#### **Red Envelope 1321**

## **Red Envelope Group of the Three Realms**

# **Chapter 1321: Sudden Change of Scenery**

Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti parted from the rest of the group and ascended the ladder in the largest tunnel north of the lake.

As Chen Xiaobei had mentioned earlier, the ancient emperors put a lot of emphasis on seating, which had to be in the north, facing the south. It was beyond doubt that this tunnel was where the imperial palace would draw water from. As long as they followed the path, they would be able to reach the palace.

As they walked, Luo Puti revealed her concerns to Chen Xiaobei. "Xiaobei! Something has been bothering me – since the Thousand Spirit Formation is real, then it must mean the 12 priests you mentioned earlier exists too!"

"Of course!" Chen Xiaobei nodded.

"Does that mean that there are still people living inside the ancient city all these while? Is my understanding accurate?" Luo Puti asked.

"It is and it's not. The 12 priests could be human, but they could also be evil spirits. Until we see them with our own eyes, we cannot make any assumptions!" Chen Xiaobei paused for a while before he asked. "Are you suspecting that your parents have been living inside Jingjue Kingdom?"

"Mm..." Luo Puti pursed her lips thoughtfully. "The closer we get to Jingjue, the stronger this feeling grows. My parents must have come here! If they are still alive, chances are that they are living here!"

"Set this hunch aside first. I have an even more important question for you. What were your parents' combat powers?"

Luo Puti was caught by surprise. "My father was at the middle phase of Qi Refining Stage, 10,000 combat power; my mother was in the early phase of Qi Refining Stage, 5,000 combat power."

Chen Xiaobei frowned at her answer. "That is the biggest problem! You have travelled here yourself, so you should know that with your parents' strength, there was no way they could have reached this place!"

A lump swelled up in Luo Puti's throat.

Chen Xiaobei's statement was a hit below the belt and killed Luo Puti's hopes entirely.

In the entire human history, no expedition team had ever been able to go as far as they had.

This time was no exception. The expedition team which consisted of members of Celestial Cultivation and above would have died on their way here had it not been for Chen Xiaobei.

That was why there was no way Luo Puti's parents could have made it here alive.

That would then mean that Luo Puti's hunch had been wrong all along!

"No! That's impossible! My instincts are very strong. I am not wrong! Xiaobei! You have to believe me. I have never felt like this before. You have to believe me!"

Luo Puti's voice shook; she was on the verge of breaking down.

She had high hopes for this expedition. She had risked everything to reach the end!

But the question that Chen Xiaobei raised broke all of Luo Puti's hopes and dreams.

The reality was all too harsh for Luo Puti.

"Puti! Calm down! I was merely raising a question! Anything can happen! Perhaps there could be a miracle?" Chen Xiaobei quickly place his hands on Luo Puti's shoulders, comforting her. "Until we get there, no one can say for sure what can happen. You have to calm down! I will be with you till the end, no matter what happens!"

"Calm down! Yes, I have to calm down. My intuition is right! Let's go faster! I want to see the 12 priests. They must know the truth."

Luo Puti composed herself and took control of her emotions and stopped herself from losing control.

Having regained her composure, Luo Puti quickened her footsteps.

Why did her parents abandon her and leave without a word? Why haven't they contacted her all these years? How did her parents' inadequate combat power get them to Jingjue Kingdom?

Luo Puti strongly believed that her parents had been to Jingjue Kingdom.

The three questions were the ones she wanted answers to! They were also the very reason for her travel here!

Once they exited the lengthy tunnel, a bright scenery welcomed them.

What was surprising to Chen Xiaobei was that it looked established! Just as Luo Puti had assumed!

The place they had entered looked like a kitchen. It was very clean and tidy and there were even modern equipment like ovens and fridges.

In fact, since they exited the tunnel, the heavy Yin Qi was completely absent in this new place.

"There really are people living here!" Luo Puti was bouncing on her feet, excited again.

Luo Puti was even more hopeful now that she had seen the first evidence of her suspicions.

Chen Xiaobei, on the other hand, was astonished. "Unbelievable! Even after it was buried under the sand for thousands of years, there are still people living here in Jingjue!"

"Xiaobei! Let's hurry!" Luo Puti said impatiently.

"Hang on!" Chen Xiaobei called out to her, as he walked towards the fridge and oven nearby and inspected it.

"What is it? Did you find something?" Luo Puti asked.

"These... These electronics only exist in a high ranking starfield! I've seen it in my friend's restaurant!" Chen Xiaobei said. "This means that the people who live here are probably from a high ranking starfield!"

"High ranking starfield? Is that the place that you brought me to the last time?" Luo Puti asked.

"Yes!" Chen Xiaobei nodded. "That place is called Northern Wilderness Starfield! The technologies they have there are so much more advanced than what we have here on earth! The people's cultivation are also much higher than ours here!"

"Are you sure?" Luo Puti frowned. "My parents are just normal human beings. How could they have anything to do with some high ranking starfield?"

"I am almost completely certain!" Chen Xiaobei said. "There is a place called Atlantis here on earth. It's in a gorge in the deepest part of the Bermuda Triangle! The magnetic field is also very strong there. Aircrafts and ships that passed by would disappear mysteriously, leaving nothing behind. A lot of Northern Wilderness people live there! In fact, that is where the door that connects earth to Northern Wilderness Starfield is! Without a referral, even a demigod would not be able to get there! The demigod that the Rothschilds serve was banned from Atlantis!"

Luo Puti was bewildered herself. "You... You're saying that Jingjue Kingdom is like Atlantis?"

"They share a lot of similarities!" Chen Xiaobei nodded. "Jingjue Kingdom is buried under the Black Desert. The magnetic field here is so strong that it interferes with the frequencies of the black box on aircrafts! Even demigods die under the Thousand Spirit Formation! Everything adds up! I can be sure that this is a base of a high ranking starfield!"

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## Chapter 1322: The 12 Priests

"High-ranking starfield." Luo Puti repeated, a creased line appeared across her forehead. If Chen Xiaobei had not brought her to Northern Wilderness that one time, she would not have believed that there were living creatures outside of earth.

Chen Xiaobei's observation was spot on. There were quite a lot of similarities between Jingjue Kingdom and Atlantis.

"Keep yourself together. The closer we get, the closer we are to the truth. You'll be able to get your answers once we find the 12 priests." Chen Xiaobei said.

"Do you know how you're going to handle them?" Luo Puti asked, concerned. "The Thousand Spirit Formation was already so scary, then that would mean the 12 priests outmatch demigods, right?"

"If that's the case, I don't know how I'm going to handle them," Chen Xiaobei shook his head. "But since we're here already, we might as well try and get some answers! If anything happens, we always have the option of escaping!"

"Do we?" Luo Puti raised an eyebrow, wondering how Chen Xiaobei was planning to get away from 12 powerful priests!

"Here, take this!" Chen Xiaobei handed a Returning Bracelet to her and said. "I will be in the front. If things go south, use this!"

"No way! How can I let you do that on your own? If the enemy attacks, you'll be dead! I want to be right next to you! If we die, we'll die together!"

"Silly wife!" Chen Xiaobei laughed. "You have the Qinglian Bellyband with you, remember? Unless it was a deity who attacks you, no one can kill you! I have a holy protection on me as well. It can help block one deadly attack! Then with the Returning Bracelet activated, we have a chance to escape!"

"Really?" Luo Puti exhaled. "That's great! Even if we can't get any answers out of them, at least we'd still be alive! Hurry! Let's go!"

The both of them continued to explore the place.

After a while, they finally found the entrance into the palace. The whole place was adorned with brilliant pearls, jewels, gold and jades! Every corner and everything in the room was an embodiment of brilliant opulence!

There was a certain antiquity about each one of them; they appeared to have existed since the reign of the Queen of Jingjue, who was evidently, extremely extravagant, stockpiling the treasures from the 35 neighbouring countries for herself!

But these relics were sparkling clean. It appeared that the next tenants were taking great care of them!

In other words, the Queen of Jingjue was replaced by someone else as the owner of this palace.

All the truly remote and valuable resources would already have been pocketed by the new owners. Whatever that was in the treasuries must have had been emptied out by now.

Chen Xiaobei found this a little disappointing.

But that was not why they came here. They had come to search for Luo Puti's parents, not treasures! Anyways for the record, Chen Xiaobei had already gotten hold of the Thousand Spirit Formation! We should always be contented with what we have!

"Hang on!" After they walked through the door, Chen Xiaobei signalled for Luo Puti to stay still. They stood at the door.

"Is there anyone here?" Chen Xiaobei said politely. "We are not here to cause any affront; we have come here to ask some questions about a very important matter! Once we get our answers, we'll leave immediately and we'll never ever set foot in this place ever again!"

Luo Puti chewed her lips and wrung her hands.

"Huh? Someone actually passed through the Thousand Spirit that Seventh Elder setup! Amazing! It's almost unbelievable!"

A deep, rounded voice came from inside. It sounded surprised and more authoritative than anything.

This must be someone important!

"What? Someone passed through my Thousand Spirit Formation? Huh, I want to see who is it that was so powerful!" Another slightly younger voice replied.

"We want to see too! An earthling breaking the Thousand Spirit Formation! This is very unusual!" A few other voices said.

From their conversation, it was obvious that to them that earthlings were weak. Finding out that a human from earth broke through the Thousand Spirit Formation naturally piqued their interest and curiosity.

"Let's go and check it out!" A hoarse, raspy voice said suddenly.

"My god! Even the great priests are shocked! Hurry! Hurry! Everyone! Let's not make the great priests wait!"

All the other voices were suddenly nervous.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A strong wind blew inside the hall.

Each time, a man in a black robe would appear in the temple.

There was a total of 11 men; among them were white-haired elderlies and middle-aged men in magnificent black robes. From their resplendent posture, it was obvious that they all held very high positions.

Clack! Clack! Clack!

The sound of a walking stick striking the ground at a steady pace came from behind.

It was an old man with long white heart and beard till it reached his chest, looking like a Mutheselah.

"Great priest! Great priest!"

The eleven men bowed, hands cupping into fists.

"Be seated! All of you, sit!"

The great priest waved his hand, as he settled down in the middle seat.

Only four of the men who were all white-haired elderlies, sat on each side of the great priest. The other seven men remained standing.

The Great priest's gaze fell on Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti as he exclaimed, "Wow! Who knew! It's two youngsters!"

The other eleven were just as surprised that two human beings in their twenties broke through the Thousand Spirit Formation!

"Greetings Great priest! Greeting fellow priests!"

Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti bowed politely to the eleven priests.

They were trespassers to someone else's place after all. Humility and manners were expected.

The Great priest turned to the middle-aged man standing on the side and said, "Seventh priest can't wait any longer, can you? Go ahead and ask."

"Yes!" Seventh priest stepped out and approached the two. "How did you break the Thousand Spirit Formation that I personally placed?"

"I have two Spiritual Items that helped subdue the Thousand Spirit Formation. That was how we were able to break it!" Chen Xiaobei answered honestly.

12 of the priests nodded.

One should never lie to intelligent men. These 12 priests were wise men. Lying to them would not be a good idea.

"Be specific! What kind of Spiritual Item? How was it done?" Seventh priest pressed on.

Chen Xiaobei answered, "If I may be so bold, could we have a trade off? You ask a question, and I ask a question. We'll give each other honest answers. We can help each other!"

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## **Chapter 1323: Equal-Valued Exchange**

"A trade off? Heh, hahaha!"

All 12 priests burst out into laughter.

The five white-haired old priests looked at Chen Xiaobei like he was an ignorant little child.

The other seven middle-aged priests also broke into laughter.

"Hey, little guy! Do you know who you're talking to? You should feel lucky that we were even willing to come out and ask you questions!"

"You want to trade with us? Heh! Who do you think you are?"

"You should know that trespassing our place is already a crime punishable by death! How dare you try and bargain with us! You are so naïve!"

"You better be a good lamb and answer Seventh priest's question. If he loses his patience, he could squash the both of you with his pinky!"

These 12 priests were, without a question, very powerful beings – even more so than the Elders of South Star Temple in Atlantis!

They did not hold anything personal grudges against Chen Xiaobei but they saw the people of earth as weak, tiny ants.

In their minds, they were stronger than everyone else. Hence, their disregard for Chen Xiaobei.

Luo Puti was on her toes and her forehead and hands began to sweat profusely.

On the other hand, Chen Xiaobei remained cool as a cucumber.

"Hey kid! Open your mouth and talk! What is it? You got tongue tied?" Seventh priest barked.

Chen Xiaobei pretended not to have heard him and did not react.

"You fool!" Seventh priest's anger was fuelled.

"What are you doing acting all high and mighty in front of us? Are you tired of living? If that's the case, let me send you on your way!"

The Seventh priest felt challenged by Chen Xiaobei. The moment he roared, his powerful aura came crashing at Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti like a tsunami.

Luo Puti could feel the pressure against her chest, all colors drained from her face.

Chen Xiaobei remained unfazed. He stepped protectively in front Luo Puti. His fortitude had been honed, and was a thousand times stronger than most people's.

No matter how scary Seventh priest's power was, Chen Xiaobei would not even bat an eyelid.

He remained silent; there was not a single trace of fear on his face.

The corner of seventh priest's mouth twitched; his eyes burning with rage.

He had thought that he could scare Chen Xiaobei into submission.

But no matter what he did, Chen Xiaobei remained unfazed.

All the other eleven priests looked surprised.

The Great priest especially, did not understand how such a young earthling was able to withstand the Seventh priest's powerful aura.

This young man really was something. Even at such a young age, he was unperturbed by anything. That was very unusual for someone his age. He was like an elite who had been around for centuries.

Only those who had gone through a lot of experience could remain calm in moments like these.

The surprised look on the others' faces only added to Seventh priest's exasperation.

The fact that he was unable to make this weak earthling quiver before him in front of the other 11 priests was so humiliating!

"You piece of shit! You want to play stubborn with me?" Seventh priest felt as if he had lost all his dignity. "Then let's see if your bones or my fist is tougher!"

"Xiaobei!" Luo Puti cried out, one hand on Chen Xiaobei and the other hand on the Returning Bracelet.

The enemy was just too strong. If a confrontation broke out suddenly, Luo Puti would escape with Chen Xiaobei.

Chen Xiaobei appeared calm, but inside he was also worried that the enemy might be too strong for him.

He was also uncertain if the Ultimate Protective Puppet was enough to block his opponent's attack.

More importantly, once the Returning Bracelet was activated, the opened portal would need a few minutes before closing up; it had sufficient time for the enemy to go through after them. The consequences of that happening would be extremely severe.

"Elder Seventh!" The Great priest suddenly spoke up. "There's no need to be so fierce. A valiant young man like that is a rare thing. Let him entertain us. It would be such a shame to kill him!"

"Yes! Please advice on what we should do, Great priest!" Seventh priest quickly withdrew his powerful aura and returned to his spot obediently.

"Little guy! You are pretty stubborn!" the Great priest smiled. "I'm willing to make the trade! But not question for a question! You said that you had two Spiritual Items that you used to destroy the Thousand Spirit Formation. Give one to Elder Seventh, then you can ask him a question! If you give both of them, you can ask two questions. What is it going to be?"

When Chen Xiaobei said nothing in return, Luo Puti began to panic.

"Elder! Could we change one of the conditions?" Luo Puti said. "This is my problem to handle. My boyfriend is just escorting me. Please lay out the conditions that I could meet! I will do anything and everything!"

"Shut up! Our Great priest is already being very generous! Don't try to take advantage of that! Do you want to die?!" Seventh priest barked.

"Great priest, I accept your conditions! I am willing to take out both Spiritual Items!" Chen Xiaobei finally spoke out.

"Xiaobei, how could you agree to that?" Luo Puti was fretful.

Spiritual Items were rare on earth, and Chen Xiaobei's two Spiritual Items were more valuable than the regular Spiritual Items!

Only a fool would use the two Spiritual Items to exchange for two questions!

"Puti, get behind me, and don't interrupt."

Chen Xiaobei had already decided not to deceive them, and took out the Hundred Ghost Parade painting and Asura Divine Mirror.

The 12 priests were too powerful! Even with the Returning Bracelet and Ultimate Protective Puppet, Chen Xiaobei could not guarantee that they could escape in one piece.

Chen Xiaobei only had one choice – which was to take out the Spiritual Items, and hope that the other party fulfils their end of the deal, get Luo Puti's long-cherished wish fulfilled, and then head for the hills. That would be the best outcome.

"Elder Seventh, go ahead. Your answer is in that kid's hand!" Great priest said.

"Alright! I want to see what's so great about these two Spiritual Items that they could break my Formation!"

Seventh priest walked up to Chen Xiaobei and grabbed the two Spiritual Items.

Luo Puti bit down on her lip. She did not think Chen Xiaobei would be so willing to sacrifice so much for her!

Endearment aside, Luo Puti blamed herself, and decided that she was going to make it up to Chen Xiaobei.

"Great priest, can I ask the questions now?" Chen Xiaobei asked.

"Yes, you can."

The Great priest bobbed his head.

"I want to ask, a few years ago, were there a pair of young couple..." Chen Xiaobei began.

He had barely even started asking the question and the Great priest turned to the two priests and began chatting. The other priests gathered around Seventh priest and began inspecting the two Spiritual Items. They acted as if Chen Xiaobei had not spoken.

Chen Xiaobei was devastated after seeing that. He had been short-changed!

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#### **Chapter 1324: Gone Too Far**

Initially, the great priest agreed that he would give Chen Xiaobei an opportunity to ask two questions. However, before Chen Xiaobei could finish asking the first question, all 12 priests put on an arrogant look. They seemed as though they were not going to bother answering Chen Xiaobei's questions nor pay attention to him.

Suddenly, a bad feeling came rushing at him. He realized that he had just stepped into a trap. Judging from the 12 priests' attitude, Luo Puti was smart enough to notice that there was something with them.

"Great priest! What do you mean by that?! I have already given you the Spiritual Item. All of you here are supposed to be respectable elders! Are you really going to lie to young people like us?!" asked Chen Xiaobei.

"Lie to you? No! I promised you that you will get to ask two questions after you hand us two Spiritual Items! Just ask away! I didn't forbid you from asking any questions!" said the Great priest.

Upon hearing that, all the other 11 priests started to laugh at Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti in a mocking manner. They seemed to treat the two of them like idiots.

"You were not even paying attention to me when I asked the question! I don't think it's even necessary for me to ask those questions anymore!"

"Hehe... I did promise you that I'm letting you ask me two questions. However! I did not promise you that I'm going to answer your questions! Since we have no intentions to answer your questions, why should we even pay attention to them in the first place?"

"You..."

Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti frowned once they knew that the Great priest had just tricked them.

One can never judge a book by its cover!

From his outside, the Great priest looked like a peaceful and easy-going old man. And the way he talked and acted was quite gentle as well. Nobody would have thought that he had this despicable true nature within him. Because of his deceiving outlook, Chen Xiaobei had lost two important Spiritual Items without getting anything back in return! And Chen Xiaobei was too weak to go against them.

After realizing their cultivation, Chen Xiaobei knew that not even the nuclear bomb inside his Infinite Space Ring could be used to threaten them. This was unfortunately an unwritten rule in this word – the strong ones could always do whatever they wanted to the weaker ones.

"Hahaha! You two are the biggest idiots in this world! Do you really think that we will allow you to bargain with us?! This is really hilarious!"

"Never mess with someone that is more experienced than you! The two of them have just turned into a couple of idiots after the Great priests played them hard!"

"Of course! Our Great priest is the legendary wise man of Saint Duke Starfield! Dealing with two earthlings is no different than squashing two ants!"

While the other 11 priests laughed at Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti, they took the opportunity to lick the Great priest's boots as well.

"Alright! Fine! This time, I'm willing to admit that I lost in this matter! Since all of you are not going to answer our questions, we will take our leave now! I hope that we will not see each other anymore!" said Chen Xiaobei in a calm manner.

Chen Xiaobei then wanted to take Luo Puti and leave this place. Facing such powerful opponents, Chen Xiaobei knew that getting away was the best decision he could make for now. It was crucial for them to live to see another day tomorrow.

"Fine. The two of you can leave now! But, before you leave! You have to give me your Infinite Space Ring!" said the Great priest with a hypocritical smile on his face.

"What?!"

Upon hearing that, Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti were filled with anger.

"I'm not going to repeat the same thing twice! Either you hand us the Infinite Space Ring willingly or I will ask the Seventh Priest to come and take it from your dead body! It's all up to you right now!"

"Hmph!"

Immediately, the Seventh Priest threw them a vicious glare with a murderous intent.

This was definitely a threat to them!

Chen Xiaobei had not received any threats from anyone for a while now. And he had no one to blame but himself. It was all because he was simply just not powerful enough! If he was as powerful as one of those priests, he would definitely have not hesitated to risk his life to fight with them. If he wanted to live, he had to hand them his Infinite Space Ring.

But all of Chen Xiaobei's most prized possessions were being stored inside this Infinite Space Ring. Most importantly, the ring itself was a hotspot to the Three Realm Intranet! Losing it would mean Chen Xiaobei could no longer enter the Three Realms Red Evelope Group.

"Xiaobei... You have helped me a lot... I will not let you suffer anymore!"

Just when Chen Xiaobei was stuck in dilemma, Luo Puti made a decision on her own. Immediately, she out the Returning Bracelet into Chen Xiaobei's palm.

"What are you doing?"

Chen Xiaobei was taken aback and he managed to snap out from his dilemma.

"You go! I will hold them off!"

Luo Puti then pushed Chen Xiaobei aside and charged at the 12 priests alone.

"Come back!!! I will not let you die here!!!"

Knowing that Luo Puti's cultivation was powerful enough, he knew that charging at them would be a suicide mission for her.

"If I'm destined to die here... I can at least reunite with my parents! You should go now! If I'm given a choice in my next life, I will definitely choose to be together with you!" said Luo Puti, determined.

It was only a distance of ten meters from where they stood from the priests. Seconds later, Luo Puti had already stood in front of them.

"How rude! How dare you charge at the Great priest?! Die!"

The Seventh Priest frowned and he moved so fast that Chen Xiaobei could not even lay his eyes on him. Seconds later, he was standing in front of Luo Puti and extended his hand to grab Luo Puti's throat.

"Seventh Priest! Please have mercy! I will give you my Infinite Space Ring right now! Don't kill her!" said Chen Xiaobei.

Even with Chen Xiaobei's begging, the Seventh Priest had no intention to let Luo Puti live.

"Ugh..."

Suffocated, Luo Puti could feel that her neck was going to break soon.

"Seventh Priest! Please have mercy! Here's my Infinite Space Ring! Take it! Don't hurt her!"

Chen Xiaobei immediately rushed to the Seventh Priest and offered the Infinite Space Ring to him with both of his hands.

"Hmph! Are you begging me or ordering me?! If I were you, I would kneel down and offer it to me with both hands! If not, you are not worthy to talk to me! You can just die there!"

"[..."

Looking at Chen Xiaobei, Luo Puti could not help but shed tears. She knew that Chen Xiaobei was a man with ego. No matter what, he would never kneel down in front of someone or beg someone. She also

knew that Chen Xiaobei would break his principles for the sake of her. This was what she did not want to see the most.

"Xiaobei! Don't kneel down! Don't do it!"

"Well! If you still refuse to kneel down, she will die now!"

The Seventh Priest roared and formed five True Kang sharp claws on his hand. He then used it to penetrate Luo Puti's flesh and prepared to penetrate her blood vessels and throat.

But!

Something big suddenly happened!

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Chapter 1325: Scared Heaven's Royal Blood

Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing!

The sound of five swords leaving their scabbard could be heard.

As the Seventh priest's fingers ripped through Luo Puti's skin, five rays of light as radiant as the stars broke out from the tears!

"What... What the hell..." Everyone in the room gasped.

Chen Xiaobei was stumped.

What was happening to Luo Puti?

Was she not just a regular woman at the early phase of True Nirvana cultivation? What was this unusual transfiguration?

Luo Puti herself was just as surprised.

She was clearly not in control of what was happening to herself – she did not know what was happening to her body.

What Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti did not expect were the horrified expressions on the 12 priests' faces.

"Th... This is Sacred Heavenly Duke's Special Ability. My god... Who... Who is she..."

All 12 priests were terrified. Even the haughtiest Great priest looked like he had just seen a ghost. His voice trembled as he spoke.

"Have mercy! Princess, please have mercy!"

The Seventh priest let out a piercing scream.

Princess? Who?

Chen Xiaobie and Luo Puti looked at each other.

Who was the Seventh priest talking to?

Zing! Zing! Zing!

The five rays of light began to vibrate and minced the flesh on Seventh priest's right arm into pieces like the blades of a blender.

Warm blood gushed down and showered all over the Seventh priest, but there was not a drop on Luo Puti.

Both Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti's jaws fell open.

Chen Xiaobei had already seen his enemies' cultivation, so he knew that even a nuclear bomb may not be able to kill all 12 of these priests.

But these five rays of light were slicing through the Seventh priest's right arm as though it were chopping up vegetables!

Zing!

The five rays of light converged and pointed skywards. The light illuminated the entire place like a sun.

"Princess! Have mercy! Please have mercy!" Seventh priest shouted as if it was the end of the world.

But no one responded to him.

Zing!

The sun swooped down like a shooting star and conjured a dazzling afterimage in the air that resembled a sword, that swung itself at the Seventh priest and cut him into half!

In a split second, the priest's body collapsed onto the ground and blood gushed out like a fountain.

The radiant sun then suspended itself at the back of Luo Puti's head like a giant halo, as if it was part of her.

The other 11 priests dared not speak nor counterattack. They all fell down onto their knees and bowed their heads to the ground at Luo Puti.

"What is happening?"

Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti watched in shock. This was completely unanticipated.

Chen Xiaobei had the Scholar Heart, but he could not fathom how things could have turned out like that.

12 fearsome priests, one slaughtered, and 11 on their knees, humbled, banging their heads on the ground so hard that the floor began to crack.

"Let's not crack our heads trying to figure out what's happening. Since they are all now afraid of you, just ask them the questions!" Chen Xiaobei said.

"Alright! But that can wait!" Luo Puti took in a deep breath, and put on her ice queen face. "You don't want to die, right?"

"We don't! We really don't want to die! Princess! Have mercy! Please have mercy!" All 11 priests shook their heads desperately. The fear in their eyes when they looked at Luo Puti was unmistakable.

"If you don't want to die, return my man's Spiritual Items!" Luo Puti barked.

"Yes!" The Great priest picked up the Hundred Ghosts Parade painting and Asura Divine Mirror, got up slowly and brought it over.

"Did I say you can get up?" Luo Puti said icily. The temperature around the room seemed to drop with her tone.

"I..." The Great priest froze. "What would you like me to do, princess?"

"Crawl!" Luo Puti ordered.

The Great priest said no more and got down onto all fours. He lifted the Spiritual Items with both hands and said, "Your Spiritual Item, divine one. Please accept it."

The other 10 priests were kneeling on the ground; none of them dared to move a single muscle.

Smack! Smack! Smack!

Instead of reaching for the Spiritual Item, Chen Xiaobei swung his arms back and began to slap them. As he hit the priests, he shouted, "Do you still think you're so great and awesome now? You tried to cheat me and threaten me! And you even wanted to kill me! Very good!

Chen Xiaobei's anger was channeled into every swing so that each slap gave out a deafening, explosive sound!

"I was wrong.. I was wrong... Please forgive me..."

The Great priest was greatly disgruntled but he dared not show any of it. He could only lower his head and admit his fault.

"What about the rest of you?" Luo Puti's gaze fell on the remaining priests.

"Us? We were wrong! We're sorry! We made a mistake! We won't do it again! We're very sorry!" The 10 priests turned to Chen Xiaobei and thumped their heads against the ground repeatedly.

"Hand it over!"

After Chen Xiaobei had lashed out all of his anger at the priests, he took his Spiritual Items back and stored them safely back into the Infinite Space Ring.

When Luo Puti saw that Chen Xiaobei was satisfied, she ordered. "Alright, you can stop now! Next, I want you to tell me what happened! What princess? What is Sacred Heavenly Duke? Tell me everything!"

"Yes!" The Great priest remained on the ground and explained, "Sacred Heavenly Duke is our Scared Heaven's Royal Blood. Besides the King and his only daughter Princess Puti, there is no other Sacred Heavenly Duke. That is why we called you princess!"

Luo Puti and Chen Xiaobei could not believe what they were hearing.

"I am an earthling, how could I be the daughter of your king? Are you mistaken?" Luo Puti frowned. She had come to find her parents. She was not some princess from outer space. It must have been a mistake!

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#### **Chapter 1326: The Truth is Here**

"No! This is definitely not a mistake!" The Great priest said. "When the Sacred Heaven Kingdom was first established, to discourage renegades, everyone who served in the palace had to learn the Sacred Duke Incantation. Once the person masters this skill, his or her cultivation will increase very quickly. But at the same time, their lives are with the Sacred Duke! Seventh priest is the perfect example. He violated you as a princess as a subordinate, thus the Sacred Heavenly Duke's Special Ability was awakened and killed him!"

Chen Xiaobei and Luo Puti were speechless.

Who knew that there was such a special bloodline in this world! Having allowed their subordinates to learn the Sacred Duke Incantationand should their subordinates renegade, they would be killed mercilessly!

Chen Xiaobei looked at Luo Puti and said, "Judging from Seventh priest's death and the 11 priests' fear of you, we can be certain that the Great priest was telling the truth! You really are the princess with Scared Heavenly Duke's bloodline!"

"No... No... This must be a mistake." Luo Puti shook her head. "My father is Luo Bin, and my mother is Lin Xue. I am not some princess! I just want to find my parents!"

"Calm down! You have to accept the truth!" Chen Xiaobei comforted in a gentle voice.

"No! I can't accept it! I just want to find my parents! I cannot accept anything else!" Luo Puti had completely lost control of her emotions.

All these years, she had been searching for parents. It was her only dream, her only desire.

When she finally found the truth, she was told that her parents were not her real parents. All that she had done was merely then a waste of time?

This was not what she wanted to hear.

"Luo Bin? Lin Xue?" The Great priest said, "Princess, please don't panic. These two people are still in the Sacred City. You'll be able to see them if you follow me to Sacred Duke Starfield!"

"Really? You know them?" Luo Puti asked.

"Of course, I do!" The Great priest nodded.

"Can you tell me what happened? Tell me now!"

"We'll have to go all the way back to 24 years ago!" The Great priest said. "That year, an enemy invaded Sacred Duke Starfield, and our Sacred City was in danger! If the city was impinged, then the Royal Family would have been massacred! In order to protect the new-born princess, the king sent Luo Bin and Lin

Xue, and the royal doctor, Luo Xun, on a covert mission to bring the princess to earth! For the rest of the 19 years, imperial physician Luo Xun became grandfather to the princess, Luo Bin and Lin Xue took on the role as her parents, and together they raised the princess!"

Luo Puti tried to digest what she was hearing.

19 years!

That was a very significant period!

It was on her 19th birthday that Luo Puti's parents suddenly disappeared.

That year, Luo Puti 's entire temperament changed. Her life totally derailed, and everything changed.

"What happened?!" Luo Puti asked. "Why did my parents leave me that year? Why didn't my grandfather say anything about why they left? Why?"

"Calm down, princess. Please listen!" The Great priest continued, "You were 19 years old that year, you were already an adult. It was the perfect age for marriage! Also, the battle was still ongoing! In order to end the war, the king decided to betroth the princess to the prince of a neighbouring kingdom in exchange for their confederation."

"Their ally took the opportunity and made some ridiculous demands. Our Sacred King's heart hardened and he decided that he was just going to use a well-trained female martyr to take the princess' place to get this marriage done and over with! But their ally was not going to be that easily fooled. The Sacred King summoned Luo Bin and Lin Xue to train the female martyr, so that she would be as close to the princess who had escaped to earth! The wedding went well, and Sacred King received the military support from his ally. But the war still did not abate! In order to prevent the stand-in princess' identity from being exposed, Luo Bin and Lin Xue had to remain there. For the sake of the real princess' safety, Luo Xun could not talk about it! So, they left without a goodbye and kept everything a secret. At the end of the day, it was all for the bigger picture, to protect the princess!"

The Great priest's explanation was very comprehensive, a lot of the details corroborated the truth, and put to rest all of the doubts that Luo Puti had.

"So, that's what that happened." Luo Puti's brows knitted together. She did not speak for a long time, trying to take in everything she was just told.

If her parents had really abandoned her for no particular reason, Luo Puti would have been very mad and thrown a tantrum.

But because her parents had departed due to a long-standing hardship, Luo Puti's heart finally found closure.

Now that the knots in her heart have been untangled and her obsession eradicated, she found the truth easier to accept.

"I want to see my parents as soon as possible!" Luo Puti said.

Now that she had accepted the truth, her biggest wish was to see the parents who had raised her for 19 years.

"We might need the Sacred King's permission." The Great priest answered.

"There's no need for that! This is my command! I will bear the consequences for that! But if you disobey my orders, you will bear the consequences yourself!"

Luo Puti was resolute.

Let us not forget that Luo Puti was the Chief Inspector of Six Door Organization. Whenever she was serious, she was not to be underestimated.

"I wouldn't dare disobey! I will go set up the portal!" The Great priest got to his feet and before he left, he added, "This gentleman here cannot come with."

"Why not? He's my man! He's with me! Don't you trust him?" Luo Puti questioned.

Despite the icy expression, she had officially admitted her relationship with Chen Xiaobei.

"It is not that I distrust this gentleman." The Great priest explained. "But to protect any intruders from using this portal to get to earth and threaten the safety of the princess, the portal had been specially reinforced! Only those who had learnt the Sacred Duke Incantationand those with the Scared Duke's bloodline can pass through!"

"Huh..." Luo Puti frowned.

"If that's the case, then I won't go." Chen Xiaobei said. "It's your home anyway. So, there's nothing to be afraid of. I won't be going with you. The expedition team is waiting for me to lead them out of the desert anyway!"

"Alright!" Luo Puti chewed on her lip thoughtfully. "Please tell my grandfather not to worry!"

"Alright, I'll take care of that." Chen Xiaobei smiled.

Luo Puti suddenly stepped forward and planted a gentle kiss on Chen Xiaobei's forehead. She whispered, "Wait for me! I will reward you when I get back!"

She then turned away and left with the Great priest.

Chen Xiaobei stood stunned for a moment before he regained his composure. "Hey! How are you going to reward me? Is it going to be... Hehehe...?"

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#### **Chapter 1327: New Competition**

Luo Puti finally left.

Chen Xiaobei then exited Jingjue Kingdom leading the team of people to leave the desert safely.

As for Zhou Xiaokun and Ding Ding'ao, everyone agreed that they had been killed by evil spirits. Their death had nothing to do with Chen Xiaobei. After all, every single one of them had gotten the chance to witness the true colors of both of them. All of them were now on Chen Xiaobei's side. Logically speaking, none of them would betray him no matter what.

All of them went back to where they came from after they exited the desert.

Chen Xiaobei packed up everything and returned to Bei Xuan Faction as well.

His faction still remained the same.

The only difference this time was that Tai Yitan and Wu Aofeng were now in Bei Xuan Faction. As for Jiang Ziya and Six-Eared Macaque, the two of them had gone back to Japan.

After taking a stroll in the faction, Chen Xiaobei went back to his room.

"I think I will have to ask my Sifu about Ming He. I'm really lucky to receive those two items from him, but I still need to make sure that it's not a trap!"

Chen Xiaobei then took out his cellphone and attempted to contact his Sifu. The Prime of Tongtian did mention to him earlier that he was following the Ancestral Lord, Diao Hong to listen to his sermon after coming back from the Void Land. That was why Chen Xiaobei could contact him without entering the zone. If the Prime of Tongtian did not reply him instantaneously, that would mean he must be listening to Diao Hong's sermon.

Seeing that he had nothing to do now, Chen Xiaobei went into the Red Envelope Group. Ever since the Primordial Lord of Heaven brought the member of Chanism to join the group, most of the old members did not dare to talk much anymore. And they had to stop sending Red Envelopes to each other to avoid trouble come knocking at their door. Sooner or later, the Red Envelope Group would turn into a dead group.

However...

Everyone was especially chatty today when Chen Xiaobei took a peek into the group.

Bull Demon King: Did you catch the latest news? I heard that they reissued the Three Realms Mission! Soon, they will assign someone to go to the human realm!

God Erlang: I heard about that a long time ago! I wonder who will be the one this time!

Lei Zhenzi: Hard to tell! Hard to tell! They sent Shaoba Xingjun to descend to the human realm during the first mission. The second time was Hong Hai'er and NeZha. And the third time was Jiang Ziya. If we follow this pattern, two people will be assigned to travel to the human realm! One of them is a deity and the other one is a demon!

Wei Xiaobei: Your analysis sounds pretty legit to me. But, this has nothing to do with the underworld realm...

Shen Gongpao: Who said that this has nothing to do with the underworld realm? The candidate that would be chosen to travel to the human realm must come from the underworld realm!

Zhao Yun: Is this for real? Can you choose me? I really want to travel to the human realm! I heard Xiangyu's merit points have increased tremendously in the human realm, and I'm really jealous of that!

Lu Bu: Choose me! Choose me! With my outstanding talents and abilities, I believe I can handle any task with ease! Of course, I will have to bring my Diao Chan with me!

Shen Gongpao: We are still discussing who to send to the human realm. That means the two of you will have equal opportunity! Just wait for the good news!

Zhao Yun: Could this be true? If it is, that would be great!

Lu Bu: I shall wait for the good news then!

"F\*ck! Another Three Realms Mission! This shit is a trap! Old Wang, NeZha, and Hong Hai'er have enough disciples already! Why are they still at the human realm? Clearly, the Primordial Lord of Heaven had no intention to summon them back to the heavenly realm. And the worst thing is none of them knew that Six-Eared Macaque was sent to the human realm together with Jiang Ziya!"

"In other words, the person that they send to human realm this time will go up against me! But... Why do they have to choose from the underworld realm? Are they going to choose one of those powerful demons like Six-Eared Macaque to deal with me? It seems like I have to consult this matter with my Sifu later!"

Chen Xiaobei was holding on to his cellphone and mumbled to himself. He then continued to wait for the Prime of Tongtian's reply. He unfortunately did not receive any replies even after waiting for a while. Instead, the Red Envelope Group was getting more and more excited.

Shen Gongpao: Other than the Three Realms Mission, I have something else that I want to announce! Due to the group getting more and more boring, the Primordial Lord of Heaven said that we should organize a competition to boost everyone's mood!

Lu Bu: Competition? Battle? My favorite! From this second onwards, I can tell you that I'm going to dominate the competition!

Zhao Yun: \*Cough\* \*Cough\* Let me give you a friendly reminder, you are now at the Three Realms Red Envelope Group! Here, there are many deities who are more powerful than you! You should be careful of what you say! Otherwise, Diao Chan may not be able to recognize after you've had your face bashed in!

Lu Bu: \*Cough\* \*Cough\*

Shen Gongpao: Please don't misunderstood this competition. It's about boosting everyone's mood! We will not fight against each other. It's supposed to be relaxing and fun, just like before. It is a couples competition and a singing competition! Let's do some brainstorming together!

Zhu Bajie: How about an eating competition? I want to see who can eat more than me! Hehehe...

Everyone: Get lost!

Wei Xiaobei: How about a love making competition? Let's see who can last longer!

Ding!

[Wei Xiaobei is banned from talking for 72 hours by the moderator!]

God Erlang: Please come up with something appropriate! The Primordial Lord of Heaven is going to pay attention to his activity. Please be more serious about this!

God Erlang: I have an idea! I think we'd better come up with something more elegant since the Primordial Lord of Heaven is going to watch us!

Shen Gongpao: What kind of elegant activity?

God Erlang: Like chess and drawing... everyone can participate, and not to mention that nobody is going to get hurt. What do you think?

Shen Gongpao: Great! This is a very good idea! All done! We are going to have a Go competition in three days time.

Bull Demon King: God Shen! Can you tell us something about the reward?

Lei Zhenzi: Ya! Ya! There were rewards for the previous two competitions! What is the reward this time?

Shen Gongpao: Rest assured! There will be rewards! The reward is going to be pricesless because I'm not the one who prepares it. You will know what the reward is in three days time!

Bull Demon King: Hahaha! I'm so looking forward to it! God Chen took all the rewards during the previous competitions! Is he going to claim the reward this time as well?

Lei Zhenzi: Could be! God Chen is really powerful!

Shen Gongpao: Can you be more competitive? Why are you acting in such negative manner? I can bet that Chen Xiaobei is not going to claim the reward this time...

Chen Xiaobei: Hehe! What are you going to bet? Let's do this!

Shen Gongpao: Eh? So, you have been reading the chat all this time? We will talk about the bet three days later. I'm afraid that you will not bet against me after you see the opponents!

Chen Xiaobei: When it comes to Go, I'm the number one in this universe! No one can defeat me!

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Shen Gongpao: Shidi Chen! Don't get too cocky! Do you know how many Go masters are there? You better not lose the first round. That would be such a shame!

Chen Xiaobei: There's nothing for you to worry about, Shixiong Shen. You just need to prepare your wager and the reward for the champion, or you can just send them to me in private!

Shen Gongpao: You really are arrogant! I can guarantee that you will not get first place!

Chen Xiaobei: Hehe! Whatever position it is that I get, you will just have to wait and see! I have some things I need to attend to! Gotta go!

After he sent the last message, Chen Xiaobei exited the group.

Chen Xiaobei did not have to see to know that Shen Gongpao was mocking and insulting Chen Xiaobei with his posse.

Chen Xiaobei could not be bothered to get involved in their conversation, because his Sifu had just texted him.

The Prime of Tongtian: What is it? Is there anything urgent?"

Chen Xiaobei: I'd like to know who Ming He is.

The Prime of Tongtian: Ming He? I've never heard of him before. I've been poring over the Ancestral Lord's sermon. I have no time to look into the future! What is so special about this person?

Chen Xiaobei: During the Duanwu festival, I joined the underworld for the Red Envelope Snatching Session. The first and last red envelope I received were from this Ming He! The first one was a Hundred Ghosts Parade painting, and the second one was Asura Divine Mirror!

The Prime of Tongtian: Is there anything else? These two are just normal Spiritual Items. It useless for you!

Chen Xiaobei: Sifu, you are really wise! Based on the system's description, the Spiritual Items were rubbish! But after I used it, I realized that things were not as it seemed!

The Prime of Tongtian: What do you mean?

Chen Xiaobei: The actual use of the Spiritual Items are completely different from the descriptions! There are 48 Blood God Illusions in the Hundred Ghosts Parade painting and the Asura Divine Mirror can break all kind of seals that are below Earth God tier!

Chen Xiaobei: This means that Ming He is not only able to join or withdraw from the groups without getting noticed, but he can also change the descriptions of the items in the system! This person is really quite impressive!

The Prime of Tongtian: It seems like your understanding of the Void history is lacking! You already saw the Blood God Illusions but you still don't know the answer!

Chen Xiaobei: Blood God Illusions? What does this have to do with Ming He?

The Prime of Tongtian: When the world first formed, the reincarnation system, underworld, and the Blood Sea were formed at the same time as well! I wonder if you have heard of Master Acheron before. He was born from the Blood Sea! He then set to cultivate himself right at the heart of the Blood Sea not too long after that. Using the extreme Yin Qi from the Blood Sea, he managed to create 480 million Blood Gods! After that, he made use of the quintessence of the Yin Qi to turn himself into Faceless Blood Demon! 480 million Blood Gods then turned into his clones. So, the Blood God Illusions that you saw from the painting are actually his clones!

Chen Xiaobei: 4... 480 million? That's insane!

The Prime of Tongtian: Of course! Blood God Illusions exist because of the Blood Sea! Furthermore, every single illusion can transform into Acheron himself whenever it wants to! Thus, this is where the saying 'The Blood Sea will never go dry and Acheron will never die' comes from!

Chen Xiaobei: What about the Master Acheron's strength? Is he strong?

The Prime of Tongtian: Of course! Acheron is one of the most powerful deity under the Heavenly Saint! His cultivation is even slightly higher than Rulai's!

Chen Xiaobei: My god! How could he be so strong! This means his illusions should possess some really powerful abilities as well but I feel like the 48 Blood God Illusions can't even beat Rulai's thumb!

The Prime of Tongtian: That's a long story! After the League of God's war, Buddhism grew really strong and fast! King Bodhisattva volunteered himself to live in the underworld. He swore that as long as hell was not empty, he would never return to heaven to become a deity again! During that time, hell was occupied by Acheron and his Asura Tribe. Due to that, an inevitable war was about to happen! King Bodhisattva was not powerful enough to deal with Acheron. So, he had to ask for Rulai's assistance. In the end, Rulai transformed himself into five Vidya-Rajas to defeat Acheron. In the end of the battle, Acheron was forced to retreat back to the Blood Sea to heal his wound. Because of the wounds on his body, the power of his illusions would definitely be limited! Besides, the law of Three Realms had also weakened his power by hundreds of folds!

Chen Xiaobei: Oh, no wonder. Is it safe for me to use these two items?

The Prime of Tongtian: Yes! Just use it! Don't worry about it!

Chen Xiaobei: Do you think there's a hidden motive behind it?

The Prime of Tongtian: No! Acheron is a very smart guy! In the two previous catastrophic events, he led the Asuras, dodged the Demonic Witch War, and eluded the League of Gods war! If King Bodhisattva had not entered the underworld, the Asura tribe would have been the most powerful force at that time!

The Prime of Tongtian: This time, Acheron went through all that effort to find you. I think it's because the catastrophic event is just around the corner. He wants to look for a way to survive it. Or else, in his current condition, he would be killed instantly when the catastrophic event drops!

Chen Xiaobei: You're saying that Acheron thinks highly of me?

The Prime of Tongtian: Acheron must have figured out what would happen in the future, so it's not surprising that he does. But the future is not set in stone. It might change at any time. You will have to be extra careful!

Chen Xiaobei: I understand! People are unpredictable. Even if he is beneficial to me, I will still have to be cautious of him!

The Prime of Tongtian: Now that's my disciple!

Chen Xiaobei: There is one more question I'd like to ask you. The group was talking about a Three Realms Mission again just now. It seems like Shen Gongpao was looking for someone from the underworld realm to attack me? Do you smell anything fishy?

The Prime of Tongtian: There are a lot of monsters and demons from the underworld realm! The thing you should worry about are the abilities that Shen Gongpao allowed them to carry down to the earthly realm. Shen Gongpao might even give them some Spiritual Items to deal with you! I cannot extrapolate anything concrete just yet. We'll see later. We'll have to play by ear.

Chen Xiaobei: I understand!

The Prime of Tongtian: Oh, right. If I am unable to get back to you in time, you can find a way by asking Acheron! He used to manage the underworld realm. If he is willing to help, whatever scheme Shen Gongpao hid up his sleeve will go up in flames!

Chen Xiaobei: I understand! Thank you, sifu for that tip!

After they chatted for a while, the Prime of Tongtian excused himself because of some things he had to attend to.

Chen Xiaobei put away his phone and began to contemplate over his conversation with his sifu.

He was surprised to find out about Acheron. He had this feeling that this was a noteworthy person, and had to be taken seriously.

Chen Xiaobei decided that he should go into seclusion and cultivate, when his phone rang all of a sudden.

The name on the screen read Xiang Yu.

The voice on the other end had Chen Xiaobei's heart seizing up.

"Send Professor Lin's entire research to America within three days, or Xiang Yu will be dead!"

The person on the other end hung up.

When Chen Xiaobei dialled the number again, the phone had been turned off.

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# **Chapter 1329: Catching the Mole First**

Chen Xiaobei could feel his insides churning when he hung up.

This was definitely not a joke.

Xiang Yu did not come back for Duanwu festival because he was on a mission to capture the scientist, Professor Hou Sailei in America.

Hou Sailei had planted a mole with Professor Lin, who stole a classified military document from China, which had now become a massive threat to the country's security. He had to be brought to justice.

This ransom phone call confirmed that Xiang Yu's mission had failed and he had fallen into the hands of the enemy.

Somehow, the enemy found out that Xiang Yu and Chen Xiaobei shared a special relationship, and because they had also believed that Chen Xiaobei was Professor Lin's son, they made this phone call!

"I have to go save Bro Yu!"

Chen Xiaobei immediately picked up the phone and called Professor Lin.

Professor Lin was now in an underground laboratory, so no calls could get through. Chen Xiaobei had to concede and call Elder Cao instead.

After he told everything to the old man, Elder Cao wasted no time and arranged for a secret meeting.

Chen Xiaobei, Professor Lin and Elder Cao, gathered in the Cao family's most secure secret room.

"The mission has failed. It must have happened yesterday." Elder Cao said. "Yesterday at dawn, Thunder Kirin issued an order and Xiang Yu's team lost all contact last night!"

"Why is the enemy in such a hurry to make the ransom call?" Chen Xiaobei's brows furrowed. "If I were the enemy, I would have waited for Professor Lin's research to be almost done to make the threat. Wouldn't that be more beneficial?"

"My research has reached the final stage! The only thing missing is a special type of steel. Then it's going to be mission accomplished." Professor Lin said. "It must have been the mole in the lab who informed the Americans. I've already done 99% of the work. If they get their hands on the research, they might be able to complete it faster than I could!"

"Mole?" Chen Xiaobei rubbed his chin.

Xiang Yu had mentioned that the classified military information was stolen from the secret laboratory and then delivered to Hou Sailei.

This was, no doubt, an inside job.

"Yes! A mole!" Elder Cao nodded his head. "This mole is really skilled. There are hundreds of surveillance cameras in the lab but he was able to get away without being caught. He did not leave a single trail!"

"So many surveillance cameras but he's still not caught?" Chen Xiaobei had an idea. "I have an idea! I might be able to catch him!"

"Really? What is it? What's the idea?" Elder Cao exclaimed. "You should know that I hired the world's best criminal investigators to look into this, but they found nothing! I even hired a Jianghu shaman, and eliminated the possibility of unconventional inteference. Since we lost the data the last time, this mole has been like a thorn to my side. I can't sleep or eat in peace! If you really can dig him out, it would really benefit our country and our people!"

Professor Lin nodded. "Yeah! Unless we get rid of this mole, every move we make will be exposed to the enemy! I've recently resorted to slowing down the development of my research, because I really did not want my decades of research to fall into the hands of the enemy!"

"Don't worry. I have an idea. But we have to work together to wait for the enemy to take the bait!" Chen Xiaobei grinned. He already had something in mind.

The secret laboratory was built into a large mountain. There was only one entrance and exit. Those who wished to enter had to undergo a session of gruelling interrogation.

The door was equipped with the most advanced of scanning devices. Upon entering, every single thing one carried with them would be detected without fail. When one exited the building, it would then detect anything that had been illegally smuggled out.

The laboratory was just like how Elder Cao described it. There was not a corner in there which was not covered by a surveillance camera. Every move from every angle was recorded clearly.

Although they had cutting-edge scanning instruments from an army of security cameras, the mole somehow still managed to outmanoeuvre them. Even the expert criminal investigators and shaman that Elder Cao hired were unable to weed out the sneaky spy.

"Let's go! Let's discuss things in detail in my office!" Professor Lin said, as he led the way.

Elder Cao and Chen Xiaobei followed quietly behind.

While everyone was buried in their work, only one person approached them, a huge smile plastered across his face.

"Senior Lin, where have you been? I've been looking everywhere for you! Hi, Elder Cao!" The man narrowed his eyes when he spotted Chen Xiaobei. "And this is?"

"You don't need to know who he is. Get back to work!" Professor Lin said. "We'll talk some other time. I have an urgent matter I need to attend to!"

"Alright, you go ahead, Senior Lin!" The person smiled and left.

Once the person had disappeared from view, Chen Xiaobei asked, "The only place without a camera is the bathroom, right?"

"Yes, how did you know that?" Professor Lin asked.

"That person entered the bathroom." Chen Xiaobei's brows were raised.

"What is it? Do you suspect Zhu Zhe?" Professor Lin shook his head. "No. He's a friend from university. He's one tier lower than me. He may be sly but we've been working together for over a decade. He's been very dependable!"

Chen Xiaobei answered, "Don't worry, uncle Lin. My face is the biggest bait to the mole. No matter how deep he's hidden his tracks, he'll take the bait today!"

"What Xiaobei said makes sense. Let's go into my office first!" Elder Cao said.

The three men entered Professor Lin's office.

"We'll follow my plan! If all goes well, the stupid mole will take the bait within three minutes!" Chen Xiaobei said.

"Alright, let's begin!" Professor Lin turned on his computer, and Elder Cao used his highest clearance to pull the CCTV footage from outside the office.

"If someone comes to eavesdrop, the camera will capture it!" Elder Cao said.

"I really hope we can capture the mole!" Professor Lin said hopefully. "Then, my future research, or Xiang Yu's rescue can go smoothly!"

"He's coming!" Chen Xiaobei pointed out.

"Coming? Where? There's no one on the screen!" Professor Lin and Elder Cao said.

"Just follow my plan. Don't screw up your script!" Chen Xiaobei said.

Elder Cao and Professor Lin were doubtful but they played along with Chen Xiaobei.

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# **Chapter 1330: Let Me Set a Trap First**

"My research is already at its final stage," Professor Lin said. "All we need to do is find a type of metal that is a hundred times tougher than ordinary steel. By fusing the metal's molecular structure into the overlay of the superconducting material from my research, and thus stabilizing it, it would ensure that the overlay won't lose its effectiveness in harsh environments!"

This was obviously scripted by Chen Xiaobei. That was not the actual research result. But since those words came from Professor Lin's own lips, it would fool the mole and the lie would be then ferried from the mole's lips into the ears of the enemy.

But Elder Cao, who had been staring at the monitor screen, did not see the mole that Chen Xiaobei had claimed would be there.

Chen Xiaobei was already putting on a show, coordinating with Professor Lin's performance. "This metal should be quite easy to find, right? There are a lot of alloys that are significantly stronger than regular steel!"

"It cannot be an alloy!" Professor Lin said. "As I've mentioned before, the metal needs to be melted down into its molecular form. If we use an alloy, once the molecular structure is disrupted, it completely loses all its stability! That's why the metal needs to be pure and its molecular structure needs to be similar to steel!"

"That is going to difficult!" Chen Xiaobei asked, "Is there such a metal on earth?"

"I cannot confirm for sure. There's no suitable option from all the metals that we've identified so far." Professor Lin said.

"If that is the case, even if I give the Americans the research results, they won't be able to complete the final step, right?" Chen Xiaobei asked again.

Professor Lin said, "Theoretically speaking, yes. The resources on earth have nearly been completely depleted, so if China cannot find the metal, then I'm sure the Americans can't either!"

"Then, there should be nothing to worry about, right?" Chen Xiaobei said. "Give me the research results so that I can go save Xiang Yu! I mean, the Americans won't be able to complete the final step anyway, right?"

"But what if they..." Professor Lin said doubtfully.

Chen Xiaobei broke him off halfway, "This is not the time to have second thoughts. The Americans have only given me three days! We don't know what they would do to my Bro Yu if we delay it!"

"Xiaobei! This is a national affair! We cannot be so rash!" Professor Lin frowned.

"National affair? Do you know how much Bro Yu has done for the country? How many tasks has he accomplished?" Chen Xiaobei was suddenly temperamental. "When he was useful to you, all you guys

did was give him some shitty medals! When you're done with him, you kick him aside and couldn't care less if he's dead or alive! How could you?!"

"Xiaobei! Let's not get worked up! Xiang Yu is an outstanding soldier. We care just as much about his welfare. We wouldn't have brought you here otherwise." Elder Cao said.

"Stop talking nonesnese!" Chen Xiaobei said adamantly. "Bro Yu and I are good friends. I have to save him! If you don't agree to this, I will sever all my father and son relationship with Professor Lin! I don't have such a heartless father!"

"Don't say that!" Professor Lin panicked. "Elder Cao, please agree to Chen Xiaobei's request. Without this son, there will be no hope left for me. I won't be able to continue my research ever again..."

"Y...You..." Elder Cao looked pained. He paused for a moment before saying, "Alright! It seems I don't have any choice. I can't possibly force the both of you to fight against each other. Our country cannot afford to lose someone like Professor Lin!"

"Xiaobei, you don't have to worry anymore. Now that Elder Cao has given his consent, I'll give you the research data now!" Professor Lin turned on the computer and took out a disc.

"That's great! Then I can save Bro Yu!" Chen Xiaobei sounded very relieved, but the smile that his face carried was shifty.

Chen Xiaobei had flawlessly directed this entire show.

Chen Xiaobei was an Oscar nominated actor, but who would have known that Elder Cao and Professor Lin were both pretty actors themselves, bringing the whole act to life.

"Is he gone?" Elder Cao asked when he saw Chen Xiaobei's smile.

"Gone!" Chen Xiaobei nodded.

"But no one showed up on the surveillance camera!" Elder Cao commented.

"Do you know about the American mutants?" Chen Xiaobei asked.

"Yes, I do! The American S.H.I.E.L.D agency has numerous mutants under their employment! Their combined combat power is higher than that of Thunder Kirin!" said Elder Cao. "Wait, are you saying that the mole is a mutant?"

"Exactly, an invisible man of sorts!" Chen Xaiobei said. "That is why all the cameras could not capture him. That is how he got away!"

"Invisible man?! No wonder he didn't show up on the screen!" Elder Cao and Professor Lin exclaimed.

"But, how could you see him?" Elder Cao asked.

"My eyes are a little bit more special." Chen Xiaobei said.

Elder Cao sat upright and said, "Luo Puti told me before... You have Yin Yang Eyes, right?"

"Correct." Chen Xiaobei nodded.

It was actually the Golden Gaze Fiery Eyes that allowed him to see the mole, but because it would be a huge hassle to explain it all, Chen Xiaobei did not bother to correct Elder Cao.

"Who is that person?" Professor Lin asked, an urgency in his voice.

"It's your junior!" Chen Xiaobei replied.

"Zhu Zhe? How is that possible? He's just a normal person! I've never noticed anything strange about him! It has never even crossed my mind that he is a mutant!"

"He has done very well in looking like he was just an ordinary person! If you had noticed it earlier, he would already have been dead!" Chen Xiaobei said. "If you don't believe me, you can go to the bathroom now. I can guarantee that you will find him putting on his clothes in there!"

"Wearing clothes? Why?" Elder Cao asked.

"Only Zhu Zhi's body can turn invisible. His clothes and shoes and every other external item will need to be removed. He was naked when he came out to eavesdrop just now! If I saw correctly, he has a haemorrhoid on his butt."

Chen Xiaobei shrugged.

"That..." Professor Lin stammered.

"What is it, professor?" Elder Cao asked.

"Chen Xiaobei was right! Zhu Zhi did develop haemorrhoids few days ago! I was the only one who knew about that. The fact that Chen Xiaobei knows is proof that he really did see the mole, and it really is Zhu Zhi!"

"Great! Since the truth is out, I'll send someone to catch him now!" Elder Cao said.

"No! Not yet!" Chen Xiaobei said. "The Americans have Bro Yu! I won't be just going to America to save him, I will also be bringing Hou Sailei back! I will use Zhu Zhi as my trap. And once Hou Sailei falls into it, he will be mine!"