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It was too late for them to run now. Night Empress was wrathful, and she gestured with her hands to blanket the helpless spirits and creatures with a scornful darkness.

They mustered every ounce of strength they had left in a bid to repel the malevolent dark, but it was a futile resistance. Their powers were consumed by the looming black, as if it fed on their offerings.

And it wasn't long before the dark ravaged their bodies like a hungry beast before an open feast, in dire need of a feeding.

"Pah, I see through your tricks!" No God Emperor bellowed, thrusting forward towards Night Empress with his No God Sword.

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His arrogance was blinding, and he did not believe demi-gods could return from the Fourth God's Sanctuary and enter the Third God's Sanctuary. He thought this was all a ruse, an illusion conjured by the trickster Lotus, or a doppelganger formed by some force through past memories and history.

Seeing No God approach her, Night Empress was unconcerned. She was as real as the night, and as real as the darkness with which she swarmed the imperious emperor.

This had all transpired over the course of a few measly seconds, and then, as quick as it had begun, it ended. The darkness was removed from the area.

Han Sen looked around, noticing all the creatures and spirits had disappeared with the violent black.

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"Where are they? Where did they go?" Han Sen asked.

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"They are dead," Night Empress said.

Han Sen asked, "Can they respawn?"

"No; such a killing is absolute," Night Empress answered, with perfect certainty.

Night Empress then frowned, "Hmm, but that spirit stone can allow him a respawn. Not bad."

"Mother, are you referring to No God Emperor?" Lotus Empress asked.

Night Empress nodded, then told her, "My time here is limited. Why don't you come with me to the Fourth God's Sanctuary? I can guarantee your safety there."

"I can come with you? As easily as that?" Lotus Empress asked in wonder.

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Night Empress assured her, "Of course, you should know that. Why else would you summon a demi-god? Why else would you summon me?"

"I didn't summon you." After Lotus Empress said this, she eyed Han Sen.

Night Empress said, "Then I'll bring him, too."

Han Sen was quick to reject her offer. He told her, "Thanks, but no thanks. You should just take Miss Lotus with you."

As pleasant as his words were, beneath the surface, Han Sen was hissing a fire directed at Dragon King. His information had been incorrect once more.

Summoning a demi-god was a shortcut into the Fourth God's Sanctuary, and a method in which a being wishing to ascend could bypass The Ten Steps of the Holy Door and its cleansing flames.

As much as Han Sen appreciated the offer, he would prefer to walk the purifying steps. And that aside, he had yet to open his tenth gene locks.

And furthermore, Han Sen knew he could just step into the Evolution Pool for a shortcut of his own.

"Mother, I will take the steps as you did," Lotus Empress said.

Night Empress ran her fingers through the hair of her daughter and smiled. She told her, "It is good that you wish to pass through the holy fire. Not only does it speak to your strength of heart and resolve, the benefits are tremendous."

Night Empress then proceeded to summon something dark. She handed it to Lotus, telling her, "I don't have much time. Take this. If No God Emperor returns for you, use it. Use it to destroy that monster."

Night Empress then walked back to the altar and became a statue of stone.

"Hey, don't go yet! I was the one who summoned you, after all. Where's my gift?!" Han Sen pleaded as she went, but she gave no heed. She was a statue before he finished, and he knew he wasn't going to receive a response.

The altar then disappeared in a final flash of darkness, and the next time Han Sen and Lotus Empress looked around, they were back nearby the Luminous Stone. The Luminous Stone was webbed with cracks, unlike before. And after an uneasy tremble, it shattered completely, collapsing into a mound on the ground.

The jue Han Sen possessed finally stopped vibrating incessantly.

Han Sen was gutted, though. Despite his efforts to summon Night Empress, he hadn't received a single goodie.

"Haha!" Lotus Empress was laughing, in a cheery mood Han Sen had not known she could display. She went ahead to comfort him, offering, "How about I give you a gift instead?"

"What gift would that be?" Han Sen thought getting something off Lotus Empress wouldn't be half bad.

But then Han Sen's eyes drifted to the black jewel she had been gifted by her mother, Night Empress. A streak of envy crossed his mind, and he thought it'd be great if he could have it.

Han Sen knew she wouldn't be giving that to him, though.

Lotus Empress swung the jewelry in front of Han Sen and told him, "It's this Night Gem."

"Wait, you're giving that to me?" Han Sen was made exuberantly happy, but he was jumping to conclusions.

Lotus Empress pulled back her hands that caressed the lovely thing, saying, "Of course not."

"Then why swing it in front of me? Are you taunting me?" Han Sen asked, with a dried attitude.

Lotus Empress was emitting a vibrant radiance, and she seemed to be genuinely happy after all that had happened. She said, "Yes, haha. But don't worry, I have something better for you."

"You can offer me something better?" Han Sen didn't think anything could beat a gift that was given by a demi-god.

"Yeah, do you want it? Yes or no?" Lotus Empress asked.

"I'll take anything you are willing to give me," Han Sen answered.

Since Han Sen had already taken a bunch of Holy Baby fruit, he was down for something else off her. Besides, he was the one who summoned Night Empress. Han Sen thought he was due a reward for that deed, for sure.

Lotus Empress then walked around Han Sen in circles. He admired the delicate grace of her steps through an intense observation of her body. She was gorgeous.

Before Han Sen could figure out what she was doing, though, Lotus Empress told him, "How about me as your gift?"

"You mean..." Han Sen couldn't believe the stunning offer he had just received.

"Yes. I am your gift. Isn't that better than a measly Night Gem?" Lotus Empress spoke with a seductive drawl to her words, in an attractive lure.

"Oh, you're right about that! You're much better than a silly jewel. Do you need to pack a bag, or are you already prepared to come with me?" Han Sen looked at her with avaricious eyes.

Super Power Chapter 1302 – Ten Gene Locks Opened

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Chapter 1302: Ten Gene Locks Opened

Lotus Empress followed Han Sen to the underground shelter. She brought Empty Witch and a super creature comprised of vines with her, too; the latter being named Green Vine. They were also told to adhere to Han Sen's authority whenever needed.

Lotus Empress still required Han Sen's help, as she had dubiously explained during their initial conversation, and it prompted the formalities for a trade. It was something Han Sen agreed to. Before he opened ten gene locks, the Night Gem would allow even him to defeat No God Emperor easily.

Regardless, Han Sen asked her about his body. She told him that when a body was attuned to and focused on one gene lock, gene locks were easier to open. If a person could be proficient across a number of elements, the lack of an anchor made the process of opening gene locks much more difficult.

Han Sen was stuck in a rut due to this, and over an extensive amount of time, no matter what he tried, he had been unable to open his tenth gene lock. It was revealed that it would take something like a Holy Baby Fruit to help.

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But Han Sen was only able to eat nine of them, and being lucky enough to eat the real one was all down to the role of the dice. It would all be down to luck for most beings.

After news of what had occurred in Evil Lotus Shelter spread, it felt as if the very foundation of the Third God's Sanctuary had been violently shaken. The thought of that vast number of emperors and super creatures being sacrificed was crazy to imagine, but it was a sad reality to most, with the rapid expansion of humanity.

With Moving Star Emperor having been among those sacrificed, Han Sen was able to happily expand his growing empire and assert dominion over his shelters and lands.

No God Shelter was nowhere close to there, and news about him had been scant since the day of the sacrifice. Regardless of what he was up to, he didn't show.

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Han Sen took Purple Emperor with him, and they did what they could until they reached Cup Demon Shelter. Then, they stopped their advance.

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Cup Demon Emperor was the third Son of God. He was very powerful, and thinking he wouldn't be able to defeat the spirit, Han Sen thought he should play things a little safer and not invoke his ire just yet.

Han Sen wanted to open his tenth gene lock next, focusing on that first and foremost. So, he shelved his plans for expansion until the day he grew stronger.

Han Sen consulted Lotus Empress, and then decided upon opening Jadeskin's tenth gene lock.

He did not want to open the Blood-Pulse Sutra's tenth gene lock just yet, as its benefits weren't all that profound. They mainly strengthened his genes and provided him super sperm to benefit his future descendants. For the here-and-now, it was best avoided.

And Han Sen wanted to level up the Dongxuan Sutra by himself, as that was his bread and butter, his pride and joy. Therefore, it made the most sense to open Jadeskin's tenth gene lock.

Han Sen kept seven of the fruits and gave the rest out to his companions.

And of course, Han Sen held on to the real one he had collected before No God Emperor gate-crashed the event like a big party pooper.

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While he went to a secluded spot to enjoy every last morsel of the genuine fruit, he told Zero and silver fox to go outside and guard the area. After consuming the juicy fruit, he quickly cast Jadeskin and allowed it to absorb.

As soon as this occurred, he felt as if his body was crystallizing. The longer Jadeskin ran, the more Han Sen's body became like crystal. He was swiftly becoming what looked like a sculpture of ice.

Han Sen's brains and organs could be seen via his body's transparency, and even they too were starting to appear crystallized.

Eventually, he became a statue devoid of any lifeforce. It took a while for something else to occur, and when it did, the crystal began to adopt the creamy color of jade.

Katcha!

A crack began to creep across the creamy jade, until it split and zig-zagged across the entirety of Han Sen's new, statuesque form.

Drrring!

The jade shattered, revealing Han Sen's true self once more.

Han Sen felt as if he had just been reborn, and every aspect of his body had been replaced. His hair shone with the sparkling beauty of starlight. Han Sen's entire body was glowing, and he looked rather weird. Even a demi-god wouldn't have been able to tell if Han Sen was a living person. It wasn't because Han Sen was dead, though; it was because his lifeforce was now hidden inside his body. It had been cloaked.

Han Sen opened his eyes, which now held the glittering beauty of jewelry. The Holy Baby Fruit had indeed helped him open the tenth gene lock of Jadeskin.

It might have only been one gene lock up, but the difference between a being with nine gene locks and a being with ten gene locks was staggering. And Han Sen could feel the power inside him now, almost to the point of scaring himself. It was frightening how mighty he had become.

After opening this tenth gene lock, his senses were incredibly powerful, too, but in a different way than they were with the Dongxuan Sutra.

From what Han Sen could see now, the world looked different.

Han Sen donned his armor and went outside, escaping the notice of Zero and the silver fox without even trying. To get them to notice him, Han Sen had to speak.

"Zero, attack me with your Bone Dagger," Han Sen asked.

Zero seemed to hesitate, not wanting to hurt him. He saw this, so he told her, "Don't worry, Little Silver is here."

Zero nodded, and then a red light came flying towards Han Sen. He felt as if he was unable to dodge it. But Zero was aiming at his arm, not wanting to deal grievous harm to him.

Han Sen raised his hand to cut across and deflect the red light. When he did this, it was as if the Bone Dagger itself was decloaked. It was the dagger itself that manifested like a small red light.

Han Sen gave it back to her. When she killed Saint Fan, Han Sen could not even detect its presence, but now, Han Sen could do far more than notice its coming. He could catch it!

Super Power Chapter 1303 – No Dirt Fruit

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After opening ten gene locks, Han Sen wanted to take down Cup Demon Shelter, but Lotus Empress needed his help before he could do that.

She told Han Sen what she wanted to do.

For an ordinary king spirit, nine open gene locks was the max they could achieve. Obtaining ten was a supremely rare thing. For an emperor, opening ten was only the beginning. Once the figure of ten had been achieved, they had to work on what was necessary for them to climb The Ten Steps of the Holy Door.

Walking the ten steps was a great gamble, and beings that braved the door had to be certain they were strong enough to survive. If they couldn't withstand the purifying flames of the stairs, they would die. Even beings like Xiang Yin were almost unable to complete the ascension process and endure the fire.

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Lotus Empress was confident she had what it took to brave the steps.

Although she was the master of the Holy Baby Fruit, she had no idea which one was the real one, same as all the others.

So, to find out, she had to find another way. She had come to learn about the existence of a plant that was quite similar to Holy Baby Fruit, and did what it said on the tin. There was no random selection process.

But harvesting the fruit was difficult, to say the least. That was why she held these events; they were all for selecting individuals who would help her in this task.

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She wanted to collect a fruit called No Dirt Fruit, which was an emperor fruit. It wasn't aggressive, it was just difficult to pick. No Dirt Fruit required a being with no element to

collect it. If it was collected by someone else, the fruit would be polluted and would become toxic.

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Those who wanted to collect the fruit were required to use their hands, as well. Tools were not permitted in its collection.

So, she requested that Han Sen be the one to fetch the fruit for her.

"I found six super creatures and spirits to help me over the years, but they each ruined the fruit they tried to take. Now, there is only one left," Lotus explained.

"Sister Lotus, I can take the fruit as you ask. But I cannot promise you I am pure enough to collect it without issue, and please don't take it out on me if I fail." Han Sen agreed, but he didn't want to set her up for a disappointment.

Han Sen was proficient with many different elements all at once, and the nature of his body was quite complex. He wasn't sure if that suited the criteria for being pure.

"If this doesn't work, I won't curse your name. I'll just attribute it to my bad luck," Lotus kindly replied.

So, after that, Han Sen decided to follow her to where they needed to go. He himself was rather interested in seeing whether or not he'd be able to collect the fruit without making it toxic.

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The No Dirt Fruit grew on an island situated someplace on the Endless Sea. Even with their teleportation-like speed, it was a far-off place to get to, and it'd take a while.

Further, she could not use her skills forever to get them there. So, Han Sen asked Flying Fish King to take them to the Endless Sea. The fish king was one speedy boy, and it carried them there at a pace that far exceeded their own teleportation capabilities.

Ji Yanran had brought Bao'er back as Han Sen was preparing to leave, so when she heard he was going off with the fish king, she raced over to go with him.

Han Sen asked Empty Witch why Bao'er was what she called a Holy Spirit, and the answer he received was that Bao'er was a pure being. Ordinary people couldn't sense this, and she herself only found out when the Empty Vine itself was maturing.

Empty Witch had thought Bao'er was some powerful Third God's Sanctuary seed during their initial encounter. But when she came to the Third God's Sanctuary, it was only then that she realized Bao'er was far stronger and far greater than she had imagined.

The genes of the Holy Baby Fruit were not as strong as Bao'er, and the Holy Baby Fruit tree was already the best in the Third God's Sanctuary, so who or what Bao'er was perplexed her and Han Sen both.

And now that she could see Bao'er once again, she was unable to sense her genes.

Han Sen knew Bao'er was more than just the lifespawn of some geno plant. There were many plants that could bear creatures, but none were able to exit the sanctuaries and visit the Alliance like Bao'er could.

The sea they ventured across was called the Endless Sea was because no one had yet sailed to the end and returned to tell their tale.

Even stranger, the sea was in the sky.

It was a ceiling to the ground below, where gravity did not operate correctly. When you entered the area, you had to remain close to the ground. If you didn't, you'd be sucked into the sea and fall into it as if it were the sky above.

Across the years, few had returned following being sucked into that sea.

To step away from the ground, you had to first reach the island.

The reason Han Sen brought the fish king was because it was the only creature that could survive the waters of that sea without issue. If they accidentally left the ground, they would not immediately lose their lives.

Super Power Chapter 1304 – Endless Sea

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Chapter 1304: Endless Sea

When Han Sen saw the Endless Sea, he was taken aback. He was mesmerized by the sea that hung overhead, with fish swimming below its glittering waves as if all was normal.

Han Sen thought the primary threat would be those sea creatures.

Ordinary super creatures could not force them away from the ground, but the presence of a berserk super creature could always rattle them enough to find themselves plunging upwards.

Han Sen strode across the ground as the fish king escorted them from above. It made Han Sen wonder if the Endless Sea's power was true. After all, the fish king seemed to be unconcerned.

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"Fish King, catch me!" Han Sen wanted to see what would happen if he jumped.

Fish King lined up with Han Sen, so he could cushion the fall and be a vessel for Han Sen to sail upon.

Then, after his feet left the ground, he felt an invisible force tug him upwards to the sea.

He felt as if gravity was turned on its head and flipped, but then he had trouble re-orienting himself. Bao'er also made sure to go with him. Han Sen used Jadeskin, but he still fell fast. Han Sen grabbed Bao'er and aimed at the fish king's back, making sure not to miss.

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After landing, Han Sen was above the sea. It was like the blue sky and the earth had traded places with each other.

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It was a strange and rather amusing thing, watching Lotus Empress walk on the ground. To him, she was treading a ceiling upside down.

"Let fish king take us! It's faster this way," Han Sen called out to her, to hurry along the proceedings.

Lotus Empress thought it would be best, too, so she jumped up/down and landed on the fish king's back.

The red bird still frequented Bao'er's company, and it had tagged along for this little adventure. It fluttered its little wings and lifted itself to hover above the baby's head. Then, it transformed itself into a fish and swam alongside the fish king.

After turning into a fish and taking a brief swim, it hopped out of the water, turned back into a bird, and flew back to its perch on Bao'er's head.

Han Sen was surprised as he had been the first time he found the little creature, quite surprised something could wholly transform like that.

It had kept following Han Sen and Bao'er for the longest time, ever since it was first found in the pond with Xie Qing King. But aside from the ability to transform between a bird and a fish, it hadn't proven useful in any other capacity. It was pretty much a useless tagalong.

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The fish king continued taking them to the island they wished to reach, but after a while, a sudden shadow coursed below the waves.

The fish king swung its tail, firing a gold light into the sea. Then it took itself airborne.

There was a big, seemingly hostile creature tailing the fish king. It looked like a shark with two heads, and it had left the water in a similar flight, too.

Unfortunately, its intelligence was lacking. It tried to bite the fish king. It was only a super creature with nine gene locks open, so it was a futile attempt from the get-go.

The fish king swung its tail to smack the creature away, and it was reminiscent of an old-fashioned face-slapping. Mind you, it was stronger than the average one. And it occurred

multiple times until the nasty squelch of a broken watermelon sounded. One of the heads was broken.

The other shark head screamed in a display of fright. Then it tried to swim away.

Han Sen didn't want to let it go, though. He finished the job with a sword, lopping the second head clean off.

"Super Creature Two-Headed Shark killed. No beast soul gained. The flesh of this creature is inedible, but you may harvest its Life Geno Essence. Consume its Life Geno Essence to gain zero to ten super geno points randomly."

Han Sen wanted to grab its Life Geno Essence, but the fish was sinking very fast. It was sinking far faster than was normal, as if it had been latched to an abyssal vortex that dragged it down quick.

The bird suddenly turned back into a fish, though. Then it dove into the sea.

Not long after, the fish came back with a Life Geno Essence in its mouth.

"Not bad. It looks like you're good for something, at least." Han Sen was surprised, as not even the fish king was willing to go down for it.

The fish turned back into a bird and landed on Han Sen's shoulder, then it tweeted to him.

"Let's return to the ground. If something bad happens to the fish king, there's nowhere we'll be able to stand," Lotus said.

Han Sen nodded in agreement, then the fish king flew up and delivered them to the land. After landing, the gravity was switched. It was the sea that was overhead now.

The fish king returned to the sea and continued following them, just in case it had to catch them. After a half day of travel, nothing else bothered them.

But suddenly, a large group of fish came swimming their way.

They kept on jumping up towards the surface. They looked like three-meter-long swordfish, but they behaved like hungry piranhas.

"Are they coming to us?" Han Sen wondered with a frown.

"They are the Endless Swordfish; quite common. Their ranks range from ordinary to super class, but they aren't hostile. There must be a reason why they're all scrambling in this direction, though." Lotus Empress was frowning, too.

Super Power Chapter 1305 – Being Watched

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Chapter 1305: Being Watched

In great haste, a swarm of Endless Swordfish was headed in Han Sen's direction. They didn't come for him, but simply sped past him as if they were attempting to get away from something that lay in the direction Han Sen was traveling.

Han Sen understood their behavior, acknowledging that they were fleeing some unseen menace on the horizon. They weren't there to cause trouble.

After peering into the distance all around him, Han Sen finally saw it: a shadow, accompanied by the sounds of disturbed water. When the Endless Swordfish passed by the Fish King above, the sound of restless waters became louder than ever. And that was when Han Sen saw it clearly.

The monster was like an octopus. Reminiscent of the kraken, its arms writhed in unrest, hitting the water to create noise as if for fun. The arms and tentacles were peppered with countless suction cups, and it was clear that being grabbed by such a fiend would deny even the mightiest of creatures a chance of slipping its grasp.

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The octopus was blue, and on the other side of its arms were a number of eyes in asymmetrical distribution. The lack of cohesion in the placement of the eyes made the entire beast even scarier to look at.

"Another super creature?" Han Sen was delighted. He didn't need Life Geno Essences anymore, but he'd never shy away from the possibility of earning another beast soul.

Although Han Sen had conquered many shelters and taken over many regions, he knew he wasn't going to be around in the Third God's Sanctuary forever. There'd be a time when the protection and mantle for safeguarding the territories would fall to others, and when that time came, Han Sen had to know other humans were strong enough to succeed him. If they weren't, it'd only be a matter of time before spirits attempted to return and claim what had been lost to human occupation. Having more super beast souls would help even the odds, Han Sen believed.

Just as this kraken looked ready to put up a fight, though, it stopped.

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All the swordfish, by this point, had fled far beyond its reach. And now, staying in one place, the octopus flailed its tentacles and arms around in a rather humorous display. What it was doing, Han Sen wasn't quite sure.

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Suddenly, something grabbed hold of the kraken and tugged it below the water with fierce strength. The octopus looked like a force to be reckoned with, but it was dragged below the waters with surprising ease, then taken deeper and deeper and deeper. It was gone almost as swiftly as it had first appeared.

Han Sen hurriedly called for the Fish King to return to the land above, for he had caught a glimpse of a phantom shadow in the sea.

In the place the kraken had been, there was now just a red mist sitting above the unnervingly calmed sea. As for the octopus, it had obviously been killed.

"Let's go." Han Sen thought it was best not to linger, so with an increase of haste, he instructed everyone to move at a quicker pace. It was frightening, trying to comprehend what manner of being had managed to one-hit kill a terrifying super creature like that kraken.

Han Sen still had the endless presence of the Endless Sea above his head, and it'd be there for a while longer. It was a realm that was as strange as it was dangerous, and the last thing he wanted to do was risk falling into the waters above. It seemed like a death sentence, with that unknown creature lurking beneath the blue. Lotus Empress felt no different, and she much appreciated the desire for an increased speed of travel.

The shadow did not leave, though. They continued their journey, and whenever they looked up, there the shadow was. It seemed to be following them.

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Lotus Empress commented on its presence there, saying, "Don't fight it. Remember, I still have that Night Gem for protection."

"Do you know what that creature is?" Han Sen asked.

Lotus Empress said, "I think so. I've heard tales of a wicked monster occupying these waters, and if I am correct in the assumption, that thing up there is what they call Sea Ghost."

"What can it do?" Han Sen asked.

Lotus Empress said, "No one quite rightly knows, but it has an appetite for super creatures, that much is certain. It's a picky eater, so it doesn't eat less powerful beings. Many spirits have reported their sightings of Sea Ghost, and how it explicitly enjoys grabbing super creatures and dragging them below the water to feast."

Lotus Empress paused for a moment, as if in thought, and then she went on to say, "But it is supposed to appear in the deeper regions of the Endless Sea. We haven't traveled that far, and what's more, we are headed for an island. It shouldn't be here at all."

"Did the Fish King lure him here?" Han Sen wondered aloud.

"Maybe. There's always the chance it's developed a new fancy for eating humans, and with a powerful human here, perhaps it was a rare opportunity it wished to test its mettle against, not to mention its taste buds," Lotus Empress said. Whether she spoke in jest, amusement, or unnerving sincerity, Han Sen wasn't sure.

"Well, if it shows its ugly mug, I've got a killing blow with its name on it," Han Sen said with stern resoluteness.

If a fight between him and the unseen creature were to begin, Han Sen was at least prepared to take it on. He wasn't afraid.

But for a long time, Sea Ghost merely followed them. It refused to show itself, but that just made the tension all the worse. And due to its appearance there, the entire region looked dead. No other life was to be seen.

The sun was rising now, where it should have been sinking. It came up from the ground, melding with the horizon of the sea above. Nighttime was coming.

Then, an extra-large moon appeared, alongside its retinue of silver stars. Han Sen thought the Sea Ghost would try its luck under the veil of night, but still, nothing came about. It remained where it was, as if it was watching them, studying their every movement.

With a monster hiding above, Han Sen felt uncomfortable. He felt as if it could swoop down at any moment. Swooping was bad, after all.

At midnight, Han Sen saw the faint image of a mountain in the distance. It was very tall, and its peak seemed to be poking the sea that was still their sky.

"That is God Mountain. Three hundred miles past that, we will reach the island," Lotus Empress explained, before Han Sen could ask.

Han Sen then asked, "Can we walk up the mountain? Or will it prove too high and have us dropping up into the sea?"

Lotus Empress said, "There are stranger things on that mountain to worry about than the distortion of gravity. Not even emperors dare brave that place."

"Why? What's so strange about it?" Han Sen was going to heed her advice and stay away, but he was interested in learning what was supposed to be so scary about the mountain.