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Chapter 181: 6.42 Third Green Star - The Forest

In the living room at the mansion of General Cao Junye. Shi Moye and Yun Suisen were waiting for their superiors to finish eating their meals. Uncle Wu didn't forget to serve some tea and snacks for them to enjoy while waiting.

Shi Moye asked his lover, "Sui-chan, did we come too early?"

"No. They must have woken up late. Let's just wait for a while more." replied Yun Suisen.

The sound of the door opening was suddenly heard. It was Wang Lei who opened the door off the receiving area for the general and his family. Wang Lei first nodded towards the guests.

"General, they are still here," said Wang Lei, still holding on to the door.

It was Cao Junye who first entered the room carrying his son with his right hand and holding his wife's, Ximen Xueya, hand with his left. They were like pictures of a happy family. Zhi Yue turned back to his avatar form.

Shi Moye and Yun Suisen were surprised by their sudden arrival and subconsciously stood up and greeted them. Wang Lei closed the door after his general, his general's wife and son had entered the room then stood by the door guarding.

"Good Morning Sirs!"

Cao Junye first sat down on the open couch with his family. Ximen Xueya remained cold as always while Ximen Chino just stared at the two uncles inside the room.

"Good Morning. Have a seat." said Cao Junye. After the two sat down, "Why did you come over for the morning?" asked the general.

"Generally there are some reports about the nearby forest." answer Shi Moye as he passed the reports he brought with them.

Cao Junye and Wang Lei were reading the reports on hand. There were photos of overgrown plants. Some of them were rare types such as Venus flytrap, pitcher plants, bird vines and blood vines. These kinds of plants were not supposed to exist in their country.

"How could these kinds of plants exist?" murmured Wang Lei.

Ximen Xueya took his son from his husband who was busy reading reports to avoid him from bothering him.

"These types of plants could be collected by special types of people. It might have mutated like animals as well." answered Wang Lei's question while Xueya looked at his son playing with him.

"Son, daddy and father have work. Could you play with Oreo and Uncle Yue for awhile?" asked Xueya with a dotting smile on his face.

Chino looked at his daddy, then at his father, lastly to his Uncle Wang. Seeing that none of them have time to play with him and he's bored staying in the room with only adults inside.

"Okay~ Chi-chan will look for Oreo with Uncle Yue but Chi-chan wants to go into the forest too!"

Hearing this Cao Junye laughs, their child really likes fighting and dangerous things the most. He also doesn't like boredom but doesn't react or do things beyond the norm just to have fun like his daddy. He has a self restrained yet a bit playful personality which he inherited from his father and daddy as well.

Cao Junye gently ruffled his son's hair and said, "Hahaha~ okay! Father promised to bring our baby to the forest."

Chino gives his father a kiss smooched on his cheeks. "Thank you father!" Then he saw his daddy smiling at him and gave him a kiss as well before running out the room to play with his dog and his Uncle Yue.

After the child left the room the adults inside had resumed their conversation. But Ximen Xueya noticed Yun Suisen's eyes lingered longer at his son the most.

"Yun Suisen. Is there something wrong?" asked Ximen Xueya.

Yun Suisen looked at Ximen Xueya and smiled, "It's nothing Leader Ximen. I just thought that the child looked so cute."

A beautiful yet chilling smile appeared on Ximen Xueya's face. But only those who know his personality know what the meaning of that smile is. It is a clear warning of death. Wang Lei and Shi Moye shivered unconsciously while Yun Suisen's face paled and instantly pleaded for mercy which Xueya half-heartedly accepted.

Seeing this expression on his wife's face, Cao Junye knew that Yun Suisen used to be Ximen Xueya's subordinate but why is the latter acting like this as if they've got into a bad argument.

"Finish the report. I want it done before lunch. We will leave in the afternoon. Everyone in this room is going. Leave the base to Uncle Sun." said Ximen Xueya, seemingly preparing to leave them to talk on their own.

Cao Junye asked, "Baby, where are you going?"

"We are going out for a picnic. I need to prepare food and snacks for our son." replied Xueya as he left the room without entertaining any more questions.

He left the other four inside to decide the details of everything about the forest. He had already said his conditions, Cao Junye just had to make sure that what his wife had wanted would be fulfilled.

After an hour Shi Moye and Yun Suisen had left the Great General's Mansion. Inside the study, Ximen Xueya is looking at the pair who just came to them to report. Suddenly someone hugs him from behind. Well there is only one person who dares to do so.

Cao Junye said, "Baby~ you're in a bit of a bad mood just now. What's wrong?"

"Nothing much... But I am just sensitive to changes and to malice. Clearly that Yun Suisen is targeting our son. He needed that warning to know who would be angry if really did so." said Ximen Xueya.

A frown appeared on Cao Junye's face as if having an inkling of what his wife's words meant.

"Is he the last destroyer? But if he is, how come neither Zhi Yue nor Baize noticed his system?" asked the general.

Ximen Xueya replied, "Even I couldn't feel it. I thought it was Yun Ren who is supposed to be the last destroyer but the change in Yun Suisen just now is weird. What's strange is that Xiao Jing didn't approach him despite being close to him before."

"Then something is really weird."

"Yes."

The room was suddenly silent as the couple both stopped talking. But it didn't last long as Cao Junye chose to change the topic of their conversation.

Cao Junye spoke, "By the way, are we going to the forest because you wanted to bring home some blood vines and other rare plants?"

"Yes. Blood vines and Venus Flytraps are extremely useful for defense. Especially against small types of zombie animals like zombie rats and zombie birds. Moreover Liu Yan is a plant ability user and the plants under his command are all flowers. Do you want him to send carts of roses towards zombies during the siege?" said Ximen Xueya.

The General remembered how that foolish world hopper gave roses to the zombies after the blood rain and created a miniature rose garden as he ran away.

"This... could really happen. Sigh~ let's bring Baize and his host over this afternoon." said Cao Junye as he buried his face at the crooks of his wife's neck.

Ximen Xueya hummed a bit when he felt his husband biting and sucking at the skin of his neck and couldn't help but smack his head. Though the beast didn't stop there and even put his hands in his clothes.

Ximen Xueya complained. "It's morning. Are you insane!?"

Then the general had used his darkness ability to cover the whole study with shadow. Now, the room is separated from the outside world.

Cao Junye shamelessly responded, "Now it's dark. Baby~ Just one round okay?"

"No. Your one round equates to 100 times!!!" said Ximen Xueya who started struggling only for his husband to grab his chin and make him face him.

Suddenly his lips were captured, bitten and sucked. Now prying to be invaded by a soft yet warm tongue. Xueya firmly closed his lips, preventing Junye's tongue from invading his mouth. He was using his hands to stop those naught paws trying to remove his pants but his shirt was already ripped by this wild beast.

Ximen Xueya could see the slyness within his husband's eyes which is now completely black. His body starts turning sensitive with all the caresses on his body. They did this kind of thing everyday at night. They are a married couple, this kind of intimacy is normal for them.

But in this world his husband is more lustful than in the last world. Ximen Xueya couldn't understand why he is acting like this but Cao Junye isn't willing to say a word about what is wrong with him. In the end he still ended up indulging him before lunch. They've only met the rest of the people in the mansion during lunch.

Everyone's eyes were on Ximen Xueya's red marks and bite marks visible on his neck. But when they tried looking for more than 3 seconds small sparks flew towards their direction and could only see their general giving them a dangerous smile. Only the innocent Young Master wouldn't ask what happened between his parents and even heals his daddy.

In the afternoon.

At the base entrance a small group of twenty five members had gathered. There are familiar faces within them. Plus there is an extra baby with them riding on a huge white and black mutated Mastiff.

Leaders of the team: Cao Junye and Ximen Xueya

Vice leaders: Wang Lei, Shi Moye

Captains: Baize, Su Liye and Yun Suisen

There are other soldiers and few government officials that came as well to send them off. Most specifically they wanted to stop Ximen Xueya from going as well. Though it's undeniable that Ximen Xueya is a strong ability user that only General Cao could contend with, he is still the most important person in the base. Even a bit more important than General Cao.

When they wanted to talk to Master Ximen, a single cold stare is enough to shut them up and back away with tears. Only the retired General Sun is not scared as he reprimands Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye for bringing the child with them. After all, Ximen Chino is only three years old.

Old General Sun asked worriedly, "Are you really going to bring Xiao Chi with you? Can't you just let him stay here at home with me? It's so dangerous in the forest and some hidden elements we don't even know. Let him stay at the base!"

"No. he will cry if we leave him at home. Moreover A'Ye already promised he would bring him with us!" said Ximen Xueya.

"What!? Junye, You!!!"

Cao Junye ignores the maddening angered retired general who is scolding them.

"You worry too much, old man. Chino is already a level 4 Ice ability user. Plants are usually weak against ice and fire. He will be safe with Oreo with him. That puppy Mastiff is a level 6 mutated dog. We are not even going deeper in the forest just at the outer premises." said Cao Junye.

It was by then that Chino overheard that his grandfather Sun is stopping from coming with his parents out to picnic.

With his big adorable eyes full of tears he looks at the old general. "Grandpa~ Chi-chan can't go out for a picnic with daddy and father~?!" asked Chino..

Hic! Sobs~

The adults all looked at the crying Chino with a helpless expression on his face. They even glared at the old general as if he was bullying the poor baby. The piercing gaze from the crowd is too much but it's even more unbearable for the old general to see their adorable baby crying.

Old General Sun could only coax the crying Chino and agreed helplessly to let the boy join the expedition.

Carrying the teary eyed baby in his arms, the old general coaxed. "Shss... Shss. Okay Grandpa agrees. Xiao Chi could join. But you cannot leave your daddy's side, okay?"

"Sniff~ O-Okay..."

Old General Sun said, "Okay go ahead and go to your parents." as he finally put down the boy after wiping his tears. "You guys. Put Xiao Chi's safety as top priority!" He said to the soldiers who were coming with them.

The soldiers saluted and collectively replied, "Yes, Old General Sun!"

Chino after he was put down ran off towards his daddy. Ximen Xueya carried the boy reaching out to him in his arms.

He naively whispered, "Daddy~ I did as you told me too. Grandpa Sun really agreed to let me come after crying."

Ximen Xueya responded, "Un. Tears are the most useful against elderlies who adores you~"

The conversation between the father and son weren't really done secretly and most of them even the old general heard their conversation. They were speechless but how Ximen Xueya teaches his son such a shameless yet extremely useful trick. Old General Sun's face was especially red in anger and embarrassment.

Cao Junye murmured, "Two little devils~"

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The journey towards the nearby rainforest only took 3 hours. It was just near the boundary of District Z and District X.

Reaching the entrance of the forest, they were welcomed by the towering trees. It's height could almost rival a 3 floor building. The plants and bushes were abundant and large. Even the grasses could almost reach their waists.

It is as if the whole forest and including everything in it had mutated during the apocalypse. For soldiers who were sensitive to danger, they could vaguely feel uneasiness just at the sight of the forest.

Everyone was surprised to see such weird and magical scenery. Except for Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye who remained calm most of the time, the rest were stunned by such huge changes in the forest.

Xu Lin spoke, "Isn't this forest too strange? Why did all the trees grow that much tall?"

"During the first phase of the apocalypse, lots of changes had been made. Like how humans were given trials to be able to awaken special abilities, trees were given an ability to grow beyond norms and animals mutated.

Moreover, after the blood rain not only zombies benefited, a sudden surge in growth of plants and trees had taken place even animals had either turned into a zombie or furtherly mutated.

Isn't Oreo the clear proof of it?" said Ximen Xueya.

Cao Junye responded, "That seems true. Oreo used to be just an overgrown puppy and it can even spit fire."

Oreo also upgraded during the blood rain, after Baby Chino had accidentally fed it with a level 3 fire crystal, it gained the ability to control fire. At first they thought that Oreo would die after eating a crystal from the zombies.

"Chi-chan come over here for a bit!" calls Xueya to his son.

Ximen Chino being carried on the back of Oreo had come over after hearing his daddy calling for him. Oreo calmly walks over towards his master's daddy. It's careful steps were obvious to anyone's eyes.

The mutated dog called Oreo is clearly intelligent after being forcibly brushed his teeth from biting a dirty human before, it already knew that his master's daddy hates dirty things. It walks carefully avoiding the dust to fly around.

Chino cheerfully speaks, "Daddy~ Chi-chan is here~"

Ximen Xueya carried his son to his arms and touching his earring a pile of full body clothing, boots and gloves appeared in thin air surprising everyone in the crowd. There are also a few boxes with bug repellent spray.

"Wang Lei, Shi Moye distribute the protective clothing set to everyone. Those clothes were made with special materials which prevent things from creating outside contact with anything. It has defensive features to some extent. The forest had many unknown dangers. There would be numerous poisonous plants. Wear those and spray the repellent all over you." said Xueya who then pulled his husband with him creating a wall of ice.

This blocks everyone's sight. They knew that the family of three were going to change their clothes as well. Seeing this Wang Lei and Shi Moye start issuing orders.

Wang Lei yells out, "Line up. Take a full set each!"

"Yes, sir!"

Shi Moye and Yun Suisen went to the box and checked on the instructions inside. It seems that the repellent spray is harmless against humans. They could freely use it without being afraid.

Yun Suisen, Baize and Xu Lin help with the distribution of the repellent.

"Spray all over your body including the head, neck and face. Just be careful of your eyes and mouth. Just in case don't directly breathe it in!" said Shi Moye.

"Yes, sir!"

The soldiers had moved in according to the commands of their vice leaders. While everyone else was still in the middle of changing clothes, the family of three had already finished wearing theirs. Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye were wearing the same type of clothes like those which were getting distributed.

Meanwhile, Ximen Chino's clothes are really customized. Instead of pants the boy is wearing shorts but within those shorts are tight black stockings which cover his legs but unlike the thick clothing material of the shorts is made from soft ones. It wouldn't hinder the child's movement at all. He is also wearing small boots and a hat on his head. He looks so adorable.

Cao Junye said, "Give me a few bottles of bug repellent."

Baize threw five spray bottles of bug repellent towards the general. After receiving it the general sprayed some all over his wife and his son carefully.

"Son, hold your breath for a bit," said Cao Junye.

Ximen Chino nodded his head cutely and took a deep breath and shut his mouth tightly so that his cheeks bulged due to accumulated air inside.

Seeing this Xueya couldn't help but chuckle. "Baby~ close your eyes for 5 seconds."

Ximen Chino did what his parents told him. The father and daddy of the child worked in spraying repellent to their son and his dog. After a few more minutes everyone is ready to go.

"Inside the forest. I want you not to touch things randomly. Avoid anything that may cut through your skins. Don't just put anything you've picked in your mouth. If you've eaten something weird, you wouldn't even know how you die.

Lastly, since this is a forest there wouldn't be many zombies roaming around but instead there would most likely be mutated animals. Wild ones and domesticated ones. Put your guards up. If there are beasts getting closer Oreo would notify us anyway. Get ready!" said Cao Junye.

"Yes, General!"

Then they've finally entered the forest.

The group had finally ventured inside the forest. At the center Ximen Chino riding on Oreo beside him is Xu Lin and Baize. In front General Cao is leading the group, at right and left sides, Wang Lei and Shi Moye had got it covered. At the rear is Ximen Xueya who was getting too lazy to walk and taking his sweet time at every step while drinking some iced milk tea from his system.

Of course he shared some to his son and Xu Lin while the soldiers shook their heads as they couldn't drink such a thing in the middle of the mission. Only someone like Ximen Xueya who had heavenly

defying strength could nonchalantly walk around such a dangerous forest with an unconcerned attitude. While the rest were all in their high guards and were quiet the whole time.

Within that silence only the father and son who were drinking created the sounds of slurping. It's the sound of someone drinking something using straws. This is especially true for the little foodie Chino who is drinking with relish not caring for others.

Slurps~~

Munch. munch~

There's even a? huge cookie on his other hand while his personal tumbler had a lace that could be hung on his neck. What's funny is that the boy is even wearing a small apron on his chest to avoid his clothes from getting dirty. Within that tense atmosphere only this toddler is still as carefree as before. No one could even scold him as both the child's parents are their superiors.

Xu Lin, who was watching his little nephew finish his snack, asked, "Xiao Chi finished eating?"

Chino nodded his head with a smile. The corner of his mouth face was full of cookie crumbs which Xu Lin gently wiped with the clean wet towel he got from the baby's dad.

"Okay~ give uncle your hands. Let's wipe it clean. You can't just wipe it on Oreo's fur." said Xu Lin.

The mutated dog Oreo slightly stiffened when it heard that his master had wiped crumbs on his carefully cared fur and let out small whimpers.

Growls~ whimpers~

"No worries. Chi-chan didn't wipe it on Oreo's fur!" said the little bun.

The intelligent Oreo lightly barks happily when it hears his master's words. But only Xu Lin saw those countless cookie crumbs on the white part of Oreo's fur, there were some smudges of spilled milk tea turning the white fur a bit brown as Ximen Chino was drinking chocolate milk tea just now.

Seeing this Xu Lin just turned a blind eye on it and didn't comment but his thoughts were full.

'Ah~ Poor Oreo, he will have another full scrubbing when bathing tonight.'

The forest area is quite big. There old trees which mutated causing its size to not just double but even tripled. Because of this the shades from this tree had almost completely blocked the sunlight. The temperature in the forest is quite cool with the clean air circulating.

At the rear of the group, Ximen Xueya is lazily staring around the forest. He was quiet the whole time as he was conversing with his system in his mind.

[Host. I have checked on the Zombie King and Zombie Queen from before. They had started attacking districts cleaning up all human survivors. They didn't even spare mutated animals. They are now about to leave District B and are about to reach District C. I've cut off the connection of the other systems in this world except for my and Baize using your name. They would be given false information regarding anything connected to the host.]

"Good work, Yue. Have you checked on Yun Suisen and Yun Ren? Are there any weird things about these characters?" asked Ximen Xueya.

[As of now I haven't found anything strange yet but... Yun Suisen seems to have changed as the host had said. But unlike Yun Ren, Yun Suisen's change is too substantial. As if he is another person altogether.]

"You've noticed it as well. Since you couldn't find anything then I'll just ask him myself."

Ximen Xueya is observing Yun Suisen who is walking a few steps ahead of him. As if noticing his gaze the latter looked back and stared at Xueya calmly before giving him a short bow and once again looked at the front walking as if nothing happened. It was at this moment that a voice was heard coming from behind Ximen Xueya. The voice had hints of warning and vigilance towards him.

"Why are you staring at Sui-chan like that, Leader Ximen?" asked by a man's voice in a cold manner. Ximen Xueya doesn't even need to turn around to see who it was. There is only one person behind him. It was Su Liye. The close friend of Yun Suisen and Shi Moye.

In the original plot, Su Liye is supposed to be the second male lead but he was killed by Cao Junye after the former had taken countless lives in the Hope Base. In the end he ended up as a cannon fodder instead. He killed more than half of the members that are under the Elite Faction. He even killed those innocent ones who had no connection to the Elite Faction himself.

Su Liye is infamous for his strength and loyalty to his friends. Which is why in this timeline after becoming friends with Shi Moye and Yun Suisen who did almost everything to help him find his family, had longed to treat the two as his own family. He must have noticed that Ximen Xueya's gaze towards his friend's lover, Yun Suisen, is weird. This is the reason he speaks out just now.

[Host, be careful this man had a character setting of being an overprotective madman towards his family and those people he treated as one as well. As Shi Moye's lover, Yun Suisen is like his sister-in-law. He is quite vigilant towards you all this time.]

Hearing his system's words Ximen Xueya couldn't help but smile amusedly. He couldn't believe there is someone in this world who is crazier than he is. Xueya ignored the man who just spoke to him and instead called upon the man in front of him.

Ximen Xueya spoke, "Current Yun Suisen. Are you an enemy?"

This sudden question had startled everyone in the team as they heard Ximen Xueya suddenly talking. Moreover they even heard the question he asked Yun Suisen.

With this sudden question, silence and tension had descended in the forest. No one dared to breathe out aloud. The one questioning is a Godly like figure which is rumored to be even stronger than their Great General. Now all eyes have fallen on both Yun Suisen and Ximen Xueya who are now staring at each other.

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Ximen Xueya asked, "Current Yun Suisen. Are you an enemy?"

Once these words were spoken the forest was suddenly filled with the straining atmosphere and stillness the forest originally possessed but at this moment no one else's attention had drifted from the two who caused these changes within the group.

A smiling Ximen Xueya and a calm Yun Suisen. Everyone's eyes were on the two of them. None of them are deaf. With the quietness of the forest, not even one here didn't? not hear the question Ximen Xueya had asked.

The group in this mission is made up of two groups. One is Shi Moye's side while the other is Cao Junye's. With the rigidity between Ximen Xueya and Yun Suisen, it will depend on what kind of answer Yun Suisen would reply, or what kind of outcome would this team end with.

They were all waiting for Yun Suisen's answer to Ximen Xueya's question.

Yun Suisen suddenly smiled gently at Xueya and replied with a short bow. "I would never become your enemy. You should have known that already, Baobao."

This reply of Yun Suisen had calmed down the tension within the group but left some of the members dumbfounded, especially Wang Lei and Shi Moye. Su Liye finally let out a smile and chuckled when he saw Cao Junye from the far front frowning with a pissed expression as he clicked his tongue.

Shi Moye even grinned at him while lightly patting his shoulder.

"Seriously, what are you guys playing around for? Following us right away." The general murmured.

Cao Junye glared at him before walking towards the rear to where his wife is. Shi Moye follows behind him smiling brightly but no one could understand why.

On the other hand Xueya lightly frowned his eyebrows and stared at Yun Suisen and Shi Moye in disbelief. He now knows what is happening. In his mind System Yue is extremely confused and couldn't understand the current situation at all. He could only watch his host walk towards Yun Suisen who is still smiling at Ximen Xueya.

Touching his earring lightly, a pile of snacks and drinks appeared on Yun Suisen's arm. It was piled up into a small mountain that even covered Yun Suisen's line of sight, then Ximen Xueya just walked away and approached his incoming husband. He didn't even forget to give a glare at the grinning man behind Cao Junye.

"Aiya~ don't be angry~ You will look ugly this way boss~" said Shi Moye. His personality had instantly changed from the original Shi Moye from before.

Xueya said, "You guys are insane. Why did you all come over here in group? Especially when you've just gotten used to it."

Yun Suisen responded, "I'll explain it later~"

"I'm only following what my wife wants thought~" replied Shi Moye.

Su Liye responded as well, "Same as above."

Yun Suisen whose face cannot be seen because of the small pile of snacks on his arms. "Can't you two help me with this first?"

Shi Moye and Su Liye helped with carrying the snacks from Yun Suisen's arms. Before the latter put it all in his space.

"Moreover we wanted to see our little nephew." said Shi Moye while staring at the cuddly toddler looking at them with big cute eyes.

Su Liye spoke, "So cute~"

"Of course! It's our nephew after all. Since the cat is already out of the bag. Xiao Jing~ come and give uncle a hug~" said Yun Suisen who ran to hug Ximen Chino.

What is surprising is that neither Xueya nor Junye had stopped him from doing so. Ximen Chino as well let himself get carried by Yun Suisen while having a confused expression on his face. He is looking at the unfamiliar presence within Yun Suisen.

"Who are you, uncle?" asked adorably by our little bun Chino.

Yun Suisen answered, "I'm really your uncle. Come on call Shushu for me~"

Hearing this Ximen Chino looked at his daddy and saw him nod his head. He did what Yun Suisen did and called out cheerfully.

"Shushu~"

"Ah! So cute!!!" exclaimed Yun Suisen who hugs Chino in his arms. Beside him Shi Moye and Su Liye were crowding around the little bun lightly pinching his cheeks and ruffling his soft hair.

It took quite a long time for the three to calm down after getting their full hug from Chino. Yun Suisen even took the opportunity to carry Ximen Chino to his arms the whole time. On both sides Shi Moye and Su Liye were protecting them. Since these three had moved their position to the center, Baize and Wang Lei changed places with them.

Now the rear is protected by Baize and Wang Lei. The sides were under Shi Moye and Su Liye's shielding. With Yun Suisen at the center carrying Ximen Chino followed by Oreo and Xu Lin, the group was led by Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye this time.

They were walking around the forest following the lead of the general and his wife.

[The blood vine is near the cliffs on the east side. 30 meters away. Please be careful there's a mutated old weeping willow tree near the edge and you'll have to pass the white bamboo clumper. There's a special mutated bamboo within the cluster.]

The voice of System Yue resounds only in the minds of Cao Junye and Ximen Xueya. It is because of this that the general had to provide instruction for the team.

Cao Junye said, "We're about to enter a clumper of white bamboo. Don't touch or break anything. There's hidden mutated bamboo within the cluster."

Our target is near the edge of the cliff. That's where the blood vines grew. But near the truth is a mutated Weeping Willow tree, avoid it at all cost."

The soldiers collectively replied, "Yes, General!"

As they got nearer the bamboo clusters within the forest the area turned quieter as if dead still. Not even a hint of bugs nor birds could be heard in the area. Unlike when they've first entered the forest, the sounds of insects, birds and silent growls from afar can be heard. Only this area is completely silent.

The stillness in the area made the group uncomfortable. They've increase their vigilance at they walk through the bamboo forest. The bamboo was unlike its normal green in color. In this area the bamboos were white in color including its leaves. Within the clusters of bamboos, there's one huge bamboo trunk whose color is red. Its trunks were thrice as large as a normal bamboo and what made it creepy is that the color it gives out was like that of being dyed in blood.

Everyone in the group saw the strange colored bamboo. The rest even saw a flying bird just above the cluster being pierced through by the crimson colored trunk of the special bamboo plant at the center.

Clearly that bamboo is a mutated plant with slight intelligence but there is a problem. This thing seems to love blood after seeing the stabbed bird's body suddenly being drained out, its blood turning into a shriveled figure with one bone and skin.

Seeing this scene almost everyone's face paled except for a few who were calm no matter what. With regards to this type of calmness Ximen Xueya is one and Cao Junye is another.

Yun Suisen whispered, "Woa~ what is this a vampire plant?"

"Shushu, vampires don't exist in this world." whispered back by the little bun in his arms.

"That is also true. This is an apocalypse world after all. Then that plant likes to drink blood but unlike the blood vine this one seems to only pierce anything that flies above it." said Yun Suisen.

Despite their conversation this uncle and nephew still talk to each other as if not caring about how alarming that bamboo's existence is.

Yun Suisen murmured, "How creepy~"

"Do you want it?" asked Shi Moye.

Su Liye also said, "If you want it, we can bring the roots home at least and use it as a decoration."

"No! I don't like it!" said Yun Suisen.

Cao Junye finally spoke, "Ignore it. We are passing through. Avoid touching the bamboo. Move in line!"

The group followed the general's order and started walking, ignoring the vampiric mutated bamboo. They've also avoided touching even the other white bamboo in the area as they didn't know whether it would turn like that crimson colored bamboo when they touched it.

Thankfully the mutated bamboo only attacks things that fly over it and not those which come near it. As soon as they didn't shed blood they would be able to pass by this area without any problems. They were about to walk out of the bamboo forest and saw the nearby cliff in the distance.

Getting out of the bamboo forest, they were once again welcomed by a mystical scene. Not far from the cliff, they saw a huge weeping willow. The size of it is humongous. It is as tall as a five floor building. The willow tree is span almost extending to two single houses wide.

It's branches were widely spread and its leaves were flowing downwards. What's surprising is that the leaves from these three are made from rainbow colored crystals. The same crystal which could be found inside the head of those zombies.

This willow tree is so beautiful which makes the scenery heavenly and divine. The soldiers were in awe seeing such a magical scene. As if bewitched they've approached the tree in daze.

"Wow~ this tree is so beautiful~"

"Are those crystals!? We hit a jackpot then!"

"It's so big~ We could share it with everyone in the base."

"I... I really... want to touch it."

Only those who aren't originally a resident of this world knew what kind of tree is now in front of them.

Cao Junye with a frown on his face placed his wife behind him. Standing in front of Ximen Xueya protectively.

"STEP BACK! That is not an ordinary willow tree!" yelled the general but the soldiers ignored his orders as they were bewitched by such a tree.

Wang Lei, Shi Moye, Baize and Su Liye run around pulling the dazed soldiers who were walking towards the willow tree with rainbow colored leaves. As soon as they got too close to the willow tree, some soldiers became dizzy and instantly fell asleep. Some of the soldiers got too near and Cao Junye prevented others from coming over to drag them back.

"Don't go directly under the tree's darkest shade. You'll instantly fall into an illusion and fall asleep. It would be impossible to save you if you got too near it!" said Cao Junye.

Two of the six soldiers had walked beyond the line of saving. The rest could only watch them walk towards the willow tree unable to do anything.

They watched as those soldiers walked under the darkest shade of the tree and fell unconscious. The extending branches of the tree started moving and carried the trapped humans with their branches. Then they watched as those rainbow colored leaves turned sharp as glass shards pierced the bodies of the captured humans.

The humans the willow tree had caught died instantly from being stabbed from all parts of their bodies. While the corpse was left hanging until all blood was drained and sucked through by the willow tree. Those rainbow colored leaves glow brightly. Then within those leaves they've seen cut scenes which involve the prey's life. The Willow Tree uses its prey's life as nourishment and eats it's memories to flourish.

Yun Suisen ran towards Ximen Xueya with his nephew.

"Baobao what is that tree? Is it a demonic tree?!" asked Yun Suisen.

"Who are you calling Baobao? My name is Xueya."

"Fine! Xuexue..."

"Sigh~ It is not a demonic tree but it is far worse than that. It's a Celestial Tree called Eternal Rainbow Willow Tree. It is a special tree which is used to judge deities and Gods. It checks the person's karma. If you are a good person then there is no problem. But only pure souls could approach it.

Pure ones which means souls that aren't tainted by any bad karma. No blood or no sin. Then you would be able to survive."

Yun Suisen said, "Doesn't that make it a useful tree then? Why do you call it worse than a demonic tree?"

This time it was Cao Junye who said, "Demonic trees could be killed but a Celestial Tree, especially this one, is considered immortal. The words Eternal in its name are not for show. The problem is... there is no such pure soul that exists in this world.

It is also impossible to even for me or my wife to carelessly touch it.? It's strength could rivals an Immortal God.

Reincarnated Soul couldn't touch it as well as it could even read its past lives memories. That's why this tree is considered as deadly and forbidden to be approached even in upper realms."

Chapter 184: 6.45 Third Green Star - Back in the Dimensional Space

After hearing the explanation of Cao Junye, Yun Suisen paled in disbelief. Who would have expected that he would hear something having the cultivation stage of Immortality and meeting one before him.

Immortal God. This is the stage that is just directly below the strongest of all realms. Now this humongous tree in front of them possessed such a heavenly defying creature!?! He'll be damned if he still stays here.

Yun Suisen said, "Let's go. Avoid it. Since it's dangerous. We're near the cliff anyway, the blood vines should be growing there somewhere."

"Sigh~ how come you're still a coward." murmured Ximen Xueya.

"I-Its normal."

Ximen Xueya and his husband, Cao Junye exchanged stares before nodding at each other. The general started issuing his next commands.

"Retreat! Avoid the Willow Tree!" Exclaimed Cao Junye.

Everyone else had walked away avoiding even the lightest shaded region of the willow tree. Yun Suisen took the lead with Shi Moye and Su Liye followed by the group of soldiers while their rear was protected by Cao Junye and Ximen Xueya. Their sides were protected by Wang Lei and Baize.

At the end of the line of the group Ximen Xueya is still staring at the Celestial Willow Tree. There's a serious yet indecisive expression on his ethereal face.

"Yue, this tree would allow one to look through his own memories in exchange of life, is that it?" asked Yun Suisen.

This weird question left System Yue bewildered.

[That is indeed right but host... What are you planning to do? It is true that with this tree's help you would be able to look at your sealed memories but you only have one life!?!]

Hearing System Yue's explanation, a cold yet meaningful smile appeared on Ximen Xueya's face. It was different from his smile when he is spending time with his husband or son, the smile he shows at this moment left those who could see it a fleeting yet imprinting memory. Both beautiful yet indescribable.

Cao Junye watches his wife with worry and seriousness in his gaze. He would immediately drag Ximen Xueya away the moment he saw him step forward towards that Willow Tree. He knows how dangerous that strange tree is.

"Baby? Let's go?" said Cao Junye as he grabbed Ximen Xueya's hand.

His hand was held as if to comfort him only Xueya knew the firmness and tight hold of Junye's hand to his. He wasn't asking him but telling him to come with him.

Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye stared at each other for a while in silence but everyone around them could feel the tension between them. At first the rest of the group thought there would be a quarrel between the couple only for Ximen Xueya to agree nonetheless.

"Well then let's go. Don't Look so serious. I will listen to you." said Ximen Xueya as he smiled at his husband.

Sighing in relief, Cao Junye kissed his wife's forehead before walking away with others hand in hand. Only Ximen Xueya sneaks a peek at that Willow Tree not knowing what he truly plans to do.

Their journey continues. After avoiding the Celestial Willow Tree, the group had finally found the blood vines from another side of the cliff. It was just across the territory of the Celestial Willow Tree.

There's a manmade old bridge that connects the two separated lands. Clearly, build before the end of the world had arrived. Thankfully there are some mental ability users with them. They helped in strengthening the bridge for everyone to be able to cross it.

Seeing the cliff, it was Ximen Xueya who personally looked down on the abyss below. He only saw a distant line of river and greenery. With his clear sight he could even see the mutated animals under the cliff. The levels of those animals were even beyond those on the surface.

[Host there are level 10 and above mutated beast in the cliff! What is wrong with this place!? There's even a Celestial Willow Tree here.]

Ximen Xueya replied in his mind, 'There are even some who already reached the threshold for Mystical Rank. This A Rank world is about to be upgraded to S Rank no wonder Apocalypse has arrived. This Apocalypse is this world's way of cleansing weaker beings.'

[Upgrading Star. If so then why would this world still allow outsiders to enter. Normally an upgrading world would close up preventing others from entering but we and the rest including those three destroyers had been able to enter.]

"Because before we arrive there isn't enough qi for this star to use. It needed outside sources to refuel its qi. In the beginning it planned to use me but... It didn't expect I would be a threat he couldn't control." replied Xueya in his mind.

[What should we do now?]

"Ignore it. For now..."

The conversation between System Yue and his host, Ximen Xueya ended. Yun Suisen followed his friend by the cliff and saw the blood vines they were looking for.

Yun Suisen said, "Xuexue there are blood vines on this cliff. How should we get it?"

"If you fall even on this cliff, I thought there would still be a river. The one you would meet would no longer be Shizi but a huge divine rank beast of all kinds." said Xueya with a playful smile.

"Buh~ I'm helping you get your strawberry before and that time someone pushed me off the cliff!!!" commented Yun Suisen.

All of the sudden someone hugged him from behind. It's more like someone ran towards for a hug which almost caused him to fall off the cliff.

AAHH!!!

Feeling that someone is grabbing his pants he looks down and sees that it was little nephew.

Giggling, the little bun reached out his small hands up. "Shushu carry~~"

Yun Suisen carried his little nephew and complained, "Xiao Chi Shushu almost fell down the cliff just now. Don't go running around the cliff! It's dangerous."

The scolded Chino nodded his head and lowered it like a pitiful puppy. Suddenly Oreo, who followed his master to look for his uncle, suddenly started barking.

ARFF... ARFF! GROWLS~

Yun Suisen thought that Oreo was angry that he was scolding his little master.

"What? I just scolded your master a bit and you're getting angry as well. Bad Oreo!" responded Yun Suisen but Oreo didn't stop barking at him at all.

ARFF! ARFF!! ARFFF!!!

Yun Suisen, "Stop barking at me!"

What he didn't notice is that everyone who was far from the cliff was looking surprised at something behind him. None of the soldiers dared to move at all. With eyes wide open they were all looking at that thing behind Yun Suisen.

"Wifey, don't turn around!" said Shi Moye as he panicky wanted to run over with Su Liye but their shoulders were grabbed by Wang Lei stopping their tracks.

Wang Lei said, "Don't run over the land to where they are standing, it is a hanging stone. There's a limited weight it could bear. If all of us ran over that part of the cliff it would collapse."

"What should we do? Sui is there. Chino is also there. Even Master Xueya." said Su Liye.

"My wife is there. What are you worried about?" said Cao Junye.

While at the cliff, Ximen Chino, who is being carried by his Uncle, saw what kind of creature was behind them. It's a carnivorous plant. With a mouth like opening with few teeth. It was wiggling around and slightly opening its mouth intending to eat Yun Suisen, Ximen Chino and Ximen Xueya.

Ximen Chino spoke cheerfully as if nothing could make him fear and everything new he sees is interesting.

"Daddy~ Shushu~ looks like this plant is weird. It has a big mouth!"

Yun Suisen upon hearing it's nephew's description of the plant. He had an inkling that he knew that such a plant is a carnivorous plant. Slowly looking back he saw a huge Venus Flytrap just right behind him. He ran off beside Xueya and hid behind it.

Because of this action the Venus flytrap's target had moved to Ximen Xueya. Now all three of them were being targeted. The roots of the plants started to spread further by the cliff and everyone could hear the cracking of the land under them.

Yun Suisen started panicking, "Woa~ the land under our feet is breaking! Xuexue do something!!!"

They've only heard a soft sigh and the whole cliff where they were standing is now completely covered in Ice. Even the Venus flytrap and the blood vines were caught in it turning helplessly to ice statues.

Ximen Xueya lightly touched his snowflake earring before the frozen Venus Flytrap and Blood Vines disappeared on the side of the cliff. Obviously he transferred them inside his dimensional space.

The whole action was done nonchalantly and Ximen Xueya acted as if it was something so simple for him. Except for Cao Junye and the rest who were used to it, the soldiers were once again left dumbfounded by such a scene.

Yun Suisen sighed in relief after seeing that carnivorous plant disappearing.

"Fuck! That surprised me!" exclaimed Yun Suisen.

"You do know that shouting is like calling for someone to come over right? Stupid rabbit." said Cao Junye.

"Hah! What do you mean!?" asked Yun Suisen bewildering.

Only to once again hear Oreo barking loudly towards the cliff.

Growls~ ARFFF! ARFFF!

The dog's barking was followed by a huge breeze that could even cause a tornado instantly. This strong breeze is clearly targeting them.

SQUEAK!!!

"Wow~ now it's a freaking huge bird!" screamed Yun Suisen.

"This is not an ordinary bird. Look at its fire colored feathers and long tailed feathers. It is also made of fire." said Ximen Xueya.

"Daddy~ it's a phoenix!!! Wow~~"

"Phoenix! Why would it exist here!!!?"

Seeing a huge phoenix flying further intending to burn them all to crisp, Ximen Xueya had to teleport them all inside his dimensional space for safety. This is the first time Yun Suisen and the rest of their team have entered such a magical place.

After few explanations about the place the others had moved around on their own while Ximen Xueya and his son, Ximen Chino, Cao Junye, Wang Lei, Baize and Xu Lin together with the newly joined Yun Suisen, Su Liye and Shi Moye.

They had gathered in the living room. Cao Junye with his son, Chino had run off to the kitchen to cook lunch.

"Xuexue, your husband is still the same as before. Still scary~ ba." whispered Yun Suisen.

"Get used to it dear. The boss has always been like that to others." said Su Liye.

Shi Moye also said, "It's already better now that he's not throwing us out of the house."

"That's because you eat a lot. All three of you!" said Wang Lei.

Shi Moye retorted, "Ha~ who are you anyway mister?"

Su Liye spoke, "Calm down, Lang! Since he is the boss' subordinate, he must be Shizi."

"Shizi!? For real!?" exclaimed by both Shi Moye and Yun Suisen as they've circled around Wang Lei.

Wang Lei with a frown said, "Seat down and explain your situation. How could newbies of the God System enter in an A rank World!?"

Yun Suisen and Shi Moye sat down after Wang Lei told them to do so.

"Let them do it first. These two are a World hopper and system duo from God System." said Ximen Xueya as he let the two introduce themselves.

"I'm Xu Lin in this world. My real name is Liu Yan. God Class world hopper and this is my system, Baize."

Xu Lin had introduced himself and his system, Baize, to everyone. Yun Suisen and the other two looked at Baize in surprise. They might be newbie ascended deities but they at least know the basics that systems are not allowed to use their human forms outside the main system.

"But how could he..." said Yun Suisen while looking at Baize.

Baize responded, "With the permission of authority by Venerable Lord Hei."

Yun Suisen and the other two instantly understood what Baize meant. After ascension and letting people from the God System see the letter Xuebao had left for Tuzi that time. They were suddenly welcomed as esteemed guests that only Ruler Gods of the God System had the authority to welcome them.

That time the one who helped them the whole way of processing as world hoppers is the God of Reincarnation whom they've learned after a long time that he is the current Main God of the God System. There they learned the real identity of Hei Anjing.

Chapter 185: 6.46 Third Green Star - Afterlife of Tuzi

In the dimensional space of Ximen Xueya.

Yun Suisen and his two partners didn't ask further when things involved Ximen Xueya's real identity. There is no need to talk about it. As everyone from the two System Core knew what his authority meant.

It didn't take a while for the father and son to return from the kitchen. They brought a few pitchers of juice and milk tea together with a whole cake and plates of desserts.

After placing it on the table, Cao Junye served his wife a cup with ice. He prepares a glass of milk for their son who is currently eating a cupcake on his daddy's lap.

As always Cao Junye ignores the rest and focuses only towards Ximen Xueya, his wife's well being.

"Drink, baby~ I've put some ice in your milk tea and also made some baked cheese macaroni for lunch. It will still take a while." said Cao Junye.

Ximen Xueya humbly accepted what his husband passed to him. He drinks and eats without question as long as it was something Cao Junye was feeding him with.

Yun Suisen looked at Xu Lin and Baize. He smiled at them and introduced himself.

"I used to be an original person from lower earth. Real name Lucas Evergreen. In my new life I've transmigrated in a primitive beast world where I've met Xuexue.

It was also Xuexue who gave us the opportunity to enter the God System after death. On my left is my First husband's original name, Lang."

Shi Moye grinned and said, "Yo! Nice to meet you."

"On my right is my second husband's real name, Xiong." introduced Su Liye who is seated beside him.

Su Liye bowed his head in greetings. His reaction shows his scholarly self, "Greetings. It is a pleasure to be in your presence."

Xu Lin looked at the three with widened eyes in shock, he exclaimed, "You have two partners!?"

Baize gave him a warning gaze, "Don't tell me you want to have more than one partner as well, Yan'er?"

"Are you crazy!? You are enough to bully me to death if you become two won't I suffer more everyday!" retorted Xu Lin.

Gently patting his host head a smile appeared in the corner of his lips. "That's right. I am enough for you."

"Enough for you, my ass!" retorted Xu Lin.

Baize acted like a hooligan by placing his hand under Xu Lin's and squeezing those soft mounds in public.

Only to feel a huge hand lightly pinching his butt cheek.

"Gyaa! Where the hell are you touching!? There's nothing wrong with my ass!" exclaimed Xu Lin.

Wang Lei, whose partner is not with him, said, "Can't you flirt in your room instead?"

"It's not our fault that Brother Yun is out for work. Please don't throw tantrums!" responded Xu Lin.

Baize spoke as well, "Don't bully Brother Lou. It is not his fault that Brother Yun couldn't OOC."

[A/n: For those who can't remember. Lou Lan's real name is Yun Ming (Prisoner) and Wang Lei's real name is Lou

Wang Lei glared at this couple pouring salt in his wound called loneliness. But they were indeed right, among everyone in this group only Lou Lan is unable to divert from his original character setting. This is unless the next vessel he entered had no connection to the plot and became just an unnamed bystander in the world.

"Lou Ye, I will think of a way to lessen Yun Ming's sentence. Continue to work hard to support my husband." said Xueya with an expression of cool as a cucumber as if what he had said is something that can be done without a problem.

But Everyone in this room knew how much the task of lessening someone's criminal sentence is close to impossible. Wang Lei wouldn't believe it if someone else had said those words but it was Ximen Xueya who gave that promise. He is willing to believe it as this man had never uttered a fake promise despite his cold treatment towards strangers.

Wang Lei immediately knelt down in front of Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye with all his respect.

"I will protect and serve the Lord God with this little one's life." vowed Wang Lei.

Ximen Xueya just nods his head while Cao Junye is smiling delightedly as he hugs his cute wife in his embrace. Though he couldn't put the latter on his lap as their little bun was sitting on his daddy's lap, Cao Junye could only wrap his arms around Xueya's waist.

Cao Junye spoke, "Return to your seat, Lou Ye."

Wang Lei respectfully retreated back to his seat.

Xueya looked at Suisen once again and said, "Tell me what happened after you ascended? Why and how could you three be here?"

Yun Suisen, Shi Moye and Su Liye had looked at each other before smiling.

"Well then. Let me tell you. You do know that like you and Meizhou, we three had also received the blessing from the Beast God. I died a natural death. There are no illnesses or accidents. But I died at the

age of 350, among the beastmen I and my two husbands were the longest living beastmen in our original world. So at the end of my life, Lang and Xiong had followed me."

Events from the last world.

Few hundred years after Meizhou, Xuebao, Shizi and Sheya had disappeared from their world together with Meibao.

After the former Solune tribe leader, Xuebao and Meizhou whose location had been lost, the Solune Tribe had enthroned the next worthy to become the tribe leader. They had chosen Tuzi to be the next tribe leader.

No one complains as not only he used to become the high priest of the tribe, his intelligence after the loss of Xuebao is now second to none.

With Warrior Lang and Priest Xiong, they've regained control and authority over the whole tribe. They've worked for a few hundred years to level up the beast world into a semi modern world.

Leader Tuzi had introduced the way of modern life he remembers and with the help of the books Xuebao had left behind, he was able to teach tribe doctors the modern way of medicine.

The discovery of metal works, glass wares and plastic popularized their tribe and made their tribe territory the largest among the others. It didn't take while for the rest to change the word tribe to city.

Everything from food, shelter, education and more had been changed to a much closer sophisticated way of life. Before the end of Tuzi's life the beast world had been upgraded to an A rank world.

At his death bed, Tuzi was squeezed in the middle of Lang and Xiong, they were hugging and holding each other's hand. Beast Mates, especially those who had undergone and completed the Mateship Ceremony, had their life tied up with one another.

If one of them dies, the other follows.

So after Tuzi's body started weakening, Lang and Xiong followed after him. They were at first bedridden for a few weeks, closing to a month.

Within all those years the three of them hadn't gotten a child to inherit their position. For some reason the Beast God of their world didn't gifted them with an offspring. They couldn't understand why but they did not mind as they were still happy with just the three of them.

Laying on the huge bed mattress they've shared for a few hundred years, it is obvious to see that the group of doctors and tribe officials were all crying beside their bed.

The doctors had grim expressions on their faces shaking their heads as it signified that all three of the leaders were already on the borders of death. They can no longer be cured. As aging is nothing that could be stopped. Their leaders had already reached the end of their lifespan.

Seeing this Tuzi laughs, "Good. Good. We can finally rest. Don't forget what I've arranged before. The only Leader who would seat on my throne can only be the person the whole or majority of tribe members had chosen.

No coercion or threats. Those who plan to do so would be punished by the Beast God!"

Everyone in the room had answered, "Yes, President!"

Tuzi spoke, "Hm~ finally. Would we... be able to meet... Baobao there soon?"

Lang gave his cheeks a kiss and said, "We'll meet... with the boss and them... soon."

"They shouldn't have gotten that far yet... We can follow after them..." said Xiong who kissed his wife's hand.

"Hahaha~ that's right. I remember... Baobao said... In the letter before. He had left... me a gift. I could only receive it... after death. I wonder... what it is."

In a while Tuzi had finally taken his last breath, Lang and Xiong unquestionably followed after him and laid down. After a while their breathing had halted as well. All three of them had passed away almost consecutively.

The left-behind beastmen were all crying while one of them had announced.

"President Tuzi, Vice President Lang and Vice President Xiong have passed away!"

The sound of crying and sadness resounds within the room. On that day the Beast World had lost three leaders all at the same time.

After Tuzi and his husband had left the world.

Opening his eyes once again after death, what welcomed Tuzi is a futuristic place mixed with all kinds of culture and era. Looking around his surroundings, he felt that his whole body was wet with water and that he just sat up from some kind of pond. Looking at his reflection from the water he saw a pair of emerald eyes and short black hair. Asian features mixed with slight western touch. This is his real appearance as Lucas Evergreen.

Lucas looked at his reflection without those emerald eyes full of doubt and disbelief. He had never expected that after death, his real appearance from his original world would return.

Only then did he remember that his husbands died with him. There's a clear yet miniature three clover imprint under his left eye. This is his Mateship imprint he shared with Lang and Xiong. In his panic, he looked around him looking for his husbands.

"Where is this place? Where is A'Lang? A'Xi?" grumbled Lucas as he looked around for his two husband's figure with his face full of anxiety as if he would break down if he didn't find them.

He calmed down only when he saw Lang and Xiong sleeping within the pond where he used to do the same time. Both Xiong and Lang were wearing the clothes they last wore on their deathbed. The only

difference is that all three of them had their appearance reverted to their youth when they were the strongest. They were all in their twenties.

"A'Lang! A'Xi! Wake up! Wake up! Please~ why aren't you opening your eyes? Don't leave me alone here. I'm scared~"

Lucas tried to wake up Lang and Xiong within the pond but like dead people their eyes remained closed no matter how much he shook them. Lucas Evergreen felt something was digging into his heart stabbing it countless of times. But the pain cannot even measure the loneliness and loss Lucas is currently feeling.

"Why are you waking up? I..."

Knock his head.

Tears stroll down his face as he holds the hands of both Lang and Xiong. Just before he lost it someone knocked him on the head.

"Ow! What the hell is wrong with you!?" yelled Lucas to the one who suddenly hit his head. When he turns around he meets a smiling man with silver layered hair paired with greyish irises. This man is wearing grey-white robes like those in cultivation stories he had read before.

This man looks so handsome yet too unworldly. Clearly, this person is immortal. Seeing this person Lucas had put his guard up as he protected Lang and Xiong who was slumbering behind him. He was glaring at the man even with remnant tears hanging on his eyelashes.

"Who are you?! Did you bring me here? Why!?" said Lucas as questions uninterruptedly came out of his mouth.

The immortal like man smiled and introduced himself. This man ignores the panicking state of Lucas as if he is used to this kind of reaction.

"Let me formally introduce myself. I am the God of Reincarnation and God System, Lord God. My name is Cao Xinsheng. I am here to welcome the rebirth of the new hosts from the lower realm. Especially one such as you, who had received a personal blessing from one of our royal descendants."

Lucas Evergreen stared at this man who called himself as God of Reincarnation bewilderedly.

"I had never received any blessing from anyone. Nor did I meet any people from royalty." said Lucas.

Cao Xinsheng just smiled and waved his hand. Suddenly the personal handwritten letter from Xuebao had floated out from Lucas' body leaving the latter dumbfounded and he never expected that scene to unfold before him. But Lucas upon seeing the letter finally understood who was the royal descent the immortal man in front of him is talking about.

Remembering the contents of the letter his closest friend had left to him. He could vaguely understand that what is happening to him right now is because of Xuebao. No it is truer to call him Hei Anjing instead.

Chapter 186: 6.47 Third Green Star - Lucas Evergreen

The place Lucas Evergreen is in right now cannot be explained in words. Ancient structures are floating in the sky. A western yet fantasy-like stone castle. Then there are mechas and airships flying around as well. The structure of the whole place could be seen to where he is.

He is seated within a pond surrounding a huge white tree. The white tree is so huge that it covers the whole small mountain they were in. Then he woke up only to meet an immortal in white-grey robes smiling at him kindly.

This immortal-like man is the God of Reincarnation, Cao Xinsheng. Saying that it was thanks to someone that he was able to come to this special place.

Cao Xinsheng said, "Yes. It was thanks to this letter imbued with true qi from that person that your soul including the souls of your mates was pulled in here, in this God System."

Lucas asked, "God System? What is that?"

"The God System is a transit space where Gods and immortals reside. This is a place where deities, Gods, etc. Were allowed to raise their cultivation. The God System is created to maintain the connection of all worlds, stars, and galaxies."

"Connects all worlds?" asked Lucas.

Replied Cao Xinsheng, "Yes! But to enter the God System you must have at least reached the cultivation stage of a Deity."

"A deity? But I haven't..."

"That's why you are sleeping in the Reincarnation Pool to nourish your souls. It would at least help you reach the level of divinity. Now that you're awake, it means that you have reached the level of deities." explained the God of Reincarnation.

"E-Excuse me, Sir Cao. How about my husbands? Why are they still asleep?" asked Lucas worriedly.

Cao Xinsheng responded, "Unlike your soul who is protected wholly by the true qi left by your friend, the nourishment of your soul has also increased thanks for the same reason. But unlike you, these two just followed your soul through your connections as mates. Their souls were slightly damaged by the sudden transfer, but worry that it isn't fatal enough that it will cause harm to their lives. It's just that they would need to recuperate longer under the pool and it will take time for the two men to heal."

The God of Reincarnation reached out his hands to help Lucas Evergreen to leave the pool.

"For now how about you change your clothes in the mansion, not far from here. You have nothing to worry about. This is my territory. It is forbidden for others to enter my place without permission. There might be some who could be high-ranking ones and mostly busy. They wouldn't come over here."

Lucas showed hesitance for a moment and the Reincarnation God knows why he is reluctant to leave.

"I will not prevent you if you wish to stay here. But please come with me for a while. I need to explain a few more things and teach you things about this system and about that esteemed person who allowed you to come to this place." said Cao Xinsheng.

When Lucas heard that this person in front of him is going to tell him things about his friend, Hei Anjing and why the latter had called this opportunity a gift. Only then he reluctantly agreed.

They left the pool of Reincarnation and headed to the nearby mansion to talk. Lucas evergreen was given a change of clothes and met the God of Reincarnation after taking a shower. They've decided to have a conversation on an open veranda facing the tree of life. This is due to the God of Reincarnation's consideration of Lucas.

At the veranda.

Served with a table full of desserts like scones, cream puffs, cupcakes, and mini cakes paired together with a cup of tea or coffee. Once Lucas had come over to see the God of Reincarnation, he walked towards the veranda and saw this kind of scene.

Cao Xinsheng gestured for Lucas Evergreen to take his seat at the empty chair opposite the former.

"Please take a seat. You may ask me any questions and this one would give answers accordingly." said the smiling immortal in front of Lucas.

Lucas saw the letter Hei Anjing left for him, placed at the table. He stares at the letter with an unconscious smile on his face. He didn't speak right away and Cao Xinsheng didn't hint him to speak with urgency. The latter just waited as he enjoyed his cup of tea. It took half an hour before Lucas Evergreen calmed himself down and started asking his questions.

"The gift my friend is talking about in this letter... is it the opportunity to enter this God System?" asked Lucas.

"Yes... The application for entering the God System is quite complicated. There are strict requirements for it.

1. You have to reach the cultivation stage of divinity.
2. You must be able to segregate yourself from your world's Heavenly Will. [This is to know that there is an upper world or upper existence beyond your world].
3. Accumulation of Karma. [There would be no problems if what you have connected is a merit, but if it is a bad Karma like killing. You must win the arena for life and death battles.]"

Only when these three requirements are met that one would be allowed to join the God System. In your case, it's a special exception. After all, your referrer is one of the Celestial Gods whose authority is one of the highest within the system." explained Cao Xinsheng.

"An exception? Is my friend, Hei Anjing's standing in this place high?"

"His authority is one of the highest. It is even higher than mine. As for who he is, you would know it once you've entered the central region to register as a world hopper.

By the way, since only you were given the opportunity in compliance with your mateship relationship with those two. I would give you a special standing. In this God System, there are three positions you could choose from: Repairer, Stabilizer, and Executioner.

Based on your soul's quality, you are the most compatible in becoming someone who stabilized the world setting. Well, let me explain the difference between the three job sets.

First is the Repairer. This job focuses on repairing world errors. You need to do some tasks to make sure that the world plot would return to normal. Your tasks will involve direct involvement with the world characters and the vessel you would receive would mostly be either named cannon fodder or a second male lead. This will help you to easily repair the errors in the plot.

Meanwhile, Executioner is a job that can be considered as cleaning. There is no question. All you need to do is kill the one causing the error in that world. But to become an Executioner you must first pass the ranking exams. By the way, most Executioners had the cultivation stage of at least GodKing. It is a tough job to achieve.

Lastly is the Stabilizer. This is the job that is the most suitable for you. The task of this job set is to record. You are only a bystander in the world. You can get involved but not much. Every time the plot diverts the job of the stabilizer to keep records of the deviation and immediately report. After the report is passed, the God System would send people who are right for the job."

Lucas responded, "Wow~ that's like a scout."

"Yes. To be able to stay in this place you must choose at least one of the three occupations. Once you choose one, you will be given necessary training for it."

"Ah... Can I... meet Hei Anjing? He and his family suddenly disappeared from the world we are in. Leaving only this letter for me. After hundreds of years, I haven't seen him since then."

"This might be quite impossible. After all, Young Lord Hei is not in the God System at the moment. He is outside hopping worlds with his partner. It might be impossible for you to meet him right now.

But as long as your cultivation rises, the possibility of you meeting in the future is not slim. You and your partners were given the opportunity to the threshold of immortality.

How about it? Do you want to train as a stabilizer?"

Lucas Evergreen's expression turned a bit sad for a moment after hearing that he wouldn't be able to meet his friend. Moreover, his husbands were still in their slumber. He had all the time to think about what he should be doing next.

But what the God of Reincarnation offered him is not bad. He didn't know when his lovers would wake up and he didn't have any place to live in this space.

"About the job, can I think about it for a while?"

"Sure. There is no pressure to do that."

"I want to wait here for my mates to wake up. Is that alright?"

"You can use this mansion as your own from now on. At least until your two lovers wake up. As for after your lovers wake up, we can talk about it again. The food in this place is replenished weekly. No need to think of repaying it.

These are some benefits of Young Lord Hei's friend. If you want to read more about this place, there are few books about it in the library you are welcome to check on it all the time. There would be few servants to cook you meals and keep the place clean. If you don't like strangers then I would send household robots instead."

Lucas responded, "Thank you. One living person and a few robots should suffice."

"It seems you are not fond of crowds as well as the Young Lord." said Cao Xinsheng with a smile.

"I'm just used to having only my partners and spending time with A'Jing. The crowd is too noisy and A'Jing hates it a lot." replied Lucas Evergreen smiling back.

Cao Xinsheng nodded in agreement as he prepared to leave.

"Well then... I need to arrange a few things before returning to my work. If you need me for something you can knock on the Tree of Life and I would know. Please excuse me for now."

"Thank you for everything."

"Haha~ so polite. This is really a friend of the Young Lord?"

Cao Xinsheng left the mansion afterward.

Back in reality. Yun Suisen, who just finished explaining the whole event to his friend, Ximen Xueya, including the part when his lovers woke up, etc. had finally finished his story.

"Well~ hehe. That's what happened after we died in the primitive world. When we appeared in the God System out of nowhere the God of Reincarnation had helped us until we finished our training with our chosen occupation. A'Jing, I'm a stabilizer now~" said Yun Suisen.

"A Stabilizer, it suits you." asked Ximen Xueya.

"A'Jing what is your job?" asked Yun Suisen. When he did almost everyone in the room had averted their head in silence.

Ximen Xueya ignore their reactions and replied, "I'm an Executioner. As for my rank, you can check when you've returned in the God System."

"Oh~ Okay." happily responded by Yun Suisen

Cao Junye asked, "How about the other two?"

Shi Moye answered, "Boss, I've become an Executioner. Thought my rank is still so low as I've just begun."

"My job is to be a repairer." said Su Liye.

"This is not bad as well. You could work together as a team in this case. But I am surprised that you can enter an A rank world when you've just started. How did you enter an A rank world?" said Wang Lei.

Yun Suisen cheerfully answered, "We can because of Uncle Baojun, A'Jing's Uncle. Let us enter it with his authority."

Upon hearing these almost everyone in the group was startled. The name Mo Baojun is not a simple character. He is one of the Origin Gods of the world and his identity is only second to the God of Creation, Shen Siwang. These people would rarely meet others except for their families.

Wang Lei said in shock, "You've met one of the Ruler Gods!?"

Once Wang Lei asked this, he observed the three who had met the Ruler Gods but only Yun Suisen showed a happy expression as if not afraid at all. While the other two seated beside him had their faces suddenly turning ashen as if remembering a nightmare. Wang Lei understood that they've really met the Ruler Gods just based on Shi Moye and Su Liye's reactions. Thought his eyes couldn't be helped but wander at Yun Suisen who showed no hints of fear at all.

Wang Lei's thoughts: 'Is his skin so thick that he didn't feel frightened when he met those Origin Gods!? This rabbit is kind of amazing.'

"We've met Uncle Siwang as well. Both he and Uncle Baojun were so handsome. They fit each other too well." said Yun Suisen. Upon remembering the memories of their first meeting Yun Suisen's bad hobby of fanboying had come out once again.

"Hehe~ an extremely cold type bottom with heavenly beauty which is unparalleled to any realms and a captivating yet dangerous smiling top who wouldn't accept no as an answer. Their ethereal couple~" murmured Yun Suisen.

Everyone looked at Yun Suisen weirdly, especially Baize and Xu Lin, who witnessed this kind of person called fudanshi, fanboying between two male couples in such an extreme way. While the two lovers of Yun Susien turned a blind eye as if used to it. Wang Lei slightly moved away from the weird rabbit from the last world. His ears almost suffer from hearing such scary whispers in that Beast World.

The couple, Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye acted calmly as they normally do, sipping their drinks quietly until they heard their precious son's words.

Chino innocently yet curiously asked, "Daddy~ Father~ what is the top and what is the bottom?"

Almost every adult in the living room had choked when the little bun had asked this kind of question.

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The conversation had abruptly stopped with just one probing question from the little bun Chino. This is because none of the adults fathom how they should explain in simple words what is the meaning of top and bottom from Yun Suisen's sentence.

With silence spreading in the living, Chino continues to look at his parents with eyes brimming with curiosity.

Chino asked, "Daddy~ what is the top and what is the bottom?" The brave little innocent bun asked for the second time.

Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye for the first of their life don't comprehend what they should inform their son for an answer. They both possess intelligence beyond norms and had fallen into this kind of situation where their son proposed something they couldn't explain.

Shi Moye the brainless brave guy chuckles and said, "Little nephew~ the answer to that is simple. Take your daddy and father for example. Your daddy is bottom and gave birth to you while your father is top and created you. Simple right?"

"Simple my ass!" Yun Suisen covered his first husband's slack mouth while Su Liye hit his stomach to cease him from speaking any more nonsense.

Punch!

Arrgh!

"Muscle brain! What are you saying to a toddler!?" scolded Su Liye.

"I'm merely explaining it to my dear nephew! What did I do wrong?" responded Shi Moye.

"Lang, I think you are extremely boisterous because of the heat. Why don't you cool off for a bit?" said Ximen Xueya as he turned Shi Moye into a susceptible snowman and had him teleported outside the mansion to melt on his own.

At that point, an indifferent gaze wandered to everyone inside the room. Most of them avoided those glowing silvery orbs looking at them, especially when they examined the upturned corner of Xueya's lips. He is pissed off.

Thankfully the little bun after receiving an answer to his question had resumed eating his snacks. Little Chino had inevitably been like this. He likes asking questions to calm his curiosity but as long as someone delivers him an answer he would subsequently exhaust proper interest in it.

Cao Junye stood up and prepared to head to the kitchen, "The baked macaroni should be virtually done. I'll prepare the table."

"Father~ Xiao Jing wants to go too," said Chino.

Wang Lei followed over to help with plates and utensils. Cao Junye kissed in between his wife's eyebrows before taking their son from Xueya's lap.

"I'll call you when lunch is served," said Cao Junye.

Ximen Xueya smiled at him and replied, "Okay. Take your time."

Once the three left and headed to the kitchen, Ximen Xueya resumed the conversation as if nothing happened.

"Tutu or should I address you as Lucas?"

"A'Jing, can call me whatever you want!"

"I call you Tutu then. What did my Uncle require for you to inform me? Uncle wouldn't merely let you guys come to this high-ranked world unless the message he wanted you to convey to me is personal and a secret."

"A'Jing is so smart~ Yes, it's a personal message from Uncle Baojun and Uncle Siwang."

"Speak."

"Uncle says: 'Before the others notice, send the child home.' A'Jing, we are here to pick up Xiao Jing." said Yun Suisen smiling.

Baize and Xu Lin were surprised by what they overheard. But Ximen Xueya, the daddy of Chino, acted calm as if he discerned nothing.

Ximen Xueya responded, "I see... Naturally, there is nothing Uncle and Uncle-in-law wouldn't know. I was preparing to send a message to inform them about Xiao Jing and compelled them to pick him up.

But if this is the case then, someone would come over to pick you guys up and return to the God System. Must be Cao Xinsheng acting as a chauffeur again. Are there more messages for me?"

Yun Suisen inclined his head and said, "Uncle Baojun in addition said that even if your memories are to return, you should fulfill the promise you made with him. Else... You know the rest."

The messages his uncle had told Yun Suisen are quite vague yet direct. He understands that keeping Xiao Jing by their side is extremely dangerous. Not for the child but for him and his husband.

As for the meaning of his uncle's following message, only when his memories return before he deciphers the meaning of this vague message.

"When are you guys leaving?" asked Xueya.

Su Liye replied, "We are supposed to return as soon as possible but after those destroyers entered this world the Heavenly Laws in this place had erected a barrier that prevented the inside from leaving and the outside from entering. We will aid you will the clean-up at least."

Yun Suisen, "Yes that's right! I will cheer you guys on from behind!"

"Are you not going to fight?" asked Xu Lin.

"No. I hate zombies and ghost things. Zombies are both scary and disgusting. Barely identifying them gives me chills." said Yun Suisen.

Meanwhile, Xu Lin, who found a comrade of the anti-ghost and anti-zombie. Happily grabbed Yun Suisen's hands with an understanding gaze on his face.

Xu Lin said, "My friend!"

"We are not friends. We're presently brothers!" said Yun Suisen as he could somewhat feel that Xu Lin is like him.

"Sigh~ both are scaredy cats," murmured Baize and Su Liye.

The two looked at each other and pats each other's shoulders in understanding. Who let their lovers and partners be cowardly. They could purely carry out their job of defending them. With this, a small alliance of diverse kinds was established.

After partaking of lunch, everyone had once again gathered and met outside of the mansion. During the meal, everyone has decided to come out of the dimensional space and continue their journey. Ximen Xueya had asked System Yue to check whether the enormous bird was still outside. Only just when they've heard that the phoenix had fled that, the group comes out.

By the cliff, everyone once again returned to the surface.

There are traces of burn on the land and even the nearby plants had turned to black ashes. The previous attack of the phoenix had intended to slaughter all of them off.

But no one perceived why that huge bird suddenly appeared and got angry at them. Thinking about this, the preceding scene they've remembered before the phoenix appeared is that Yun Suisen yelling because of a mutated plant.

Their eyes had all wondered on that hiding figure behind Shi Moye and Su Liye.

Yun Suisen spoke, "W-What? It's not my fault! Moreover, it's gone now. Are you guys going to bully me?"

With hints of fake tears at the corner of his eyes, Yun Suisen runs and hides behind Ximen Xueya. Seeing that he had hidden behind the big boss, everyone had averted their eyes afraid of meeting those cold eyes of their General's wife.

Ximen Xueya looked at the thing hiding behind him and asked, "Do you know how to make a formation?"

"I've learned only the basics. Do you want me to create a defensive formation?" asked Yun Suisen.

"Yes. One with invisibility. We are staying here for the night." replied Ximen Xueya.

Once everyone heard what their other boss had said, their faces paled as the scene of the phoenix attacking them was still fresh from their minds. They were frightened that the huge bird might come over once again this time to thoroughly kill them off.

But different from what they had expected, the general only looked at the setting sun from the horizon and nodded his head to his wife's suggestion.

Cao Junye said, "We've come out too late. The sun is already setting. The forest is a lot more dangerous at night than in the morning. We'll stay here for the night. Yun Suisen, created the formation my wife had told you about. Su Liye and Shi Moye would accompany you for protection. Half of you, come help and clean the area. Start assembling the tents and bonfire. The rest keep your guard up for an ambush."

"Yes, General!" The soldiers responded with a salute.

While everyone else was busy with their task, Ximen Xueya brought out a rocking chair from his space and sat on it together with his baby boy. His eyes keep looking at the far willow tree, just opposite of the place they are in. In between the two cliffs is a trench with unknown depths full of unidentified creatures. No one knows what is in Ximen Xueya's mind as he stares at the Celestial Willow Tree from the other side.

[Host, is there something wrong with the Celestial Willow Tree?]

"I'm just wondering why something like this is in this little star. It normally wouldn't exist in lower realm worlds. It is harder to make it grow from seed than to get it replanted. But there are no traces of it being planted at all, it is like a seed accidentally fell in this land. It took over all the world's energy to grow, now that it's all grown up it caused an apocalypse because of the scarce qi in this world. It is forcefully trying to upgrade this world in becoming a high realm land."

[Is the host saying that this seed was left behind by someone accidentally?]

"Maybe or maybe not. But can you see the tree roots extending towards that abyss? Obviously, there is something under there that is keeping it alive the whole time and what I could perceive. The nutrients it was using to fatten itself up is this world's core."

[T-Then... Is this star really...!!!]

"Yes. It's dying. If this keeps up, it would only last for three hundred years more. When that time comes, everything in this star would die and all those living creatures would be turned into nutrients for the Celestial Willow Tree to ascend to higher worlds."

[Should we do something about it, host?]

"There is no need. The moment Tutu and the rest had taken over the vessels of the main characters of this world, its original plot had been thoroughly destroyed. I cannot be repaired. Plus with three destroyers putting their fingers into this little star nothing else could be done."

Evening.

By the cliff where the group decided to rest, few tents were assembled for the group to share. Thanks to Yun Suisen and Ximen Xueya's space, everyone was given a double-sized tent for one pair to share. Except for Cao Junye, Ximen Xueya, and Ximen Chino as well as Yun Suisen and his husband, most of the soldiers had shared a tent by pair.

A huge bonfire was made at the center of the group. There are few skewers filled with kinds of seafood and meat surrounding the fire. Everyone decided to have some barbeque for dinner that night.

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The sun had long set. The clear sky is now completely tainted with darkness turning the heavens into a wide horizon of black carpet filled with glowing clusters of stars. Only the huge moon swaying slightly in the sky becomes the source of light for the living.

Yun Suisen together with his two lovers had finally rejoined their group and walked towards the bonfire where the rest were crowding around. He approached his dear friend who is completely covered in thick blankets with his husband, Cao Junye, busying himself with cooking some skewers over the fire.

Sat tiredly beside Ximen Xueya, "I'm tired~ and so hungry~"

Shi Moye sat on his wife's right side and gave the chef Cao Junye some puppy eyes begging for food.

"Boss~ share some dinner. Few roasted chickens and fishes should suffice as a reward," said Shi Moye.

Cao Junye glanced at Shi Moye and the other two looked at the skewers in his hand which had a chicken thigh pierced with metal thin barbecue rods.

"Wait. I still need to cook the portions for my wife and my son," replied Cao Junye.

Ximen Xueya moves his hand to play with his earrings and then a pile of marinated mixed meat and seafood appeared in front of the three together with few vegetables and empty metal skewers.

"I've prepared it. Just cook your own dinner. Don't bother my husband with your food." said Xueya.

The three didn't get offended by Ximen Xueya's actions, instead started preparing their own barbecue. The marinated meat is something Xueya made. It is genuine to end up being delicious.

Though their cooking skills aren't that par with Cao Junye and Ximen Xueya's master talent, they still know how to roast or grill some meat over fire. Moreover, Yun Suisen can still be considered a good chef though not at the godly level of the married couple.

Meanwhile, the other couple, Baize and his host, were cooking their own at the other side of the bonfire. It was Xu Lin who was holding the metal stick over the fire. There are two skewers in both his hands. Two meat bbq on his right hand and two squids on his left hand.

Sweats stroll down on his face because of heat and smoke. There are even some black spots on Xu Lin's face thanks to the dust from the bonfire. Not far from him Baize is lying on his side lightly fanning the fire.

"Darling, you can flip the skewers with squids now~, " said Baize.

Xu Lin did what he was told and glared at Baize after doing so.

"My arms are tired! Can't you do the cooking instead while I fan the fire!?"

"Darling, you know I won't~ just now you didn't help with building our tent and you said you'll do the cooking. You're the one who suggests splitting the tasks~

Even if your stick-like arms were tired from holding on to the skewers, it won't break anyway~ Just don't burn our food, I've asked those from the general's side. We won't get another one if you turn it to charcoal."

There's an amused grin as Baize said those words. He is teasing his naive host.

(QAQ) "Bully~ my arms are about to break. Why the hell did you choose two big adult squids and pig trotters!?" complained Xu Lin as he could feel his arms trembling due to heaviness, heat, and fatigue. He felt like he was being cooked over with the squid and pig trotters in his hands.

What's worse is that he could see that bastard system of his fanning himself instead of the fire in front of him. He is just a black-bellied big bully.

Meanwhile, among the main group, only Wang Lei is on guard duty and he is the only one among the rest who ate instant noodles with barbecue while keeping guard. He had no other choice as his lover wasn't with him. He doesn't want to eat dog food all night.

After dinner, almost everyone, even those on guarding duties had fallen asleep. No one knew why everyone had fallen asleep all of the sudden. Only one of them knew, among the group Ximen Xueya suddenly opened his eyes in the darkness. It seems that he had drugged the dinner with sleeping medicine putting everyone to sleep.

He opened his eyes and saw the interiors of the tent he shares with his husband and son. They were sleeping peacefully on a huge mattress placed within the tent. Ximen Chino is sleeping in between the two of them with Cao Junye's arms hugging them both.

Seating up and wearing a jacket with him, Ximen Xueya is preparing to leave the tent. He didn't forget to cover his family with a blanket before summoning Zhi Yue.

"Yue, turn human for me for a bit," said Xueya.

[As you wish, host.]

In a few seconds, Zhi Yue's human form appeared before Xueya. He was kneeling on the side in reverence.

Human form System Yue asked, "You called, Lord Hei?"

"Um." Ximen Xueya looked at Zhi Yue with his eyes glowing with silver shade, clearly intending to use kotodama on him. "Yue, can you keep what you'll witness in your heart and tell no one or... I will put you to sleep right now? Choose."

Zhi Yue was shocked by the question his host just asked. This person would normally not care about him or others. No questions asked. He will do what he wants to do. This is the host Zhi Yue has. But what is happening right now? His host is allowing him to make a choice. He is going to die now.

As if knowing what is running in Zhi Yue's little head, Ximen Xueya could help but chuckle.

"Hehe~ funny kid. Didn't my son already call you Uncle? If I don't treat you as our family member, then this situation where I ask you a question would never happen." said Xueya.

Astonished. Zhi Yue was speechless for a moment when he heard what Xueya had just said to him. Family? Lord Hei is treating him like a family.

Xueya said, "So what will your choice be?"

"I will accompany you, Lord Hei," replied Zhi Yue.

A cunning smile appeared on Xueya's face before responding, "Let's go ahead then."

The two left the tent and walked out of the defensive barrier Yun Suisen had made. Of course, they made sure that there was no disturbance caused by them separating from the group.

The two stood before the cliff facing the opposite side where the Celestial Willow Tree is located.

Zhi Yue asked politely, "Lord Hei, are we going to teleport?"

As soon as his words ended his sight blurred and with a split second, they appeared in front of the Willow Tree. They were standing at the unshaded region of the tree's head.

Zhi Yue, who is used to having his avatar form instead of his human form, almost puked from the sudden changes in space. He is not used to it. He is more comfortable in using portals and doors to move to other locations.

"Urgh~"

"Still alive?" asked Xueya nonchalantly.

Zhi Yue lifted his head and anyone could see his pale face at the moment. But the former didn't forget to nod his head in agreement with Ximen Xueya's words.

Xueya, "Stand here. Don't approach the Willow Tree. It could kill you even if you turned into your avatar form."

"Yes, Lord Hei," responded Zhi Yue.

Zhi Yue could only watch as he watched Ximen Xueya walk towards the tree. Each of his steps was firm and stable as if nothing could stop him from coming over. The hanging thin branches of the tree, which are filled with crystal-like leaves, sways and attack Xueya as if wanting to catch him.

But each branch turned to ice before it could touch Xueya and shattered the next moment. It happened multiple times and the Willow Tree could help but finally voice out its complaints.

An old male voice was heard based on its tone, the Willow Tree is angry.

{Mortal? No, you are not. The vessel is mortal but the soul isn't! Are you an outsider? One from the upper realms?} asked the Willow Tree.

Ximen Xueya gave him a taunting yet devious smile but his eyes were indifferent and cold. To him, this huge tree is nothing he cares about, if he wanted he could fight it and even destroy it though it would take hard work to do so. For a lazy one like him, this might not happen.

"And so? What can you do about it?" said Xueya.

An old man's laughter was suddenly heard in the area. This Willow Tree Deity is tittering at Ximen Xueya's taunts. As if an old person heard a joke for the first time in his life.

HAHAHAHA~

The noise made Xueya's mood turn bad. He had always hated clamors and rackets around him.

"Too rowdy. I don't like it." murmured Xueya but his mood is shown by the converging ice under his feet, spreading around him towards the Willow Tree Deity.

Few branches coated in true qi tried to block the incoming ice but were unable to completely block it. Seeing this the laughing Willow Deity finally halted and silence ascended in the area.

The Willow Deity finally noticed the seriousness of the situation when he experienced what kind of ice the land before him wielded. When he used his branches covered with his true qi to block the incoming ice, his branches suffered unmelting frost. There is only one kind of ice that cannot be melted by ordinary fire.

Willow Deity's thoughts: 'The Ice this lad possesses isn't ordinary. It's one of a kind. The ice that does not melt. Eternal Ice! But to wield this type of ice, one must first possess a special bloodline. But that family that possesses that bloodline is well-known for its cold and aloof temperament. They wouldn't leave their territory unless it was for the matter of their other halves.'

The willow tree was suddenly covered in bright golden light. An old man's figure appeared from within the tree. He had long white hair and a beard wearing a rag-like robe worn by beggars in ancient times. The old man's eyes were closed and on his face wrinkled which showed his age.

The scene of an old deity appearing in front of them shocked Zhi Yue. This old man's cultivation is also beyond him. Zhi Yue subconsciously protected Ximen Xueya behind him. The latter is their lord's wife. He is their other Lord.

Ximen Xueya smiled for a moment when he saw Zhi Yue's action. He didn't expect someone weaker than him would dare to protect him from someone a lot stronger than himself. Zhi Yue's gesture is a sacrificial one.

"It's fine, Yue. He is not here to fight. Showing his real soul is a gesture of trust and temporary submission."

The Old Willow Deity spoke, "You are a child of Mo. Are you the youngest descendant?"

"At the moment, Yes. But you've seen my child didn't you?"

"Oh~ that chubby one with a mixed soul of celestial and other bloodline of a special race. I cannot believe you have chosen that one as your other half. I heard your bloodline could only fall in love once in their whole lifetime. Is that alright?"

Xueya squinted his eyes when he heard the willow's words. He couldn't understand but could vaguely feel that this other race he is calling refers to his husband's bloodline.

The Willow Deity noticed the slight changes in Xueya's emotionless face. This is a rare sight as he met someone of the same bloodline who wouldn't even twitch a brow when his other half left him behind. That's how hard it is for someone in Mo to show their feelings and emotions on their face.

"Child. You are not like him. Not like Xiao Jun at all. That time when Siwang decided to break all relations with Xiao Jun, the emotionless face of Xiao Jun didn't change at all. He remains cold as ice and unmoved by anything. Only a single teardrop expressed his sadness and loneliness."

Xueya's expression finally turned slightly ugly with hints of confusion. When the former heard the name of his uncle-in-law, Siwang, Xueya knew that the Xiao Jun this old tree is talking about is his biological uncle, Mo Baojun.

"What are you talking about? I haven't seen Uncle Si and my Uncle fight before. You said Uncle Si left my uncle? That is impossible. You couldn't even split them up even if the whole family worked together."

"Oh~ in the end, the two still ended up being together. That is good then."

There's obvious joy in the old man's being as anyone could see his upturned lips turning into a crescent moon. Then as if recalling something the old willow tree suddenly walked towards Xueya and stared at him closely as if looking directly to his soul.

"Hmm~ Hm~ I remember you now. Child, aren't your Xiao Jun's beloved little Jingjing?"

Zhi Yue was dumbfounded hearing some others call Lord Hei's intimately. He thought only his Lord God could sweetly call his host as Jing'er. Now he heard someone else calling Lord Hei as little Jingjing. He could only peek at his Lord Hei and saw within his eyes feelings of confusion mixed with slight astonishment. Lord Hei with problems in his memories was left muddled by the old willow deity's words.

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The old willow deity walks around encircling Xueya distinguishing him of his real identity. Just based on the words he last uttered, the former had recognized him not as Ximen Xueya but as Hei Anjing.

Xueya asked, "I've met you... before?"

The old willow tree deity had finally noticed the problems of his old friend's child. He knew how meticulous the Bloodline of Mo is. They are extremely intelligent beings who would never forget anything they had seen, touched, heard, or smelled. They could even run through their memories to check whether they've forgotten something or not.

"Child, your memories are sealed. Based on the formation structure within your soul, it prevents you from seeing a part of your memories, it is something only your uncle could do so. It's tightly sealed even though you wouldn't be able to break it." said the willow tree deity.

Zhi Yue and Ximen Xueya were surprised by the words the old immortal said before they were saying. Only System Yue showed an obvious expression of shock on his face while his host, Xueya only slightly raised his eyebrows for a split second before returning to normal.

Ximen Xueya upon realizing that the one in front of him is an acquaintance of his uncle immediately showed a gesture of politeness. Claspng his hands and slightly lowering his head, Ximen Xueya greets the elder in front of him.

"Hei Anjing, nephew of Mo Baojun. Greets the elder."

The old willow deity responded with a smile and a nod. He is especially delighted with the lad's gesture of respect. This old immortal do know how well mannered the bloodline of Mo towards those elders they recognized.

"Un. This old man's name is Liu Shu. You can call me Grandpa Shu. Hahaha~ it's been a while since this old man has become this happy. It has already been half a millennium since I woke up in this little star."

Looking at Ximen Xueya's figure like he is looking at his own offspring, the old willow tree deity smiled amiably. His closed eyes were slightly upturned to show his joy.

"Child. The reason you approached me is because of your memories. Do you want to unseal your memories?"

Xueya honestly replied, "Yes. Please help me with it, Grandpa Shu."

The two looked at each other's eyes checking whether there's any hesitation in it. There are no hints of emotions within Xueya's eyes as usual. He is born fearless, unafraid of even death. On the other hand, the old willow tree deity showed helplessness and hesitance clumsily hidden within his gestures.

Ximen Xueya didn't force the old man to tell him anything, instead, he waited.

After waiting for a while they heard a long sigh which the old immortal had exhaled.

"You do know the requirements for me to check on your memories. Though it might not affect you as much as you are also an immortal. The pain during the whole process is real."

"Grandpa Shu I know. Such kind of matter doesn't matter to us. Nothing would really happen unless the other person is our chosen other half." responded Xueya.

The old tree immortal had accepted Xueya's choice. He guides the child towards his own body. A cluster of soft bentgrasses grew from the land creating a small space to sit one. He asked Xueya to lean his back on his tree trunk.

"Child. Close your eyes. Grandpa Shu will make it less painful." said the Old Willow deity.

Ximen Xueya did as he was told. He relaxed his body and leaned on the tree. The bentgrass under him is so soft that it feels like he is lying on a mattress. Following the elder's words, Xueya slowly closed his eyes as if he was sleeping.

Zhi Yue watched as the old immortal moved his hands, the branches of the willow tree followed his movements but he could see the trembling and hesitance of the old immortal. The tree deity paused for a few seconds and in the end moved his hand downwards.

NOOO!!!

Before Zhi Yue could even stop anything, the willow branches stabbed Ximen Xueya through his left chest. His heart was pierced through and blood flowed out, dying the branches that pass through the body of the lad.

His eyes reddened in disbelief, as tears emerge from the corner of his eyes. Zhi Yue glares at the old immortal as if he wanted to kill him. But before he could even make his move a hand grabbed his shoulders stopping him from doing so.

"Calm down, Yue."

A young man's voice was heard. It was familiar at the same time not. When Zhi Yue turned around, he saw Yun Suisen together with Shi Moye and Su Liye sprung out of nowhere. These people are supposed to be asleep.

Zhi Yue stared at them doubly as if he was looking at strangers.

"T-Tutu? Why are you...? No! Who are you guys!?" asked Zhi Yue but the vigilance he held against them is the same as that of enemies.

It was him who provided the sleeping drug his host had used on the food. It was potent enough to even put the Lord God to sleep. How come these three people who ate the most during dinner would be awake at this moment.

Yun Suisen just smiled at Zhi Yue's reaction.

"Please don't look at me like I'm some kind of enemy! I only followed what A'Jing told me to do. The barrier not only has an invisibility effect. There's a debuff of putting everyone inside asleep." said Yun Suisen.

Shi Moye and Su Liye join the two in their conversation.

"We aren't supposed to interfere, but you almost attack the elder," said Su Liye.

Shi Moye, "Because we were told to prevent anyone from impeding Lord Hei's plans that we showed ourselves."

"Zhi Yue? Is that your real name? As someone who is acquainted with Lord Hei, do you not know the Mo Bloodline's special physique? Even if we stabbed him, cut off all his limbs, or burned him alive, he would still return to normal afterward. The Mo Bloodline has immortality. He wouldn't die just because his heart was stabbed." said Su Liye.

Thinking about his host's real identity, the surging emotions with Zhi Yue had abruptly calmed down. He looked at the newly arrived three people then looked at the worriedly old immortal personally overseeing Ximen Xueya's current state. Only now did he notice that the old willow tree deity had never moved away from his eyes from Xueya's current state. He keeps waiting for the child to wake up on his own.

The four of them walked towards the old immortal and sat on the ground beside him. They were all watching Xueya who had his eyes closed as if only sleeping if not for that tree branch stuck on his chest with his blood pooling under him.

Zhi Yue worriedly asked, yet his tone was still respectful.

"Elder, is Lord Hei okay? His bleeding isn't stopping," said System Yue.

The old immortal replied but his eyes kept staring at Xueya. "The catalyst for the memories to emerge is life. Now the heart is pierced, blood is the only source of life within his vessel. It needs to continue flowing. As long as the blood continues to spill, so will his memories."

Shi Moye spoke, "Gramps, I heard that no matter what they do those with Mo Bloodline don't die at all. Is this true?"

"Yes. Even if you tried to erase their whole existence, the origin would generate them countless times. What's worse is that they couldn't feel real pain. With their family or their other halves, the Mo family are nothing more than heartless puppets."

Silence ascended in the area after the old immortal had said those words but looking at their expression there is only incredulity. When the Willow Deity saw this he couldn't help but laugh once again.

"You don't believe me? Then it means that when you've met the lad, he had already chosen someone as his other half. Only when a Mo finds his other half that they would slowly turn into a human.

The youngster nowadays only knows the strength of the current God of Creation. Only the old generation like this old man knew the real strength of the Mo Bloodline. If you ask me who is stronger than the two then... even I do not know but... if you are asking me who is scarier than the two then I would answer with the word of Mo." said the old immortal.

The other children surrounding him showed bewildered expressions on their faces.

"Hahaha~ then this old man would explain. The Creation God would create worlds to ease his boredom. Would create living things to fill up the empty world and then he would let them live their own lives. Most gods, who don't care about their creations. After giving them freedom and free will they were welcome to do anything they wanted and then they would only watch. That's all.

But the Mo Bloodline is different. They would not create anything. They would not get involved with someone else. They would not even look at you like you don't even exist in their eyes. They just don't care. Their lives revolve only around their loved ones, their family. Outside their circle of family, everything else doesn't matter. They have no greed, no feelings, and not even a hint of emotions.

If not for Siwang noticing Xiao Jun, the realms would even know that an extremely powerful bloodline like Mo exists. Until a Mo meets the being that could make their heartbeats, they are the loneliest and most dangerous that had ever existed."

"...-----..." The young men stayed quiet without reaction.

"Do you not believe it? But I think one of you does..." said the Old immortal as he saw Zhi Yue's face turned pale yet stunned as if realizing something he shouldn't have.

Yun Suisen and the other two looked at Zhi Yue after hearing the words of the willow tree deity.

The old immortal said, "Hm~ I remember that other man. His soul is fragmented and a whole half of it is missing. But for some reason, he is still alive, this is the first time I've seen someone alive with only half of his soul. Moreover, the one keeping the half soul alive is... his lad, Jingjing.

His original cultivation is much higher than just being a Celestial immortal; after all, most of those with the purest bloodline of Mo are born as Immortal God. Now he is not even a Celestial God but just GodKing."

Before the old immortal could continue speaking, Zhi Yue suddenly yelled out.

"Please stop. I'm begging you to stop talking! This is something the Lord God mustn't know! He ought not to know!"

With the tone of pleading from Zhi Yue's voice, the old immortal finally stopped talking about Ximen Xueya and Cao Junye's situation.

"Boy, you know something do you?" asked the old immortal.

Zhi Yue shakes his head and bit his lips until it bleeds. He stares at the willow tree deity with determination not to say a word to answer his question. He wouldn't speak even if dies.

The old willow looked at Zhi Yue seriously without any hints of threat or coercion. Just plain silence but the latter didn't utter another word. If he forces him, Zhi Yue would end up biting off his tongue to show his resolve not to speak anything he shouldn't. The old deity could only avert his eyes and resume his observation of Ximen Xueya's well-being.

"Don't be afraid. I won't ask anymore." said the willow tree deity.

The night deepens as the stars above continue to glow. The trees within the forest sways following the direction of the wind keeping the temperature in the forest slightly cold. Only the moonlight becomes the source of brightness under the darkness.

The conversation between them had abruptly ended in tension. Yun Suisen had already fallen asleep in between his husbands, who kept him warm. Even Shi Moye and Su Liye had their eyes closed as if dozing. Only the old willow deity and Zhi Yue remain awake.

"Boy. Jingjing is about to wake up and this old man also needs to take a rest. Could you pass him my message when he wakes up?" asked the old immortal.

Zhi Yue lightly nods his head in agreement.

"Good~ tell him I need to speak to him one more time in the future. Alone."

"I will pass the elder's message to Lord Hei."

"Thank you! He will be waking up in another half an hour."

The figure of the old immortal faded into the air. The same scene whenever the soul fades to nothing. Eventually, only the sound of the wind and the swaying trees can be heard in the place. Not even the sounds of insects clamoring can be heard. Clearly, only Zhi Yue is awake in the whole forest.

Chapter 190: 6.51 Third Green Star - Sealed Memories

After meeting the Old Willow Deity, Ximen Xueya had personally asked the elder to help him with his memories. As he expected, his memories were sealed by his uncle. This fact didn't surprise him, if there is someone who could lock up his memories there are few who could do so, and only his Uncle Baojun would be able to do it flawlessly without leaving a trace.

Asking the Celestial Willow Tree is the safest method, Ximen Xueya had thought to unsealed his memories. He could also do it on his own, but at present not only his cultivation is sealed, but even his state is too weak. He would have a hard time even if his real capabilities are unlocked. His Uncle Baojun is one of the strongest Gods in all of the realms after all.

But Old Willow's requirement in freeing his memories is death. Only by exchanging his life, that the memories of his existence would flow naturally within the willow tree branches, storing his memories within those crystal-like leaves. He has the bloodline of Mo. The meaning of death had no use on him. He is immortal no matter what he does, even if he dies countless times, he would revive as if nothing happened.

A Mo would only be able to die at the hands of their own or their other half's conduct.

He followed the instruction of the Old Willow Deity and closed his eyes. In the darkness, all he could use to check his surroundings is his ears. The worried voice of the elder lingers in Xueya's ears, then the sound of wind being cut can be heard from his surroundings. What follows next is a sharp pain in his chest and his consciousness was suddenly cut off. Ximen Xueya knew that he died.

Ximen Xueya felt his strength leaving him, his body is turning colder and colder each second, but he is unconcerned of his whole being's state. He could only watch those broken fragments floating within his soul domain. Each shard shows a scene that he couldn't remember. He knew that these fragments are his sealed memories.

He continues to watch the fragments float within his soul domain fixing themselves within the space like puzzles. Xueya looks at each shard and the memories flow within his mind like a film.

His memories ripples and countless conversations can be heard.

First conversation:

"A'Ye, you are the one who saved him! Why are you acting like that!?"

"Shut up! I'm only passing by. Moreover, I had helped before he got himself banged by those people."

"Can't you watch the words that come out of your mouth? He's waking up~"

"You've finally woken up. How are you feeling?"

"Kick him out now that he's awake!"

"Didn't he just woke up? A'Ye, don't be cruel."

"Noisy."

"What did you say?"

"Don't fight. How are you?"

A pouch full of gold coins was passed on the kind man while the other one was ignored.

"G-Gold coins!?"

"Payment for the treatment. I'll take my leave."

"W-Who the hell... are you!?"

"Don't worry I will make it... extremely painful."

"AAH~~ No help me."

Surrounded by blood and corpses, Hei Anjing stood at the center looking at the sky with no emotion on his face. There is only loneliness and tiredness within those silver eyes.

"Did you kill all of them?"

He gave the man a cold glance and said, "Yes. Do you have a problem with that?"

"....."

"....."

"Liang finished cooking dinner. Go back with me."

"You paint all day. Don't you get bored?"

"....."

"Don't ignore me."

"....."

"My words before... I'm sorry."

"....."

"Where are you going?"

"Somewhere."

"Where is that somewhere?"

"So noisy."

"I won't talk anymore. Can I go with you?"

"Whatever."

"You are too picky! Don't waste food!"

"Shut up! I don't eat carrots and peas! You eat yourself then if you can't stop yourself from complaining!"

"Fine! Give me your plate!"

"Why do you guys keep fighting?"

"We are not fighting!"

"I told you not to let the rain fall on you! Why didn't you come home right away!?"

Murmured: "Isn't it because you are flirting with that bitch that I have to watch and ignore the rain."

ACHOO!!!

"Drink your medicine!"

"I won't! It's bitter!!!"

"This brat!!!"

"Ah~ don't hit him. He's sick. Jingjing here. Drink your meds with candy!"

"You keep on spoiling him!"

"I told you there is something wrong with her!"

"No."

"Do you need her to stab you in your heart first before you realize something is wrong?!"

"Shut up."

"Don't tell me you like her!?"

"Is that your business whether I like her or not!? Who the hell are you in my life?! You are not even my friend! Do you think I'm your lover or something!? Don't be disgusting. I'm just playing and coaxing you because Liang told me to do so!!"

"...!?..."

"...!!!..."

"I...I didn't mean..."

"You are on your own."

After the latter had taken his leave, the left behind person murmured.

"She is my mother thought."

"What are you doing, Jing'er?"

"Leaving."

"Where are you going?"

"Somewhere."

"Jing'er!"

"Leave me alone."

"Where is my target, system?"

[The target's location is the middle-aged man in front of you. The host only needs to kill him.]

"Okay."

"Jing'er... Don't cry..."

"System. Get me something to heal him. I want every cure in the mall. Everything!!!"

[M-My Lord... His heart and soul had been stabbed by the Death Scythe. T-There's nothing...]

"It's ...fine, Jing'er. It's... not... your fault!"

Eyes dulled.

"AAHHHH!!!"

Ximen Xueya's head is aching as if he's going crazy. The throbbing within his head is too much to bear. The remaining memories entered his head and the scene within is not something he wanted to see. He can only scream as he bears the agonizing pain in his head. Before he lost consciousness again, one last memory with him talking to Hei Jue and his uncle, Mo Baojun can be seen.

Jue: "Are you crazy!? Xiao An, do you think this man really loves you!?"

A dull and lifeless-eyed Hei Anjing ignored his cousin's words.

"Is he the one, Jing'er?" asked Mo Baojun. His voice is mellow but the tone is cold.

Hei Anjing didn't reply with words and just nodded his head.

Jue: "Sire, please stop him! It is impossible for this man to love him. He is from that clan!?"

"I know. But, Jing'er made his choice. This is a choice even I couldn't interfere with."

Staring at his beloved cousin with dubiety, "I-Is he... Is he your chosen other half Xiao An?" asked Hei Jue.

"Yes. It's him. I would never be wrong." replied Hei Anjing.

Mo Baojun spoke, "I will not stop you if you want to save him but... right now I do not accept him. But I will give you two a chance. I will seal your memories and strength. Do you agree, Jing'er?"

"I agree, Uncle."

"Sigh~ then I will watch you two. If in the end, he chooses you over everything I would spare him. If not... I would kill him even if you hated me your whole life. Jing'er, you are much more important to me than him who is still a stranger."

"Uncle. I promise you. He would love me in the end."

"Then... I will see to it that your promise shall be fulfilled in exchange for all your sacrifice just... to bring him back alive. Jing'er I want to believe you are right. But his fate is different from your right in the very

beginning. Even I, the God of life and death, cannot see both of your futures. I only wish for your happiness and support you until the end."

Ximen Xueya's consciousness blackened and he only again felt the pain in his chest. When he opened his eyes his emotions fluctuated for a few seconds before his face turned extremely cold. He nonchalantly pulled the branch stabbing his chest and even ignored the blood that spurted out after it.

He looked at the hole in his chest without any emotion on his face. Staring at the blood gushing out from the open wound, Xueya's reaction is not that of pain.

"Blood, Return," murmured Xueya.

Everyone watched as the hole on Xueya's chest closed up with inhuman speed. His blood returned and his limbs grew back including his lost heart. As the blood once again flows in his body passing through his newly healed heart, Xueya's complexion slowly returns to its healthiest state.

If not for his clothes dyed in blood and the clear cut hole left above his renewed chest. No one would believe he was dead a few hours ago. But there is something different from the Xueya without his full memories and the current one with full memories. His cold yet elegant temperament is still there. But his eyes show friendliness when looking at Zhi Yue and the other three.

The Ximen Xueya in front of them is more like a human than the one before. His smile this time isn't fake and the emotions imprinted within his eyes are much softer than usual.

Yun Suisen reluctantly called, "A'Jing?"

Xueya looked at his friend with bewilderment on his face.

"Yes?"

A mellow voice replied to Suisen.

"N-Nothing," responded Yun Suisen as he hid behind his husband's while sneaking a peek at that human-like Ximen Xueya in front of him.

"You guys should rest. I would be fine on my own. Go ahead and sleep. I will take a shower first. Good night." said Ximen Xueya intending to enter his dimensional space to take a bath.

Zhi Yue upon remembering the message the old immortal had tasked him to pass on Ximen Xueya, stopped the latter from leaving at the moment.

"Lord Hei, please wait."

He hurriedly called as Zhi Yue was afraid of being ignored but unlike what he had anticipated, Xueya waited for him with a small smile. This made him even more nervous than facing an aloof Ximen Xueya.

"What is it, Yue?"

"T-That... The willow deity wanted me to pass a message for Lord Hei. The old immortal says he wishes to speak with you privately once before we return to the base." said Zhi Yue while trying to avoid looking at the smiling Xueya before him.

Ximen Xueya chuckles upon seeing Zhi Yue's weird reaction.

"Heh~ Okay. I will meet him after my bath. You guys should go back and sleep. No need to wait for me." said Xueya before disappearing in thin air.

Once Xueya had entered his dimensional space, the left behind four people were all wearing stunned expressions on their faces. A smiling Lord Hei, no one would believe them even if they told everyone about it.

Mystified Yun Suisen asked, "Is that... really, A'Jing?"

"Someone pinch me! I think I'm dreaming!" said Shi Moye at loss.

Su Liye did as he asked and pinched Shi Moye's arm with great strength. The latter could only jump around in pain but didn't dare to scream, afraid they might wake up someone they shouldn't.

"Hiss~ I'm in pain. It's real. He is really smiling. OMG!" said Shi Moye while rubbing his bruised arm.

"Are you going to wait for him to come out of his space?" asked Su Liye.

It was Zhi Yue who responded to his question, "No. Let's go back to the camp and go to sleep. Lord Hei says there is no need for us to wait. Don't go against his words."

"Yawns~ agreed. I'm so sleepy~" said Yun Suisen.

"The problem is how could we go back to the other side of the cliff. The bridge we had crossed this morning is three hours away from here. We need five hours of walking before we get to return to the camp. By the time we arrive at the site, it will already be dawn." said Su Liye.

CREAK~ Creaks~

It was at this moment that the silent humongous willow tree suddenly struck. Its branches weave on their own erecting a bridge made of wood. The four young men knew it was the old willow deity who constructed the bridge for them. They all cupped their willing hands and carefully lowered his head towards the willow tree.

"Thank you, elder (gramps)!"

{Cross now. Once you've crossed the bridge, it will fall.}

They walked past the wooden bridge constructed from the willow branches. It barely required 20 minutes for them to comfortably reach the other end of the prominent cliff. After all four of them had landed on the other side; the bridge crumbled and fell on the trench in between the two cliffs.

The sleepy Yun Suisen yawns with an open wide mouth. Seeing their wife's current state, Shi Moye had to carry him in his arms. The three exchange a short message of farewell with Zhi Yue.

"Goodnight, Yueyue~," said Yun Suisen.

Zhi Yue responded. "Good night." while the rest nod at each other as the last greeting for that night. As for what happened the rest of the night, no one else knows. Only the huge moon in the black sky had witnessed everything.

