Super Power

Chapter 1167: Interracial Love

Zhang Yuchen kicked them away, and before Han Sen could even ask what was going on, the door was slammed in their faces.

"Tiger, what's going on? Is there a grudge between the two?" Han Sen asked Cheng Hu.

Tiger was his nickname. It wasn't because of his name, but because he practiced a hyper geno art called Killer Tiger. It borrowed the momentum of a tiger, so in battle, he could pounce upon foes with the ferocity of a great cat.

Cheng Hu sighed and said, "It's a long story, but the reason Brother Zhang has been down here for so long is all because of Qiu Ping."

"We're all humans and in this together, aren't we? Why would Qiu Ping make things harder for someone else?" Han Sen asked, frowning.

Cheng Hu gave a wry smile, saying, "You can't exactly blame Qiu Ping and call him the bad guy, as much as you can say Brother Zhang didn't do anything wrong here. For them to both spawn here was a big mistake."

Cheng Hu told their story to Han Sen, and Han Sen sighed after hearing it all.

They both spawned in the same shelter in the previous sanctuary. And when they spawned again in Immortal Shelter, they became even closer. It was like fate, for them to remain together.

They were closer than brothers, to start off with.

Qiu Ping was a surpasser with maxed out sacred-geno points. He even had hyper geno arts that were far stronger than Zhang Yuchen's, but neither of them minded this. They always worked together and they always worked hard.

Zhang Yuchen knew he wasn't as strong as Qiu Ping, so he worked extra hard to keep up. But woe befell their relationship, and it was torn into tatters by a woman who came between them.

It was a female spirit. Men have needs, and in this place that was especially true, given the fact that there were no women.

Spirits were different than humans, and spirits merely cherished the companionship of someone who could talk to them. Qiu Ping met a female spirit while he was working, and they both swiftly fell in love.

But one day, when Qiu Ping returned home, he saw Zhang Yuchen naked.

The spirit was struggling beneath him, and when Qiu Ping appeared, she called out for his help. She claimed he had been doing awful things to her, and that Zhang Yuchen thought such actions were fine because he told her she was "just a spirit."

But Zhang Yuchen claimed he never did such a thing or said such evil words. He told Qiu Ping she was framing him, and so Zhang Yuchen killed her.

Since then, with the truth of the matter obscured, they had been enemies. And when the female spirit respawned, she returned to see Qiu Ping. She claimed he could not protect her, and she broke up with him.

Han Sen frowned and said, "This must have been going on for many years. And it still is?"

Cheng Hu replied, "No one can say for sure what really happened. Qiu Ping is very powerful amongst the circle of this shelter's top humans. He proclaims that any who seek to help Brother Zhang will be considered his enemy. Brother Zhang does not wish to burden people with this, so he tries not to associate himself with others too closely. It really has been going on for years."

Zhang Yuchen's fitness was low, but he had been there for twenty years and should have at least amassed a large sum of ordinary points by now. Han Sen knew there had to be a reason why he did not want to level up.

"Did you just say Qiu Ping has returned?" Han Sen double-checked.

Cheng Hu quietly said, "Yes. He broke up with the spirit, but she has been helping him a lot. He is much stronger than the other humans who are here, so he took a job upstairs and never came down. But now, he says he is coming back down to put the business with Brother Zhang to bed. Permanently."

"He's going to end all this? How?" Han Sen frowned.

"I don't know. What I do know is that he has opened eight gene locks. If he seeks to kill Brother Zhang, he'll be able to do so easily," Cheng Hu.

"What is the level of this spirit?" Han Sen asked.

"All I know is that the spirit is a servant of a king spirit. The only reason why Qiu Ping was able to sign a contract with the king spirit and manage to open eight gene locks was through her help. Royal spirits are usually the highest level that humans can sign contracts with, so Qiu Ping must really trust her," Cheng Hu said.

Han Sen thought there must be something wrong with that spirit. It may have been a knight-class spirit or something. But servants such as that could not help Qiu Ping as much as Cheng Hu was telling him she had.

If she was a high-level spirit, their relationship was akin to the poor farmhand being with the kingdom's princess. It was like a twisted fairytale, wrought of strange and rare circumstances. It was even weirder, to acknowledge they were both of a different species.

They were both talking near Brother Zhang's house, and suddenly, Cheng Hu looked shocked. He moved and pulled Han Sen into the alley with him.

"What is it?" Han Sen saw a middle-aged man approaching, clad in armor.

"That is Qiu Ping!" Cheng Hu said.

Han Sen watched Qiu Ping march directly into the house.

"Zhang Yuchen, get out. I have received an Immortal Order. We need to end this today," Qiu Ping coldly said.

"What's an Immortal Order?" Han Sen asked.

Cheng Hu answered, "Immortal Emperor forbids killing of your own volition. Murder must be sanctioned, or come through an order directly from Immortal Emperor. By joining the Immortal Army, though, you may murder as you see fit. I cannot believe he has finally received it."

Cheng Hu stopped talking after that, but Han Sen got the idea.

Chapter 1168: Level Up

The door opened, and Zhang Yuchen walked through.

"Zhang Yuchen, I now have permission to kill you. Do you have any last words?" Qiu Ping showed no reluctance in his confrontation.

"There is nothing more for me to say. I did not do anything, but for the pain you have experienced, I can only provide you my condolence," Zhang Yuchen answered.

"You don't think I'll kill you, do you?" Qiu Ping looked angry.

"When I said I did not do it, I did not do it," Zhang Yuchen said.

His complacent attitude fanned the flames of Qiu Ping's heart and temper. Without further ado, he slashed his sword towards Zhang Yuchen.

Zhang Yuchen knew he was going to die, and he did not want to fight the cruel twists of fate that had led him to that moment. He stood there and waited for the blow to strike.

Qiu Ping's blade was brought up to Zhang Yuchen neck, but it did not go any further. The sword nicked a small cut across the skin of his neck, and that was it.

"Let me ask you one more time; do you admit what you did or not?" Qiu Ping asked.

"That spirit spits poison in your ears. Recognize her for the forked tongue she really possesses and wake up!" Zhang Yuchen proclaimed.

"Even now you try to drive a wedge between me and Smoke. D*mn you!" Qiu Ping's anger only increased, and he was ready to strike his believed nemesis down.

Dong!

A hazy longsword flashed before Qiu Ping's sword, and it shattered.

"If the spirit was unharmed, why kill him? He has suffered down here, in the pits of this miserable place for many years. Isn't that suffering enough?" Han Sen threw away the sword.

Han Sen's body was small, but Taia and Phoenix Sword could not shrink with him. As such, he was using a mini beast soul weapon.

Han Sen summoned a primitive class sword to block Qiu Ping's strike.

Han Sen did not know the truth, as much as Qiu Ping did not either. But he knew Zhang Yuchen did not seem to be the sort to do what the allegations claimed he had.

Furthermore, if Zhang Yuchen was as weak as he believed, it was difficult to imagine that he could force himself on a spirit or even kill her, as the story went.

"Who are you?" Qiu Ping said.

Zhang Yuchen quickly said, "Thank you for your help, Brother Han, but this matter concerns the two of us and only the two of us."

Han Sen said, "I don't care for the petty reasons of your quarrel, but I do hope Mister Qiu will give me some time."

"What do you mean? Qiu Ping asked.

"Give me time to prove Zhang Yuchen did not do anything wrong," Han Sen said.

"And how would you do that?" Qiu Ping said.

"Give me ten days. If I cannot prove his innocence to you in that time, you may do as you please," Han Sen said.

"Why would I give you ten days?" Qiu Ping looked intimidating.

"The last thing you want is to believe your best friend betrayed you as you are so sure he did. Give me ten days, and faith in your friend will not even be necessary. You will learn, know, and understand that he is a good person. He did not do what you think he did," Han Sen said.

"That is not enough," Qiu Ping said.

"Fine. Attack me ten times, one strike for each day. If you cannot kill me, give me the ten days I request," Han Sen said.

"No! You should not get yourself involved in this," Zhang Yuchen screamed. He believed Han Sen was new here and was not strong. He wholeheartedly believed Qiu Ping could end Han Sen's life with a single swing.

"And this is between me and Qiu Ping," Han Sen said, walking forward to directly face Qiu Ping. "Come on; one strike for one day."

Qiu Ping drew his sword and slashed towards Han Sen. He was so fast, the ten attacks were like one. Everyone expected Han Sen to be cut up and diced like dinner.

"Qiu Ping, come for me! Don't hurt him," Zhang Yuchen screamed.

But Qiu Ping was so fast, his attacks were already over before anyone heard what Zhang Yuchen had to say.

Han Sen's body had a few marks, and he was bleeding a little.

"I will see you in ten days. No one will be here to save you then." Qiu Ping returned his sword and left.

"How did you withstand the ten of those attacks. I didn't even see you dodge them." Cheng Hu looked at Han Sen with great admiration.

Han Sen looked at his wounds and said, "I didn't bother dodging."

"No way! And he didn't kill you?" Cheng Hu asked, in shock.

"It's because he is not completely heartless," Han Sen said.

Cheng Hu then said, "But how will you be able to prove Brother Zhang's innocence in ten days?"

"I will have to find out who is responsible for all this," Han Sen said.

"You want to find that spirit, don't you? She is in the highest level of the shelter, inside the palace. You won't get there," Cheng Hu said.

"Oh, I'll get there." Han Sen spoke with confidence.

Han Sen planned to get there so he could see Sky King, anyway. Helping them at the same time was a good excuse for others to see him ascend the ranks.

"Are you crazy? Not even Qiu Ping himself was able to reach the top! The top levels are occupied by super creatures and king spirits!" Cheng Hu thought Han Sen was insane.

Han Sen just smiled and said, "Qiu Ping's inability does not mean I can't. I'll succeed where he failed."

After that, Han Sen walked towards the third floor.

Cheng Hu wished to say something more, but Zhang Yuchen pulled him back.

"Don't stop me! That guy is nuts. We have to stop him from getting himself killed!" Cheng Hu proclaimed.

Zhang Yuchen then said, "Can you not see it? Brother Han is special."

"How special? He's just a noob." It was when he said this that he realized Han Sen might not have been as green as he had been led to believe. After all, how could a newbie withstand Qiu Ping's attack?

"Wait here, I'll go have a look," Cheng Hu said.

Zhang Yuchen could not go to the second level, so he was unable to follow.