truck and after a burst of roars, they turned into bears that were seven to eight meters high.

Captain's gaze turned cold and said, "It is the local South Asian Gang, the Bear army. Shoot! Don't let them come near."

The five seven to eight meters tall bears did not charge them but walked up to them like five tanks. Dong Zi was slightly stunned.

The rest of them reacted quickly and shot the black bears furiously.

However, the bears' bodies were too strong and their skin was too thick. The bullets were unable to go through its thick fur, fat, and muscle. Instead, it agitated them.

The five black bears knocked down the walls and door. They even wanted to tear the building down.

"Damn it!" The captain was annoyed. Their mission was a simple pursuit mission and they had powers with them. Furthermore, weapons were hard to bring across the borders hence they did not bring weapons with heavy firepower. They were helpless against the five bears.

As the building started to crumble, all the soldiers jumped out one by one and tried to escape in different directions.

However, the enemy they were facing not only had brute force. They had explosive strength, speed and endurance that were far better than humans.

The five bears charged towards the escaping soldiers and soon there were people captured or badly injured.

Captain heard the screams from beside him and gave a menacing look. He turned back and shot at the head of one of the bears hitting one of its eye.

Blinded in one eye, the bear raged and the other eye was filled with blood. The bear charged towards him frantically.

Captain's face changed and ran into the commissary store at the side. Three seconds after he ran in, the bear had charged into the commissary and everywhere the bear went the counters were smashed and walls collapsed. It was like a beast on rampage who had its eyes on the captain.

"No, I can't get it off my tracks." Captain looked at the bear sniffing. "A bear's sense of smell is much better than a hound's. These human-bears will not have a bad sense of smell."

Thinking of this, he flipped over and wanted to fight it out.

Then, he saw a soldier jump down from the third storey and landed on the bear's head. He wanted to shoot the bear in the other eye. "Captain! Run!"

Roar! The bear roared and threw the soldier off. The bullet scratched pass the bear's eye, blinding it completely.

Captain watched his comrade knock into a wall and faint. His heart was aching.

These were all elite soldiers trained by the country. All of them had high compatibility with powers and were experienced in combat. They were the elites in apostles.

If their powers had not expired, any of them could have killed those five bears. Now, they were making pointless sacrifices here.

When the captain thought of it, he pointed his gun and shot at the blinded bear ferociously. He finished all his bullets at once and the bear's face was covered in blood.

Even so, he did not manage to kill the bear. He agitated the bear completely as the bear roared and charged towards Zhao Yao.

Captain's eyes narrowed, suppressed the urge to fight the bear and ran. He continuously used the fact that the bear was blind to grow the distance between them.

Then, Dong Zi spoke in the walkie-talkie again.

“The letters changed again.”

“What letters?” Captain shouted in the walkie-talkie. “Dong Zi, why are you still looking at them? Run!”

“No, the letters became UNHAPPY.”

“UNHAPPY? What unhappy? I am headless!” Captain was agitated. “Don’t pay attention to it. Escape that place!”

When captain shouted this, he paused. “Headless... Wait, is it him?”

He turned to look at his men who suffered heavy losses and clenched his teeth. “Dong Zi, the signal gun is in your hands right? Fire it into the sky!”

“What?”

“Just try it. Fire it into the sky!”

The signal flares soar into the sky and exploded in mid air. Captain looked at the battlefield. Nothing changed he was dismayed.

“Right, even if he came after seeing the signal, it would be too late.”

When Captain was thinking of that, the world froze.

When time started flowing again, Captain’s vision was a blur and a guy in a black robe appeared on the street and walked past the human-bears.

Accompanied by Zhao Yao’s footsteps were the five bears’ yells and they fell to the floor covered in blood.

Zhao Yao saw the apostles who were covered in blood and opened the Dimension Portal. He shouted, “Lucifer! Get out and work!”

Chapter 737: Darkness

After Zhao Yao shouted, Matcha yelled in the Extradimensional Belly. “Lucifer? Where are you? It’s time to work!”

Matcha told Zhao Yao. “Zhao Yao, Lucifer is entertaining a guest. He does not have time to come out and work.”

Zhao Yao frowned. “Lives are at stake. What is entertaining a guest? Ask him to come out.”

Matcha asked hesitatingly. “Lucifer is with Minister X’s son, it’s not good to offend him.”

Zhao Yao was angered. “Matcha, can’t you see that so many people need to be saved by him? Even if it is Minister X himself, pull him out for me.”

After a while, four supercats carried Lucifer, who was tied up, and brought him to Zhao Yao.

“Let me go!” Lucifer shouted excitedly, “What do you want? I will not concede defeat!”

Zhao Yao drew his lips together and grabbed Lucifer. “Lucifer, come over and cure them. Lend your powers to them. Get it?”

He looked at Lucifer’s loyalty, it was 98. He could lend his powers.

To the soldier’s surprise, Zhao Yao walked to an injured soldier and poked at them in a distance.

Actually it was Lucifer that was invisible. Zhao Yao raised Lucifer and poked the injured soldiers, the soldier moaned and the injuries on him started to heal. Soon, he was completely fine and healthy.

After ultra rapid regeneration, the soldier stood up and looked at Zhao Yao in bewilderment. “Why do I feel so good when this guy touches me? What did he do? Is it his problem ... or mine.”

Zhao Yao smiled at him. “How is are you feeling? That’s good. Hahaha.” He thought to himself. ‘Each of them are worth 100*2 experience points. I have to take care of them properly.’

The young soldier stumbled backwards and felt his hair stand after Zhao Yao looked at him weirdly.

Captain saw Zhao Yao poke his soldiers in a distance and the soldiers recovered. Even the person who was thrown by the bear and had dozens of bones broken could stand up and looked at his body in surprise.

Although, Zhao Yao had activated Time Freeze and flew over, he was still late. Two soldiers had died from heavy injuries. They were sacrificed before the signal gun was fired.

Zhao Yao sighed and looked at the Captain. “You are their captain?”

“Yes, I am Thunder, the person in charge of this team.” Thunder looked at Zhao Yao who had no head and was in black cloak. “You... are the Headless Horseman?”

“Yes, it’s me.” Zhao Yao said, “They sent me here as back-up. Tell me the situation here. What did you guys encounter? Where are the rest?”

Thunder heaved a sigh of relief. Although the person that came was not Oriental Beacon, the Headless Horseman was one of the famous apostles in the superpower realm. He was also the Cat King in the big districts like Jianghai. His capabilities were not to be underestimated.

Furthermore, before this, he had displayed his abilities to defend himself from the missile and the ability to cure his soldiers. All these made him feel trustworthy.

Thunder said, “We have to find a safe place and hide.” He looked at the sky and looked bothered. “It’s going to be nighttime soon.”

“What?” Zhao Yao frowned. He had no time to waste. Just now, he rushed over with his fastest speed and yet two soldiers were sacrificed. In the city, the soldiers were facing dangers every second, he had to hurry up.

Zhao Yao shook his head. “There is no need to find. The world’s safest place is beside me. Tell me what you know. They sent five teams over. Can you contact the other four teams now?”

Thunder looked at him in shock and although he felt that Zhao Yao was too arrogant. Since Zhao Yao insisted, he did not force it and brought everyone to the commissary by his side. When everyone was resting, Thunder told Zhao Yao. “There is a ghost in the city.”

“Ghost?” Zhao Yao asked, “Is it some kind of power?”

“I... don’t know.” Thunder said with uncertainty. “At first, everything was normal and Team one was the first to find Fan Jian...”

Zhao Yao nod his head. Fan Jian was the traitor they were supposed to capture. He had stolen meteorite fragments and escaped to OX city.

Thunder continued, “According to Team one, after they found Fan Jian, they wanted to arrest him. But, when they were trying to arrest him, they were met with a ghost attack and suffered heavy losses.”

Zhao Yao frowned and was curious about what all this was about.

Thunder explained, “At first we thought Team one had encountered some special power. Then, the situation got weirder. There were lesser and lesser people in the city... But, more and more ghosts. We had to split up and the situation got worse. All forms of communication were cut off and our powers were starting to wear off. In the end, we were trapped in this city.”

“All the communication is cut off?” Zhao Yao asked, “You mean that the telephone, internet...”

“They all don’t work. We have tried everything. It is like all the signal in OX city has been blocked.”

Zhao Yao asked curiously, “What is this ghost? Why have I not met one?”

“Ghosts... They are like in the stories. All our attacks are useless against them.” Thunder sighed, “You have not met with one yet because they only come out at night.” He looked at the sunset and said, “And now... It is about to be nighttime.”

Zhao Yao was very curious about the ghost and asked Thunder if he had any ways to contact the other four teams. Thunder said that he had fired the signal gun just now. If they saw the signal, they would gather there.

Zhao Yao sent Sphinx cat to watch the surroundings and get ready to help any soldier that came to them. After all, Sphinx cat had the strongest senses and could get to the soldiers faster. If they were met with trouble, Sphinx cat could also protect them.

The rest of them stayed in the commissary with Zhao Yao to await the other soldiers.

Although Zhao Yao could send them through the Dimension Portal, he needed their help to search for the other soldiers. Placing them in the Extradimensional Belly was also very troublesome as it would expose his other powers. If he asked Elizabeth to cover them with her illusion then it would affect the operations of Cat Wonderland.

“Forget it. They can stay beside me. With me, how can there be an accident? Besides, although they don’t know it, they have Lucifer’s powers. They can’t die even if they wanted to.” Zhao Yao looked outside. “Why haven’t the other reached us? They are so slow.”

Zhao Yao looked out at the streets and thought, “This... is really dark.”

When all of them looked up at the streets, it was pitch black.

Chapter 738: The Ghost

After the sun set in OX city, there was not a single hint of light anywhere. The streetlamps were all off and rows of houses were shrouded in darkness, as if the whole city had been engulfed in darkness. A suppressive feeling that was difficult to articulate emanated from that darkness.

Thunder and the rest casually took some wooden materials from the supermarket and lit them with a lighter to start a simple bonfire.

As the fire was lit, the crowd subconsciously exhaled in relief.

However, the surroundings beyond the glass windows of the supermarket seemed to turn even darker. It was almost pitch-black outside as if the whole area was shrouded in thick black smoke. Even the street right in front of the supermarket could not be seen clearly.

Thunder sighed and said, “For these past few nights, OX city seems to have turned darker and darker. Those ghostly things are about to come out soon. Everyone gather closely around the fire. Do not go around alone.”

The rest nodded as memories from the past few nights haunted their minds. Their experience these past few nights were obviously deeply etched in their minds. They were unable to resist the fear that surrounded them as it seeped into their bones.

“It is pitch-dark outside now and those dirty things are hiding somewhere out there. It’s very dangerous.” Thunder stared at Zhao Yao as he continued, “The other units would not act rashly under such pitch-dark conditions. Let’s stay here for the night and wait for them to come.”

Just as the crowd stared at the world outside turning even darker and more oppressive, Zhao Yao took out a ball of light from nowhere. That ball was Fish Ball, who was emanating light with Roly Poly’s powers keeping him invisible.

Zhao Yao walked towards the door of the supermarket with Fish Ball in his hand as he said, “Everyone calm down! I have prepared a super efficient, 360 degrees searchlight. There’s no need to fear. No matter how dark it is, you can even give people directions to their paths.”

Everyone stared in astonishment at Zhao Yao as the ball of light in his hands glowed brighter and brighter as if Zhao Yao had brought the sun with him as he stepped out of the supermarket. The whole street lit up in an instant and looked just like it was daytime as the white light shone towards the sky, illuminating half of the city.

“So bright.”

“I don’t feel so scared now.”

As Zhao Yao was taking out the ball of light, he communicated telepathically with Fish Ball and said, “Are you done serving customers? Come here and help me for a while.”

Fish Ball said in annoyance, "There are still people calling for me. I'm really popular now."

"Okay okay, take it. As you're working overtime, I will pay you double," Zhao Yao replied as he stopped in his tracks and turned to the people behind him and said, "I will put the ball of light here. Is that okay?"

Thunder and the rest nodded their heads blankly as they felt the difference in the atmosphere around them compared to the previous nights. Everyone would have been huddled together around the bonfire too scared of the ghastly things in the dark to fall asleep.

Thunder could not help saying, "This won't attract the attention of other apostles right?"

"I will kill them if they come," Zhao Yao said, "Look at the dark eye circles under your eyes. You guys haven't had a good night's sleep in a long while right? Quick, go to sleep. I will keep watch for the night."

After a few minutes, Thunder and company watched as Zhao Yao leaned against the entrance of the supermarket sitting down, his eyes shut as he drooled and snored in deep sleep. Everyone else exchanged glances with each other.

OX city was still in danger after all so they did not dare to go into deep sleep. Hence, they all woke up after being startled by a loud snore from Zhao Yao.

Dong Zi said in a small voice, "I think he fell asleep."

Thunder hesitated, "I don't think so? I heard of a kind of vigilance which only the aces in the army were capable of. It is when the person can enter a deep sleep but once they sense something wrong they will wake up. Maybe the Headless Horseman is in such a state now."

At that moment, Zhao Yao suddenly laughed, "Hahahaha, remember to visit us again, Boss."

Dong Zi said exasperatedly, "I think he's dreaming."

Thunder shook his head. "Forget it, I will keep watch for the night. You all can sleep first."

Dong Zi complained, "He's snoring too loudly. I can't sleep like this."

At that moment, the bright light suddenly disappeared and the whole supermarket became shrouded in darkness once more. The bonfire earlier on had extinguished long ago as no one tended to it with the presence of the light from Fish Ball replacing the need for a fire.

As the light suddenly vanished, everyone was shrouded in darkness and could not see anything around them at all.

The sudden darkness made everyone nervous and anxious. Thunder screamed, "Don't panic! Everyone stay where you are!"

However at that moment, footsteps were heard running across the supermarket. Thunder was enraged and bellowed, "I told you all to stop moving! Stay where you are!"

However, the footsteps did not stop running in the dark. Thunder was about to shout again when Dong Zi's voice spoke eerily from the side, "Boss, that is the sound of leather shoes. None of us are wearing leather shoes."

Hearing Dong Zi's words, the tapping sound of the leather shoes stopped. Everyone held their breath at once.

Thunder panicked when he heard the tapping sound of the leather shoes stop somewhere near him.

Thunder gripped the gun in his hand tightly as beads of sweat formed on his forehead. The surroundings became silent as only their heavy breathing could be heard in the darkness.

"Wait, this doesn't sound right, we did not exert ourselves in any way so who's breathing so loudly?" Thunder got a shock as he realized that the breathing sound was getting louder as if it was right beside his ears.

Chills were sent down his spine right into his bones as he immediately raised the gun in his right hand. However, just when he raised his gun, the tapping sound of the footsteps were heard again and it was moving away from him.

As the footsteps rang out again, a second pair, then a third then many other footsteps were heard. It sounded as if there were more than 10 people wearing leather shoes and running around them.

However, this supermarket was just like a convenience store, there was not enough space for more than 10 people to run around.

In the pitch-dark environment, the sound of the footsteps running around in the silence sent chills down everyone's spines.

"They're ghosts!"

"The ghosts are here."

"Everyone huddle together! Don't be captured by them!"

Just as everyone started to panic, the bright light returned and illuminated the supermarket at once. As the light returned, the footsteps retreated as if they had disappeared into the darkness outside.

At the entrance to the supermarket, Zhao Yao was slapping Fish Ball as he scolded angrily, "Didn't I tell you to be on duty today? Why did you fall asleep?"

Fish Ball drooled as he said, "I am already awake Xiao Yu, I will get up after lying down for a while." As he said that, the light on his body dimmed and was about to go out again.

Zhao Yao immediately shook him and Fish Ball lit up again. He scolded Fish Ball as he shook him and said, "Useless thing, even a light bulb is stronger than you."

Fish Ball was angered from all the shaking. "Enough, Zhao Yao, I'm warning you now! Stop shaking me or else I will..."

Zhao Yao scoffed and shook him even harder turning Fish Ball into a ball of shadows.

Fish Ball shone even brighter as Zhao Yao shook him. After a while, he screamed and vomited. Even the stuff he vomited shone brightly.

Zhao Yao shook the invisible Fish Ball and glanced towards Thunder who felt slightly awkward as he said, “I wasn’t asleep just now. I was feigning it. I looked like I was asleep but once there’s some movement or if I sense something evil, I will wake up. Trust me, I’ve practised this before.”

Zhao Yao was referring to the power of his five cats. It was true that if he sensed an evil aura coming towards him or the slightest commotion he would wake up just like cats when they take naps.

Thunder nodded awkwardly. “I trust you.”

Zhao Yao looked at all the apostles that had awakened and was surprised, “Why are all of you awake? Oh, did those guys disturb your sleep?”

As he said that, his eyebrows twitched as he stared in the direction where the footsteps disappeared to and scolded saying, “Why are you all making so much noise in the middle of the night. Don’t you know that people need to sleep? They have work tomorrow! Get your asses over and apologize!”

Bam! The next moment, a formless wave rushed out from Zhao Yao’s body, creating ripples in the air as it pounced towards the sound in the darkness. Where it had passed, a chilly wind swept over that was cold enough to freeze the surrounding air.

Chapter 739: Catching the Ghost

At Zhao Yao’s will, the Deflective Field ventured into the darkness and a thud was heard as if it had caught something.

However, Zhao Yao frowned slightly. “What great strength.” The Deflective Field, which he had just activated, did not manage to capture the enemy immediately.

Although the Deflective Field was not in its Power Up card enhanced mode, it could still unleash tons of power. Even then, it was not able to capture his enemies. What was the thing that got away?

“Trying to escape?” Zhao Yao twitched his eyebrows as he stretched out his hand and grabbed the air. The bitter cold spread throughout the whole space. At his side, Thunder, Dong Zi and the rest

shuddered at once. They got goosebumps feeling as though the temperature around them had dropped drastically.

What they felt was the ripple effects from the cold force. Since its upgrade, the Deflective Field could reach a temperature that was as cold as -60 degrees celsius.

Layers of frost suddenly appeared on the floor. Ka-cha! Ka-cha! sounds were heard from the darkness as if something was cracking as it froze.

Behind Zhao Yao, Dust Ball kept the dimension portal open. Afterall, the situation in OX city was uncertain so Zhao Yao kept it as a backup plan in case something went wrong.

In the dimension portal at that moment, more than 10 supercats were inside watching the scene unfold in front of them.

Dust Ball's eyes lit up as she said, "How exciting."

Diana covered her big eyes with both paws as she trembled, "So scary, meow. Is the ghost gone?"

Lightning went over to comfort Diana, "Diana, you can lick me if you're scared."

Elizabeth's light flashed red as she uttered, "Get lost."

Under Elizabeth's control, Lightning rolled and knocked into Cannon. Cannon laughed at Lightning as he rubbed his paws and said, "Lightning, I bet you won't be able to get Diana to date you? You want to bet?"

"All you know how to do is bet." Lightning narrowed his eyes at Cannon and said, "How much did you lose at the round-robin competition?"

"I'm left with 98 dollars in my card. I need another 2 dollars to pay. Why don't you lend me some money, Lightning?" Cannon smiled sheepishly and said, "Today Germany is up against Mexico in the World Cup. It's a win for sure as long as you place a bet. Lend me 2 dollars and I will return the world to you."

Lightning just said, “Get lost, betting dog.”

On the other side, Zhao Yao scoffed before reaching out again. As he grabbed, a black shadow was caught by the Deflective Field.

The crowd was stunned at the sight of the black shadow.

The thing that stopped in front of Zhao Yao was about the size of a palm, covered in frost with cold air still emanating from it.

“This is... a shoe?” Thunder exclaimed.

Zhao Yao frowned. The thing that Zhao Yao caught from the darkness looked like a leather shoe no matter how he tried to see it.

Thunder was confused. “This is the ghost’s shoe? But why does a ghost need to wear shoes?”

“No, this thing is moving,” Zhao Yao narrowed his eyes. He could feel a strong energy emanating from the shoe. Although the low temperature reduced the powers of the shoe, there was indeed a force emanating from it.

Zhao Yao activated the Deflective Field again and saw the air around the leather shoe contort as it started to shake violently from the force of layers of pressure being exerted on it.

The next moment, the leather shoe exploded with a bang, turning into a green smoke that tried to escape. However, it was caught in the Deflective Field and compressed into a green ball of smoke in Zhao Yao’s hand.

Everyone was shocked by the scene before them. Zhao Yao glanced at them and shook his head as he said, “It wasn’t me, it turned into smoke on its own.”

Thunder and the rest all gathered closer to Zhao Yao and stared in astonishment at the ball of smoke that was moving about in Zhao Yao’s hand. “This is the ghost?”

However at the next moment, the ball of smoke vibrated intensely before it turned into the shape of a human skull that laughed eerily at Zhao Yao.

Kekekekekeke...

“Why are you so noisy?” Zhao Yao was angered. “You’re already scrunched up in my hands and you’re still so arrogant?” The Deflective Field exerted its strength and the ball of smoke shrunk again and tightened. “Quick, apologize, for screaming so loudly in the dead of the night and waking everyone up.”

Hehehehehe!

The smoke ghost just continued laughing eerily at Zhao Yao, sending chills down the spines of Thunder and the rest.

However, Zhao Yao was enraged. To him, this was just a supercat or an apostle that was fooling around and pretending to be a ghost. This thing was actually still so arrogant even after being caught?

“Get on your knees and admit your mistakes!” As Zhao Yao said that, the smoke ghost was forced into the shape of a human under the pressure of the Deflective Field and plonked down on his knees in Zhao Yao’s hand.

Thunder was amazed. “You can do that?”

Everyone was shocked by the scene and watched as that small person started kowtowing to Zhao Yao.

Thunder was shocked beyond words as he thought, “Is this the power of the strong? His every move was impressive and his one word could make everyone do his bidding.”

“Don’t think you can get away with just an apology,” Zhao Yao grabbed the cloud of smoke in his hand and started to twist it with the power of the Deflective Field. “Tell us honestly. What exactly are you? A supercat? Or an apostle?” He thought to himself, “Like Nekomata and the Japanese Spirit Army, if those spirits suddenly disappeared even my Deflective Field couldn’t catch them. But why can’t this thing escape my Deflective Field?”

The cloud of smoke was seen turning into a ball then into a cube as it continued being molded into all sorts of shapes. However, it did not speak a word at all, as if it could not talk.

Zhao Yao molded it with much interest, turning it into things like a cat stick and waving it around. He turned to Roly Poly and said, “Roly Poly, try playing with this.”

Roly Poly stared squarely at the cat stick that was being waved around and looked really interested in it. At last, he pounced on it as if he could not resist the temptation and scratched crazily at the cat stick.

Roly Poly, who was invisible, thought to himself, “Sigh, forget it, just cooperate with this Zhao Yao and play around with it.” As a supercat Roly Poly was obviously past the age of being obsessed with cat sticks.

Thunder watched as the Headless Horseman turned the smoke ghost into a cat stick and played around with it. He was just about to remind him to think of a way to question the other party when he saw Zhao Yao fiddling with the smoke again and turning the smoke ghost into a long and rough thing with two ‘eggs’ attached to it at the bottom. Thereafter, the Headless Horseman continued playing around with the long stick thing.

Thunder was speechless.

Zhao Yao shook the thing as he communicated telepathically to Roly Poly, “Roly Poly, why are you not playing with it?” He placed the thing against Roly Poly’s face as he said, “Quick, scratch it. You don’t like cat sticks anymore?”

Roly Poly was speechless. He stared ominously at the thing on his face as he thought to himself, “D*mn you, how is this a cat stick? You’re just degrading my cat morals.”

Just as Roly Poly thought about whether he should defy Zhao Yao, the smoke ghost that had been turned into that big stick screamed, “Enough!”

“Don’t go overboard!”

“I’m a ghost! If you continue playing with me, I will kill your whole family!”

“Ah?” Zhao Yao stared in surprise at the stick in his hand, “So you can talk?”

The smoke ghost screamed, “Quick, turn me back!”

“No.”

The smoke ghost said angrily, “You want to know what I am and who sent me here right? I will tell you everything once you turn me back into my original form.”

“No,” Zhao Yao stroked his chin and said, “I still prefer how you look now.”

“What the f*ck.” The smoke ghost felt as if he was about to explode from anger. He had never met someone who was this ridiculous: turning a ghost into whatever they wanted... It was too preposterous.

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The smoke ghost asked furiously, “What is needed for you to let me go?”

“You seem pretty useful.” Zhao Yao twirled him and said, “From now on, you belong to me.”

“No!” The smoke ghost yelled angrily, “Scumbag! Do you know what you have done? You are history. You are dead! We will not let you off!”

“Who are you?”

“We are...”

Loud roars were heard coming from the clouds of smoke. The smoke ghost combusted and the flames turned into sparks that vanished into the thin air.

Zhao Yao looked puzzled at his hand that was holding the smoke ghost prior and thought, “Suicide? Dead? Or a unique superpower that helped him escape?”

Thunder who witnessed the disappearing of the smoke ghost was worried as he said, “Are the ghosts in OX city all like this? No form and without shadow and capricious behavior too? They are not easy to deal with.”

“Don’t worry.” Zhao Yao waved his hand and said confidently, “I am a ghostbuster. Back in China and Japan, I have lost count of the ghosts that I have captured. This ghost isn’t particularly powerful.”

As Zhao Yao was calming his companions down, gunshots rang from the distant darkness and screams of humans tore through the silence.

Zhao Yao’s eyes glistened as he said, “Perhaps the other warriors rushed over in the dark?”

Zhao Yao activated his Deflective Field to place Thunder and his men behind him then he picked Fish Ball up and sprinted towards the commotion.

Fish Ball emitted white rays of light as Zhao Yao who was draped with Cheese’s cloak sprinted towards the direction of the gunshots. He looked like a small sun hovering in mid-air with white rays of brilliance illuminating the large expanse before them.

Meanwhile, a few warriors were running in the dark. Behind them were swooshing sounds that suggested some unknown creature was crawling on the ground and pursuing them.

One of the woman panted heavily and shouted, “No, I can’t run anymore. I will provide cover while you escape.”

A man pulled her along and sprinted while yelling, “No one will be left behind.”

The woman retorted fiercely, “If this goes on, everybody will die!”

As the group was in a heated discussion, a gust of sinister wind blew over their body and the swooshing sounds faded. The entire world fell into a dark silence. Only the heavy panting of the warriors was heard.

The warriors set themselves back to back. Their sweaty palms held handguns while their nervous faces scanned the surrounding darkness.

The woman abruptly tapped everyone's back and pointed to a distant street corner.

They turned their heads and aimed their torchlight at the street corner.

A woman in a tall white dress and long dark hair that obscured her face stood motionless with bare feet.

Everyone shivered when they saw the woman in white. They felt a great sense of danger and it gave them goosebumps all over their bodies.

A few minutes ago, the woman in white had killed more than ten local apostles and then pursued them here.

They swallowed their saliva, turned around, and ran for their lives. They had no intention of fighting at all.

The woman in white vanished the moment they reacted.

The warriors were alarmed and screamed, "Run!"

A blood red tongue shot out from nowhere, wrapped around the waist of a warrior, and pulled him into the darkness.

Ah! The caught warrior roared, aimed his handgun at the blood red tongue, and pulled the trigger frantically.

However, the bullets were unable to sever the tongue. Instead, it caused a series of bellows from the darkness and for the crimson tongue to tighten its grip. The caught warrior screamed in pain as his body cracked under pressure.

The rest of the warriors were sick with anxiety. They raised their handguns and shot in the direction of the tongue extension. Their efforts were in vain as the caught warrior vanished slowly into the darkness.

A warrior screamed in anger and sprinted towards the darkness. The rest of the warriors wanted to stop him but it was too late. They gritted their teeth and followed suit.

The figure of the woman in white was caught in the wavering rays of the torchlight as she flashed across its beam. The warrior shot at the figure.

The rest of the warriors caught up and searched with their torchlight only to find the woman in white climbing the walls of a small building like a spider. The injured warrior was wrapped by a long crimson tongue and was carried by it as she climbed.

“Save him!”

“Be careful!”

“Don’t hit Xiao Meng!”

The warriors fired as they chased after her. The bullets landed on her with loud pops. However, the woman in white did not appear to be injured. The incessant gunshots infuriated her instead.

She bellowed and tossed Xiao Meng who landed on the ground. She scampered rapidly towards another warrior as her tongue shot out like a poisonous cobra and penetrated his shoulders.

Gunshots, ferocious bellows, screams of agony rang in the darkness. The warriors were all seriously injured. The woman in white did not kill them as she intended to capture them.

When the warriors had lost all hope, a ray of brilliance shone from the sky illuminating the entire street.

They lifted their head and saw in the blinding light a figure walking down from the sky, advancing towards the woman in white.

She showed her true self under the brilliant light. Her skin was as pale as a sheet, her face wretched, her eyes showing white and her tongue dripping with blood. She let out a disturbing bellow and rushed towards the unknown figure leaving a trail of her blurred white dress.

Her sudden acceleration was far greater than that used in the battle with the warriors. They realized that she had not used her full strength.

The woman in white seemed to hit an invisible wall with a loud explosion and she was sent flying back violently where she landed on the ground creating a large crater.

She recovered quickly and climbed up. After a deafening roar, she rushed forward again.

The figure in the white light clapped his hand and the air was severely distorted. The woman in white was being hit like a fly with a mosquito swat. She was sprawled in the crater, unable to move.