

## Genius 321

### Chapter 321: The Marks At the Back of His Neck!

Dai Wei almost floored the pedal to the edge on the way to Huludao. The off-road vehicle was rampaging on the road like a horse on the loose.

If this had happened on a usual day, Old Shen and Di Jing would have advised him to drive slower and be careful. However, they wanted Dai Wei to drive as fast as he could.

It was quiet in the car. All of them were panting hard as they looked like they were still startled. Clearly, they had yet to snap back to their senses after what happened at the small hotel.

The sky was turning bright when Dai Wei drove over 40 kilometers out. They could see the faint white in the east of the sky.

Screech!

Eventually, Dai Wei pulled over by the roadside while he leaned onto the steering wheel. He drove all the way for 40 kilometers now. Knowing that they were safe, he collapsed like a pile of mud. Most importantly, he was still wearing the red shroud as he did not have the time to take it off at all.

Old Shen said in concern, "Xiaodai, are you alright?"

"I'm alright. Why would I not be?" Dai Wei said loudly, but the expression between his brows betrayed him.

Di Jing patted her busty chest and said with her face still pale, "That was just too terrifying. Why would we have encountered something like this?"

Ye Chen said while smiling calmly, "I already reminded you guys earlier not to stay at that hotel, but you refused to listen to me. Instead, you even suspected me." He was not boastful to go on to say that Dai Wei and the rest would not have lived if not for him taking care of the situation earlier.

"How do you know that we shouldn't stay there?" Dai Wei glared coldly at him and said, "Don't tell me that you're a gang with them!" He hated Ye Chen even more now.

After all, it was Dai Wei himself who had encouraged them to stay at the hotel. Besides that, he declared that he was not scared of nothing. Never had he thought that he would be behaving the most scared when the series of events unfolded.

That embarrassed him and pissed him off. Therefore, naturally, he was venting it out on Ye Chen.

Ye Chen glanced at him with contempt. He shook his head, not bothering to waste his effort on such a person.

On the other hand, Old Shen asked in confusion, "Mr. Ye, how did you know that we shouldn't stay at the hotel? Did you notice something wrong with it from the beginning?"

If he was being nice to Ye Chen earlier due to the order from his boss, he held Ye Chen in slight respect now.

From the incidents earlier, even after having seen everything, he was startled. However, Ye Chen had been calm since the beginning until the end. He had either seen many things in his life throughout his extraordinary experiences, or there was something wrong with his head whereby his reaction was slow. To put it simply, he was dumb.

Di Jing could not help but look at Ye Chen after hearing what Old Shen said. There was puzzlement in her pretty eyes.

“No.” Ye Chen thought about it and decided not to tell them what he saw. Otherwise, they would definitely wet their pants from the horror.

“I thought you’d be something. So, you’re just lucky at guessing,” Dai Wei scoffed directly.

As Ye Chen glanced at him, mockery appeared at the corner of his lips. The man was going to die, but he had no idea about it!

Noticing that the atmosphere was off, Old Shen glared at Dai Wei instantly and mediated, “Alright, don’t talk so much, Xiaodai. Rest for a while and let’s think of a way to get to the county for gas.”

“Dai Wei, c-can you take off the shroud?” Di Jing peeked at the shroud on Dai Wei and said while raising her sharp brows slightly. She could not help but recall what happened earlier when she had first seen the shroud on Dai Wei.

Dai Wei reacted only after her reminder. He ripped the shroud off directly before them. He then tossed it by the road like he was tossing trash. “God damn it, why am I the one wearing the shroud when there are so many of us here? And there was a picture of me in the memorial hall!”

The atmosphere froze as soon as he said that.

Old Shen and Di Jing looked at each other by instinct. They saw the dense doubt in each others’ eyes.

That was right!

Among the five of them, there were four men. Why did Dai Wei have a shroud on him? And why was his picture in the memorial hall?

Just when Old Shen was going to speak, they suddenly heard Di Jing scream, “Dai Wei, what’s that around your neck?”

Immediately, Old Shen saw a red mark behind Dai Wei’s neck. It looked a little like a cat’s claw.

Dai Wei’s expression changed. He turned his head but could not see it, so he demanded quickly, “What happened to the back of my neck?”

“There’s a mark. No, to be exact, there are four marks as if a cat’s claws have been imprinted,” Di Jing said while staring with her pretty eyes opened wide.

“No!” Old Shen shook his head. “Those don’t belong to a cat. They look more like weasel footprints. I saw a weasel that always scampered off the mountain to steal chickens when I was living and working in a rural area. The locals spread a layer of lime around the chicken coop to deter it. The prints on it are exactly the same as those on Dai Wei’s neck.”

“Old Shen, Di Jing, stop scaring me.” Dai Wei’s face twitched hard. “Why would there be weasel footprints on my body? I don’t remember there being any before!”

“I’m sure that those are weasel footprints!” Old Shen said in his deep voice, “Xiaodai, did you encounter any weasels?”

“No...” Dai Wei wanted to say no by instinct. However, he recalled something as he was speaking. He changed his words immediately. “I remember now. I encountered a weasel last year when I was in the northeast.”

“What happened?” Old Shen’s expression changed slightly.

Dai Wei said with an unnatural expression on his face, “It was at night. I had just gotten out of a bar after drinking with my friends...”

From his story, they found out that he had seen a weasel standing upright like a human that night when he was passing by a piece of barren land. It had worn a straw hat and was the height of an adult woman when standing up. It had even donned stockings and a skirt.

Because Dai Wei had some drinks back then, he was tipsy and did not see it clearly, so he thought that it had been a lady. He thought of bringing her home, so he took the initiative to flirt.

However, a weasel’s face appeared before his. As a result, Dai Wei’s tipsiness had subsided a little from the scare.

Later on, the weasel that dressed like a lady had spoken to him in the human language, “Do I look like a human?”

Dai Wei had condemned it. However, instead of being infuriated, it had kept repeating the same thing, “Do I look like a human?”

Dai Wei was mad while he scolded it, “Human, my a\*s. No matter how much you try, you can’t change the fact that you’re an animal!”

Fear and despair had been written on its face when it heard his reply. As if what Dai Wei said had hurt it, it had disappeared into the night sadly. However, it had glared at Dai Wei in resentment before leaving.

Dai Wei had gone to bed as soon as he got home and forgotten about it when he woke up. If Old Shen had not asked him about it, he would not have recalled that.

Old Shen had a drastic change of expression after hearing his story. He said after a soft sigh, “Xiaodai, oh, Xiaodai. I finally know why you went through whatever happened today!”

### **Chapter 322: The Weasel’s Resentment!**

Old Shen’s words made Dai Wei’s expression change.

He asked immediately, “Old Shen, do you mean that whatever that happened has something to do with that weasel that I encountered?”

Di Jing seemed to have recalled something, so she said while looking at Old Shen in confusion, “Old Shen, could Dai Wei have offended an immortal?”

She was from the northeast, so it was only natural for her to know a little about immortals.

Upon hearing the word 'immortal', Ye Chen, who was next to her, could not help but look at Old Shen.

Facing their stares, Old Shen nodded while looking serious. "Xiaodi, you're from the northeast. You should've heard about the rumors about immortals. There are five immortals: the fox, the snake, the weasel, the rat, and the hedgehog. They're called the Five Immortals."

Di Jing nodded.

Old Shen organized his thoughts and proceeded to speak, "It's said that the Five Immortals are animals with a certain level of cultivation. Before they become an immortal, they must go through tribulations such as the child barrier, the adult barrier, the road barrier, the life and death barrier, and the heaven barrier."

Ye Chen secretly nodded upon hearing that.

The immortals that Old Shen was talking about were different from those in the cultivation world. The animals in the cultivation world would only go through the Heavenly Tribulation if they were to cultivate into an immortal. However, it might be due to the different Heaven and Earth Law of both worlds.

"Old Shen, do you mean the one that I encountered earlier was an immortal?" Dai Wei's face turned pale at the moment. He spoke while stammering, "I-I didn't really offend it. I only scolded it a little, and I was drunk back then."

"Sigh!" Old Shen sighed softly and said, "Xiaodi, this would definitely not have happened if you had pretended not to see it or ignored it when you encountered it back then."

He paused before explaining further, "I mentioned before that animals have to go through tribulations to cultivate into immortals such as the child barrier, which is the innocent child barrier. They beat up snakes, rats, hedgehogs, weasels, and so on when they see them. If those animals survive the beating, they will pass the barrier even if they're severely injured.

"The second one would be the adult barrier. Everybody knows that humans in this current society love exotic meat. They love eating bullfrogs, crayfish, wild boars, and especially snakes. Humans eating snakes would be the adult barrier.

"The third one would be the road barrier. For instance, a snake being killed by a moving car on the road will mean that they've failed the barrier."

Di Jing asked instinctively, "Old Shen, I read from the news that a university kept a white fox which was scared by the students chasing it. Then, it was killed when it was running away. Is that the road barrier?"

Dai Wei was also curious as he had seen that on the news too. After it went viral, most netizens blamed the death of the white fox on the students of the school. Eventually, the topic grew heated. They attacked the university verbally, saying that they were useless students of China and that they were lowly.

Old Shen nodded softly and said, "The last would be the heaven barrier which is also called the heavenly thunder barrier. After going through all those tribulations and almost dying, they will become an immortal and achieve their cultivation base after going through the heaven barrier."

Old Shen sighed softly as he spoke to this point. "Before they go through that, they'll do everything they can do to get the humans' approval."

"Old Shen, why do they need the humans' approval?" Di Jing was shocked. Even as someone from the northeast, she had never heard of such a thing.

Old Shen paused and said, "I heard from a master that humans are the masters of the world while a human's consciousness is a subtle guide on a certain level. Therefore, these animals dress up as humans before going through the heaven barrier. They will go around asking humans, and their questions are simple such as 'Do I look like a human?'"

Dai Wei's face turned pale because Old Shen's explanation was similar to what he had experienced. The weasel that he had encountered back then had asked him the same thing.

Di Jing proceeded to ask, "Then, what happens?"

Old Shen said, "Most people will either be scared or react like what Xiaodai did, which is to condemn them when they encounter such a situation. Some people who know about it would've realized that it was asking for approval. They would say directly, 'Yes, you're a human'. Then, it'd have left with utter gratefulness."

"Old Shen, why would they ask such a question?" Di Jing was confused. She felt like she had learned something eye-opening today.

While forcing a smile, Old Shen said, "Because they want validation from this world, which what humans say is the equivalent of approval to them. If they get approval, it'll be so much easier when they go through the heavenly thunder barrier next."

Ye Chen nodded slightly though he did not agree with what Old Shen said.

The reason why those animals would have those issues were that they were animals. To be blunt, they were brutes. They felt lowly before humans. Therefore, they hoped to be validated by humans. It was a psychological effect.

For instance, Xiaoming hoped that his math teacher would take him seriously and believe in him. Therefore, Xiaoming asked his math teacher whether he would pass the exam before the final exam.

If the teacher said, "You piece of trash, you either read novels or sleep in class, yet you're hoping to pass your exam? You wish!", then Xiaoming would definitely...

At that moment, Dai Wei's face was extremely ashen. "W-what if I said it d-didn't look like a human?"

Old Shen sighed and said, "If you said that, it would mean that you denied it's hard cultivation, as well as the tribulations that it has gone through. It would be traumatized, so it'd be even more difficult for it to pass the heavenly thunder barrier next. There's a slim chance for it to pass."

Thud!

Dai Wei fell directly onto the ground while his face was terribly pale. "T-that means that I've destroyed its cultivation and it would take revenge on me..."

“Sigh!” Old Shen shook his head lightly. “Xiaodai, what you said back then: ‘No matter how much you try, you can’t change the fact that you’re an animal’...that was just crossing the line. I don’t think it managed to pass the heavenly thunder barrier.”

“It’s already dead, so how can it take revenge on me? I don’t believe it!” Dai Wei was clenching his teeth, refusing to accept what Old Shen said. He was rather stubborn.

Old Shen said, “Humans ask for help when they’re being bullied. How would you know that it doesn’t have family or friends?”

“Old Shen, doesn’t that mean that those that we encountered at the hotel back then were immortals and not ghosts?” Di Jing was secretly relieved. She was not scared if those were immortals. After all, she had not done anything to them.

“I’ve no idea whether they were immortals or ghosts,” Old Shen shook his head and said, “But judging by the marks on Xiaodai’s neck, that hotel must have something to do with immortals.”

At that moment, a fishy smell came from somewhere. There was the smell of blood intermingled in it too.

“What’s that smell?” Di Jing squeezed her nostrils immediately.

Ye Chen lifted his eyes and looked at the bush ten meters away from the off-road vehicle. There was a skin filled with fresh blood on it.

Di Jing and Old Shen looked towards where Ye Chen was staring. The duo had a drastic change of expression. Di Jing said while stammering, “D-Dai Wei, how did the shroud that you got rid of turned into a piece of skin now?”

### **Chapter 323: A Piece of Skin with Blood!**

Dai Wei looked over when he heard Di Jing’s voice.

“H-how is this possible?!” The expression on his face was replaced by horror. “It was a shroud that I tossed away. How did it become a piece of skin now?”

“Let’s check it out,” Old Shen said and took the lead to get out of the car. Di Jing did not want to go at first, but she could not fight the curiosity in her, so she went too. Dai Wei caught up with them while clenching his teeth.

When they got to the piece of skin, they realized that it was a skin with blood in the bush before them. It was a yellowish-brown piece of skin like it had been torn from an animal’s body. There was a thick fishy smell emanating from it.

With a serious expression, Old Shen turned his head to look at Dai Wei. “Xiaodai, are you sure you tossed the shroud here?”

“I’m sure!” Dai Wei looked incredibly terrible.

Old Shen nodded and checked around a 20-meter range with a stick. However, he did not find that red shroud at all. While the shroud was nowhere to be seen, there was this piece of skin.

The curiosity that they had from running into uncertainty was gone. There was now a chill that rose within them.

Old Shen bowed at the piece of skin with blood and picked it up with the stick in his hand. He said with his deep voice, "It's a weasel's skin!"

Di Jing's pretty face changed drastically as soon as she heard that.

Dai Wei retreated a step back immediately. He fell onto the ground. "Old Shen, are you saying that this is a weasel's skin?"

"That's right!" Old Shen nodded and said, "A weasel's back has a deeper color. It's brown or yellowish-brown. It has a lighter color on its abdomen, and it has white spots below its neck. It's clearly a weasel's skin given this stench."

"Old Shen, why do you think a weasel's skin has appeared by the road?" Di Jing raised her sharp brows slightly, and she was rather confused.

"It's hard to say." Old Shen took a deep breath. "It's normal that there'd be weasels around here, but why is it just a skin instead of a carcass? On top of that, the shroud that Dai Wei got rid of earlier is gone."

"Could Dai Wei have been w-wearing this?" Di Jing said in a strange tone.

Old Shen fell into silence instantly.

"S-stop talking! Stop talking!" Dai Wei screamed in horror and said after getting up, "Old Shen, I want to go home. I want to go home!"

He understood that he might be targeted by the weasel after what happened last year. For safety purposes, it would be dumb to go on with the geographical survey.

"If you leave, what are we going to do?" Di Jing said while frowning.

Dai Wei was the only one who could drive in the team, and the car belonged to him. If he left in his car, they could only go with him.

"It's futile." However, Old Shen shook his head and said, "Xiaodai, they're onto you. Where are you going to run? Outer space?"

"Then, w-what do I do?" Dai Wei was going to cry from the horror.

Old Shen looked at Di Jing and sighed softly. "Xiaodi is from the northeast. We can only get her to find a solution for us. Let's see if she can contact an immortal to solve the grudge between you guys."

"I-I'll have to contact the immortal?" Di Jing was shocked.

"That's right!" Old Shen nodded and said, "From what I know, most immortals are gathered in the northeast. There are many people in the northeast that worship immortals and perform the chumaxian ritual. Please help Xiaohai to contact a famous family and try it with a chuma disciple."

Dai Wei looked at Di Jing and begged as if he was holding onto a life-saving straw, "Di Jing, I've always treated you well. You can't leave me to die."

"A-alright, I'll try my best." Eventually, Di Jing agreed to that, feeling pitiful. However, she had no confidence. After all, she did not know any immortals or any chuma disciples either.

However, she figured that her seniors might know some.

"Come on. Let's get going now. Try to get to Huludao before the sky turns dark," Old Shen sighed and urged them to get going.

Dai Wei peered at the piece of skin in the bush and asked by instinct, "Then, w-what do we do about this?"

"Ignore it. That thing holds grudges, so it won't work even if you bury it. Instead, it'll just be a waste of your time." Old Shen shook his head and got into the car.

As the car began moving, Ye Chen turned his head and looked deeply into the forest that was 100 meters away. He saw a few yellow shadows moving in the forest faintly.

Shaking his head, he looked away. He decided to not stick his nose in. After all, it was Dai Wei who had done this to himself. Naturally, he would have to be responsible for it.

Most importantly, he disliked Dai Wei's personality. Otherwise, so what if he helped him?

They ran out of gas after driving some ten kilometers out. When Dai Wei was going to call his insurance company to send gas over, a Land Rover passed them. Di Jing went over to stop it, and it took her some effort to get the driver to sell them some gas.

This time, Di Jing was no longer discriminating against Ye Chen that much. To the annoyance of Dai Wei, who was driving, they were chatting and laughing.

He liked Di Jing, so it was only natural that he did not want her to talk so much to another man. Given that he had embarrassed himself so many times earlier, naturally, he vented his rage out on Ye Chen.

When they were less than 20 kilometers away from Huludao, he suddenly turned his head to look at Ye Chen. "We're arriving soon. When are you getting off?"

"Just send me to the bus station," Ye Chen said calmly. Yang Tian had sent him the address before he arrived. He should be able to find transportation when he got to the station.

"Mr. Ye, where's your friend? If he's not too far away, let's get Dai Wei to send you there," Old Shen said while smiling.

Dai Wei secretly scoffed. He wanted to decline that offer.

Ye Chen shook his head lightly. "No need."

He was not being polite to Old Shen, but he did not want to be dragged into Dai Wei's karma. Neither did he want Yang Tian to be dragged into that.



Dai Wei interrupted as soon as he noticed Old Shen was going to say more, "Alright, Old Shen. Mr. Ye isn't a three-year-old child. Are you worried that he'll lose his way? Moreover, we have our own matters to worry about. We don't have much time."

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Some half an hour later, the off-road vehicle arrived at Huludao's bus station.

"Please, Mr. Ye," Dai Wei opened the door and said with a plastic smile on his face. He was worried that Ye Chen would want him to send him to his destination.

Ye Chen shook his head lightly. Just when he was getting out of the car, Di Jing, who was next to him, suddenly called out to him, "Wait! Call me if you get into any trouble in Huludao. This is my hometown after all. What I say is more powerful compared to an outsider like you."

Then, she handed Ye Chen a name card.

"Thanks for your kindness but there's no need for that," Ye Chen smiled lightly and rejected her offer. He got Iron Tower to disembark from the car, and they then walked to the station. They did not even turn their heads.

Di Jing was a little dumbstruck when she saw Ye Chen refuse to take her name card. She was a little pissed off.

'Hah. Forget it then! Do you think I'm dying to give it to you?!'

"Di Jing, ignore him. He thinks he's someone significant." Dai Wei started the car after a scoff.

Di Jing turned to where Ye Chen had left. She could not help but ask, "Old Shen, who do you think this Mr. Ye is exactly?"

She noticed that Ye Chen hardly spoke and he had been cold along the way. To be exact, he looked at everything with contempt. Although Dai Wei targeted him over and over again, Ye Chen had ignored him directly with disdain.

"I've no idea but from my observation, I believe that Mr. Ye must be someone extraordinary," Old Shen shook his head and said.

"Haha! Someone extraordinary?" Dai Wei could not help taunting, "Old Shen, have you met anyone extraordinary who is so shameless to hitch a free ride from us instead of taking a plane?"

Di Jing thought what he said made sense as she thought about it. She shook her head.

'That's right. It seems like I've been overthinking!'

### **Chapter 324: The People from Shang Santian!**

At Tiannan airport, a young man in ancient attire walked out. There was an old man in gray robes following behind him, appearing incredibly respectful.

The duo had an extraordinary aura. Due to their odd attire, passersby were staring at them, especially the girls who discussing like they were huge fans.

“Wow, that guy is so handsome!”

“I know! He looks a little like the Korean actor Song Joong-ki!”

Some girls wanted to approach him to get his contact number, but they dared not upon noticing the old gray-robed man behind the young man’s intimidating expression.

The young man had heard the girls’ discussion loud and clear, and mockery was revealed on his handsome face.

“Are the people of the outside world that weak? I can’t believe that I don’t see any cultivators among the many people we see. It’s hard to believe that Mad Southern Ye is born in such a trashy place! Haha!”

The old man caught up with him after hearing that. He said while lowering his voice, “Master Bai, do we go straight to the Ye family now?”

“The Ye family?”

The young man squinted and said, “Mad Southern Ye isn’t around, so what’s the point of going? It’s rare for us to be here. Let’s just take a look at the secular world that our ancestors have left behind.”

He seemed to have sensed something as he spoke to this point. He grinned. “It seems like my Shang Santian’s Bai family is the only one who wants Mad Southern Ye dead. Even the Xue family and the people from the Martial Dao Adjudication Office are here too. Interesting, this is truly interesting!”

“The people from the Martial Dao Adjudication Office are here too!?”

The gray-robed old man was stunned. He could not stop blinking in bewilderment. “Then, will they stop us from...”

“No!” Master Bai said while shaking his head, “If I’m not mistaken, the Martial Dao Adjudication Office is called the Martial Alliance in the secular world. Didn’t Mad Southern Ye kill the Martial Alliance chief? Naturally, their objective is self-evident.”

“Master Bai, then where are we going next?” the gray-robed old man asked.

“We’re going to Beijing. Let’s check out the so-called capital of China. We can challenge the so-called experts on the Heaven Leaderboard too, especially the one who ranks No. 2. Since Mad Southern Ye, the person who ranks No. 1 on the Heaven Leaderboard isn’t around, we can only spar with the next best person. Let’s hope that he doesn’t disappoint me too much!”

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Almost right after Master Bai and the rest left, another middle-aged woman in a black dress walked out. There was a middle-aged man with a bun and gray sideburns with her.

When the duo met at the exit, they looked at each other. An invisible aura was throbbing in the air.

A moment later, the middle-aged woman took the lead to speak, “I can’t believe that even your sect is here. Why are they here?”

“A friend who passed away asked me to come. His family was destroyed by the lunatic. Over 200 of them died devastatingly. They must be avenged,” the middle-aged man said with his deep voice.

As she stared, the middle-aged woman said, “Seems like that disciple with the family name Su from your Sword Sect is stepping into venerable stage soon, am I right? Otherwise, he wouldn’t have asked someone else to do it. Aren’t you guys scared that the Dragon Soul might come?”

The middle-aged man smiled without saying anything.

“I don’t care if you guys want to kill him, but nobody touches his wife!” the middle-aged woman said expressionlessly.

The middle-aged man frowned. “Why not?”

The order he had received was not to leave anyone from the Ye family behind, including the two sisters of the man who had passed away.

“There’s no reason. No matter what, we want that woman.”

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At Huludao’s bus station, Ye Chen took out his phone to call the number that Yang Tian had dialed earlier. The call was only picked up after ringing for a long time.

Yang Tian, who was on the other side of the phone, said, “Old Ye, are you coming yet? I’m going to die, and I’d like to see you one last time before I go.”

“I’m coming. Send me your coordinates. I’ll be there soon,” Ye Chen said in between laughter and tears.

Upon hearing Yang Tian’s tone, anyone who did not know him would really think that he was dying. Ye Chen, on the other hand, was relieved. He was sure that Yang Tian was in great trouble though not to the point that he was dying.

“Alright, come here quickly. My body might end up cold if you’re late!” Yang Tian hung up the phone after saying that.

Soon, Ye Chen received the coordinates that he sent. Subsequently, he walked somewhere desolate and released a sword gleam. He flew toward the address of the coordinates on the sword directly.

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At the same time in Kazuo County within the jurisdiction Huludao, a man who had his entire body wrapped in gauze like a mummy lay on a bed in a bungalow. He could not stop groaning. Meanwhile, there was a pretty lady sitting by his bed. She had an oval-shaped face, and she was in her early 20s. Her features were very pretty.

If Ye Chen was here, his jaw would definitely drop. The reason being the man that was like a mummy was Yang Tian.

After Yang Tian hung up, the lady said while holding her chin, “Brother Yang, is your friend really coming?”

“Yes, he’s coming.” Yang Tian moved around and said with a smirk on his face, “Don’t worry, Tingting. My brother is very powerful. He can definitely save me.”

“Is your friend really that powerful?” Tingting was in slight disbelief.

“Of course!” Yang Tian nodded and said immediately, “In this world, nobody would dare say they’re No. 1 if my brother says he’s No. 2!”

“Keep boasting!” Tingting snickered and said, “You’ve offended the Zhu family’s immortal this time. That’s something that even my aunt can’t afford to do.”

Yang Tian did not bother to explain as he knew that she would not believe him. He asked instead, “Oh, yeah, where did Aunt Hong go?”

Tingting glared at him and said angrily, “Of course, she went into the secondary forest for you. If you’re really hoping for that unreliable friend to save you, the scales will get to your heart as soon as seven days is up. You’ll definitely die by then.”

To her, Yang Tian was already dying. How powerful could his so-called brother be? The reason why Yang Tian was so confident was that he had never witnessed how powerful the Zhu family was.

“What does Aunt Hong going into the secondary forest have to do with saving me?” Stunned, Yang Tian was confused. “Is it to collect herbs in order to remove the scales on my body?”

“Collecting herbs is one of them. Aunt Hong is going to help you to beg the few...” Tingting seemed to have realized something as she spoke to this point, so she stopped dwelling on the topic instantly.

Subsequently, she changed the subject, “Why are you asking so much? If even Aunt Hong can’t save you, it’s futile for your friend to come. I think it’s best that you call your friend now and ask him not to come. Otherwise, you’ll only drag him into this.”

“Oh, really?”

At that moment, a calm voice came from the outside.

“Old Ye is here!”

When he heard that voice, Yang Tian, who was on the bed, was over the moon. He wanted to get up by instinct, causing his wounds to stretch. He inhaled sharply from the pain. “Tingting, go get the door. My brother is here!”

A skinny young man walked in as soon as he said that. The young man looked at Tingting first, and his eyes eventually landed on Yang Tian. He said mysteriously, “Oh, Yang Tian, are you turning into a snake? There are so many scales on you.”

### **Chapter 325: The Secondary Forest’s Rule!**

Although Yang Tian had gauze wrapped all over him, Ye Chen saw the scales that covered his body through his Divine Consciousness as soon as he stepped into the house. They looked like snake scales.

The scales grew deep in his skin. Fortunately, Yang Tian had herbs spread all over him that suppressed the scales from growing further into his body temporarily.

That was the reason why Ye Chen had mentioned that Yang Tian was turning into a snake.

“Old Ye, you’re finally here.”

Yang Tian was dying to hop off the bed as soon as he saw Ye Chen. He was so happy that there were tears in his eyes. “I thought I’d never see you for the rest of my life.”

Tingting was secretly observing Ye Chen while standing aside, and she immediately pouted. ‘Brother Yang’s friend doesn’t seem as powerful as he said. He looks mediocre and he isn’t even as handsome as Brother Yang. He doesn’t look like an expert at all.’

However, she looked extremely uncomfortable to hear what Yang Tian said. She could not believe this was a scene of two men meeting...

“Oh, please!” Ye Chen shook his head in between tears and laughter. “Oh, you, you just can’t change the fact that you’re always joking.”

“Oh, yeah, let me introduce you guys. This is Shi Ting. You may also call her Tingting,” Yang Ting glanced at Tingting and introduced Ye Chen.

“Hi, Brother Ye!” Tingting greeted out of courtesy. She could not help but say, “Brother Ye, you shouldn’t have come. If even my aunt can’t save Brother Yang, then you...”

“Thank you for taking care of Yang Tian.” Ye Chen smiled calmly and then sat down. He said while looking at Yang Tian, “Tell me, what happened to you? Didn’t I ask you to go to Changbai Mountain? How did you offend a chumaxian family?”

What confused him even more was Yang Tian’s presence in this little county town? Also, how did he know Shi Ting and her aunt?

All hell broke as soon as he mentioned that. Yang Tian was suddenly sobbing as he spoke, “How dare you ask me that? It’s been two months, two full months! Do you know what I’ve been through the past two months? You took my wallet and my phone, and I had no money. I had to pick up trash along the journey to survive.”

As a full-grown man, he cried out loud although he was in the presence of a lady. “To save time, I chose to go through alleys and mountain roads. The problem was that there were no water bottles or cans along the way. I would have to go hungry sometimes...”

While Ye Chen listened quietly, he learned about Yang Tian’s two months of living like a monk completely.

Throughout his journey, Yang Tian’s main job was to pick up trash while carrying a plastic woven bag. If there was no trash, he would work at construction sites. He would make 80 to 100 yuan, and then walk for five days.

The saddest thing was that he thought there should be more trash when he got to Beijing since it was the capital. Therefore, he thought his life would be easier. Never had he thought the beggars in the capital would have beaten him up and take the 500 yuan that he made with every drop of sweat and blood.

Yang Tian looked even more wronged by now. "I've finally made it to Huludao. Before I had the time to rejoice, a marketing organization captured me and took the 80 yuan I had from me. They were trying to brainwash me, asking me to give them my relatives and friends' phone numbers."

He paused as he spoke to this point. He proceeded, "They captured me for a full eight days. If the police officers hadn't found their den, I might have still been captured now."

The corner of Ye Chen's lips twitched slightly.

How lowly was that marketing organization to be taking a beggar's money? It was no wonder that they were raided by the police.

On the side, Tingting's eyes turned red. "Brother Yang, I-I didn't know you went through so much."

Before this, she had never heard Yang Tian mention those stuff at all. She thought he was just a regular beggar.

It was easy for girls to sympathize with someone. Now that she found out it was Ye Chen who had caused Yang Tian to go through the series of unfortunate events, she could not help but glare angrily at Ye Chen. Her angry expression made one eager to laugh.

Ye Chen shook his head lightly. "But isn't this your decision?"

If Yang Tian had given up halfway, it would have proven that he was not suitable for cultivation. The truth confirmed that he did not disappoint Ye Chen.

"So, what happened after that? How did you offend a chumaxian family?" Ye Chen looked at him curiously.

Yang Tian told the story while looking upset.

It turned out that he had traveled through the mountain road since it would take twice as long to use the highway. He had saved Shi Ting who had sprained her foot while collecting herbs in the secondary forest.

Yang Tian wanted to carry Shi Ting out of the secondary forest out of kindness before her family came to pick her up when they saw two animals fighting in the forest.

It was a snake and a fox. The snake was bigger, and it looked like a python, which made the fox looked tiny before it.

Noticing that the fox had the lower hand, Yang Tian stuck his nose in when the snake was going to eat the fox. He picked up a staff and rushed over to smack the snake's weak point directly.

He did not kill the snake as it escaped into the forest. The fox ran away too, so Yang Tian thought he had done something good.

Never had he thought that Shi Ting would have exclaimed in horror, "Brother Yang, it was a Staff-upstanding Battle. You shouldn't have interrupted! You're in great trouble now."

Ye Chen could not help but look at Shi Ting, who was standing aside, as he listened to this point. "What's a Staff-upstanding Battle?"

“There are many animals in the mountain. Some animals are more powerful, so they terrorize an area of the mountain. We call those things ‘staff’. Just like the gangsters out there, gangs fight to decide whose territory it belongs to. The animals do the same too.”

Shi Ting sighed and said, “If animals want to colonize an area, the staff of the area would have to challenge it. It’s called the Staff-upstanding Battle. According to the secondary forest’s rule, they would have to fight with their abilities, whereby nobody should ask for help and no outsiders can interrupt.”

She could not help but look at Yang Tian as she spoke, “What happened was that the fox initiated the Staff-upstanding Battle but it couldn’t fight that python. According to the rule, it would become the python’s food if it lost. It was fair and square. However, Brother Yang interrupted and broke the rule. He offended the python, as well as the entire secondary forest.”

Yang Tian looked terrible. He had no idea that such a rule had existed back then.

Ye Chen responded while in deep thought, “Who set that rule?”

“Naturally, those terrifying existence in the secondary forest created it,” Shi Ting said looking serious, “All of the villagers living outside the secondary forest know about the rule. Therefore, they wouldn’t interrupt when they saw such a situation while hunting in the mountains. Instead, they would walk away.”

“So, the python is taking revenge on Yang Tian?” Ye Chen blinked a few times.

“No!” Shi Ting shook her head and said, “Brother Yang hit the snake’s weak point. Although it managed to run away back then, it died later on. It’s Zhu Chao of the Zhu family who is taking revenge on him!”

“Why is an outsider involved in this?” Ye Chen was puzzled.

Shi Ting took a deep breath in and said, “It’s because the Zhu family is a chumaxian family. They worship the snake immortal. The snake that Brother Yang killed is from the same progeny as the snake immortal. I guess you should understand what happened by now.”

### **Chapter 326: I’ll Kill Everyone Who Dares to Touch My Man!**

“So, the Zhu family cast a spell on Brother Yang,” Shi Ting went on to say, “That’s the reason why Brother Yang has scales growing on him. There’ll be more and more scales, and when they get to his heart, he’ll definitely die.”

Ye Chen came to a realization upon hearing that. He lifted his eyes to look at Yang Tian wryly. “Then, it’s your own fault to have brought trouble upon yourself.”

“Can you blame me?” Yang Tian said in a complaining tone while looking upset.

Outsiders would not know about such a rule. Under such circumstances, many people would attack that snake like he had.

Ye Chen changed the subject as he said while smiling lightly, “However, this so-called secondary forest’s rule won’t work on me, and neither will it work on my brother.”

“My good brother!” Yang Tian smirked in joy, but then he said in concern, “Their spells are very powerful, so be careful.”

He knew that Ye Chen was powerful, but there was almost no cure for a spell as soon as it was cast on a person no matter how powerful one was. The sorcerer would not even have to fight him face-to-face.

“It’s child’s play!” Ye Chen shook his head lightly.

Shi Ting rolled her eyes at him as soon as he said that. She said angrily, “Keep bragging! Even my aunt can’t do anything about it. Are you saying that you are more powerful than she is?”

To her, her aunt was the most powerful person there was.

“Your aunt?” Ye Chen frowned.

Yang Tian explained immediately, “Old Ye, his aunt is Aunt Hong. She’s also a chuma disciple but she worships the fox immortal. She’s very famous among the locals, and she treats sickness, tells people’s fortune, and performs exorcisms.”

He looked grateful as he spoke to this point, “Because of her, the scales on me didn’t spread instantly, which gave me seven days to live.”

“Now, do you know how powerful my aunt is?” Shi Ting lifted her chin rather proudly.

Ye Chen smiled and subsequently walked to the side of the bed. He said, “Don’t move. I’ll remove the scales on you.”

Yang Tian nodded because he trusted Ye Chen.

“What are you doing?” Shocked, Shi Ting walked over immediately to stop him. “You don’t know how powerful a chuma disciple’s technique is. You’ll hurt Brother Yang even more if you don’t know what you’re doing. Let’s just wait for my aunt to get home.”

Ye Chen ignored her. Instead, he pointed his finger between Yang Tian’s brows. He curled his five fingers and inhaled deeply.

Yang Tian could not help but release a low groan. “It’s ticklish!”

In the next second, the scales on him pierced through everyone’s layer of gaze directly. They were growing like hangnails.

“Oh, no, I knew that you can’t do it! Look at what you’ve done!” Shi Ting panicked when she saw that, and she was going to cry.

Ye Chen said nothing and increased the strength his hand exerted.

Crack!

As the noises of joints and the movement of bones were heard, the scales on Yang Tian’s body grew longer. It hurt so much that his face was distorted.

“Stop it now. Otherwise, Brother Yang will die right away!” Shi Ting screamed.



Just when she was going to stop Ye Chen, she felt woozy in the next second. Countless scales shot out of Yang Tian's body and turned into black energy within the blink of an eye and vanished.

"How is that possible?! Did he really remove them?" Shi Ting opened her mouth wide as disbelief filled her face.

At the same time in a luxurious house approximately 50 kilometers away, an extremely handsome man was sitting on the couch. There were two men and a lady across him.

If Ye Chen had been there, he would definitely have distinguished them as Old Shen, Dai Wei, and Di Jing.

However, they looked respectful as they faced the young man, especially Dai Wei who did not dare to look directly at the young man.

Di Jing hesitated and eventually said, "Sorcerer Zhu, can you help my friend based on the sake that my ancestor believed in Shamanism?"

She looked at Dai Wei who was next to her as soon as she said that. Dai Wei got her hint and took out a bank card instantly before saying, "Sorcerer, there's a million yuan in the card. That's all I have. Please save my life." His heart was actually bleeding when he said that. He was not wealthy, whereby he only had hundreds of thousands of yuan. It had taken him great effort to gather the one million yuan.

The young man was holding a cup of tea. Just when he was going to finish it, the cup in his hand was crushed as he sensed something.

"You have my word on that. You guys may leave," the young man said, looking grim.

Di Jing and Dai Wei were stunned, but they got up and walked out while suppressing their doubt. They then shut the door.

Ptui!

The young man suddenly spat a mouthful of blood out after they left. He said in horror, "I can't believe someone broke the spell that I cast on that brat. Who is that? Exactly who is that?!"

He got up and walked to the side to turn a table lamp holder, and a wall before him opened. As he lifted his foot and walked in, the wall that was similar to a stone door closed as soon as he entered.

There was an altar at the end of the stone room, and there was the wooden sculpture of a snake figurine on the altar. The figurine had its tongue out and it was snarling sharp teeth. It appeared evil.

The young man knelt before the altar and said after bowing, "Master Bing, someone has broken my spell. I'm not sure if it's that old lady, Aunt Hong, who did it. Since he broke the secondary forest's rule, I'll kill her too! Please handle the fox immortal behind her for me!"

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Ye Chen took out a Body Cleansing Pill and handed it to Yang Tian. "Eat it to replenish your energy."

Yang Tian took it and swallowed it directly. Subsequently, he felt warmth in his body. A warm stream spread across his whole body, treating all of the internal injuries that he had sustained before. He could not help but open his eyes wide. "Oh my god, Old Ye, you're amazing! This medicinal pill is ridiculous!"

"Brother Yang, are you really fine?" Shi Ting, who was standing aside, was still in disbelief until now.

Yang Tian smirked. "Of course! Why wouldn't I be since my brother has cured me? Do you want to take my clothes off to prove it to you?"

"Stop your nonsense!" Shi Ting's pretty face blushed and she looked at Ye Chen after throwing her temper at Yang Tian. She could not help but ask, "How did you remove the spell on Brother Yang?" She was shocked indeed, especially since her aunt could not do anything about it.

"I removed it just like that," Ye Chen said while smiling.

"Just like that?" Shi Ting was cross to hear that. She stomped her feet and said, "Forget it if you don't want to tell me. Do you think this is the end? I guess Zhu Chao has definitely found out about this. You guys won't be able to run if he makes his way here. You guys should leave now."

Yang Tian's expression changed and he said weakly, "Old Ye, w-why don't we run? Since I'm fine now, there's no need to fight them."

"Why run?" Ye Chen chuckled while a ferocious gleam flashed through his eyes. "I don't care what kind of ghost or god he is. I'll kill everyone who dares to touch my man!"

"Young man, aren't you being too boastful?"

At that moment, a husky voice came from outside.

Shi Ting was over the moon. "My aunt is back!"

### **Chapter 327: Buddhas in the South, Immortals in the North. The Five Immortals are Prohibited From Shanhaiguan!**

"Aunt Hong is back?" Yang Tian also gaped at the door with surprise on his face.

A lady wearing a plain red dress walked in. She was around 40 years old. There was a birthmark the size of a palm on the right side of her face. Therefore, she looked rather ugly. She had a little basket in her hand, and it contained many herbs.

"Aunt, you're home so soon?" As Shi Ting went to her happily, she stretched her arm to take the herb basket.

Aunt Hong nodded and lifted her eyes to look at Ye Chen who was standing aside. She frowned and said while seeming upset, "Who's this?" She had heard Ye Chen's bragging as soon as she returned. That was the reason why she was secretly upset.

"Aunt Hong, this is my friend, Ye Chen. He's here to save me," Yang Tian introduced while smiling.

"Save you?" Aunt Hong said immediately with a stern expression, "Yang Tian, you know more about your situation than anybody. Do you think your friend can save you? That's pure nonsense!"

As soon as he said that, Shi Ting said weakly from the side, "Aunt, Brother Ye has really removed the spell on Brother Yang."

"What?" Aunt Hong was shocked to learn about that. Subsequently, she walked two steps forward quickly and held Yang Tian's hand. She looked shocked after checking his pulse. "It's really been removed."

"Yeah, I'm alright now," Yang Tian nodded and said.

Aunt Hong stared at Ye Chen instantly with shock in her eyes. "Young man, how did you do that?"

When she first entered, she thought that Ye Chen was just a regular man. Never had she thought that this regular man could have removed the spell on Yang Tian.

"It's just removing a spell. How difficult can it be?" Ye Chen smiled calmly.

However, he was secretly surprised because he sensed a faint demonic qi coming from Aunt Hong. Besides that, the demonic qi was strong, and it seemed to be related to the fox immortal behind her.

Aunt Hong looked mysteriously at him and stopped asking her questions. She turned her head and said to Yang Tian, "Since you're fine, then go. I've been nice to you, and that's enough to repay you for saving Tingting."

Yang Tian smiled instead of being mad despite seeing the sudden change in her attitude. He knew Aunt Hong's character very well after having spent a few days together. He knew that she was an ominous person since birth. Her existence in this world had killed her parents while the birthmark on her face had driven her relatives and friends away.

One could say that Aunt Hong went through lots of trouble in her early years. Naturally, it was because the immortal wanted to test her. She must be driven into adversity, then she was eventually chosen due to her despair and having seen through the world. In other words, she was considered to have been enlightened.

Aunt Hong became a chuma disciple later on. Since she had an immortal attached to her, she began showing her abilities, so she was respected and admired by the people.

To put it simply, she looked cold outside but was warm inside, as well as being a lone ranger.

Aunt Hong scoffed, "Don't go to that Changbai Mountain. Go straight to Tiannan. Remember, the Zhu family can't do anything to you as soon as you've passed Shanhaiguan."

"The Zhu family can't do anything to me as soon as I've passed Shanhaiguan?" Yang Tian was stunned, so he asked while feeling puzzled, "Aunt Hong, why's that?"

Aunt Hong said impatiently, "Haven't you heard of this? Buddhas in the south, immortals in the north. The Five Immortals are prohibited from entering Shanhaiguan!"

"What does that mean?" Yang Tian was at a blur while Ye Chen could not help but look at Aunt Hong.

From the side, Shi Ting interrupted, "Brother Yang, what Aunt said comes from a literary quotation. It's said that the Qianlong Emperor was made an immortal back then. Within 500 years, the immortals of the northeast wouldn't be able to pass through Shanhaiguan."

"What? Qianlong Emperor was made an immortal? He was still human no matter how powerful he was, isn't it? How was he made an immortal?" Yang Tian looked shocked.

Aunt Hong glared at Shi Ting, blaming her for having spilled too much. However, she said, "Qianlong Emperor was the emperor of the world who conquered the four seas. He could talk to the highest ruler when it comes to the theories of Heaven Dao. He represented God's will. Naturally, what he said comes from Heaven Dao. It doesn't work on regular people but is very useful for immortals and people who are powerful in cultivation."

Ye Chen secretly nodded upon hearing that.

Although emperors were mortals, there was imperial energy that protected them at all times. Regular people could kill them, but demons and spirits could do nothing to them as they would be suppressed before they could get closer to them.

Naturally, there were exceptions, such as the King Zhou of Shang. He was disrespectful of Queen Mother Nuwa, which had damaged the country's fortune and destroyed an emperor's grace. The Queen Mother Nuwa sent the nine-tailed fox to lurk around him, bringing trouble upon him. The nine-tailed fox was merely carrying out an order."

"Yes, yes, yes," Shi Ting could not help but nod and say, "Shanhaiguan is the No. 1 barrier in the world. It's said that there are Heavenly Soldiers and Heavenly Generals guarding it, so immortals can't pass!"

"Nonsense." Yang Tian shook his head while he looked skeptical. "I guess there are just too many monks and Taoist priests in the south such as some Maoshan people who capture spirits and demons. I think that's the reason why your immortals of the northeast dare n't go there."

Aunt Hong mocked, "No matter what, the Five Immortals are prohibited from going into Shanhaiguan. That's the iron law. Their magical ability won't work if they insist on going in.

"I made you stay earlier because you had a spell cast upon you. Now that it's been removed, leave right away. The further you go, the better. You'll be fine as soon as you get out of Shanhaiguan."

Yang Tian could not help but looked at Ye Chen. "Old Ye, what do you think?" He was really scared after what happened to him, and he was eager to leave right away. However, he knew that he must ask for Ye Chen's opinion.

After all, he had made an agreement with Ye Chen earlier to get to Changbai Mountain and back within three months. If he gave that up, it would mean that whatever hardships he went through would be wasted.

Ye Chen shook his head lightly. "We can go back, but since the Zhu family did that to you, I must get them to pay since you're my brother!"

It was Yang Tian's fault for breaking the secondary forest's rule. However, that snake was an animal after all. How could an animal compare to a human?

Aunt Hong's expression changed as soon as she heard that. She said coldly, "Young man, I admit that you're powerful to have removed the spell on Yang Tian. However, wanting to fight the Zhu family is no different from hitting a rock with an egg."

"Thanks!" Ye Chen acknowledged her and got up. He walked to the door. "Yang Tian, let's go!"

"Where are we going?" Yang Tian caught up to him immediately.

"To make them pay of course," Ye Chen said while walking.

Shi Ting tugged Aunt Hong's sleeve and said as soon as she heard that. "Aunt, they're going to the Zhu family. What do we do? What do we do?"

"They're seeking death themselves. What's that got to do with me?" Aunt Hong retorted while smirking.

As Shi Ting's little face sank instantly, she begged firmly, "Aunt, I'm your only niece. If not for Brother Yang, I might've been dead in the secondary forest. Please help them." Her tears could not stop pouring down her face.

"Alright, alright!" Pity flashed through Aunt Hong's face. She shook her head and walked to an ancestral hall to pick up three incense sticks before kneeling in front of an image.

"I, Disciple Zhou Hong, am begging the immortal to help!"

### **Chapter 328: The Cunning Dai Wei!**

As soon as Ye Chen and Yang Tian walked out of Aunt Hong's house, the squeal of brakes came from behind them. They turned their heads to see a Honda driving over. It was Shi Ting who was driving and Aunt Hong was in the passenger seat. The car eventually pulled over next to them.

Shi Ting waved and commanded, "Get in now."

Yang Tian was confused. "Why are you guys here?"

"Do you think we would watch you guys send yourselves to hell?" Shi Ting rolled her eyes and said angrily.

Aunt Hong scoffed, "Get in, the both of you. I'll help you guys this time for the sake of Tingting. However, I'll have to be straightforward here. You guys must be quiet when we get to the Zhu residence. Let me handle everything, and I'll try my best to solve the resentment between you guys."

She paused as she spoke to this point. She glared coldly at Ye Chen and Yang Tian. "If you guys don't listen to me, don't blame me if you get yourselves killed."

Yang Tian looked at Ye Chen who got into the car after a soft chuckle.

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At the same time, at the Zhu residence, Di Jing went up to Zhu Chao as soon as she saw him coming out. She asked politely, "Sorcerer Zhu, may I know when will you remove the sin on him?"

Dai Wei looked at Zhu Chao nervously.

Zhu Chao suppressed the rage of his spell being broken and looked at Dai Wei and the rest. A mocking smirk appeared at the corner of his lips. "Want me to solve the grudge with the immortal weasel for you? It's simple: 100 million yuan!"

"What? 100 million yuan?" Dai Wei was instantly shocked.

At first, Di Jing was, then she said feeling extremely angrily, "But you've promised us that you'd do it earlier!"

"Can't I take my words back after the promise?" Zhu Chao said while smirking, "Just wait for your death if you don't have 100 million yuan. To be frank, this brat killed the direct descendant of the sorcerer behind the immortal weasel. Without my help, he'll definitely die!"

"Sorcerer Zhu, we don't have that much money. I-I..." Dai Wei almost knelt on the ground from shock. Gathering a million yuan was impossible to him. Where would he get 100 million yuan from?

"Let's go back and think about it." Di Jing took a deep breath in and turned around after signaling Dai Wei. The reason why she did not tell Zhu Chao that they did not have the money was purely that she was worried that Zhu Chao would cut them off completely.

As they were leaving, a series of shrieks came from outside. Subsequently, two tall and big hunks were thrown in.

In the next second, three men and two ladies walked into the villa.

Dai Wei screamed by instinct when he saw the person in front, "It's him?!"

Di Jing and Old Shen were also dumbstruck.

Mr. Ye?

Ye Chen was just as stunned when he saw them. 'Why are they here?'

"Old Ye, what's wrong?" Yang Tian, who was next to him, could not help but ask upon seeing the latter stopped.

Aunt Hong said after a scoff, "Are you scared now?" She thought Ye Chen that regretted his actions after entering the Zhu residence.

"Nothing!" Ye Chen shook his head. Just when he was going to speak, Zhu Chao, who was behind Dai Wei and the rest, glanced at Ye Chen and eventually trained his eyes on Yang Tian. He said extremely grimly, "Yang, how dare you come here? You must be seeking death!"

"Zhu Chao, I'm here to seek revenge. Don't worry. With my brother here, it's you who is unfortunate this time!" Yang Tian secretly jolted, but he argued back coldly anyway.

Zhu Chao only looked at Ye Chen then before saying as if he heard something funny. "Is this guy an assistant that you've hired? He doesn't look powerful."

Upon hearing that, Di Jing and the other two were secretly doubtful. Although they had no idea why they would bump into Ye Chen here, judging from the look of things, Ye Chen and the rest seemed to hold a grudge against Sorcerer Zhu.

Dai Wei revealed a smirk at the corner of his lips as he thought to this point. He turned his head immediately and said to Zhu Chao , “Sorcerer Zhu, I know who this guy is.”

“Tell me, and I might consider saving you,” Zhu Chao gave a short response with an indifferent expression on his face.

Dai Wei was over the moon to hear that. He stretched his arm out and pointed at Ye Chen, “Sorcerer Zhu, this guy’s name is Ye Chen. In reality, he’s not some expert at all. He’s just a pretentious guy to whom I gave a free ride earlier.”

“Xiaodai!”

“Dai Wei!”

Old Shen and Di Jing glared angrily at him as soon as he said that. Clearly, they did not expect him to betray Ye Chen for his own benefit.

Dai Wei ignored them and looked unfriendly. ‘Brat! You can’t blame me for doing this! You can only blame yourself for coming here and bumping into us. This is none of my business!’

“Xiaodai, I’m disappointed in you.” Old Shen sighed softly and left. When he walked past Ye Chen, he gave him an apologetic smile. “I’m sorry, Mr. Ye.”

Di Jing glanced at Dai Wei and left too.

Dai Wei was in complete panic as soon as they left. He dared not stay any longer, so he went after them. However, he peeped at Ye Chen while gloating before he left. ‘If I’m going to die, you won’t be able to live too!’

Ye Chen did not bother to stop him because, to him, Dai Wei was already a dead man!

The smile on Zhu Chao’s face grew upon hearing what Dai Wei said. He looked at Ye Chen and said, “Brat, I don’t know where you got your courage from to come here to offend me.”

Just when Ye Chen was going to speak, Aunt Hong took a step forward from behind him and said coldly, “He got the courage from me!”

“Aunt Hong?” Zhu Chao frowned. Clearly, he was a little scared, so he said coldly, “I should’ve known this. It must be you who removed the spell on Yang. Are you sure you want to make me your enemy because of Yang?”

To him, Ye Chen had no cultivation base at all. He did not look like a chuma disciple, so he could not have broken his spell at all.

Aunt Hong sighed and said, “Zhu Chao, although Yang Tian broke the secondary forest’s rule and accidentally killed the snake immortal’s disciple, you’ve taken your revenge. The immortal behind you just wanted good karma. Why can’t you let him go for my sake?”

“For your sake?” Zhu Chao chuckled. “Aunt Hong, why don’t you look into the mirror and see who you are? Do you really think that I’m afraid of you just because the immortal behind you is under the immortal fox?”

He performed a strange hand seal with both hands as soon as he said that. He shouted, "Please possess me, Master!"

A cold breeze came blowing in the next second. The trees and branches in the courtyard were bowing toward him, as if they were falling from the strong wind.

At the same time, a shadow appeared behind Zhu Chao. The shadow overlapped with Zhu Chao's shadow gradually.

When they looked again, there was fiendish energy throbbing from Zhu Chao now. There were many black scales on his face while his eyes seemed like snake pupils. He had an evil vibe on him now.

### **Chapter 329: Battle Between Two Immortals!**

Dai Wei saw the Honda that was parked aside as soon as he got out of the Zhu residence. He figured that the car must be Ye Chen and the gang's. After harrumphing twice, he took out a dagger and pierced the tire directly.

The air in the tire leaked out entirely.

'Now, none of you can run!'

A chill flashed through Dai Wei's eyes. Subsequently, he walked to the off-road vehicle behind the Honda where Old Shen and Di Jing were in at the moment. The duo's faces sank as soon as they saw him.

Old Shen could not help but ask, "Xiaodai, Mr. Ye didn't do anything to you. Why must you sabotage him?"

"Old Shen, I don't like what you're saying. Did I sabotage him? I merely told Sorcerer Zhu his identity," Dai Wei retaliated.

Old Shen waved. "Forget it, forget it. Let's go. I hope that Mr. Ye is safe."

Di Jing secretly shook her head. She had heard how powerful Zhu Chao was. He was an immortal who had 200 years of cultivation behind him, thus Ye Chen would definitely die for offending it!

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"Oh, no, the immortal behind him has possessed him!" Aunt Hong's expression changed after noticing that the aura on Zhu Chao was growing. She performed a hand seal instantly. "Please possess me!"

Compared to the ominous changes that happened to Zhu Chao, the possession Aunt Hong went through seemed much calmer. As a breeze blew, white fur grew on her arms. Meanwhile, her face turned rather sharp with a long chin. She looked like a fox.

Yang Tian said while stammering, "H-has A-Aunt Hong been p-possessed by an immortal?"

When Aunt Hong glared coldly at him, Yang Tian felt an invisible pressure as if a meteorite had fallen on him from that glance alone! It suppressed him so much that he felt like he was suffocating a little.



Shi Ting dragged the corner of his shirt and chided softly, "Don't speak. The immortal doesn't like being disrespected!"

As he stood aside, Ye Chen squinted slightly. Through his Divine Consciousness, he noticed there was black energy in Zhu Chao and Aunt Hong's bodies now. They seemed like they were possessed by spirits. However, being possessed by a spirit would mean that their souls were taken over. Meanwhile, they were merely being controlled by qi. To be exact, it was demonic qi.

At that moment, Zhu Chao spoke. An eerie voice came out of his mouth, "Lady of the Three Foxes, both of us belong to the secondary forest. Why are you helping an outsider?"

Upon hearing that voice, Yang Tian and Shi Ting felt chills travel through their bodies. They could not help but have goosebumps all over their bodies.

"I don't want to interfere, but Aunt Hong and I knew each other in her past life, and I've accumulated countless good karma because of her." Aunt Hong's voice, on the other hand, was extraordinarily light, sharp, and soft. It was so sweet like she was singing. "Since she has asked for me, it's only natural that I won't reject her. Liu Li, Liu Man's death is destined. I'd like to advise you to let this go. Otherwise, you'll definitely go through a tribulation!"

"I guess there's no room for discussion! You foxes have been in conflict with us snakes for a long time. Let's get this over with today!" Zhu Chao cackled in rage. A long tongue suddenly came out of his mouth and charged directly at Aunt Hong like a lightning bolt.

Nevertheless, Aunt Hong was calm. Two white fox tails appeared on her back, and they stormed straight at the tongue.

'A two-tailed fox?' Ye Chen came to a realization.

It was said that the foxes in the fox cult would only grow one tail in every century of cultivation. They would only obtain nine tails after cultivating for 1,000 years. Meanwhile, the nine-tailed fox held the highest status among the cult.

Therefore, the one in Aunt Hong's body should have had 200 years of cultivation under its belt. It must be true that it knew Aunt Hong in her past life. After all, a mortal's life was merely the span of decades.

Compared to Ye Chen's composure, Yang Tian was shocked. After all, it was his first time seeing the so-called chumaxian battle.

Shi Ting clenched her hands hard. She was extremely nervous!

The two tails from Aunt Hong bound Zhu Chao's tongue. Like a vine, it tied the tongue really tightly, causing its attack to come to a halt.

"Great!" Shi Ting was over the moon by instinct.

However, a shadow came out of Zhu Chao's body in the next second. It was like a venomous snake that charged at Aunt Hong with its sharp fangs with black energy lingering around it.

Aunt Hong's pretty face had a slight change of expression. She recalled her tails and retreated instantly to leap onto the roof while Zhu Chao went after her. The duo began fighting on the roof.

Shi Ting wanted to go up there, but she was incapable of doing that. At that moment, Ye Chen said while shaking his head, "Your aunt is going to lose."

"Ptui!" Shi Ting glared at him rather annoyedly. "My aunt won't lose. Don't try to jinx it. You b\*stard, she's only fighting Zhu Chao for you guys."

Ye Chen said nothing after realizing that she did not believe him.

The immortal in Aunt Hong's body must be kind. It must have never fought anyone, so it was lacking real battle experience. How could it be a match for the immortal in Zhu Chao's body that had various techniques?

As expected, Aunt Hong fell from the roof within ten minutes. The white furry silhouette was still dancing in the air.

Shi Ting's pretty features changed as she ran over instantly to help Aunt Hong up. She was almost crying in alarm. "Aunt, are you alright?"

"Old Ye, one of her tails is broken," Yang Tian said.

Ye Chen nodded. Losing a tail would mean losing a hundred years of cultivation.

"Hahaha! Lady of the Three Foxes, do you know why you aren't my match?" A hysterical peal of laugh came.

Zhu Chao leaped from the roof and said arrogantly, "Because you foxes are just too kind. To be exact, you guys are too timid, so timid that you guys don't eat meat, not even bird eggs. You guys are filling your stomachs with fruits. You are so timid that you guys have lost your stance in battles!"

The aura around Aunt Hong's body faded entirely after hearing that as the immortal in her finally left after losing a tail.

"Aunt Hong, Lady of the Three Foxes is gone now. I'd like to see how you're going to fight me now. You'll definitely die today!" Zhu Chao walked toward them one step after another.

Aunt Hong looked at Shi Ting, and then at Ye Chen and Yang Tian. Despair filled her face as she stammered, "I-I've tried!"

Then, she lost consciousness as soon as she said that.

"It's your fault, it's all your fault!" Shi Ting glared angrily at Ye Chen while feeling hopeless. "If not for you insisting on coming, why would have my aunt been here? Great! Are you happy now?!"

Ye Chen was rather speechless after being condemned. Did he ask Aunt Hong to come along? Even more so, he did not even ask Aunt Hong to get the immortal to help!

"Yang, I'll kill you guys now!" Zhu Chao glanced at Ye Chen and Yang Tian grimly. The long tongue from before charged out of his mouth again.

Yang Tian hesitated just as he was going to block before Ye Chen.

At that moment, Ye Chen yelled calmly, "Iron Tower!"

Bang!

The gigantic silhouette that was next to him a second ago leaped before Ye Chen. When his feet landed on the ground, the ground shook instantly as if a mountain had collapsed!

### **Chapter 330: Too Terrifying, Too Cruel!**

Crack!

Iron Tower's appearance created a crack on the ground.

Shi Ting and Yang Tian, who were aside, were dumbstruck as they gaped at his gigantic body that was 2.5 meters tall. They felt miniature around him.

Before this, Iron Tower's height had shrunk to 1.9 meters. Although he looked tall, he had a subtle presence as he had been quiet. The duo thought that he was just Ye Chen's bodyguard. However, whatever happened earlier had just proved them wrong.

Iron Tower stood still facing Zhu Chao's gigantic tongue that was charging at him at lightning speed. Instead of advancing, he stretched his arm out and grabbed the tongue.

"Oh no!" Zhu Chao's pupils shrunk. Clearly, he did not expect Ye Chen to have such a giant bodyguard.

He wanted to recall his tongue by instinct, but Iron Tower was faster than him. He grabbed the tongue and yanked hard.

Snap!

The tongue broke from the force. It was such a brutal technique!

Zhu Chao released a low groan as he retreated two steps back consecutively. He looked at Iron Tower with fear in his eyes. "Who are you?"

'I've been reckless! I thought Aunt Hong was their trump card. Never had I thought that this hunk would be the powerful one!' he thought to himself.

Iron Tower said nothing facing Zhu Chao's question. Instead, he moved his huge body and ran toward Zhu Chao. In reality, he was a dead man who could not even speak. The ground would shake with every step he took. He was like King Kong.

"That's terrifying!" Shi Ting's eyes were blank.

"Damn it! The Black Armor Method!" Zhu Chao shouted in rage. Immediately, the clothes on his body exploded as dense, black scales grew on his skin, including his arms. From afar, he looked like a half-human, half-snake monster.

"Die!" He threw a punch out with a ferocious expression as he performed the Black Armor Method. It was the expertise of the immortal within him. As a result, he grew scales that could not be pierced with knives and guns. Even bullets could not pierce through it.

"Be careful!" Yang Tian and Shi Ting screamed at the same time.

Not only did Iron Tower not retreat facing Zhu Chao's punch, but he actually accelerated and charged at it.

Bang!

Zhu Chao's punch made contact.

However, to his shock, the punch felt as if it hit a metal board when it landed on Iron Tower's chest. Besides not being injured, the scales on Zhu Chao's hand also dropped entirely.

"How is this possible?!" Zhu Chao was shocked.

At the same time, Iron Tower threw a punch out. The punch was clean without any fancy movements at all. However, the strength from the punch tore the air around it.

"I must dodge this!" As Zhu Chao's expression changed, he wanted to duck by instinct. However, Iron Tower's punch landed when he was in the middle of dodging. It punched a hole through half of his shoulder.

He shrieked and was thrown out like a cannonball. He scanned himself when he was thrown tens of meters out. The left side of his shoulder was completely gone, and fresh blood could not stop spurting out.

"That's so scary!" Shi Ting's pretty face turned pale, and she was shaking. When had she ever witnessed such a gruesome and brutal thing?

"Is this a human beast giant?" Yang Tian gulped.

If a regular person were to take Iron Tower's punch on, one would be crippled, if not dead. However, Zhu Chao could still move. He struggled as he stood up, and he said to Iron Tower immediately, "Stop! The grudge between Yang and I has been solved under the premise that you no longer attack me!"

He was really scared. Iron Tower was like a flawless human beast giant with brutal strength. Even Zhu Chao, who had an immortal possessing him, could do nothing about it.

Therefore, he decided to surrender right away. It was never too late to take revenge after keeping his life.

"Kill him, Iron Tower!" However, Ye Chen shook his head.

Zhu Chao's face changed drastically as he shrieked, "Master, take me. Take me away! I don't want to die!"

He seemed to be speaking to the immortal in his body. As soon as he was done speaking, his body hovered in the air, and black energy lingered around his body, taking him far away at a high speed. It was extremely fast.

"Old Ye, he's running away!" Yang Tian was shocked.

"Where are you going?" Ye Chen chuckled.

In the next second, Iron Tower deviated slightly from the direction where Zhu Chao was running to. Subsequently, he stomped both feet hard on the ground and shot directly into the sky like a rocket that was launched. Eventually, he stepped on Zhu Chao who was on the ground.

“Oh no!” Zhu Chao panicked, and he had goosebumps all over his body. He leaped with all of his might and shot tens of meters out.

When he lifted his head, he saw a foot coming at him!

Bang!

Iron Tower stood where Zhu Chao had been. A gigantic hole ten meters in diameter was created in the ground. Meanwhile, a bloody body that was smashed was twitching lightly in the gravel. It was none other than Zhu Chao.

He had been killed by Iron Tower’s stomp even though he had the protection of the Black Armor Method.

Dead silence filled the place. Shi Ting and Yang Tian looked at the scene blankly. When they snapped back to their senses, they felt a rumbling in their stomachs, then they vomited.

‘How terrifying! How cruel!’ Both of them were horrified.

Although Yang Tian had seen Ye Chen fight, Ye Chen’s way of fighting had never been as brutal and cruel as this.

Suddenly, black energy leaped out of Zhu Chao’s dead body. It shot into the sky, seeming to try and escape.

“What’s that?” Yang Tian screamed.

Ye Chen chuckled softly. He stretched his arm and grabbed onto the black energy. As he caught it, there was a faint shriek that came from it.

“Let me go! Let me go!”

The black energy slowly consolidated into a snake.

Shi Ting, who was standing aside, said by instinct, “It’s Zhu Chao’s immortal. It’s an immortal snake.”

“Let me go! I’ll guarantee not to offend you guys,” the black energy was still begging with all of its might. If it was destroyed, its 200 years of diligent cultivation would be entirely destroyed.

Ye Chen smiled calmly. “Can you give me a reason for letting you go?”

To him, those immortals that were powerful to the mortals were no different from the monsters in the cultivation world.

There was a rule that animals were prohibited from cultivating into immortals ever since the country was founded. They hid deep in the mountain forests in fear. Now that the world was at peace, they were out creating trouble.

“My father is the Mysterious Snake King. If you dare kill me, he definitely won’t let you go,” the black ball of energy said while shaking.

Ye Chen and Yang Tian could not help but look at Shi Ting.

Shi Ting’s face turned pale and said immediately, “In the Northeast, there are Five Kings among the Five Immortals. They are the Black Bear King, the Mysterious Snake King, the Weasel King, the Hedgehog King, and the Rat King. Even my aunt and the immortal behind her have to kneel and bow when they meet the Five Kings!”

“That’s right...” The black energy was secretly over the moon to see the fear on Shi Ting’s face. He said again, “My father is one of the Five Kings, the Mysterious Snake King. You can’t...”

It was crushed before it was done speaking.

Ye Chen shook his head lightly. “Shut up!”