### Paradise 401

# Chapter 401: Witch

Lily's scream echoed in the dark warehouse. Before the echo ended, she disappeared from their vision. Next, she appeared behind Lin Huang like a ghost. Under the black robe, her inhuman black claws reached out towards his neck with black mist on them. Her phantom movement was beyond what Lin Huang's eyes could capture. However, with his Micro Territory that was active at all times, nothing could escape him within a radius of a hundred meters, including Lily's peculiar movement.

Sensing her appearance behind him, Lin Huang did not escape, but he stretched out his grade-5 sword relic, Dragon Slayer, to his back. Before the golden glow left the sword, the sword sliced through the air cleanly.

## Bang!

As the sword and the claws collided, a loud bang was heard. With the help of the force, Lin Huang dashed towards Fatty and Zhang Mengmeng. Lily backed off and disappeared into the dark again.

As Lin Huang was closer to Fatty, he was ready to chop off the black chain that was restraining Fatty with his sword. Suddenly, a shadow appeared next to Fatty. Black needles fired like bullets at Lin Huang faster than the speed of sound. He stopped moving while slashing the sword maniacally in the air like it was a giant shield blocking all the black needles.

Suddenly, he felt danger coming from behind. He activated his Cloud Steps and Seraphic Speed, then stepped a hundred meters away and saw the black shadow disappear.

"What was that?" Lin Huang was puzzled. At that moment, he could sense danger coming from his back again. He stepped away immediately. Under the bright moonlight, he turned around and saw a shadow disappear from where he stood again.

"A shadow?!" Lin Huang could tell it was a shadow. Although he had no idea what the shadow was doing, the sense of danger came from it. Lin Huang trusted his instincts.

"Lin Huang, the moment you stepped into this warehouse today, there's no way you'll leave alive. Give up all your useless struggles now," Lily's voice echoed.

"Lily, if you had gone for the psychotherapy sessions last year, perhaps you'd have been living like a normal kid just like everybody else now. Mr. Wei's love wasn't real. It was an odd feeling that you have towards him after his brainwashing. He never loved you. You were a toy to him and you could've been thrown away anytime he wanted. You know very well who he really was. His death is a release for you..." Lin Huang shouted.

"So, you thought my dad is dead! He's not dead. He was saved by the Grandmistress! She sent me to Phoenix Island for training... Phoenix Island is like hell... Hahaha..." Lily sounded like a lunatic, her laugh scaring Lin Huang.

However, Lin Huang got some information from what she said. "Mr. Wei didn't die? How is that possible!? There was a hole in his head, so how did he manage to survive?"

"An ordinary person like you could never imagine Grandmistress's special ways! Dad will be revived two years later," Lily sounded like she was talking to herself.

Lin Huang frowned as he listened to Lily's crazy talk but he could tell that what she said was true. He could not imagine what kind of person the so-called Grandmistress was.

"The Grandmistress that you're talking about, who is she?" Lin Huang asked.

"Grandmistress is dad's mother. She's the most incredible woman in the entire world." Lily sounded insane.

Now, Lin Huang finally found out that Mr. Wei had a powerful background. He thought it was odd that the Grandmistress did not get anybody to assassinate him for the past one year. Could Lily be here to fulfill some odd fetish? Lin Huang was half right; training Lily to get revenge was the Grandmistress's fetish. She did send assassins on Lin Huang's tail, but the assassins were always stopped by the Leng family.

"My dad asked me to kill you and keep your dead body in the freezer. By then, Grandmistress will extract your soul to feed the worms. Two years later, when dad is revived, he'll slice your body into pieces as you watch and use different ways to cook you every day. When your body is all eaten, he will chop off your head and make it into a spittoon and get Grandmistress to put your consciousness into the spittoon..."

"It seems like killing that pervert didn't teach him a lesson. Next time when I see him, I'll wipe away his soul and consciousness so that he won't be able to live ever again." Lin Huang was furious.

"And that Grandmistress? I shall chop off her head one day," Lin Huang added.

"Too bad you won't be able to survive until that day," Lily mocked and attacked again.

Three giant shadows dashed towards Lin Huang by sliding on the ground.

"It's redundant to play shadows with me!" Lin Huang shouted, "Come out, Witch!"

A human-form monster with a horn on its head appeared in front of Lin Huang. The monster was a female with a pliant body. It was one of the fiend Monster Cards that Lin Huang had obtained the last time.

"Monster Card

"Rarity: Epic

"Monster Name: Witch

"Type of Monster: Fiend (Beginner)

"Combat Level: Blue Flame-level

"Skill 1: Magic of Gu

"Skill 2: Poison Magic

"Skill 3: Witchcraft

"Summon Authority: Activated

"Card Remarks: Trainable"

Lin Huang had seen the skills description before. The Witch had the most secular skills. She only had three skills that were of different abilities. For Magic of Gu, she had mastered tens of worms with different functions. Some could control human minds from parasites, some could store venom, while some were cannibal worms that could devour an adult's flesh to his skeleton within seconds...

Meanwhile, Witchcraft included some soul-type attack, defense, and psychic abilities. It included some peculiar abilities such as shadow control, plant control and even summoning monsters from another dimension.

As Lin Huang had seen the Witch controlling shadows before, he decided to get her to fight Lily. Seeing the three shadows that were coming, the Witch stomped hard, and a giant fiend-form shadow grew under the moonlight.

# **Chapter 402: Zhang Mengmeng's Identity**

The fiend shadow that the Witch created appeared within seconds. The three shadows that Lily was controlling sensed something was wrong, so they attempted to go around it to get to Lin Huang. However, the fiend shadow entered Lin Huang's own shadow at the speed of light before the three shadows could even move. He was speechless as he watched his shadow became a gigantic fiend shadow. As the shadows were fighting, he had no idea how he could help. He did not have any idea what would happen to him if he touched Lily's shadow.

The fight among the shadows on the ground was intense; it was like an intriguing shadow play. The shadows collided with each other and separated so fast that Lin Huang could only grasp a little bit of what was going on. The fiend shadow was certainly much stronger than the three shadows. Although it was surrounded by the three shadows, it was winning. It stood on its spot, barely moving, while the other three were constantly in motion. They backed off once they were attacked, not daring to fight the fiend shadow face-to-face.

The battle lasted for more than a minute, and it became stagnant. Just when a shadow was attacking, the fiend shadow retaliated by transforming one of its shadow hands into a massive mouth and snapped at the shadow. The other two shadows wanted to help, but they were chased away by the other enormous hand. The shadow that was captured was whimpering like a wounded beast. However, it was soon swallowed, and there was complete silence.

After settling the first shadow, the fiend shadow seemed to grow a few times bigger. It turned around and looked at the other two shadows. It extended its claws and transformed them into two thick chains, then dashed towards the two shadows. Under the moonlight, the two shadows were running for their lives. Soon, one of them was captured by the chain. It struggled hard, but its efforts were redundant. As soon as the fiend shadow pulled the chain, it captured the shadow with its claws and consumed it.

Knowing that it could not escape, the last shadow left the ground and transformed into a thick, black mist. Soon, it became Lily. Lin Huang was surprised to see that as he did not expect any of the shadows

to be Lily herself. As soon as she turned into a human again, Lily screamed at Lin Huang while she attempted to escape,

"How could this happen? I have already sealed the space! You shouldn't be able to summon your monsters!"

"Nothing is impossible. Since I couldn't summon my monsters, it's obvious that I have my own way of making it happen." Lin Huang did not explain much.

Lily, who was escaping, stared deadly at Lin Huang, then turned around and dashed towards Fatty and Zhang Mengmeng.

"Since I can't kill you, even if I die, I must kill these two!"

"Witch, kill her!" Lin Huang frowned and instructed.

The warehouse became even dimmer as Lin Huang's shadow changed back to normal. He had no idea when the fiend shadow had left his shadow and where it had gone to. All the dark corners were alive. It looked like the entire warehouse had become the fiend shadow's playground.

Any spots with shadows were transformed into chains. They were like tentacles that grew and sped towards Lily as if they had lost their minds. No matter where she was running to, the chains would follow her. They even left the ground and became individual feelers. Suddenly, Lin Huang noticed that Lily had no shadow!

Soon, she was surrounded by the black chains that were coming from everywhere. As the first chain curled up her ankle, the rest followed like maggots. As he watched Lily groaned in the chain hold, Lin Huang held his head down and sighed, "I hope you'll be reborn into a better family in your next life."

She had gone through a year of touch training and exhausted her talent, but all she could manage was holy fire-level and at the most, white flame-level. Although Lin Huang was restricted, the Witch was a blue flame level after all. Moreover, it was a fiend with many odd abilities, so even a gold flame-level might not defeat it. Lily was just an appetizer to it, and it could defeat her easily.

As the black chains faded and Lily disappeared in the black robe, Lin Huang turned around and ran towards Fatty and Zhang Mengmeng. The both of them were hung 20 centimeters from the ground. Zhang Mengmeng was still staring blankly while Fatty looked up to Lin Huang slowly as he was getting closer.

"That black-robed person..."

"She's here for me. I'm so sorry to drag the both of you into it... But she's dead now. I'll get you out of this place." Lin Huang was guilty as Fatty was out of breath and there was a wound on Zhang Mengmeng's face. If not for him, Lily would not have captured the both of them. Lin Huang sliced away the hooks on their backs with his sword, and the both of them landed on the ground. Zhang Mengmeng seemed to only snap out of it and starting crying.

"Mengmeng..." Fatty looked at Zhang Mengmeng in concern.

"Don't worry. I'll break you free now." Lin Huang sliced the chains that were binding their bodies.

"Mengmeng, are you alright?" Ignoring his pain, Fatty attempted to help Zhang Mengmeng up, but his pain restricted him.

"Alright, you should rest since you're in pain. Let me do it." Lin Huang shook his head and held Zhang Mengmeng's arms in an attempt to help her up.

Suddenly, Zhang Mengmeng looked up and stabbed Lin Huang's stomach with a blade.

"Die, Lin Huang!"

"You..." There was no way Lin Huang could avoid the attack as it was too close, and he did not see that coming.

"Mengmeng, what are you doing?!" Fatty was shocked.

"Hangyi, we can only be together if he's dead." Zhang Mengmeng did not look as shy as she had been anymore.

"Who are you?" Lin Huang pressed on his wound and backed off meters away. Blood was flowing freely from the stab wound.

"I'm the real Lily. The one that you killed just now was just a crazy personality split of me that I sealed in one of my shows... Everything was planned by me, not by her," Zhang Mengmeng finally revealed who she really was.

"I thought she could kill you so that Hangyi won't see me doing this. Too bad, that crazy lady is useless..."

# Chapter 403: Let's Break Up!

As Lin Huang backed off, Zhang Mengmeng did not pursue him and proceeded to say with a smirk, "There's no need to struggle, Lin Huang. My blade is coated with venom from a Fiendish Pufferfish, and there's no antidote in the entire world. You only have one hour to live...."

The Fiendish Pufferfish was a poisonous monster from the abyss, and a drop of its venom could kill a holy fire-level. Such venom could infect one's life directly. It looked like a drop of ink dripped into a glass of clear water and could affect the person's Life Power.

"Mengmeng, why would you do that?" Fatty did not expect Zhang Mengmeng to attack Lin Huang. He was still confused by what was happening.

"Hangyi, Grandmistress will kill me if I don't finish Lin Huang. She's trained me for a year and given me a month to accomplish this assassination. If I fail this mission, no matter which part of the world that I run to, she'll be able to find me. Grandmistress's way isn't what you can ever imagine it to be." Zhang Mengmeng looked like she respected this Grandmistress very much as she spoke of her.

"The Lily that I recall doesn't look like this. Who are you really?!" Yang Ling had confirmed Zhang Mengmeng's face was real. However, it was odd that she said she was the Lily that he knew a year ago.

"It's all your fault!" Zhang Mengmeng glared deadly at Lin Huang.

"If not for you, I wouldn't have been with Grandmistress and be sent to Phoenix Island which was hell. On the island, the psycho lady Poison Sting would use different ways to torture me every day. She called that training, but I was already tortured to death on the 12th day that I arrived on the island. The lady kept my soul and consciousness and got Grandmistress to send a human android to the island. She then inserted my soul and consciousness into the android, which is what you're looking at right now. Since then, she tortured me more and more each day, which was also how I managed to level-up from an ordinary person to holy fire-level. I managed to finish the training a month before the expected time.

"However, such psychotic training put me through many meltdowns. The lunatic that you killed just now was my split personality. Although she was a lunatic, I should thank her because if not for her, I wouldn't have been able to complete the 11 months of training.

"After the training was completed, I returned to Division7 looking everywhere for Lin Huang, but there's nothing much. I went to Wulin Town, but your house has been vacant for a very long time. I even looked for your sister Lin Xin. However, it seemed like she disappeared at the end of last year. I then found out that you're close to Hangyi, that's why I got closer to him so that I could get to you..."

Zhang Mengmeng looked at Fatty after she said that.

"So, you've never loved me? Your intention of being with me is to kill Lin Huang?!" Fatty's tears flowed from his swollen eyes.

"Ahh, that's why there was no response from the Love Rock because you've never loved me. Not even a tiny bit, I've been living a lie!"

"Hangyi, I admit that I approached you with intentions to use you, but I truly fell in love with you later on... Since I was young, nobody has ever treated me like how you do. You're the only person who treats me sincerely, not like the rest of them who either use me or treat me as a toy. I love it when I'm with you. As long as I'm with you, I feel safe even if you don't say or do anything. As for the Love Rock that had no response..." Zhang Mengmeng was choking back tears as she went on.

"Because you're dead..."

"What?" Fatty was shocked to hear what Zhang Mengmeng said.

"I actually wanted to kill you when we first met at the assessment as well as engulf your soul and consciousness. I wanted to extract everything about Lin Huang from that." Zhang Mengmeng took a deep breath and told the truth.

"But after browsing your memories, I found out that you had no idea where Lin Huang was. Helpless, I used the way that Grandmistress taught me and extracted your consciousness and sealed part of your soul into your body to 'revive' you as well as wipe away the part of your memory of being dead."

"In reality, you're dead and your soul no longer exists. Your consciousness looks like it exists, but it's just a part of mine..."

"Since I 'revived' you, I approached you so that I could retrieve Lin Huang's location from you. However, after spending time with you for a few days, I realized that I enjoyed being loved by you. It's a feeling that I have never experienced before. Since then, I regretted killing you. I came up with many plans and

looked up many documents on how to revive you. However, your soul is a unique thing. As soon as it dies, it can't be revived or reversed."

"The Love Rock can sense the souls of both people. It will only light up for souls who are connected. You don't have a soul, so our palms didn't light up..."

Not only was Fatty shocked at what Zhang Mengmeng said, even Lin Huang, who was not far away, was dumbfounded.

"But I thought about it. It doesn't matter if you're alive or not. As long as I keep inserting your soul for you, you can maintain what you are now and we can be together forever." Zhang Mengmeng smiled at Fatty.

"If you had kept this as a secret, I would have chosen to believe you. But now... How am I supposed to believe you?" Fatty looked up while tears kept pouring down his face.

"After I kill Lin Huang and inform Grandmistress, I'll remove this part of your memory. You won't remember it was me who killed Lin Huang and you won't remember whatever I'm saying now. We can still live happily ever after. I can even accompany you to Lin Huang's funeral..."

"Enough! Everything isn't real!" Fatty stopped Zhang Mengmeng from saying any further

"Zhang Mengmeng, if you really love me, stop creating illusions to trick me and stop lying to yourself. Let me go. I would rather be dead than live in your illusion."

"You're abandoning me?" Zhang Mengmeng looked at Fatty with tears in her eyes.

"If that's what you think then sure, I don't want to be with you anymore. Let's break up!" Fatty looked into Zhang Mengmeng's eyes.

"How dare you?!" Zhang Mengmeng was furious as she strangled Fatty's neck and dangled him in the air.

"I never thought you would be like every other man who treats me like a toy and throw me away when you don't need me anymore... If that's the case, I shall kill you too!"

"Fatty!" As Lin Huang shouted his name in warning, the Witch came to his rescue. Fatty, who was in Zhang Mengmeng's grasp, turned into a scarecrow. The Witch appeared in front of Zhang Mengmeng and slapped her on the chest. She flew backwards from the blow...

# Chapter 404: In My Next Life, I Want to Be Your Wife

"Lin Huang, if you kill me, he'll die too! His consciousness comes from mine. If my consciousness disappears, his will too." Zhang Mengmeng spat blood as she was struck on the warehouse wall by the Witch. As she had made the wall impenetrable to prevent Lin Huang from escaping, she would have gone through the wall as a result of the Witch's attack if she had not.

"Since you're only left with an hour to live, why not you allow Hangyi and I to leave? Give Hangyi to me. As long as I remove this part of his memory, he'll love me like he always does. As long as I live, so will

he." Zhang Mengmeng landed on the ground slowly. Her two ponytails were loose. Her messy hair and her peculiar facial expression made her looked like a ghost under the moonlight.

"You're still so stubborn!" Lin Huang sympathized with her at first, but now he was irritated. He crushed the Healing Card that was in his hand, and the blade that had stabbed his stomach was pushed out of his body slowly. As that happened, a small capful of purple liquid came out together with the blade. It was the Fiendish Pufferfish's venom. As soon as the venom was excreted, his wound started to heal at a pace that could be seen with the naked eye. Suddenly, the Witch appeared in front of Lin Huang and looked desperately at the venom.

"Take it if you want it." Lin Huang nodded to her. The Witch opened her mouth and swallowed the purple liquid. It only took a moment for Lin Huang's body to recover to his peak performance after the venom left his body.

"What just happened? How is this possible!? There's no antidote to the Fiendish Pufferfish's venom! And how did you manage to heal yourself so quickly?!" Zhang Mengmeng was shocked by what she was witnessing. She shook her head vigorously, unable to accept what she was seeing.

It had taken her so long to plan out everything, so she was sure that Lin Huang would definitely die from the Fiendish Pufferfish's venom as there was no antidote to it. However, she did not expect him to be able to get rid of the venom just like that. All her efforts had gone to waste.

"Mengmeng, stop dwelling on your mistakes." Seeing that Lin Huang had recovered, Fatty advised Zhang Mengmeng to move on. He hoped that Zhang Mengmeng could escape. Perhaps, Lin Huang would not kill her for the sake of Fatty. However, if Zhang Mengmeng insisted on staying, Lin Huang would not let her go just like that.

"Dwell on my own mistakes? Hangyi, there's no turning back for me. I have wasted too much time. I don't have much time to complete the mission. I'm only left with less than ten days. If I don't kill Lin Huang, Grandmistress won't let me go." Zhang Mengmeng behaved like a lunatic as she cried and laughed at the same time.

"I can only live if I kill him, then we can be together!" Zhang Mengmeng said and raced towards Lin Huang.

"I'm sorry, Fatty," Lin Huang apologized, then he turned around and nodded to the Witch. The Witch then stood in front of Lin Huang and Fatty. As she opened both her hands wide, countless of black worms flew towards Zhang Mengmeng. These worms were called Lifesiphon Worms. They were the size of an adult thumb. They were completely black, and they were fed by the Life Power of various creatures. Their mouths were like scissors which could cut open the skin of any creatures easily and enter their bodies. These worms usually lived in colonies of tens of thousands. Even an immortal-level would not want to offend them.

Zhang Mengmeng recognized the worms. Although she was delirious, she decided to run away from the worms. As the worms chased after her, she ran helter-skelter and shot daggers at Lin Huang. She knew she could not fight the Witch. Although she did not see how exactly the Witch had killed Lily in the black robe earlier, she could tell how dangerous it was from the energy wave that had been created when

they were fighting. The Witch took a very short time to kill Lily and it was obvious that the Witch was much more powerful.

Just like Lily who had lost her mind, Zhang Mengmeng knew very well that her ability was the same. It was impossible to defeat the Witch. She would have to kill Lin Huang by avoiding the Witch. As she ran, Zhang Mengmeng approached Lin Huang's direction. At the same time, she threw black needles, targeting at Lin Huang, completely ignoring the Witch.

Lin Huang slashed his sword in the air and blocked all of the black needles that got in his way. Meanwhile, as Zhang Mengmeng was pulled a distance away, her body split into two. Soon, from two of her, there were four, then eight... She looked like a cell that was going through mitosis. In less than a second, there were 32 Zhang Mengmengs now.

The Witch could not tell which was the real one. She extended her palm into the air, and countless vines grew out of her palm. She was like a giant tentacle monster as the monstrous tentacles that were tens of meters long dashed towards Zhang Mengmeng. Even Lin Huang could not tell which was the real Zhang Mengmeng after activating his ocular skill.

Suddenly, he felt a shadow encroach into his Micro Territory, rushing towards him. He did not even turn around but just stabbed his sword backward. The Star Dome was powerful. There was a tearing sound in the air as well as white stripes that appeared as his sword collided with the shadow. Following a loud bang, Zhang Mengmeng groaned while the shadow came back to her.

"How is that possible?! Even Poison Sting couldn't tell which is my real body!" Zhang Mengmeng spat blood out again. She did not see Lin Huang's sword coming. Although she managed to escape from death, she was badly injured in the intense collision. Without Lin Huang saying a word, the Witch appeared behind Zhang Mengmeng like a ghost. It was too late when she realized that. The Witch's fingers were like venomous snakes preying on their food as they pierced Zhang Mengmeng's back. The entire hand had come out through Zhang Mengmeng's chest...

An immense pain bloomed from her chest. Zhang Mengmeng looked down and saw the bloody hand reaching out from the front of her body. The long nails were like beast's claws and she finally knew what had happened as she looked at the inhuman limb. The Witch slowly retracted her hand, and Zhang Mengmeng seemed to lose all her strength as she fell to the ground. Tears were pouring while she tried her very best to look at Fatty's direction.

"Hangyi, I'm sorry..."

"Mengmeng!" Fatty struggled his way to Zhang Mengmeng and held her in his arms. Lin Huang wanted to stop him. However, he just could not do it while his hand hung in the air.

"I'm sorry. The thing I regret the most in this life would be killing you. How great would it be if I didn't kill you that day..." Zhang Mengmeng touched Fatty's swollen face.

"Mengmeng, I don't blame you. The days that I spent with you were the happiest days of my life." Fatty's tears were streaming down uncontrollably.

"Me too. I'm happy whenever I'm with you. You give me a sense of security... Perhaps, that's what real happiness feels like." Zhang Mengmeng was getting weaker and it became hard for her even to speak.

"I would love to be your bride..."

"I've thought of marrying you and having kids. We would see our kids grow up while our heads turn white..." Fatty laid his face on Zhang Mengmeng's forehead and said softly.

"Hangyi, is reincarnation real in this world?" Zhang Mengmeng asked feebly.

"If it's real, I would like to see you again in my next life... Promise me you'll meet me on the Three Lifetime Mountain... Okay?"

"Okay!" Fatty nodded firmly.

"You're so fat. I'll definitely recognize you... Don't you dare not recognize me..." Zhang Mengmeng smiled.

"How can I not recognize you? The most beautiful one among the crowd has to be you." Fatty hugged Zhang Mengmeng hard while shaking and crying uncontrollably.

"It's a promise then... In my next life, I'll be your bride..."

"Mmm!" Fatty could not speak anymore.

Soon, Zhang Mengmeng's hand that was touching Fatty's fell away limply. She was dead, but her face was calm like she had never been before with a light smile.

"Mengmeng!" Fatty screamed from the top of his lungs.

## **Chapter 405: I Have No Regrets in This Life**

Lin Huang watched silently as Fatty cried in devastation with Zhang Mengmeng in his arms. Zhang Mengmeng's consciousness was now dead, and because Fatty was part of her consciousness, his would die very soon too.

"Xiao Hei, will the Healing Card work on Fatty?" Although he knew the answer, Lin Huang asked anyway.

"The Healing Card only works on living humans but he's already dead. If one's soul or consciousness are partially damaged, the Healing Card could still be used as a remedy, but the problem is, his soul has been dead since the beginning. The Healing Card can't create another soul of a person as there's only one such thing."

"How long does he still have?" Lin Huang asked.

"At the most, half an hour. The main consciousness has died, and what he has is just a part of it, so dying is just a matter of time."

Lin Huang was solemn. Fatty was one of the first friends that he made since he traveled to this world. He did not expect that killing a bastard a year ago would involve Fatty, who was innocent, and as a consequence, his life was sacrificed. As Fatty cried for more than 20 minutes, he started to realize that there was something going on in his body. He felt weak and tired, and he wanted to sleep.

"Lin Huang..." He called out to Lin Huang in panic.

Lin Huang appeared in front of him immediately and held his shaking body steady.

"I feel so tired. Am I dying?" Fatty managed a frail smile.

Lin Huang did not say anything. Observing his response, Fatty knew that he did not have much time left.

"Lin Huang, you're my best friend. I have a favor to ask..."

"Please tell me. Anything for you." Lin Huang nodded.

Fatty worked on his Emperor's Heart Ring's contact page. "I have sent you two sets of recipes. One is Dad's and another is mine. I hope you can bring back my dad's recipe to my family. Give it to my grandmother. He was the only real chef in our family, and he gave me the recipe, so you must bring back the recipe. As for my recipe, it's not a complete one. I have noted down many recipes that I imagined cooking. I hope that you can give this to a real Food Hunter. Let him or her make my recipes happen..."

"Sure, I will find the best Food Hunter and get him to make all the recipes come true!" Lin Huang smiled and nodded confidently.

"Also, Ke Lai Hotel... The hotel was my dad's hard work but now that my dad is not around and I'm leaving soon, my family might sell the hotel. I hope you can purchase the hotel and keep the business going. The revenue of the hotel is good so that you won't lose money. Keep a copy of my dad's recipe, hire a good chef to learn all his signature food and keep the Yin family's recipe going. If possible, I hope my recipes will appear in the hotel too..."

"I'll take care of Ke Lai Hotel for you."

"Don't be sad for me. Although I've only lived for 17 years, I'm happy that I did. My grandmother said fate determines how long a person could live. I had a great dad and a grandmother who loves me. Also, I met the love of my life and she loved me too... I have no regrets in this life..." Fatty smiled. He got weaker and eventually, he passed away.

"Fatty..." Lin Huang had tears surging in his eyes. He had seen many deaths in this world but he had had no feelings at all. It was his first time seeing a good friend die. A friend who was a glutton, who loved meat. The kind and sincere Fatty was dead.

He put Fatty's body into his storage space. Just when he wanted to store Zhang Mengmeng's body, there was an odd energy wave that came out of her body.

Lin Huang backed off immediately as he sensed intense danger. Just as he backed off, Zhang Mengmeng's body expanded like a balloon.

#### Bang!

It only took a moment for her body to expand to its maximum before exploding. A raw spark flew up and the intense explosion obliterated the entire warehouse. Lin Huang was thrown down in the wave. The warehouse turned into ruins within seconds.

The explosion extended 10 kilometers away and the blast was heard even further away. Most of the residents on the east side of the White Capital heard it. Some who were closer saw the bright spark.

Fortunately, the warehouse was located at the edge of the eastern suburb and it was secluded. Besides some other warehouses with goods, there was no residential area nearby, so there was no casualty.

The explosion happened out of nowhere. Luckily, Lin Huang was fast enough to activate the Dark Shield. Not only that, the Witch created a black spherical defense layer that covered the outside of the Dark Shield. Under the double protection, Lin Huang and the Witch were unhurt. As soon as the explosive was over, Lin Huang removed the defense layer to see the entire place covered in smoke. Zhang Mengmeng's body that was not far away had completely disappeared.

"That must have been a self-destruction programme by an android. It only exploded after Fatty died. Does that mean Zhang Mengmeng's consciousness is completely finished now?" Lin Huang guessed.

"That's great. Now, I don't have to wipe away the evidence."

He looked around to make sure he did not leave any trails. He then summoned the Viridescent Thunderhawk and left.

A while after he left, a couple of shadows ran towards the warehouse. They were the powerful humans around who were puzzled by the wreckage, but they left after discovering nothing around the site. Lin Huang went straight back to the dorm in Martial Hunter College.

"Brother, how come you're back so early today?" Lin Xin was confused as Lin Huang usually only headed back after 12 but it was not even 11.

"Fatty is dead..." Lin Huang muttered after sitting wordlessly on the couch in the living for a while.

"Brother Fatty...is dead?" Lin Xin was shocked. She had not seen the news coming.

Lin Huang then told her about what had happened.

"I'll drop by Fatty's house tomorrow to pass his body and his remaining belongings to his family," Lin Huang said softly.

"I'll follow you." Lin Xin was worried about Lin Huang's condition.

"That's great. Since Zhang Mengmeng managed to come to the White Capital, it would be dangerous for you to stay here alone."

## **Chapter 406: The Yin Family's Old Lady**

Fatty's hometown was in Nanmu Town, which was also a D-grade foothold like Wulin Town that was under the territory of Baqi City. It was almost 1,300 kilometers from Baqi City. After breakfast, Lin Huang brought Lin Xin to Baqi City which he had pinned on his dimensional relic earlier. They then rode on the Viridescent Thunderhawk and headed towards Nanmu Town.

It was past eight in the morning when they arrived and the town had started to get crowded. The appearance of the Viridescent Thunderhawk had attracted the attention of the crowd. Lin Huang recalled the Viridescent Thunderhawk after he found out where the Yin family house was quite easily.

The foothold was small, only slightly bigger than Wulin Town. Lin Huang did not summon the Viridian Wolf and walked to the Yin residence by foot with Lin Xin instead.

On the way, Lin Huang was thinking about how to break the news while Lin Xin followed without saying a word. She was not as bubbly and capricious as she always was. Seven to eight minutes later, they finally arrived at the big courtyard that the pedestrians had told him about. The Yins were clearly a prosperous family in town. From the look of the courtyard, it looked like it was at least 1,000 square meters large.

There was an old man sitting in a pavilion not far behind the entrance and the black wooden door was locked.

"What do you want?" When the old man saw the both of them, he stood up and asked.

"Is this the Yin residence? I'm Yin Hangyi's friend and this is my sister. Yin Hangyi asked me to come here to see his old lady," Lin Huang politely explained.

"You're Master's friend? Please give me a moment while I inform the housekeeper." The old man called someone and hung up after a short exchange of words. He then opened the door.

"Please come in. The housekeeper is waiting for you at the door." He opened the door and smiled at the both of them.

They walked through the courtyard. There was a middle-aged man in a black tuxedo who nodded to them at the entrance. It was obvious that he was the Yins' housekeeper.

"Please follow me to the living room." The housekeeper brought the both of them to the left side of the halls and headed to the living room.

As they entered the living room, the housekeeper got them tea and asked casually, "How do I address the both of you?"

"My name is Lin Huang and this is my sister Lin Xin," Lin Huang said.

"Oh, so you're Mr. Lin Huang. Master always talks about you. He told us that you're young and capable and that you've achieved a lot at such a young age." The housekeeper was much friendlier after confirming who Lin Huang was.

"I wonder what brings Mr. Lin Huang and Ms. Lin Xin here today?" The housekeeper served them some tea.

"Hangyi asked me to see his grandma." Lin Huang knew that it was best if he announced the news to the head of the family.

"Oh, is that so? She just woke up and is having breakfast now. I'll inform her. Please give me a moment." The housekeeper did not ask further and excused himself.

"Brother Fatty is quite rich." Lin Xin smiled.

"This is all the effort of Fatty's father's business. Now that his dad and Fatty aren't around anymore, the business must find it hard to go on. Many people have gone to the restaurant for Fatty's dad's recipe.

Fatty picked up 50% to 60% of his dad's talent. There's nobody else in the Yin family who is talented in cooking..." Lin Huang knew why Fatty asked him to purchase the hotel as the family would sell it to others if he did not.

"Without the revenue of the hotel, it seems to be hard for the family to maintain their lifestyle." Lin Xin observed.

"So, as soon as they know about Fatty's death, if they're smart, they will sell the hotel because if they continue to manage it, they'll definitely lose money. Since it's still making money now, the earlier they let it go, the better for them." Lin Huang nodded helplessly.

"Why not you buy the hotel, brother? We can get some good chefs to come up with some unique dishes. Even if we don't make much, at least the business won't be losing money," Lin Xin suggested.

"Fatty hoped that I would purchase it as well, but I can't be the one who initiates that. We need to hear what the grandma says." Lin Huang knew if he was to suggest that himself, to the Yins, he would seem like he was robbing a burning house instead of trying to help.

After taking two sips of tea, the housekeeper came back to them. "Please follow me to Grandma."

The both of them trailed behind him and headed to the second floor. On the living room, there was an old lady with white hair on the couch, sandwiched between two women. Lin Huang guessed that they were Fatty's aunts.

The old lady waved to the both of them. "Since the both of you are Hangyi's friends, don't be shy and come sit down. Make yourself at home.

"Hi Grandma, hi Aunties," Lin Huang greeted the three of them. The housekeeper left after bringing the both of them tea.

Lin Huang was seated on a chair that was not far from the couch and was comfortable. However, Lin Xin looked slightly uneasy.

"I heard from the housekeeper that you're Lin Huang?" The old lady chuckled.

"Yes, I'm Lin Huang. This is my sister, Lin Xin."

"Hangyi mentioned about you before. He said you saved his life once. He also told me that you have great abilities and that you're a genius," the old lady complimented.

"Hangyi was kidding..." Lin Huang did not know how to break the news anymore.

"Oh yeah, let me introduce yourself. I'm Hangyi's grandmother and these two are Hangyi's aunties." The old lady suddenly realized that she did not introduce the three of them.

"Do you know that Hangyi has a girlfriend now? Although the girl is pretty, I'm worried that she doesn't really love Hangyi. Think about it. If she's so pretty, which part of Hangyi would attract her? Since you're his friend, watch out for him on my behalf. I don't want him to get cheated..." The old lady did not stop talking. Lin Huang finally knew where Fatty got his chatterbox mouth from.

She was interrupted by one of the aunties. "Mom, don't just talk about yourself. Hangyi went traveling and now he asked his friend to come here, so there must be something important," the aunt said.

"Look at me, forgetting about what's important. Hangyi must have something urgent to tell us?" The old lady asked. Lin Huang was struggling as he did not know how to break the news. He was looking for the opportunity to break it gently but there was no way that he could, judging from the old lady's conversation.

Now that the three of them were looking at him with anticipation, he did not know how to say it anymore. The old lady seemed to notice something was wrong from Lin Huang's expression.

"Lin Huang, did something happen...to Hangyi?" The old lady asked carefully. Lin Huang's silence made the ambiance awkward.

"Just tell me, I can take it." The old lady took a deep breath and nodded at Lin Huang. She seemed to know what had happened as there were tears in her eyes.

"I'm sorry, Hangyi is...dead..." Lin Huang felt terrible but he told the truth anyway.

# **Chapter 407: The Funeral**

"Hangyi is dead..."

The light in the old lady's eyes extinguished but she was much calmer than Lin Huang expected. He was worried that she might not be able to take the news. Nevertheless, she was much stabler than he imagined.

"It's my fault..." The old lady slapped her thigh hard.

"Mom, don't say that!"

"It has nothing to do with you!"

Yin Hangyi's two aunties stopped the old lady from hurting herself further. Lin Huang and Lin Xin were puzzled.

"How is it not my fault?! The fortune teller said that I'm no good for this family. My two husbands are dead. Now, so are my two sons, one daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. If I'm dead, nothing like that will happen to anyone!" The old lady cried and blamed herself.

Now, finally, Lin Huang and Lin Xin understood why she blamed herself.

"What happened, Lin Huang? Hangyi was just traveling with his girlfriend. How did this happen?" The aunty asked Lin Huang as she wanted to change the topic.

"Hangyi and his girlfriend got kidnapped in the White Capital. It was too late when I arrived. Hangyi wasn't dead yet when I got there but there was no way that I could save him." Lin Huang hid the truth. He had to lie as the less the Yin family knew about the Grandmistress, the safer they would be. They might want to take revenge if he told them the truth. It would be a disaster if the Grandmistress found out about their attempt to seek revenge.

"Kidnap? Why didn't they call us to ask for ransom?" Hangyi's aunt asked.

"The kidnappers didn't want money. They were actually after Zhang Mengmeng as there was something from her family that they wanted. She was a royalty outside of Division7, so she was targeted before she even came to Division7. It was unfortunate that Hangyi got dragged into this. As Zhang Mengmeng's family couldn't come to terms with the kidnappers, the both of them were killed. Zhang Mengmeng's body was taken away by her family while Hangyi's is my storage space."

Lin Huang came up with the story and intentionally said that Zhang Mengmeng's family was royalty outside of Division7 as the Yin family was a normal family after all, so it would be difficult for them to get any information that was outside of the division. They would need a massive amount of Life Crystals to get out of the division. A year's worth of Life Crystals was equivalent to one million credit points. Getting to the nearest Division8 or Division6 would cost each person thousands of Life Crystals.

The Heart Network ran individually in every division. Besides people of a certain level, the information of each division was isolated. Normal people would only receive information about the division that they were residing in. If they did not know anyone from other divisions, they would basically know nothing about other divisions for all their lives. They trusted what Lin Huang said as Fatty always mentioned about him and his extensive network as far as the old lady and the others remembered. They had even seen their photos together, so they were not skeptical about Lin Huang at all.

"Can we see...Hangyi's body?" The old lady was sobbing but she heard Lin Huang loud and clear.

Lin Huang nodded and took out Fatty's body. He lay his body on the carpet in the living room. The aunties took a quick glance and looked away while the old lady stood up calmly. She walked towards Fatty's body with her walking stick slowly. Although Fatty was slightly unrecognizable as his face was swollen, the old lady could tell that it was her grandson, Yin Hangyi.

"Hangyi..." She tossed her walking stick aside and knelt on her knees. She looked devastated as she touched Fatty's head lovingly.

"Why did you leave just like that? Didn't you say that you want to be a Food Hunter and make monsters into delicious dishes for your grandma?"

The old lady lost control as she wept and talked to Fatty. Lin Huang's eyes turned red as he watched while Lin Xin wiped her tears quietly. Yin Hangyi's aunts were crying as they stood aside and the atmosphere became gloomy.

Around 20 minutes later, the old lady finally calmed herself down, wiped her tears and looked at Lin Huang.

"Hangyi's face..."

"He was tortured before he died. He must have been protecting Zhang Mengmeng. There was only a sword gash on Zhang Mengmeng's face, nothing else," Lin Huang nodded and explained.

"Hangyi sent me both his dad's and his recipes to me. Those are the only remaining possessions that he has. Let me forward that to you," Lin Huang said to the old lady.

"Did he...say anything before he died?" The old lady asked.

"He said he has a grandmother who really loves him, a great dad and that he met the love of his life. He has no regrets in his life," Lin Huang conveyed what Fatty had said.

The old lady started crying again after hearing that. Lin Huang stood aside while waiting for them to feel better and did not say anything else. Ten minutes later, the old lady had finally calmed down. She stood up with her walking stick and her daughters' help.

"Lin Huang, who are the kidnappers?" The old lady had the plan to take revenge.

"I've killed the kidnapper but I've no idea who they are. I'll get to the bottom of this and give all of you an explanation," Lin Huang said as he did not want to get the Yin family involved.

To the royals, an ordinary person's strength was weak. Even a small royal in the Division7 could kill the Yin family easily, let alone the Grandmistress who mastered the immortal-level Poison Sting. Lin Huang even suspected that the Grandmistress could be from the core zone. It was too bad that he did not get sufficient information about the Grandmistress from Zhang Mengmeng.

"Don't you hope that we get to the bottom of this ourselves?" The old lady managed to understand what Lin Huang said.

"Yes, as this incident involves the royals, it could possibly be one of the popular families from the other ruling, so let me do it. Hangyi is my friend. I'll take revenge behalf of him. One day, I shall chop of the mastermind's head and bring it to your family." Lin Huang looked determinedly into the old lady's eyes.

The old lady nodded her head slowly as she looked at Lin Huang's conviction.

"Alright then, I shall let you handle that. Hangyi has passed, so we have many things to handle anyway. And Hangyi's funeral..."

Following the old lady's arrangement, Lin Huang and Lin Xin stayed with the Yis for the following two days. On the third day, Fatty's funeral went as planned. After Fatty was buried, Lin Huang bade farewell to the old lady and left with Lin Xin.

## **Chapter 408: Worth Having!**

In the giant castle in Division2 that was as impressive as an art piece, a lady in a purple dress, who looked like she was in her thirties, sat on the single couch. She was caressing a skull with her right hand. A middle-aged man in a black tuxedo, who looked like a butler, knocked three times on her room.

"What?" The lady turned around and glared at the butler.

"Grandmistress, there's something wrong with Lily's android." The housekeeper bowed slightly in respect.

"That girl contacted you?" The lady in purple dress raised an eyebrow.

"No, but someone in the lab found out that her android's signal has gone dead. The lab reported that she's most possibly self-destructed, but there could be something wrong with the signal," the housekeeper explained.

"Where did the girl last appear?" The lady asked.

"In the White Capital in Division7."

"That could mean she failed the mission." The lady in purple dress squinted.

"Mother, do you mean that Lily might have been killed by the fellow named Lin Huang? How is that possible?" The skull in the lady's hand shouted out of nowhere.

"The fellow was only an iron-level a year ago. Lily's completed her training and she's already a white flame-level. No matter how much of a genius he is, it's impossible that he could defeat Lily!"

"Shan Er, to some geniuses, it's possible to level up from iron to white flame-level in a year. Lily isn't very talented. Whatever she's managed to achieve with all her strength is nothing to the talented," the lady explained calmly.

"Of course, it could be the people who have been protecting the young boy. After all, the Leng family interrupted us a year ago. Perhaps, they have been secretly protecting this young boy called Lin Huang."

"The Lengs... One day, I'll show them the price to pay for interrupting us Weis!" The skull's eye sockets had a blue glow coming out of it. As it spoke, its jaw opened and closed.

"Grandmistress, should we..." the housekeeper trailed off.

"Send someone to get to the bottom of this. See if it's really been destroyed or is it some other factors. After all, it would be trouble if the families in Division7 found out about the android. Leaking of our technology will be nothing, but if the Union Government is informed, they'll definitely come for us," the lady instructed immediately.

"Destroy it as soon as you find it."

"Mother, then how about Lily?" The skull was concerned.

"That girl can't even manage to handle a small matter, so why should we keep her? Two years later, when you recover, I'll get someone to find you a better girl," the lady said in determination.

"Yes, Mother." Wei Shan decided to give up on Lily.

"Grandmistress, should we get rid of Lin Huang as well?" The housekeeper asked.

"Don't bother about him. If he's truly being protected by the Leng family, even an imperial-level might not be able to kill him. Moreover, the White Capital is the largest city in Division7, so the Union Government would be notified if something big happened. Our mission should be the top priority. Confirm where the android is. If it's still alive, bring it back for recycling quietly and try not to be seen by anybody," the lady in purple dress highlighted the priority of matter.

"But, Mother, what if he killed Lily by himself without the Leng family's protection?" Wei Shan the skull could not help but ask.

"That means he's a powerful genius and is worth being Shan Er's grindstone. Two years later, he shall be your first target then." The lady in purple dress grinned.

"But, Mother, what if I lose?" The skull sounded like it was hesitating.

"If Shan Er dies in his hands, that means he's worth being part of my collection. By then, I'll kill him myself and make him into a beautiful art piece."

Wei Shan's heart sank when he heard what she said. Throughout the year, he had been suspecting if his birth mother did not care about his life. At most, he was just an experiment for her and was nothing more precious than Lily who was also an experiment. He read between the lines of what she said. Instead of saying that Lin Huang was his grindstone, more accurately would his bringing Lin Huang's grindstone. There was only one reason for his existence, which was to test if Lin Huang was worthy of being in his mother's collection. If he lost, his mother would focus on Lin Huang and not him. If he won, Lin Huang would lose his mother's attention and made his existence more valuable.

"Don't worry, Mother, I'll definitely win!" The skull gave a determined answer.

"Mother believes that you will win too." The lady in purple dress caressed the skull and smiled.

"I understand. I shall do the arrangement now." The butler understood what Grandmistress meant. He did not react at all as he knew who this Grandmistress really was throughout the years. As expected, her own son was only a chess piece that she could get rid of any time she wanted.

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Lin Huang had no idea that he had just escaped death. Since he got back from Fatty's funeral, the first thing he did was to contact Leng Yuexin to ask for her help to retrieve Wei Shan's real identity. However, he was warned again and again by Leng Yuexin not to investigate into that as Wei Shan might be related to the core zone.

Lin Huang's life was back to normal. He woke up at 6.30 a.m. every morning and headed to the library around 7 a.m. He would stay there until 6 p.m. and train his sword skills at the training room until midnight. He pretended as if nothing had happened a few days ago. In reality, Lin Huang did not give up on the investigation. He remembered Zhang Mengmeng mentioning that Wei Shan was still alive and would take revenge on Lin Huang two years later. Lin Huang was waiting for that day to come. The truth would come out as soon as he captured Wei Shan alive!

Lin Xin could sense that although Lin Huang looked the same as when Fatty visited, he had been hiding how he really felt by flooding himself with a hectic schedule. She had nothing to say as she knew Fatty was one of Lin Huang's best friends. Words could not make him feel better; all he needed was time.

Half a month soon passed by. Xiao Hei's notification came when Lin Huang was in the training room in the middle of the night.

"Congratulations, you have accumulated legendary-level skill 'Star Dome' card pieces x10,000. Would you like to combine the card pieces into a complete Skill Card?"

"Yes!" Lin Huang said without thinking twice."

"10,000 Star Dome card pieces have been deducted. Combination taking place."

"Congratulations, you have obtained legendary-level Skill Card – Star Dome."

"Skill Card Name: Star Dome"

"Rarity: Legendary"

"Type of Skill: Combat Skill"

"Skill Level: Transcendent Combat Skill"

"Status: Available"

"Card Remarks: Worth having!"

"Worth having..."

It was the first time Xiao Hei had given such good comment on a card. The best remark before was just 'not bad'.

"Now that I've mastered this, it's almost time to kill the sword type monsters." Lin Huang had gathered all the information of the double-mutated sword type monsters two days ago. He did not head out to kill the monsters as he was close to 10,000 Star Dome card pieces. He could feel that he would obtain the skill as soon as he collected 10,000 card pieces. That was why he had postponed his trip.

He looked at the time. It was almost 11 p.m. Since he had gotten the Skill Card, he did not want to train anymore. He kept his sword and returned to the dorm. Lin Xin, who was in her bedroom on the second floor, was still awake. She knew it was Lin Huang when she heard the door creak open downstairs. She sat up immediately, put on her slippers and went downstairs.

"Brother, how come you're so early today?"

"Yeah, I'm heading out tomorrow. I might take a few days." Lin Huang nodded at Lin Xin.

"What for?" Lin Xin was worried.

"To kill a couple of monsters," Lin Huang told the truth.

"I'm following you!" Lin Xin said immediately.

"Alright, then. Pack your bag. We'll leave early in the morning tomorrow." Lin Huang thought about it and agreed. There was nothing dangerous on this trip and Lin Xin had been cooping herself up at home for many days. Moreover, he did not have to hide certain things from Lin Xin.

#### **Chapter 409: Spiritsword Supreme**

Lin Huang had gotten Lancelot to achieve a double kill when they were in the Volcano Hell. As a result, he had obtained two sword servant cards. Later on, Lancelot killed three sword type monsters before the Mystery Auction started, so Lin Huang obtained another three sword type Monster Cards. He had only received five sword servant cards out of the nine that he needed. They were the Greatsword Fiend that was skilled in handling heavy swords, the Fiery Swordfiend with fire attributes, the Frigid Swordswoman with ice attributes, the Hatted Swordsman of multiple sword skills and the Sword Knight with its sword and shield.

Besides the Greatsword Fiend which was single mutated, the rest were all double mutated monsters. Lin Huang finally had some leads on the remaining four double mutated sword type monsters after almost a month of browsing. Lin Huang's trip this time was mainly to unlock Lancelot to get the remaining four cards. Of course, he would bring Charcoal along to feed it dracaena in the isolated space where the Starlight Beasts were.

After washing up early in the morning, Lin Huang and Lin Xin locked all the doors and windows in the dorm, threw out the trash and headed out for breakfast. It was almost 8 a.m. after they were done with breakfast and Lin Huang summoned his dimensional relic at a place that was less crowded where he pinned the coordinates for Jinchuan City.

Jinchuan City was a B-grade foothold, and Lin Huang had never been there before. It was pinned by Mr. Fu earlier coincidentally. Lin Huang heard that there was a sword type monster less than 2,000 kilometers from the foothold. Therefore, this became his first destination. After passing through the dimensional relic, Lin Huang and Lin Xin appeared in a bedroom of a luxury hotel.

There was a young, naked couple in the midst of sex. They cringed when they saw the both of them appear in their room. Lin Huang made a shield to cover Lin Xin's eyes and pulled her out of the room. They took the elevator and arrived at the top floor of the hotel.

"Brother, the coordinates that your dimensional relic pinned is really..."

Lin Xin was still blushing. Although she had not seen the scene clearly, she could tell what the couple was doing from the moaning.

"Ahem... It's not my fault. It was my Master who set the coordinates. I've never been to Jinchuan City." It was not Lin Huang's first time in such an encounter. His first time was when a lady got out of the shower with her towel, but this time was even more embarrassing than the last one.

"Well.. Let's see where we should go," Lin Huang changed the topic immediately and looked at the map on his Emperor's Heart Ring. After ascertaining the direction, he turned around to face southwest.

"It's 1,993 kilometers straight ahead from this direction..."

He then summoned the Viridescent Thunderhawk. He helped Lin Xin up on it, then pulled himself up. He patted the Viridescent Thunderhawk's back and instructed, "Around 2,000 kilometers southwest."

The Viridescent Thunderhawk nodded and flew up into the sky.

"Brother, can this hawk understand what '2,000 kilometers' means?" Lin Xin learned that most monsters did not have the concept of numbers, let alone understanding the measure of distance in human language.

"Thunder understands. Don't worry." Lin Huang nodded.

#### Chirp!

The Viridescent Thunderhawk heard their conversation and chirped, seeming to agree with what Lin Huang said.

After flying for more than an hour, the Viridescent Thunderhawk started slowing down. Lin Huang looked at the map and saw that they had traveled more than 1,700 kilometers away. Lin Xin could sense the deceleration and saw from the map that Lin Huang projected that the destination was not far away.

"It really understands!" Lin Xin exclaimed.

Soon, the Viridescent Thunderhawk flew lower. It retracted its wings slightly and started gliding downwards. The map showed that they were even closer to their destination.

"It should be somewhere around here." Lin Huang patted the Viridescent Thunderhawk's back when his location matched the coordinates on the map.

The Viridescent Thunderhawk circled in the air, spiraling as they flew lower. They landed on top of the hill that was only hundreds of meters high. Lin Huang looked around and found out that he was less than 10 kilometers from his prey.

"Stay here. It might be dangerous if you get any closer," Lin Huang said and got the Viridescent Thunderhawk to let Lin Xin down. He then summoned the Witch and instructed her, "Protect my sister."

The Witch nodded. Lin Huang then rode on the Viridescent Thunderhawk and headed to the jungle where the monster was. The monster he picked this time was a Spiritsword Supreme. It was a unique monster, and its form was different from all the monsters that Lin Huang had killed before. It looked like a sword. If it had to be categorized, it would be a psychic monster.

Lin Huang had researched about the Spiritsword Supreme before. There were two reasons why this monster was tough. Firstly, it could control other sword type monsters that were near it, and it only appeared where there were many sword type monsters. Another reason was that it was 90% immune to sword assaults. That being said, any sword type monster or human fighting it would only have 10% efficiency when the attack reached the Spiritsword Supreme. That characteristic alone made it more powerful than any sword monsters of the same level.

Due to those reasons, Lin Huang did not think that Lancelot could kill the Spiritsword Supreme by fighting on his own. He was only worried that Lancelot would be controlled by the Spiritsword Supreme as he was also a sword type monster. If that happened, getting Lancelot to kill Spiritsword Supreme would be considered an impossible mission. The terms of unlocking stated that Lancelot would have to fight alone whereby Lin Huang was not allowed to help at all.

The Viridescent Thunderhawk arrived less than one kilometer away from where the Spiritsword Supreme was discovered. Lin Huang recalled it and summoned Lancelot, the Ruthless Sword Master. Lancelot wore black armor with a sheer black mist surrounding his body. He stared at Lin Huang, apparently puzzled by the reason he had been summoned.

"There's a Spiritsword Supreme nearby. It's one of the monsters that I picked for unlocking," Lin Huang explained.

Lancelot's cyclops eye turned red as he surveyed around. Suddenly, he seemed to be attracted by something and headed out. Lin Huang looked around and noticed that there was a giant golden sword covered by plants more than a kilometer away.

"Spiritsword Supreme!" Lin Huang screamed as he did not expect to find the monster so quickly.

#### **Chapter 410: Ruthless Title**

Lin Huang followed as he saw Lancelot tearing forward like a lightning bolt. Lancelot was only a complete gold-level while the Spiritsword Supreme was already a white flame-level. Moreover, the Spiritsword Supreme was 90% immune to sword attacks, so it was difficult for Lancelot to defeat it if he was to fight alone. Therefore, it was crucial for Lin Huang to help him.

As they dashed less than 100 meters away, they heard the sound of leaves rustling getting closer and closer. Suddenly, dozens of shadows leaped from the branches and blocked them. It was a bunch of apes with golden hair. To be exact, they were Boulderblade Apes. There were more than 30 of them. They had golden hair and they were over a meter tall. They held a rock sword in each of their hands as they hissed at Lin Huang and Lancelot.

Lin Huang had read about the Boulderblade Ape in the monster encyclopedia before. They were gold-level monsters that lived in groups. Although they looked like apes, they were oviparous. They were born to be good at mimicking various sword skills and they were born with rock swords in their hand. It was still a mystery to humans how the sword that was clearly not made from flesh could appear when they grew in eggs.

Many scientists did experiments on the apes and concluded that the rock sword was the ape's symbiosis just like an extra limb. However, nobody could explain such a theory. There were results that documented how the Boulderblade Ape's sword was comparable with a human's gold-level weapon. The appearance of such monsters in groups spelled trouble for other gold-level humans, but to Lin Huang and Lancelot, they were nothing.

"Shall I do it or you do it?" Lin Huang looked at Lancelot.

Lancelot did not say a word while transforming himself into a black lightning bolt and rushing into the monster crowd. Despite being agile, the Boulderblade Apes could not do anything within Lancelot's Death Zone. Lancelot swung his black sword again and again without looking at any of the apes. The apes' heads were pierced through the air while their brains were scattered all over the place. Their agility and speed were an irony in the Death Zone. No matter where they ran, Lancelot only needed a swing of his sword to kill them.

That was how powerful a double mutated monster was against a regular monster; such a vast difference in ability could not be solved by quantity. Within minutes, all of the Boulderblade Apes had their heads pierced opened. Carcasses were strewn everywhere on the ground. Lancelot did not even turn around or look at Lin Huang. Instead, he dashed straight towards the Spiritsword Supreme.

Lin Huang shook his head and followed him immediately. He thought to himself that all of the monsters that he summoned had their own attitudes, but he was not sure if that was a good or bad thing. Stepping through the Boulderblade Apes' carcasses, the both of them were blocked by a bunch of skeletons after just taking a few steps ahead.

These skeletons had rusty swords of different forms in their hands. Some of them held a sword in one hand, while some had two in both. They were more and more of them emerging from the ground. Within seconds, there were more than 100 of them.

"The Undead Swordsmen..." Lin Huang frowned.

The Undead Swordsmen were soul type monsters whereby they were formed from swordsmen who had died with strong consciousness intact. After they passed on, their consciousness still remained in the dead bodies and did not wither away with the corpse for some reason. Such monsters had memories of their sword skills when they had been alive, so their abilities were pretty solid. Before Lin Huang could tell Lancelot that such monsters had to be killed by destroying their heads, or else they could regenerate their bodies, Lancelot broke into the skeleton crowd. His method of attack was the same as before. Every swing of his black sword could kill one Undead Swordsman easily. Each and every one of them either had their heads pierced through, cut into half, or blasted as every swing aimed at their heads.

Watching the Undead Swordsmen fall one by one, Lin Huang realized that his concern was unnecessary as Lancelot was much smarter than he imagined and he was aware of the Undead Swordsmen's weakness. Since Lancelot was enjoying himself, Lin Huang did not bother to help him. However, he noticed that the more monsters that Lancelot killed, the black mist that surrounded his body grew thicker.

"Is this an illusion?" Lin Huang mumbled to himself.

"The thickening black mist isn't your illusion. The Ruthless Sword Master is a monster that kills for a living. The more he kills, the stronger his ability becomes. Besides, as the number of kills reaches a certain level, he will level up automatically," Xiao Hei explained.

It was Lin Huang's first time hearing such a thing.

The monster encyclopedia had records about the Ruthless Sword Master which he had read. However, perhaps there were not many Ruthless Sword Masters that had appeared in the past as the studies in the monster encyclopedia were not detailed. It just covered some basic information, and even the recording of the skills was incomplete. Lin Huang had a more comprehensive understanding of the monster compared to what the encyclopedia stated, which was why he did not know that the Ruthless Sword Master had such a characteristic.

"In reality, all monsters with the title of 'Ruthless' has similar hidden abilities to level up by killing."

"'Ruthless' title?" It was Lin Huang's first time hearing such a theory.

"Some of the monster's titles are not given by humans, but they're born with it. Some creatures see them, and they will have matching titles in their head. The Ruthless Sword Master is one of them. 'Ruthless' is his title, so no matter which level it goes up to, it will always have the title in his name. Titled monsters are unique monsters to date; they will be extremely powerful as they level up to a certain level."

"Besides the Ruthless Sword Master, you own another Monster Card which is also a titled monster. The Nephilic Judge's title is 'judge.'"

"Titled monsters... It seems like I must train these two properly." Lin Huang's eyes lit up as he looked at Lancelot after hearing this brand new concept. From what Xiao Hei told him about Lancelot becoming more powerful by killing, Lin Huang gave up on his thought to help him and just stood aside to spectate.

Lancelot managed to kill almost 300 Undead Swordsmen within ten minutes. The black mist surrounding his body was getting thicker and thicker.

Lancelot looked up at the Spiritsword Supreme's direction and dashed forward.