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Chapter 731: A Great Plan!

"Grandpa... that... what... get married?" Zuo Wuji grabbed and asked his grandfather.

Prime Minister Zuo was smiling. "I don't know what's wrong with it! The old bastards want you to be their grandson-in-law... They just made it up I guess... They are all talking nonsense... and also accusing others. Just a bunch of old pricks."

"Ah!" Zuo Wuji was stunned.

He didn't believe anybody would make up something like that.

"Prime Minister Zuo, you are old. You forgot it. I don't blame you. When you son's wife was pregnant, my son's wife was too. You and I, we made a deal..." One of the old officials said, "You may already forget it, but I remember. Look. One should always keep his promise..."

Zuo Wuji felt that this old man was so vile.

What the old man said was 'no matter what you say, this is happening!'

He just stuck to it.

"That is not true! It was me! We made the deal!" Another old man raged up. "It can't be... Old Zuo, did you make the same deal with several families? My heavens..."

Prime Minister Zuo widely opened his eyes and rubbed his beard.

[What the hell is that?]

[Now I am the bad guy here? I have no idea what you are talking about, alright?]

[You actually want to drag me into this?]

[Okay. So I am this easy to bully for you? Is that what you think?]

"You old bastards! Do you even have conscience? Wuji was sick! You all knew it! Don't forget how you kept your granddaughters covered! You didn't even like it when I went by and ask about your baby granddaughters! You don't want your granddaughter to be seen by me... Now look at you. How dare you lie about this! You disgust me! Pah..."

He raged up in anger for real. That was exactly how Zuo Wuji raged in anger when he was pissed.

Zuo Wuji was speechless about this. He said, "Grandpa, let's just focus on the business... The king is waiting for us. If we don't give him a good answer, he will be pissed so badly. He may even think that we are using his hand to suppress the other officials. That is the worst thing we can get... Look, I don't want to be reckless in marriage. Let's just talk about this someday... I am still young. I have time..."

Prime Minister Zuo calmed down. He nodded. "That's true. I am old. I can't always stay sharp in mind."

The other old guys knew Wuji was right. They just let it go. However, one of them murmured, "That is true. You are still young, but girls are not the same. My granddaughter is not that young. She will be too old after a few years. If your grandfather didn't make that deal with me, maybe my granddaughter has already been married for many years. You are a lucky man to have her, kid..."

Another old man spat on the floor and sneered. "You old bastard... Your granddaughter is seven years old... Too old after a few years? Are you serious? And you said you made the deal with him when your son's wife is pregnant. Tell me, was it seven years ago, or before ten years ago?"

After all, they knew what was the most important thing here, so finally, they shut up and looked at Zuo Wuji.

Apparently, they were waiting to hear what this young man would say.

"Wuji, you made that report and you impeached those men. We want to hear your thoughts first."

Zuo Wuji thought for a while and said, "It could be a big deal this time. There are different ways we can do it. However, I wasn't making that report out of anger or other emotions. I had a plan."

"What is it?"

"Nothing special. The world is going to be united soon!" Zuo Wuji said. "Ye Nantian the Great General has wiped out the grassland folks in the north. The threat in the north is gone.

"Ye Xiao got a great victory in Iron Peak. We took back all the lands we lost. It shocked the world. Wenren Jianyin was in a coma after spitting out blood. He may die any second... He can't lead an army for battle in the coming future. The only commander they have is Yang Wanli. After this war, the Kingdom of Lan-Feng lost over one and a half million men. They should have run out of money too. They don't have a sponsor like Ling-Bao Hall. Things are great on our side.

"The east. The Kingdom of Tian-Yu didn't waste much of their manpower. However, it is a war between kingdoms. It lasted long. Zhan Qianshan wouldn't return to the battle in a few years.

"The Kingdom of Chen, us, we lost the most in the war, however, we still have lots of money! For now, we are the wealthiest kingdom in the world!

"The union of the world all depends on how we manage to lead it for the next few years.

"Such an important time. Those useless pricks could only damage our kingdom on the court! We don't need them to sit in their positions anymore.

"That is why we need a purge in the kingdom. We need to clean the court. We have to kick those guys out! Only after that could we start to plan the union of the world. I said Ye Xiao couldn't show his back to those men. Neither could we.

"Once we miss this opportunity, even if we are just one year late, we will be seriously stalked in the way to the great union. We may have to work another dozen years, even hundred years. We may even fail!"

Zuo Wuji continued, "That is why I made that report. I can't let the opportunity slip away."

"Those men may do well when it is a peaceful time. They are capable men, even though they are greedy pricks.

"However, we are going to fight for something great. Those men, they won't help. They would only impede the kingdom. I have to kick them out and make more vacancies for the real capable men.

"Capable men go up, useless men go out. Those who won't give it up for the better ones, we will have to kill them. Everything we do, we should do it for a clean and powerful court. The Kingdom of Chen should conquer the world. Whoever stands in the way, dies!"

Zuo Wuji spoke calmly.

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Chapter 732: Mainstay!

The five old men were all shocked by what Zuo Wuji said. They all felt like a fire was rising up in their chests!

Suddenly, their blood was boiling! They were thrilled!

The five old men's hearts had long become calm as water in a wasted well!

However, even so, after they heard Wuji's words, they were thrilled!

They never expected Zuo Wuji was actually planning to conquer the entire world!

That bright image of the plan was so profound that even the five of them couldn't think of it, even though they had been in the court for so many years.

"Good!"

The five men spoke the same word at the same time.

They looked at Zuo Wuji, but only in a different way.

Apparently, in the old men's hearts, he was a different person. [I thought we thought high enough of him, yet we were actually underestimating him!]

[He can be a mainstay in the court now, not to mention in the future when he learns more. Give him two years and he will become a legend.]

[He will become a legend that is recorded in the history book. A myth!]

[When people say one man is enough to unite the entire world...]

[They are talking about exactly a man like this young man.]

[This young man is even better than that!]

The five old men all were lost in thought again. [Why didn't I notice the brilliant point of him? I didn't realize it at all. I actually thought he was just as stupid as the other two young men in the city, the three lords in town as they say!]

[I was completely blind! How could I underestimate him like that?]

[Three lords in town. That's what we usually say. Zuo Wuji has been planning on the union of the entire world. He is working on it now. Lan Langlang is fighting in the battle in the south. He treats the soldiers with kindness, and got great prestige back from them. He is going to be another General Lan, as good as his father...]

[Ye Xiao, the head of the three lords in town, is absolutely incredibly outstanding. He stood out for the kingdom when it is in danger. He led one hundred thousand people and defeated Wenren Jianyin's one and a half million troops! He shocked the world!]

[We kept saying that these three lads were wasted. We thought they were just rotting in the foppish lies!]

[If they were useless, what our sons and grandsons are?]

[Trash? Scums? Crap?]

The old men sighed. They felt embarrassed.

[Damn it. We have lived so many years. We are old. We are wise. At least we thought so. It turns out we are goddamn blind! How come we never think about that?]

[We must have been living like dogs!]

They figured their granddaughters were never going to match with Zuo Wuji.

They sighed and then left for work.

The big purge in the Kingdom of Chen started right after this day.

It was happening like a flashing lightning, fast and overwhelming.

It put down one after another in the city!

That was the day when Zuo Wuji showed his capability in ruling. After all, he was going to become the famous Prime Minister Zuo in the future. In the Kingdom of Chen, he had certain power to express his own opinion now. What happened next was the cooperation of the two most ambitious men, Zuo Wuji and Chen Xuantian, conquering the world.

What they wanted was the same. They hit it off instantly!

After the purge, the kingdom was like a machine rolling up and up to the top!

Whoever dared to stand in their way would be wiped out instantly. No mercy.

The king wouldn't let anybody stop this. Zuo Wuji wouldn't let anybody stop him from climbing up to the top of the system!

The centuries inheritance of the Kingdom of Chen had started from Zuo Wuji's report!

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On the way back to the Kingdom of Chen from the north.

Ye Nantian was riding fast.

His son had led less than two hundred thousand men to fight against Wenren Jianyin's one and a half million troops. His heart was torn with anxiety!

The moment when he got the news, he gave the order to march towards the west immediately!

At the moment, he had ran over half of the path, yet he was still in anxiety. He wouldn't stop for even one second.

[That little prick. How could he lead an army? Besides, he is fighting the war god, Wenren Jianyin. Even I have no confidence to defeat him!]

[Not to mention the enemy is absolutely outnumbering him.]

Even Ye Nantian himself didn't have the confidence to defeat Wenren Jianyin under such a negative situation. For him, Ye Xiao was just a boy who had never even stepped on the battlefield!

He wished he could instantly return to the capital and grab the king before punching him hard. He badly wanted to ask the king, "What the hell you think you are doing? What the hell do you want? I have been risking my life fighting for you! Now, you actually sent my son to the front line! Don't you have conscience anymore?"

While he was rushing on the way...

"Report from the west!"

A vice-general rushed over with a pigeon in his hand. Apparently, he was so excited that he held that pigeon too hard and that little creature was dead in his hand.

Ye Nantian was surprised. [What... It already ends in the west?]

[Hmm. Not a strange thing though. It has been quite some days after Xiao-Er left the capital. Wenren Jianyin is totally capable enough to break the Iron Peak during these days. Is Xiao-Er okay? Are they all dead?]

He felt so disheartened.

He didn't even bother thinking about a victory, but that's reasonable.

Even though Ye Xiao was smart and strong at some point, he had never fought in a war before. He had never done planning a strategy at war. Even though Song Jue would help him, he was just a warrior. He was not even close to a commander himself.

Besides, they had no more than two hundred thousand men to use including a bunch of wounded men in Iron Peak. Wenren Jianyin had one and a half million. It would only take him one strike to wipe Ye Xiao's men out!

No matter in any aspects... Ye Xiao was way behind the enemy.

What was worse was that before he left the capital, he killed so many men. Because of that, he had no support from behind!

Basically, everything indicated that Ye Xiao would lose!

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Chapter 733: Hero Father, Hero Son!

Ye Nantian thought that Ye Xiao must have been defeated.

That was a certain thing for him.

He was lost for a few seconds, and then he calmed down and looked at the vice-general. He spoke with a hoarse voice, "My son... Ye Xiao... Is he alive?"

That was the only thing Ye Nantian wanted at the moment. He wanted to know that his son was still alive.

[He is not a useless boy. Besides, Song Jue should be with him. Maybe he survived?]

For him, Ye Xiao winning the war was nothing but a stupid dream.

"Why would you ask so?" The vice-general looked at Ye Nantian. He was curious why Ye Nantian would ask so.

[This is weird... I have read the report to him just now... Such a thrilling news... Commander Ye got a great victory! Of course he is alive! How could he... die?]

"Hmm?" Ye Nantian was sober now. "What does the report say?"

[Commander didn't hear me?]

Vice-general cleared his throat and said again with excitement, "Report from the west! In Iron Peak, Commander Ye, Ye Xiao, led one hundred and eighty thousand men and fought against Wenren Jianyin's one and a half million troops. What a great victory Commander Ye won! He and our strong army have been chasing after the fleeing enemies to..."

"What? What, what, what?" Ye Nantian couldn't believe it. He shouted to interrupt, "What? We won? Ye Xiao won? Are you kidding?"

"No, Commander! How could I? Congratulations! Hero father, hero son! Young Commander Ye is truly outstanding..."

The vice-general spoke loudly. It burst the crowd into excitement.

[Commander Ye's son, the other Commander Ye defeated Wenren Jianyin!]

[He won that battle with much less men than Wenren Jianyin!]

[What a miracle!]

[Two great generals in one family, both are historic figures!]

[Every great merit is peerless!]

[Both are legends!]

[Both are myths!]

[Such a glory!]

[How thrilling!]

Ye Nantian didn't hear a word of what the vice-general went on talking. He was lost in thought. He couldn't think of any other things now.

The only feeling he had was joy!

[Xiao Xiao is alive!]

[He won!]

[He defeated Wenren Jianyin with one hundred and eighty thousand men!]

[He defeated the famous general in the world, the War God of Lan-Feng!]

He couldn't believe what he heard, so he grabbed the report and read it himself. He didn't even miss one letter.

After reading it, he became silent.

Suddenly, he shouted loudly to the sky.

His voice got up to the clouds like thunder. And then he just laughed.

However, there were tears in his eyes.

[My dear, did you see that?]

[Our son!]

[He is a grown up man now!]

[He shocks the world, just like his father!]

[I didn't let you down.]

[Your son didn't let you down.]

[Just wait for me. We are going to reunite soon.]

He was thrilled. "Keep moving! However, we can slow it down a bit now. We don't need to hurry now. Hahahaha..."

Commander Ye, who had always been solemn, was actually laughing.

"Congratulations, Commander!"

"Like father like son. The father is Commander Ye, so is the son. You both are Commander Ye!"

"Hahahaha..."

People kept congratulating him. He felt like he was in the way to the extreme happiness now. He hadn't stopped smiling all the way back from the north. He became so nice and kind all of a sudden. Even the guards who had been following him for years felt it was surprising.

"How rare! For the first time in so many years, I saw Commander Ye happy like this!"

"This is not rare! We have never seen him laugh like this before!"

After another day.

The report about how Ye Xiao retreated for a beauty arrived too.

When the news arrived, the Northern Army fell into silence.

Everybody knew that was not a good thing!

A field commander might sometimes do things against the king's orders, however, he retreated without reporting in advance. He actually gave back those lands to the enemy.

That was treason. At least it was misconducting!

No matter what, he had committed something serious!

Besides, there was a beautiful girl involved.

The princess of the Kingdom of Lan-Feng!

If the king decided to dig deep on this, Ye Xiao might be condemned with treason.

The penalty would be extinction of the entire family!

[Oh right. It is said that Ye Xiao has killed many younger lads from influential families. That messed up with many people in the court. Those officials hate men of the military. Most of the time, they would win in arguments. After all, they always speak to the king. Now that they have an excuse to put Ye Xiao to death, they would definitely try!]

[This is tough!]

[This is more than just tough!]

Nobody dared to make a sound. They looked troubled, but none had any idea to help!

Ye Nantian was still calm. He was still smiling. He didn't seem worried at all.

"Commander, this is not a good news." A general talked to him in a low voice, "The boy was being reckless on this. Commander, I guess we should figure out a plan to deal with the officials, in case anything happen to our young commander..."

"That's true. Young man is obsessed in love, that is reasonable, but we are still at war... To give up one's country for the beauty..." Another general shook his head. Apparently, he didn't like what Ye Xiao had done. If it wasn't Ye Xiao, he should have cursed him badly.

"What should we do? Those useless pricks in the court are definitely going to stir some sh*t to stain Commander Ye and the young commander. They may even set it up to get the House of Ye wiped out! We have to do something!" a third general said.

"Our young commander truly got guts. He actually led the army back just for a girl. I know it is not a right thing to do, and it is disgraceful, but he truly got guts... Like father like son. It is just... This is not an easy-to-clean mess!"

The generals were talking about it. Everyone was worried.

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Chapter 734: Dote!

However, Ye Nantian was indifferent. He just said, "Is that truly a wrong decision to make? Xiao-Er is not a man who would be obsessed by beauty! Let me ask you one thing. What if you lead one hundred and eighty thousand wounded men to fight against Wenren Jianyin's one and a half million troops. Tell me. How many men in your army will survive after that fight? How many will survive the seven full day's hunt? Can they still fight? Can they really?"

The generals were silent.

It sounded wordy, but they all understood Ye Nantian.

Wounded men!

Seven full days hunt!

How many survived?

Could they still fight?

Really?

They all knew there wouldn't be any positive answer for these questions!

Ye Xiao positively got through it all to the final question!

What could these generals do if they were the ones who led the army under that situation?

A general thought for a while and then bitterly smiled. "First, none of us could fight against Wenren Jianyin. We would definitely be broken before the fight started, because we don't have faith in it. Not a bit. It is impossible that any of us could defeat Wenren Jianyin. Even if, let's say, we did it... we won. Well... One hundred and eighty thousand men..."

He gritted his teeth and said, "No more than fifty thousand men could make it. Fifty thousand survivors will be a blessing from heavens! That is the most optimistic result!"

"I reckon at least forty-nine thousand of them should be seriously injured. Maybe all fifty thousand. There may be twenty thousand who are gravely wounded, and thirty thousand men slightly wounded.

All in all... six thousand men who can still fight at the end. That would be the luckiest situation we may get..."

"Right. And the one hundred and eighty thousand men have to be elites. All of them. Best of the best."

When he finished, another general sneered. "Six thousand men? Aren't you too optimistic? Why don't you go back to your dream? You missed the seven full days of chasing! For me, five hundred men is the maximum! And you should be grateful if you have hundreds left!"

The other generals thought for a while and then agreed with it.

"According to the report, the number of Ye Xiao's men should be about one hundred and thirty thousand when he eventually defeated Wenren Jianyin." Ye Nantian blandly spoke, "After a tough fight and seven full days chasing, they took back the lands we lost and reached the Sky Nerve City. How many men do you think could still fight? None. The entire army was driven by excitement!"

"If they kept holding there and never retreated, the moment the men in Sky Nerve City came out for a fight, we would lose. Also, we don't have men to guard the lands we conquered. To occupy those towns forcibly would only create more battles we would surely lose!" Ye Nantian blandly spoke.

The generals bitterly smiled.

They knew it was true.

"Under that situation, only ten thousand men could defeat our men once and for all... Young Commander Ye was truly just a paper tiger, which could not stand a strike." One of the generals bitterly smiled and shook his head.

"Then why keep holding the towns from the Kingdom of Lan-Feng?" Ye Nantian asked.

"They shouldn't."

"Was it wrong to retreat?" Ye Nantian asked.

"Not at all!"

"What he did was to use that princess as an excuse. By doing that, he showed the world that he could still continue fighting, but he just retreated for the princess!"

"Even though people might call him amative and stupid, he didn't show weakness to the enemy. Instead, his army was spirited up." Ye Nantian humphed and said, "It might not sound brave and it might hurt that girl, however, it is the best option! What wrong is it?"

The generals bitterly smiled.

"Commander, of course there is nothing wrong. Every man of the military will know that after your explanation. However, the problem is the officials in the capital. They won't give a sh*t to the reasons. Even if they knew the truth, they would still try everything to frame Ye Xiao..."

"Young Commander Ye has messed with so many men in the court before he left for battle! They would definitely seek for revenge!"

"Young Commander Ye will be accused for sure."

"This is the affairs of the kingdom after all. No matter what, young Commander Ye didn't follow the procedure. That is the truth. Those pricks love holding people's weaker foot. We are honorable men and we are not as good as they are in talking. We can never win in a battle of words. Attacking by words, they are just good at it..."

The generals were worried.

Ye Nantian showed an indifferent expression and humphed. He casually spoke, "So what? Affairs of the kingdom? My son is much more important! He wants to retreat, he retreats! He wants to attack, he attacks! Affairs of the kingdom... it means nothing compared to my son!"

The generals were shocked.

They never thought that Commander Ye would say that. He had just finished talking about the kingdom seriously.

The kingdom became nothing compared to his son...

Ye Nantian was extremely doting on his son!

The generals didn't say a word to respond. However, they were even more worried.

[I guess even if young Commander Ye captures an innocent girl to be his concubine, Commander Ye would still get his back! 'It is an honor that my son captured you! He won't accept an ugly one, will he? He praises you. You should be flattered! ...' He might say so...]

Maybe he truly did.

Ye Nantian spoiled his son so so much anyway!

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Chapter 735: Obsessed in Cultivation!

The generals all felt lucky. [Young Commander Ye is an outstanding figure. How lucky! If he is a bad guy as the rumor says... he will become a monster in the kingdom being spoiled by his father like this...]

That was true.

Ye Nantian was a hero, yet he spoiled Ye Xiao too much. When Ye Xiao was acting so foppishly as the head of the three lords in town, Ye Nantian still didn't want to discipline him.

In Ye Nantian's heart, he felt sorry for his wife. He loved his son more than his own life, because he was also the son of his wife. He felt guilty for his wife and his son, so he spoiled his son as a remedy.

In his heart, he would rather die instantly than let his son feel wronged.

This was the biggest weakness of Ye Nantian. If Ye Xiao wasn't possessed by Xiao Monarch, he should have become a bodacious prick for real.

No. In fact, if Xiao Monarch didn't possess him, he should have died long ago. If he died, the Kingdom of Chen would collapse for it, even the entire Land of Han-Yang would be destroyed. Ye Nantian's real power was much stronger than the limit of this world. If he raged up in extreme anger, the world would fail to hold the power blasts of Ye Nantian. It might truly be ruined!

That meant Xiao Monarch truly came to this world in the right time. He indirectly saved the Land of Han-Yang!

Ye Nantian was a father who loved his son so deeply. However, it was too heavy that it might ruin everything.

His love was touching, but it was wrong. Once it lost the balance, it would lead to unimaginable disaster.

Chaos? World destruction?

Maybe!

However, whoever had a father like this, no matter what end he would go, he must be happy while he was alive!

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Ye Xiao was safe. Ye Nantian felt relieved when he knew it. He let his army slow down a bit on the way.

Besides, he had to arrange something, in case somebody in the capital truly was planning to frame his son... He would show them no mercy and kill every single one of them in a vicious way...

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Ye Xiao had been ignoring everything outside for the past few days. He just kept concentrating in cultivation!

Cosmic Hades had blasted out lots of cold energy that was even more than the time it created that ice mountain.

The fire was put out and the land was covered by ice, but that was just a tiny part of the energy it emitted this time!

When Cosmic Hades made a powerful blast and put an end to the battlefield, Ye Xiao hurriedly put it back to the Space while it was still emitting cold qi. The cold qi suddenly filled up the Space.

Ye Xiao was much stronger now, so he absorbed lots of the cold qi. However, it didn't solve the problem.

There was still a huge amount of cold qi filling in the Space. Luckily, after being tortured... so many times, the Boundless Space could still hold it.

After the war was settled, Ye Xiao couldn't wait getting into the Space to deal with the enormous cold qi.

He was so impatient because in one hand, he needed to take care of the cold qi that was created by the Cosmic Hades, in the other hand, he wanted to check on Brother Egg.

The reason why he attended this war was because Brother Egg needed lots of soul power. Ye Xiao couldn't collect enough except by absorbing it in the battlefield! He had to collect as much as he could since he couldn't have better quality!

Brother Egg had gotten enough energy. Now, it was in an extremely strange status!

The patterns on its shell seemed changing all the time. There were also colorful glows floating on it.

It seemed there were several stars shining on the shell. It lit up the entire Space and made it colorful and mysterious. Every one hour, there would be a starlight shooting over.

That meant the star pattern was changed again.

One hour after another, the star changed again and again...

Every time after the star image changed, the patterns on the shell would shine so many times. Lots of different animals showed up on the shell and disappeared right away...

Within three days, there were nearly a billion images of different living creatures that showed up on the shell!

Ye Xiao felt that he was in a daze.

[Brother Egg... what a world shocking marvelous creature are you!]

Ye Xiao was more and more looking forward to it!

Brother Egg was just in silence all these days. It didn't absorb any cold qi, or suppress the Cosmic Hades. Ye Xiao had to deal with the cold qi himself.

Facing the blast of the extreme cold qi, Ye Xiao felt it a difficult mission to complete.

However, it was only difficult not impossible. Ye Xiao still needed a big upgrade before reaching the top of Sky Origin Stage. He needed lots of energy to break through after all.

He was working so hard staying in the Space to digest the cold qi.

He didn't even move in the three full days.

When he felt tired, he opened his eyes and looked at Brother Egg.

After that, he kept absorbing the energy and digested it...

East-rising Purple Qi had been operating all the time in full power. It transferred the cold qi into his dantian. Yin power and Yang power were both increasing in Ye Xiao. He was getting more and more powerful.

Being pushed by the extreme cold qi, he was improving extremely fast!

He had to be fast, unless he wanted the Wood Space to be ruined again...

Boundless Space was limited in holding the extreme cold qi. Ye Xiao knew it well. In fact, that was why he usually didn't use Cosmic Hades to create cold qi!

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Chapter 736: Ready to Hatch!

Ye Xiao was happy about the improvement. However, to be pushed in cultivation was so tiring after all. He had had enough.

After a sigh, he continued cultivating.

After three days, a short-time of cultivation, he had improved a lot.

Now, he had officially broken through the peak of Sky Origin Stage and became level one of Spirit Origin Stage. Besides... his martial arts were improved. Both Yin and Yang energies in him were improved. Yin Yang Eye was much powerful, and most importantly, East-rising Purple Qi had improved to the middle phase of the second level.

Ye Xiao calculated the improvement of himself this time.

He had broken through about fifty levels from Human Origin Stage to Spirit Origin Stage. At the end, he finally reached the second level of East-rising Purple Qi.

After working so hard, he entered the middle phase of the second level.

[Is it fast or slow?]

[Wait. Maybe I am focusing on the wrong point. The speed... It is not about time...]

[When I was Earth Origin Stage, I entered the initial phase of the second level. After absorbing so much energy, I am now in the middle phase...]

[That means I will need an incredible amount of spiritual qi to reach level three and level four.]

[Spiritual qi. I need more spiritual qi. The more spiritual qi I have, the faster it improves and the higher it reaches!]

He was in trouble when thinking of it. He truly didn't want to worry about this.

He was terrified. He nearly lost courage to continue when he thought about it!

After he was reborn, he had met so many things. Boundless Space, countless medical materials, countless treasures, and so many adventures, but after all these, he was only in the current level. It must be tough on the way to the future!

What he could do was to ignore the possibilities in the future and only focus on what he was doing. No matter how tough it would be, he was going to reach the end after all.

No matter what, he had just spent one year and got an achievement so much more than what most people could reach in their entire lives. In his previous life, it took him ten years!

After three days, the cold qi in the Space was greatly reduced. The seven Spaces were fine. The Wood Space could finally handle the invasion of the cold qi. Ye Xiao left the Space and ordered some food and drinks. He ate a lot to recover his strength.

He was exhausted and starving.

After dinner, before anybody could get close to talk to him, he returned to the Space and continued absorbing cold qi again.

The cold qi really hurt the Space. It could be handled, but it still hurt. The sooner it was swept off, the better. Ye Xiao truly had no interests on what was going on outside.

For him, he had done everything he should do for the Kingdom of Chen. He had also done all that he should as contribution to the Land of Han-Yang.

He wouldn't do anything for military, affairs of the kingdom, or any other things for anybody else...

He wouldn't care anymore!

[Just let it be.]

He quit, but it didn't bring any trouble to the kingdom. Everything was almost settled after all. Besides, there was Song Jue in the army, along with the vice-commander and other several generals... They were not stupid. Things wouldn't go wrong...

Commander Ye escaped the duty. That pissed Song Jue off.

[I am here to fight for you. Not to wipe the mess for you!]

However, even if he wanted to talk to Ye Xiao, he couldn't find him.

Time flew by, and nothing happened during the days. Three days passed like a blink.

An official carried the decree for Ye Xiao from the court. The king was going to reward him. Ye Nantian was only three days away.

However, Commander Ye was gone.

If he didn't show up and had a great feast himself that night, the army would have fallen into chaos!

The generals could do nothing but sigh. An irresponsible commander who had been missing all the time, it was such an odd situation they had ever experienced.

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In the Boundless Space, Ye Xiao stood up and took a long breath with relief.

It seemed a breath in white color. In the cold air, it spurted out like a long piece of cloth and stayed in the air.

After a while, that white piece of cloth finally vanished.

Ye Xiao had finally absorbed all the cold qi from the Cosmic Hades.

Mission completed. Ye Xiao stoop up and stretched himself. His bones were making cracking sound.

"It's good. Six days. I have gotten a lot. East-rising Purple Qi is in the last phase of the second level. I am in level three of Spirit Origin Stage now!"

"The spiritual qi I stored for Yin Yang Eyes should be enough for me to use for a long time before I feel sour in the eyes..."

He stepped ahead and got close to Brother Egg. He murmured, "Brother Egg, come on... Why are you still..."

Before he finished, he was shocked.

He opened his eyes widely. On the shell, there was no starlight anymore. The images of the living creatures were gone, like there had never been such things.

It was just like an ordinary egg, except in a giant size!

The eggshell was white. It just stayed there silently.

The eggshell was a bit transparent. It could be seen an embryo was inside it silently.

It wriggled from time to time.

[Brother Egg! Are you going to hatch? Finally?]

Ye Xiao was thrilled. He wanted to know what kind of marvelous creature it would become after hatching.

From the first day Brother Egg started to absorb spiritual qi to the current moment, Ye Xiao reckoned the amount of spiritual qi should be enough to raise one thousand superior cultivators who were exactly as powerful as Xiao Monarch in his previous life!

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Chapter 737: Primal Creature!

Brother Egg had swallowed lots of soul power. There was the soul of Gu Jinlong and millions of normal souls!

Besides, it had coincidentally absorbed the Ancient Natural Power.

That was the most precious energy in the world.

Even Xiao Monarch, a knowledgeable Dao Origin Stage cultivator, didn't know what kind of animal had such a horrible need! It had to be something peerless and powerful in the universe since it requested those incredible things all the time...

A massive amount of energy, endless spiritual qi... that was even enough to hatch over one thousand dragons!

However, he didn't dare to touch Brother Egg. That would be reckless. Even though he claimed himself the owner of Brother Egg, he didn't dare to touch it.

Brother Egg didn't look tough like the time when it smashed somebody to death so badly right now. It was nothing but an ordinary egg!

At least it looked so.

If he touched it and it cracked. That would be such a shame...

"Come on. Why don't you hatch already?" Ye Xiao held his jaw while looking at Brother Egg and asked.

Honestly, he just casually asked it. He didn't expect any answer. After all, Brother Egg didn't look as good as it usually was!

However, at that moment, he felt a mind stream. [Is it... Brother Egg? Asking for help?]

[It is asking for help!]

[Help me hatch...] Brother Egg said with its mind.

Ye Xiao was surprised. [Help you hatch? How? I mean, it can be helped?]

[You want me to crack your shell?]

The next moment, a stream of mind power rushed into his head. He felt a sound bombing inside his head and then a few words showed up in his head.

'Blood of the conqueror, souls of living beings, ancient natural qi, heart of the dominator; Primal Creature is born!'

Just the words, without further explanation.

[What... What the hell does that mean? Do something!]

Brother Egg kept urging him. Apparently, it wanted to come out so bad.

"Come on, man! What do you mean do something? How do I know what to do?" Ye Xiao freaked out.

"Blood of the conqueror, souls of living beings, ancient natural qi, heart of the dominator... They all sound like something really difficult to find. At least their names are telling it! Well... We have the souls of living beings, also the ancient natural qi... but... blood of the conqueror? Heart of the dominator? Come on. Where am I supposed to find them?"

Brother Egg stopped for a while and then talked through the mind connection again.

[It is you... You, you, you, you, you ...] Brother Egg was enlighten.

[Come one. That blood and that heart... It is you! How would I be here if it wasn't for you?]

[Me? It's me? I have that blood and that heart?] Ye Xiao was surprised.

[So I am the conqueror and the dominator?]

Ye Xiao always thought highly of himself, but not so much yet.

[I... When did I become the conqueror and the dominator now?]

[Who told you so?]

[How come even I don't know it? Shouldn't I be informed?]

Brother Egg was apparently in a rush. It kept urging him. [I am going to die in here if you keep taking and talking like that...]

[But, how?] Ye Xiao was troubled.

[Look. Do what I tell you to...]

And then Brother Egg put the idea into his mind. Ye Xiao thought it over and then took a deep breath. He stepped close to Brother Egg and operated his spiritual qi. Suddenly, his face turned all red! - Puff! - He spat out blood and it splashed on Brother Egg.

That was some blood from inside his heart.

When the blood touched the shell of Brother Egg, it disappeared.

At the same time, blood streaks appeared all over the shell all of a sudden.

Ye Xiao wasn't surprised. He hurriedly cut his finger with the fingernail and forced the blood to come out. He was staining the egg with his own blood...

He stained every inch of the shell.

When he finished staining it entirely, he had a magical feeling rushing into his head. He shouted in a deep voice, "As the conqueror, the dominator, I link my soul to you and stain you with my blood. Ancient natural qi meets the souls of the livings. Hatch, my beloved pet. Spiritual creature of chaos, show yourself!"

"From now on, you will stay beside me to the end of the firmament, share my joy when I conquer the world!"

When he said these, he didn't even know why and how he could say it.

However, he just let it go.

Before he finished talking, his finger shined with some dim glow. He tapped on the egg shell!

"Come! Primal spirit!"

- Crack! -

The shell cracked into eight pieces.

Those were eight exactly the same pieces. It was like a lotus blossoming.

At the same time, a rolling and raging spiritual qi burst out!

The purple spiritual qi suddenly filled the entire Boundless Space. Ye Xiao even felt it hard to breathe all of a sudden.

That spiritual was so dense that it felt like solid.

That was some wonderful spiritual qi, no matter in quality or quantity. However, Ye Xiao didn't even want to absorb it!

In fact, Ye Xiao nearly lost his breath, not because of the spiritual qi, but because of what happened just now!

It shocked him and made him open his mouth wide. He was surely going to choke if he kept his mouth opened like that!

And what just happened...

In the center of the eight pieces of shell, there was something small, white, furry and wet... A little living thing. It was lying there in a rather lazy posture. Ye Xiao stared at it with his mouth widely opened. The little creature blinked lazily. It didn't even move, like it was totally indifferent. It said hello to Ye Xiao. "... Meow."

Ye Xiao felt like freaking out now!

His eyeballs almost popped out of his eye sockets and exploded in the air.

[What am I looking at there?]

[What the hell is it I am looking at?]

[I... I... I... I... I...]

[I have been expecting it to come... I have made millions of guesses... about what is this primal spirit creature!]

[And it... And it turns out to be... to be a... a... a...]

[A damn cat?]

[An oviparous cat?]

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Chapter 738: You Are Brother Egg?

Ye Xiao was suddenly speechless!

[God damn it... It really is just a cat. Then why did you have to make it like some grand ceremony?]

Ye Xiao still kept his mouth opened. Apparently, he was totally shocked.

He was disappointed, so disappointed that he was broken!

In the center of the eight pieces of egg shells, that little snowy lazy thing finally stood up with its four claws slowly, like it was the noblest creature in the world. It shook the fur on its body and the water on it suddenly disappeared.

After that, it walked so slowly in a solemn and nobler way to one of the eight pieces of shell. It actually bit on that shell, chewed it, and swallowed it.

It seemed spirited up after eating that shell, so naturally, it finished the rest of it. It was so casual and leisurely.

After that, it moved a few steps to another piece of shell.

- Crack! -

- Crunch... -

Another piece... Another piece again...

That little pieces was as small as a fist, but Brother Egg was quite a big thing, as big as a watermelon! That eight pieces of shell were all times bigger than the little cat, however, it just kept eating the eight of them... It swallowed them all.

That was like a rat eating a whole cow, but nothing happened to its size!

Ye Xiao stood there, totally blank.

[This... this is... the primal spirit creature?]

[A cat?]

It had nothing different to a cat at all, except it was smaller.

Well... there was one big difference though. It was oviparous while cats should be viviparous...

The little cat ate fast. It had already finished all those egg shells. It slightly raised up its head looking at Ye Xiao arrogantly. And then it reached out a snowy claw to clean its whisker. It didn't sound satisfied. "... Meow?"

Ye Xiao looked at the cat, feeling sad.

He looked into its eyes while it was looking back at him. He understood what it wanted to tell. [I am full. Why don't you come and hold me? What are you waiting? Come and hold me in the arms. Take good care of me! Why are you being so dumb?]

Ye Xiao was speechless. Apparently, he got it, but still couldn't believe it. He said, "What do you want?"

The little cat was even annoyed now. It walked directly to Ye Xiao and held Ye Xiao's leg with its claws. It climbed up along the leg and got to his arms, trying to find a spot to lie down. It realized if nothing held it, it would fall down.

It was angry, so it grabbed Ye Xiao's sleeve with one claw and pulled it up. It put his arm under its butt and used its tail to twine on his other arm. Finally, it made a comfortable spot. Then it lied down in an elegant posture.

It blinked and rubbed its whisker... and then... "Meow."

Apparently, it was talking to Ye Xiao. [You should do it like this. Understand? Hold me like this! You have to make it like this to hold me tight!]

Ye Xiao was shaking, and his mouth was twitching. He stared at the little thing and felt so awkward. He was really painful in the heart at the moment.

"My god. What wrong have I done? Why does it have to be this thing? How do I live with this!" he shouted to the sky.

The cat completely ignored him. It just lied there and leaned at Ye Xiao's chest, its tail swinging gently.

Ye Xiao was even upset now.

[What else could it be if it isn't a cat? What is it?]

[Listen to the sound from its throat when it grunts. In the entire universe, only cats make this sound when it is comfortable!]

[My bloody heavens and hell!]

He made a heavy sigh. Finally, he asked with a gloomy face, "Are you Brother Egg? Really?"

When he asked it, he was hoping maybe it wasn't Brother Egg. Obviously, he really didn't want a cat...

However, he was disappointed... The more you expect something, the more you become disappointed if you don't get it. Ye Xiao was utterly disappointed!

The little thing was still ignoring him. It just stayed in his arms, lying there comfortably.

It seemed it didn't hear Ye Xiao, or maybe it just couldn't understand it.

However, it stopped grunting.

Hmmm. Our Brother Cat was annoyed.

[Brother Egg, Brother Egg... That is awful!]

[Can't you think of something better... Stop calling me Brother Egg!]

[You kept calling me that before I hatched. Fine! I forgive you. I am this generous. But now I have shown my magnificence to you, why do you have to keep calling me Brother Egg...]

[Can't you show me some respect?]

"Urh... So you are not Brother Egg? That's great! That was creepy just now!" Ye Xiao murmured, "If it is Brother Egg, it should be able to understand my words. This little cat apparently cannot understand me. It is not Brother Egg. I know Brother Egg wouldn't become such a disappointing thing. Heavens bless me..."

The little cat moved its ear immediately. It scratched its whisker with its claw and its tail was standing straight up like a flag pole.

It was thinking. [What the hell does that mean? Nonsense. What does that mean? Should I try to respond? It is going to make me feel uncomfortable though. Fine. Let me try to tell him the truth...]

Then it raised up its head and weakly said, "... Meow!"

Ye Xiao was disappointed again. "You are Brother Egg?"

"Meow!"

"You really are?"

"Meow!"

He once had hope for it, then he lost hope. He got the hope for the second time after that, but then was disappointed again. It was impossible to describe how he was despairing at the moment! It was just so... bad!

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Chapter 739: Get A Name?

The little cat answered him twice already. It thought that was generous enough. It didn't have to say anything to this stupid human again. That was too much to ask for it. It then lowered its head and lied down in Ye Xiao's arms again.

It stretched its legs and moved Ye Xiao's arm a little bit, so as to make it a perfect shape as its pillow. It swayed its tail and then curled it and put it on its face.

Before its tail covered its eyes, there was a hint of disdain in it.

[I really don't want to talk to you anymore. You are boring.]

[You are a fool...]

[You asked the same question three times... Moron...]

Ye Xiao totally freaked out!

He murmured, "Heavens... Earth... It actually is the egg! What is going on? What does this mean? What the f*ck! This isn't right... It is just a cat. How can it be the prime spiritual creature? It is just an ordinary cat! Why? What wrong have I done? Why play me like this?"

"Mia..."

The little cat was pissed. It reached out its claw and scratched on Ye Xiao. It stared at Ye Xiao with round opened eyes, looking proud and furious. [How could you look down upon me like that? How dare you? How dare you!]

Ye Xiao raised up his hand and looked at it. His arm should be invulnerable, yet there were three scratch wounds with blood there. He twitched his lips.

[This thing... has sharp claws at least...]

[How can you do this to your master...]

[How dare you!]

[Have you ever recognized yourself as a pet?]

"Fine. It is what it is. There is nothing I can do. Let's just accept it," Ye Xiao said.

He felt that the little thing had a mind connection to him.

It was impossible to... abandon it!

The little cat was looking at him proudly. Ye Xiao loathly spoke, "Duh... Fine. I will adopt you. There is always food for a little cat anyway. I will just take it as charity."

The cat raised up its head and squinted at him. "Meow~ Mia!"

That meant... [You bastard. What did you say? You have made an eternal covenant with me, you prick! How can you still be so picky... Do you think you can just leave me?]

"But... you just scratched me!" Ye Xiao was suddenly furious. "I am your master! How dare you?"

He fiercely looked at the little cat, only to discover that it had covered its face with its tail, curling up and sleeping. [I am asleep. I know nothing about what you say...]

[What is it?]

[Are you escaping this?]

[Oh no. I forgot this prick always holds grudges. He is still too weak to endure a scratch from me. I did that to him... Now it is going nasty...] Little cat was nervous at the moment.

However, it still acted calm and indifferent.

It was so arrogant like it was saying 'I did scratch you. Suck it!'

Ye Xiao gritted his teeth but still couldn't throw it to the floor... It just came out from the egg shell. It should be still weak. He might hurt it badly if he threw it to the floor. After all, he had spent too much to make it hatch!

[Fine. I will think about how to punish you someday later.]

[I am a commander! A young war god in a kingdom! Why do I take offense from a little kitty?]

[I don't need to!]

"I mean... you... Well... So you will be with me for the rest of the days..." When he said so, he sighed.

[I have never f*cking thought that after spending so much on this, I got a cat! The energy I spent on this could make me a superior master cultivator in the upper realm already!]

The little cat raised its tail and showed one of its eyes. It looked at Ye Xiao. "Meeeeeeow..."

[Is he really so stupid... I am the primal spiritual creature... If not for that covenant, will I be with him like this? Does he really think I am such an unceremonious cat? That I would just stay in his arms just like that? Does he think he is qualified to be my mobile flesh bed? He should be goddamn grateful for this!]

[What a moron...]

"Fine. Since you are with me now, as your master, I have to give you a name..." Ye Xiao murmured. In fact, he was observing the little cat.

It was just like a cat, but it was definitely something outstanding.

First, it understood human language when it was just hatched. That was not so incredible though.

It was just hatched, yet it could jump and eat like a one year old cat. That was something...

Besides, it was unbelievably proud and arrogant...

It was totally intelligent.

Ye Xiao murmured that he wanted to give it a name. In fact, he wanted to find out how smart the little cat was...

As expected, it immediately got up when it heard what Ye Xiao said. Its back curled up and reached its front claws forward while the two other claws backward...

That...

It was stretching itself...

[What is it?]

The little cat used one claw to tidy the whisker and then sat on its own tail like a human.

Its two eyes looked arrogant, but somehow it wasn't that confident. It looked into Ye Xiao's eyes.

No matter how arrogant it was, Ye Xiao had the right to give it a name.

It knew clearly about it.

That was why no matter how hard it tried to pretend arrogant and indifferent, it seemed fawning on Ye Xiao...

Name was important!

"Look at you, little tiny thing. Why don't we call you... Sh*t Ball? How's that?" Ye Xiao noticed the cat and found that it was showing weakness to him. He was happy, so he decided to make fun of it.

"Meooooow!" The cat was angry. [What the hell is that!]

"No? Okay. I am a nice guy. Let's change one. Let's make it... Feces Scroll! How's that?" Ye Xiao kept teasing it.

"MEEEEEOOW!" It was furious now as its fur stood up. Its back curled up like a bridge, and it was opening its mouth, showing the tiny sharp teeth and trying to look frightening.

Apparently, it wouldn't accept such a contemptuous name.

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Chapter 740: Erhuo

[Hmmm...]

The teeth were new, but Ye Xiao didn't feel they were lovely at all. Those were some really sharp teeth!

That sharp cold glow shining at the point of the teeth proved it all!

The cat wasn't just horrible with its claws, also with its teeth!

"What? No? You don't like it?" Ye Xiao asked. Of course, he knew it didn't like it.

The cat stared at its vile master. [Would you like a name like that? Like it? You feces scroll!]

"Not this, not that. Why are you so picky..." Ye Xiao frowned. "You obviously understand what I say, yet you just don't talk. There must be problems on you! Speak! Is it?"

The cat was furious at the moment. It knew he was making fun of it. It just turned around, grabbed its tail and bit it.

[I... I am not going to face this stupid prick.]

"Dog Sh*t! How about that?" Ye Xiao asked.

"MEOW!" That was a no.

[Can't you think of something irrelevant to sh*t and feces!]

"Fine. Let's make it cooler! Dragon Pee! How about it! Huh!" Ye Xiao asked.

"MEOWWWWW!" It burst in anger.

[God damn it! After sh*ts and feces, now you bring pee! Can't you stop being so filthy?]

The cat made a long sound. That was a strong protest. It grabbed Ye Xiao's arm with one claw and bit on it with the sharp teeth. That was fierce.

"Ah oh my god! If you bite me, you are Dog Sh*t from now on!" Ye Xiao threatened!

The cat hesitated. It thought for a while and it figured that it was too difficult to accept such a name, so it let loose of Ye Xiao's arm. It slowly raised its head and made a sound to Ye Xiao in a piteous voice. It actually fondled Ye Xiao's arm with its soft paw as an apology.

It kept rubbing Ye Xiao's arms with its tiny head. It was fawning.

[Please... I don't want that name... Please... I don't want it... Give me a nice one... Please...]

The little cat stared at Ye Xiao with two flattering and watery eyes.

Ye Xiao nearly laughed out loud. A cat trying to flatter him in a human's way... that was... so hilarious.

"Look at you. Flattering your master just after you are born. That is rare. That is so silly." Ye Xiao said. "I am sure you are a silly cat! Now. I have a decision! Your name is Erhuo!"

The cat gritted its teeth. It kept jumping up and down to protest. It swayed its tail and tried to flatter Ye Xiao...

However, Ye Xiao was cold. That was the final decision.

"Erhuo it is! I won't change it!" Ye Xiao threatened it, "If you really want me to change it, I will change it to Dog Sh*t! Just pick one! Dog Sh*t or Erhuo! You make the call!"

That cat was still protesting.

However, the protest failed. It had to pick one among the two options. No negotiation!

After a while, the cat opened its eyes big, staring at Ye Xiao with anger and sorrow. Suddenly, it made a sound 'meow' from deep in its throat... It completely lost hope as it just lowered its head.

It looked extremely weak while lying in Ye Xiao's arms as if it was sick.

Did it... just give in to it?

It figured it had been tied up with a bad guy.

Ye Xiao felt so good as he won this combat. That was a milestone for him after all. He laughed and then started to tease the little cat in his arms...

However, Erhuo (ahem, let's call it Erhuo from now on) lowered its head like it was dying. It had no reaction to Ye Xiao at all.

[Fine. You give me such a stupid name. I won't talk to you anymore!]

Apparently, Erhuo was rather depressed at the moment.

Its two ears were drooping down.

Ye Xiao grabbed one of its claws and gently rubbed it in order to comfort it. However, it was soft like there was no bone in its body. [Go ahead. No matter what you do, I won't talk to you...]

[I will ignore you.]

Ye Xiao was so happy as he won the combat against his own pet, a snowy little cat. He kept holding it in his arms.

He just felt extremely refreshed.

It was even better than the victory he got with the one hundred thousand men against the one and a half million troops.

[Primal spiritual creature?]

[Humph. Yes, a resounding title. So what? You are just a silly cat in front of me, your master!]

However, Ye Xiao was sure about one thing. This little cat was not something normal.

It was something outstanding in every aspect.

Although it didn't seem to be powerful at all, just like a baby cat, Ye Xiao knew this was definitely not the real status of it...

What he had seen on it wasn't enough to prove its true capability yet.

It was in the juvenile period after all...

[I will raise it well, and one day, it will be something marvelous in the future!] Ye Xiao believed so!

It was the Primal Spirit of Chaos after all. With such a resounding title, it couldn't be just ordinary!

It smashed a Dao Origin Stage cultivator to death when it was just an egg. It absorbed an unbelievable enormous spiritual qi before it hatched. How could it be some normal useless cat?

Once it grew up... it might become a real primal monster...

That was unknown yet!

However, as he decided to adopt it, he would do his best. One thing must be learned first!

The most important thing was to learn how to feed it!

What should he feed it with?

That was a question!

Ye Xiao rolled his eyes and came up with a scheme.

"Guards!"

After a while.

Erhuo was staring at a full plate of steamed bread. It was obviously speechless!

[What is this?]

It raised up its head while looking at Ye Xiao. It felt awkward.

Erhuo was snowy, and the steamed breads were snowy too. Two white snowy things were just the same size. In fact, Erhuo was smaller than that one bread, and there was a pile of snowy breads...

There was some other difference though. Erhuo had snowy fur, while the bread didn't.

[Wait. Why do you put me and these stupid breads together?]

[You want to tell which of us is snowier?]

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