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Chapter 16: Chapter 16 - What is a Demon? (3 Releases)

The prison guard shook his head.

"Don't mind him, let's go."

It's not just Old Man Wu, even the prison guard was terrified by the sight of such a headless rider.

Having been a prison guard for so many years, this was the first time he had seen someone with such a terrifying appearance. Even while walking on the road, he stole glances at Fang Yu's neck wound several times, which seemed to have scarred over, but one could still see the flesh bulging and contracting as if breathing.

Damn! How bizarre!

After removing the prison uniform, examining his body, and putting on his original clothes, Fang Yu stood outside the cell.

It was dark outside, and looking up at the sky, the night was not bad.

Much nicer than the polluted night skies in reality, where one could see twinkling stars.

This made Fang Yu couldn't help wanting to emulate the ancients by reciting a poem to express his feelings.

But taking a deep breath and after brewing for a long time, he uttered four words.

"The moon is really round!"

Seeing the prison guard looking at him as if he were insane, Fang Yu walked away in embarrassment.

How embarrassing! I can't face myself!

Alas, I'm uneducated! That's all the poetry I know! Can't squeeze out any more verses.

Books are most missed when they are needed; Fang Yu wished he could slap himself, truly a cultural desert.

But he hadn't gone far when someone ahead shouted.

"Diao Deyi? Is that Diao Deyi?"

Fang Yu was startled and raised his head to look ahead.

Next to the dark corner ahead, there was someone with a health bar above their head.

[Yue Guang: 75/75.]

Yue Guang jogged over, illuminated by the candlelight, his features became visible.

"Do you remember me? I am Yue Guang, Lord Li Qianxuan's left deputy."

Of course I remember!

The one who's very good at archery!

Fang Yu hurried over.

"So it's Brother Yue, thanks for proving my identity back then. And also Lord Li, without his help in proving my identity, I wouldn't have been able to leave this prison."

That's true. Without anyone to prove it, with his headless corpse appearance, he would have been executed on the spot.

Yue Guang smiled.

"You're welcome. Without your sword that killed the demon, all of us would have died there. By the way, come with me, Lord Li has awakened, I'll take you to him."

Fang Yu, of course, had no objections.

Honestly, he hadn't even figured out where he was going to stay tonight.

As soon as he got into the game, it started with a blood battle at the gambling hall, and he didn't even know where the Lian Family were.

And had a big brother, second sister and all—it felt like his character's family background was quite troublesome.

This Foolish Underworld was really big; following Yue Guang, weaving around, they finally reached an area full of courtyards.

Clearly government residences, specifically for court officials.

Upon reaching a small courtyard of one such residence, the two stopped.

During the casual conversation on the way, Fang Yu found out that Yue Guang had tediously waited for an hour or two at the door before he came out.

This made Fang Yu feel somewhat embarrassed and he got to know more about Yue Guang's character.

Honest, down-to-earth, not afraid of tiredness and hardship.

During this time, Fang Yu also proposed to learn Bow Technique from him, but was laughed off.

Fang Yu naturally didn't bring it up again.

"Lord Li, Diao Deyi has arrived."

"Has he finally arrived? Let him in. Yue Guang can go rest now."

"Yes."

Yue Guang stepped back, and Fang Yu was brought into the room by a Maid.

At a glance, he saw Li Qianxuan lying on the bed, without a blanket, his chest bound with blood-stained white bandages.

[Li Qianxuan:20/100.]

Judging by the health bar, he had recovered quite a bit from his critical injuries.

But to return to his peak condition, he would definitely need some time to recuperate.

Doesn't this game have something like Blood Bottles? Pop a pill, and won't you regen with a howl?

Fang Yu found it odd, but he didn't ask.

He was waiting for Li Qianxuan to speak.

After instructing the Maid to leave, Li Qianxuan smiled and said,

"Diao Deyi, I've heard from them. In the recent demon battle, we almost lost everyone; it was all thanks to your efforts that averted a disaster. I owe you a favor. What reward would you like? I'll try to accommodate your request."

Is there such a good deal?

After stealing the massive experience boost from your heads, you are still grateful and want to reward me?

Fang Yu thought to himself and asked,

"Lord Li Qianxuan, before that, may I ask a few questions?"

"Of course, go ahead and ask."

"What's the deal with these demons? Was Li Baigu originally a demon?"

This question was too basic, which somewhat surprised Li Qianxuan.

However, considering that ordinary people either never encounter demons or get killed by them on the spot, it's very rare for someone who has faced a

demon and lived to tell the tale. Thus, Li Qianxuan thought Fang Yu's questions were reasonable.

"A demon is a kind of monster; they eat humans, prey on humans, kill humans. Like Hunters pursuing their game, they have been persecuting humans for thousands of years without a break."

"The initial records of demons describe them as brutally hunting humans."

"Later, our human ancestors created Martial Arts, which gave us the power to barely fight back and even progressively flourish."

"To this day, demons no longer attack like wild beasts. Instead, they have learned how to disguise themselves as humans, wearing human skins, hiding among us, and stealthily hunting."

"However, if a town's defense forces are weak, demons might collectively reveal themselves and launch a massacre."

"That's why it's imperative to eliminate any demon as soon as it's discovered."

"The fewer demons there are in a town, the safer the residents will be, allowing the town to develop better, attract more people to live there, and thereby strengthen the town's defensive forces."

Pausing a moment, Li Qianxuan continued, "As for that Li Baigu, he was probably eaten by a demon, who then wore his skin and became him!"

"As for when the demon ate him and took his place, that's unknown."

"This ability to hide is also one of the most terrifying aspects of demons."

A deep wariness flashed in Li Qianxuan's eyes; the officer who had promoted him had been replaced and killed by a demon disguised as his loved one one late night.

No matter how skilled in martial arts, one is always vulnerable to sneak attacks.

How much can one really guard against those close to them?

Fang Yu found it strange and asked, "Then why did Li Baigu kill the people in the pharmacy before, but didn't dare to make a move when I fled to the street?"

"Simple, it was afraid of exposing its identity. I've read your deposition from the prison; the demon went berserk and killed only after you called it out for playing dumb. It was afraid you had recognized its identity, so it moved to silence you."

"But once you escaped to the streets, where there were lots of people, and it had lost both arms, it naturally couldn't act recklessly or it would've been completely exposed."

"The defense forces in Tianyuan Town are much stronger than you might think. Any ordinary demon that dares to expose itself is undoubtedly doomed."

Indeed.

Li Qianxuan was just a low-ranking officer leading a small team, yet he had the power to kill that demon.

Compared to the entire Tianyuan Town, what would a low-ranking officer amount to?

Exposing its identity means death, which is why Li Baigu would rather have his arms severed than reveal his true strength. It was only because it was worried about me, who might know the truth, escaping, that it had to make a move.

But once I reached the crowded street, it could no longer attack, so it then played out that pitiful drama, using a blade to kill through another's hand.