

## World Plot 1171

### Chapter 1171: First Grey Star - Four Season Orchard on the Turtle's Shell

There are 6 danger zones on this planet: The all day Active Volcano Island, Red Magma Island. The eternal winter, Aurora Glaciers. The deepest trench, Anairam Trench. A mountain range whose wind is as sharp as blades, Tornado Mountain Range. Star Fall Garden, in outer space. Lastly is Death Forest.

The Death Forest is a wild region where even ordinary ingredients were mutated. It is beyond the West Gates borders and the entrance to this forest is a small town called Numen Town. It was said that this town is under the protection of the West Guardian, Lord Mu. It is that all of the living creatures that live there are all vicious and powerful.

Only Spade and Joker Gourmet Hunters are allowed to enter with the permission of the Mayor.

As for the Soloist Hunters, the outskirts are free for them to roam. To get to the inner region the forest will test you and only when you pass that you can move to the inner region but no one has entered the core region at all.

Back to the Food Gathering Association...

The Branch Manager who fainted, Angram, immediately reported to the higher ups about the recent discovery in the Death Forest. An uncertified habitat of a 4th grade rare Ingredient, Snow Vermillion Pheasant. At first the elders of the Association were delighted upon such news but when they heard its location all of them had turned silent.

"If I remember the entrance to the Death Forest is under that person's jurisdiction. So hunters that are associated with the other organizations will need to seek his permission first before entering his town, or else they won't return anymore."

"That town is to be untouched. Once that lord moves the other lords would as well especially the one from the Mo Clan."

"But that's a habitat of a rare grade ingredient, it's a waste if it's left alone."

"Can't we just go through the sky and directly avoid the town?"

"No. That's Death Forest, a living territory. The only entrance to enter is through the small town, Numen. Using the other routes would just make one run in circles."

"What should we do?"

"I'll contact the president of the association to ask. For now, keep the information classified. Also bring me the information about the identity of the caller just now. Immediately!"

"Yes, Elders!"

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Back to the Death Forest...

Ye Jieye didn't know what kind of commotion he had made with that complain call. He continued to travel through the forest after catching a few white pheasants. He knock those chickens out and hang them to his rucksack tied up upside down. He planned to make a small chicken farm behind his house for the sake of eggs. Eggs had a lot of uses. It can be used in dishes or in desserts.

The cubs at home was like his wife, they love eating something sweet especially mini cakes. Well, two hen and a rooster should be enough as starter farm.

It felt weird to carry Something for Ye Jieye. He is too used to the privilege life of a God where he can utilized space inventory at anytime. But because of how low-ranked tjis world is, things like divinity and space elements controlled by humans instead of artifacts are restricted. Even food from the Drother world is not allowed to be brought out.

But personal use of space inventory without anyone seeing seems to be a certai loophole left for him, Ye Jieye took advantage of this and placed the things and all even the living things he caught inside the small world, Jing'er and he shares.

After capturing tons of crabs, fishes, shrimps and crayfishes in the river and grabbed two hens and a rooster from the white pheasant group running around the forest he now bumps into a towering cotton like cream colored wall.

Ye Jieye remained calm in such a weird pi situation, "What the hell is this wall?"

He reaches out his hand and touches the fluffy fur thing with his hand. The moment felt a pulse and warmth coming from the white wall, Ye Jieye instantly knew that this thing blocking his way is not just a simple white wall but a huge living creature.

"This thing is alive. I remember that the terminal had some kind of scanning function," mumbles Ye Jieye as he used his terminal to scan apart of this thing before his face.

[Scanning Complete. Ingredient found a match. This is a Hibernating Hill Lamb. Rare-grade, Class 1. A hibernating hill lamb is said to be capable of growing in a size of a mountain.

His cub had a normal size of a small hill. Its fur is as soft as cotton and mostly used to make winter clothes. Their meat is juicy, tender meat once cooked to perfection. The succulence of the flesh, coupled with the way it can fall apart and take on the flavours of marinades, spice, and herbs make meat so incredibly versatile and brilliant to cook with.

Note: Adult Hibernating Hill Lamb is inedible.]

Ye Jieye took a moment to think. The lamb was too big for him to bring back. The problem wasn't the volume but instead how he is going to explain the way he brought it back if he cut it to pieces. But this lamb is a delicacy, it's delicious when grilled or stewed with milk. Actually, he hasn't decided yet what to cook and sell in his small restaurant.

But with this small hill of lamb meat, he can sell lamb meat for a few months.

"The problem is how to bring it back." Ye Jieye mumbles as he jumps over and climbs to the top of the white wall in front of him.

He as expected saw an even more towering lamb in front of him. It's five times larger than the one he is standing on. But the problem is that, Ye Jieye can only feel one breathing. It seems the big one had reached the end of its lifespan and was turning to a real mountain after its death.

Ye Jieye mumbles, "Is this little one not moving because it didn't want to live anymore? Forget it, I won't hunt you anymore. Go. Find your reason to live." He jumped off the huge lamb and continue his journey to the core area. He didn't even notice that the small hill had opened its eyes at the last moment and watch him take his leave.

The core of the forest is separated at the center to the rest of it's body by a huge pond encircling it. Ye Jieye didn't looked at the small island not far his eyes but instead looking at the water that separated from it. He met with the huge eyes under the water.

If Ye Jieye is still the original he would have run away but the one that replaced him is the God of Void, who boldly meet those huge pair of eyes underwater without any changes on his apathetic expression.

Ye Jieye said, "Come out. I will decide whether to kill you ir not after seeing you."

A huge head resurfaced from under the water. It's a turtle head and its neck was connected to the small island at the center. It seems that island was a part of his body. Ye Jieye checked what kind of ingredient this huge turtle is. This turtle is registered but his rank is incapable of allowing him from seeing such ingredient. It seems to be a first class, God-grade ingredient.

The Earth Forest Turtle.

This earth forest turtle is a bit intelligent. It can feel the aura of anything around him. Of course, he noticed the sinister yet divine soul in Ye Jieye's body. It frightened him so much that it hid its head under the water to observe the human.

Ye Jieye upon learning that this God-grade ingredient is a turtle, completely lost interest in hunting it. It's an old turtle, it might be a God-grade ingredient but no one in his family likes eating it. Instead he is interested in the fruit tress growing on the top of its shell.

"Old turtle. I am not interested in hunting you but I want some fruits. The ones on your back, let me pick some fruits and I will leave you alone. Don't worry about the other human hunters. I will make a formation around this place so you can hide here for as long as you want. Nod if you agree." Ye Jieye said.

Unexpectedly, the old turtle understands his word and truly nods his head and lowered it before. Ye Jieye. It is asking Ye Jieye to ride his head so he can bring him over on the top of its shell. Ye Jieye understood its thoughts and allowed him to bring him over to the island like a shell.

The shell of the turtle is like a big round island and the forest on top of it looks more greener than the ones in the Death Forest.

The top of the shell is divided into four and each section has its own season. The old turtle places Ye Jieye in the land with red leaf trees, autumn season. The scent of ripe fruits was lingering in this area. It's like a mini orchard. There's a Fiery Grape Vines and a few Lava Apple Trees. These two fruits were something his little girl needs in this world.

He planned to replant a few in their small world and pluck the fruits as well. There are also some other fruits like the screaming orange, ice water pears and etc.

Ye Jieye took a lot of these fruits and placed them in fruit baskets he pulled out from the inventory of his rucksack. Some were pulled and replanted in his small world. He also looked around the other sections. In the winter part, he dug up a snow lotus which is delicious for making lotus root soup. Crying kumquats, dancing persimmons, Rolling in snow Pomelos and etc.

In the spring season section, he picked some human head shaped honeydew melons which he also threw when it tried to kiss him. The exploding cherries were great, the sweetness and sourness exploded in the mouth, bleeding apricot continues to red syrup that looks like blood but when it was plucked it would stop bleeding,

and hairy pineapples which Ye Jieye braided its hair into a basket and threw it in his rucksack.

In the summer season section, there's a crystal plums that glows like diamonds under the sun. The light was so bright it would directly blind someone who dares to pick it without sunglasses. There are also some flying watermelons which Ye Jieye had to chase in the sky for it to ripen. Heavenly Peaches that can extends life for a few days and even a few years.

This one is a 3rd class, legend-grade ingredient. This wasn't the first legend-grade Ingredient he found. There are a few legend-grade on this shell island.

Well, it's not surprising as this Earth Forest Turtle had a lot of rare and a few legend-grade ingredients growing on his shell. It is a God-grade ingredient after all. After pocking enough fruits, Ye Jieye decided to return to the location where the Old Turtle had placed him fown before.

Ye Jieye shouted, "Old turtle, I'm leaving now. Put me on the other shore!"

The Earth Forest Turtle listened to him and once again allowed him to ride his head and placed him on the opposite side shore. Before leaving he pats the big turtle's head and gave him a qi gathering pill from his inventory.

"This is my gift in exchange for the fruits. Next time I will bring my children to meet you, Old Turtle." Ye Jieye said.

The old turtle didn't ate the qi gathering oill that made him want so much right away. He watches as Ye Jieye's back disappear in the distance an mist rises within the forest not far from. It realized that this must be the formation that great one had mentioned before.

After making a decision, the old turle shrinks its limbs and head in the shell and submerge its body except for the islan like top area of his shell. The core area of the Death Forest had returned to it's peaceful state once more.

Fruit Ranking on the Old Turtle Shell:

Rare Grade:

(5th Class)

Fiery Grapes

Ice water Pears

(4th Class)

Screaming Orange

Crying Kumquats

(3rd Class)

Hairy Pineapple

(2nd Class)

Rolling in snow

Dancing Persimmons

(1st Class)

Lava Apple

Winged Watermelon

Exploding Cherries

Legendary Grade:

(3rd Class)

Heavenly Peaches (Extends life)

Bleeding Apricot (Replace blood)

(2nd Grade)

Snow Lotus Root and Seeds (Bone Marrow Cleansing)

Chapter 1172: First Grey Star - An extremely lonely being is not afraid of Death.

Ye Jieye realized the sky above his head had grown black and it was already dusk after traveling beyond the mist and daylight from the core region of the Death Forest. He left breakfast and lunch for his children and the two babysitters at home, but there is no dinner. He resolved to return to Numen Town as soon as possible.

On his way back, he came upon a herd of sheep pigs. Their size was 10 times that of an ordinary pig. His jogging woke up the sheep pigs that were asleep. He had no alternative but to slaughter these three pigs and add them to his inventory. He kept sprinting till he arrived at the location of the hibernating hill lamb.

It realized it was still suicidal as before, but it shifted its body near a mountain that had formerly been its mother. It murdered itself by removing its fur while still alive.

Ye Jieye couldn't help but frown when he saw this sight. He can still hear the lamb breathing slowly and quietly. He sought for its head and softly patted it. After peeling itself, the lamb groggily opened its eyes and looked Ye Jieye in the eyes.

"You suicidal little thing. I will ask you, do you truly wish to die? If you do, I shall grant it to you. How about it? Make a sound if you mean yes," Ye Jieye said.

BAAAA~

The gentle sound of 'Baa' can be heard after a few seconds. Even in immense suffering, it appears that the small lamb hasn't forgotten its original purpose of wanting to die. A newborn hibernating hill lamb found it difficult to survive on Death Forest. This land is overrun with vicious, predatory animals. An adult hibernating mountain lamb would have devoured a portion of its body before decaying.

Decaying because it entails petrification and the transformation of a stone into a mountain. The adult hibernating lamb certainly developed into a perfect mountain since the small lamb safeguarded its mother's carcass from being devoured until it totally turned to stone. That's why it was a mountain range in the native habitat of hibernating lambs.

Ye Jieye sighs, "As you wish, this Lord shall grant it for you. A painless death. Sleep well." He controlled his void as thin as possible. Like very thin needles, it targeted the heart and brain of the lamb, and in an instant, it took the life of the lonely lamb.

Urk!

As the hibernating hill lamb breathed its final breath, a glimmer of gratitude emerged in its dead eyes as it glanced at Ye Jieye. Most creatures can't avoid the aroma of a dying hibernating lamb. Within a few minutes, roaring and snarling can be heard all around Ye Jieye's location.

But, as if he didn't see, it snatched the lamb's body and placed it beside the stone mountain, which also houses its mother's corpse.

"Since you wanted to accompany your mother until the end, then be together until the end and be reincarnated together in your next life. Silly Lamb, I will take your fur as a reward."

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ROOOARR~ GROAAN~ CAAWSS~ GRRR~

The sounds of roaring beasts can even be heard in the town of Numen. The old mayor was standing at the gates and looking at the forest with a serious expression.

Old Mayor Mu mumbles, "The death of a huge beast incites the appetite of countless beasts. I wonder if Xiao Ye is okay."

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Back to the forest...

ROOOARR~ GROAAN~ CAAWSS~ GRRR~

Ye Jieye was so preoccupied with hastening the decomposition of the lamb's body that it turned to stone as quickly as possible. He was utilizing time components to the greatest extent possible in this universe, yet it still consumed time and took him half an hour to accomplish. Furthermore, some dumb critters dare to bare their teeth on him, making him angry.

"Scram!"

Ye Jieye's tremendous aura of compulsion swept over the woodland. The weak perished on the spot, while those who survived sealed their lips and fled. These monsters have never encountered such a strong aura. Even if it was just for a second, it was enough to silence the entire woodland in horror.

Now Ye Jieye can gallop freely through the forest; it's simply that not a single cricket will make a sound in his presence. Everyone wanted to shun and fear him as if he were the God of Hell.

The aging mayor and a few other middle-aged men gathered at the gates of Numen Town. When hunting, Ye Jieye took far too long. Normally, he would return before the sun set, but this evening had long passed, and the young guy had yet to return.

Old Mayor Mu stood at the gates, his face solemnly fixed on the forest. The middle-aged men behind him were also town residents. They number at least five. Mr. Butcher, Tofu Seller, and Fish Seller were two old guys who loved to play chess every morning under the willow tree in the middle of town. These ancient males had a positive relationship with the original and his pups.

There are more old men and old ladies in Numen Town than children or young men Ye Jieye's age. Most old men, old ladies, uncles, and aunts appreciate Ye Jieye's cubs because they are kind and adorable.

The tofu vendor, whose soy milk had become Ye Jingxia and Hei Anxia's main drink, was the closest to the family and couldn't help but be concerned.

He said, "Gramps, let's go already. I don't want Jingjing and Little Xia to be orphaned."

"Boss, I think he is correct. Let's go and save Xiao Ye as soon as possible," the butcher said as he held a huge butcher knife in his hand. He might look fat and round, but his fierce and serious expression makes one think otherwise. The others also spoke out.

Old Mayor Mu regarded the Death Forest with a dismal gaze. He had felt the compulsion Ye Jieye had spread before, but he had stopped it before it reached the town. Ye Jieye had not expected the town's elderly men and uncles to converge for his sake.

"Let me get my sword."

Who would have guessed that just as he was going to turn around, he heard the sound of something rolling? Everyone turned to see Ye Jieye hauling a handcrafted wooden cart. The wooden tires would occasionally become caught owing to uneven pebbles on the route, generating loud noises.

The trolley was brimming with items. There's a dead Sheep Pig, a couple baskets of assorted fruits, and Ye Jieye's bag and cooler from before he went.

Ye Jieye was looking at the evening sky while mumbling, "Oh~ I'm late. My cubs haven't eaten dinner yet. I need to hurry."

Ye Jieye was astonished to find a group of men staring at him with diverse emotions at the gates. The old man had a helpless expression. The tofu vendor was enraged, but the butcher and others chuckled. Of course, he recognizes them since he remembers the original.

"Eh? Old man, Uncle Cai (Tofu Seller), everyone, why are you here?" Ye Jieye asked, a bit bewildered.

Sigh~

"This child..."

Uncle Cai, the tofu seller, was pissed and took huge and heavy strides towards him. He hit him on the back of his head and said, "Can't you come back early next time? We thought something happened to you! What will your children do if you're gone!?"

"U-Uncle Cai, sorry, I got lost," When his skull was struck, Ye Jieye did not become enraged. He remembered the uncle in front of him as one of the few individuals in town who assisted the original and his cubs when they had nothing on them. When his children were still weaning for milk, and this tofu vendor gave free soy milk for his cubs.

The Mayor said, "Caitou, let the boy enter the gates first before scolding him more."

Hmp!

The Tofu Seller helped Ye Jieye push his wooden cart and was actually surprised to see the contents of it. Most of the fruits in the basket were rare-grade fruits. Those fruits were rare in the capital, but on borders like this, it's not only scarce but extremely expensive.

Uncle Cai, the tofu seller's thoughts, 'Rare-grade fruits and there is even a Longevity Peach (Heavenly Peach). Just where did this brat go.'

Ye Jieye noticed Uncle Cai's eyes on the peaches and knew that his family loved them as well. He grabbed a small basket in the cart, filled it with various fruits, and passed it to him.

"Uncle Cai, bring this home with you for Aunt and Brother's children," Ye Jieye said with a smile. Though it was different from his natural smile as the soul was replaced, the gratitude within those black eyes was evident.

The Tofu Seller was taken aback when he noticed the little basket stocked with rare products, including three Heavenly Peaches. Everyone else in the room was astounded as well. Even at their age, they would identify the Heavenly Peaches capable of extending life. This is an ingredient of legendary quality.

Ye Jieye, of course, noted the other person's reaction and prepared them a tiny fruit basket as well. Only the elderly mayor, who was on his way to his residence for supper, did not get one. When they received such a lavish present, the others were overjoyed.

The butcher uncle named Ken pats Ye Jieye's shoulder as his fatty face jingles as he laughs, "Good boy. Leave the Sheep Pig to Uncle Ken. I will help butcher it for you and send someone to bring it tomorrow." He left the group with a small fruit basket on his left hand and a huge sheep pig on his right shoulder.

The other old men were similarly overjoyed, albeit they only accepted the peaches because the other fruits were useless to them. Furthermore, they saw a few baskets of scorching grapes and lava apples which Little Anxia needed the most and suppressed her physique.

"Boy, no need to give us some grapes and apples. These other fruits are enough."

"Thanks right! The baby girl in your family needs it the most, don't give any of the grapes and apples," Uncle Cai said.

The old Mayor said, "Okay, you guys. Go home and return to your family. Disperse now."

"Mayor, aren't you going home too?"

"No, I promise to eat dinner with Xiao Ye's cubs. I'm going to his house." The Old Mayor said with a grin.

Everyone was envious of the old man's invitation to lunch with the Ye. Ye Jieye's little restaurant is the only one in town that sells rare-grade ingredients as regular meals. Furthermore, this proprietor was too sluggish to cook and only cooked after preparing meals for his children. His status as a cook is also great. Who wouldn't want to consume cuisine prepared by such a talented chef?

The Old Mayor waves his hands at the others and says, "Go home now. Go. go. The restaurant will be open tomorrow anyway, just arrive on time so you can eat Xiao Ye's cooking as well."

They all departed to return home since they had no other option. Since Ye Jieye has returned home, they no longer need to enter the Death Forest in the twilight, which is the most perilous time. Ye Jieye pushed the wooden cart, which had an elderly guy smoking on its back.

On their way back, the old mayor and Ye Jieye had a small conversation.

White smoke was flying up from the tobacco in the old mayor's hand who suddenly asked, "You've met the old turtle?"

"Is it your pet, Old Man?" Ye Jieye asked as he thought that he couldn't capture the turtle if it was owned by the old man.

The Old Mayor suddenly said, "I will give you the Death Forest. It's yours starting today."

Ye Jieye didn't show a startled expression but he paused his words. When he first met the Old Mayor at dawn, he noticed that this old man with thick white hair was an expert. He might not be a God but at least someone at peak strength in this world.

"It's mine in name only. Everyone in the town can continue hunting there as they wish. As for strangers, please handle it yourself, Gramps," Ye Jieye said.

The old mayor suddenly started laughing as he heard how Ye Jieye changed the way he called the old man. It seems that the original Ye Jieye had a blood relationship with this old man who pretends to be a mayor.

Mayor Mu said, "Hahaha~ I want to eat some Stewed Chicken."

"Tsk! I'll make it for you." Ye Jieye said as he saw the old man eyeing his Snow Vermillion Pheasant.

The two entered the modest eatery and were greeted by the two cubs who were excitedly awaiting the return of their father. The old mayor liked children and joyfully played with them while their father was making dinner. Zhi Yue and Zhi Yang, on the other hand, reverted to their avatar form, which is only visible to the Ye Family.

Chapter 1173: First Grey Star - Protagonist Gong, Lu Ming.

At the East Gate, Border Town called Somatic

Ji Yoonjun was standing next to the unconscious man, Lu Ming, in the small cafe where the world's story began. He was squatting and poking the man's arms, cheeks, and other body parts with a casual expression, and as a world traveler, he could not understand why he had ended up taking over the protagonist shou's vessel.

However, the plot revealed that this body was the cannon fodder shou who would be replaced by his own friend, Su Jin.

Furthermore, for some reason, the difficulty of this world has increased. Su Jin was unexpectedly reborn and also knew about the plot of the world as he had experienced it in his previous life.

In the original plot, after he, Su Jin, successfully took over the position of Ji Yoonjun, he suffered greatly when Lu Ming discovered that he was not the one who cooked that fried rice that his body could accept.

Unfortunately for Lu Ming, he ended up having a love-hate relationship with Ji Yoonjun after learning the truth. At least the kind Lu Ming did not kick him out after learning the truth. This scumbag was still

attracted to Su Jin's delicate appearance. Compared to Ji Yoonjun's cold and prickly demeanor, he is more amiable to be with. But in the end, this scum who is sick with anorexia

In his previous life, he trained and worked hard for years just to replicate Ji Yoonjun's cooking; it took him too long, but he succeeded in the end. Unfortunately, the scumbag still chooses Ji Yoonjun in the end, and he died alone after his reputation was destroyed for recipe plagiarism.

Poke. Poke. Poke.

Ji Yoonjun, or at least his current vessel's name, is currently prodding the protagonist gong with such an entertained yet scornful glare within those green eyes, having received his first, and only, duty in this universe.

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A few hours ago...

After the World Hopper, Kyle Reen, woke up in Ji Yoonjun's body. The system sound rings in his head as soon as he wakes up as Ji Yoonjun.

[Ding! Congratulations for successfully entering an E-Class World, World Hopper no.192837465... A special Mission is given by the Lord God.]

["Serve and Support the God of Void in this world."]

[Completion of the special mission is 10 Million Points.]

World Hopper Kyle Reen spoke, "A special mission? Is it something from the Lord God? Moreover it involves the God of Void, do you want me to die?!"

[The God of Void, Sovereign Ruler Ye wouldn't harm Sovereign Ruler Shen's people. Unless you did something unforgivable then this system would try my best to protect the host.]

"What would happen if I disagree?" Kyle Reen asked interestedly.

[The host would be erased.]

"WHAT!?" exclaimed World Hopper Kyle Reen.

[The existence of the God of Void in this planet is a top secret. That Venerable Lord had too many enemies after all. To prevent his location from being spread all hosts the rejected this mission had been scraped. They entered reincarnation so you wouldn't truly die but their cultivation was removed and can only begin as human or whatever race they are in their real world.]

[How about it? Are you interested now?]

Kyle Reen gritted his teeth and said, "It's not like I have a choice. I will accept the special mission."

[Upon acceptance of the mission the plot's restrictions on you had disappeared. As long as you didn't intentionally kill the other aborigines in this world you can do anything you want.]

"Really!? This is the first time I don't have any plot to keep. This is amazing~" Kyle Reen said.

In the middle of the night, he heard someone hammering on his door. He thought it was an alcoholic who mistook his business for a pub, and when Lu Ming came over to this café seeking assistance, Kyle Reen also misunderstood him for a drunkard.

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Back to the current timeline...

Ji Yoonjun keeps on poking Lu Ming's face with a disdainful look on his delicate face. His dislike for the scum... I mean protagonist gong can be seen just by his expression alone.

He mumbles, "Is this thing still alive?"

Poke. poke. Poke.

Su Jin, who had just successfully reborn, noticed the situation and was taken aback by Ji Yoonjun's casual attitude toward the injured Lu Ming on the ground, who was ready to die from blood loss.

Su Jin shouted, "AH! Yoonjun, you killed someone!? I told you before just ignore the drunkards at night."

Ji Yoonjun's thoughts, 'Wow~ is he acting? He acted as if he didn't recognize his beloved.'

"N-Nonsense! He fell on his own! What are you talking about, A'Jin? I didn't do it. This man keep knocking on the door and I thought it was a thief when I opened the door he fell." Ji Yoonjun said as he avoided his fake friend's eyes as if he is guilty.

Su Jin said, "You avoided him fainting and he fell on the ground?"

"He surprised me so... Hehe~ Su Jin, you carry him to the clinic next door. Old man should be awake and it's time for you to cook breakfast, okay?" Ji Yoonjun said.

Su Jin carried the unconscious Lu Ming on his back and replied to Ji Yoonjun, "Okay, leave the breakfast to me! Wait for me, okay!"

Ji Yoonjun went in while yawning, obviously preparing to take a nap on the sofa, "Yawns~ wake me up for breakfast."

Su Jin asked the old man next door to treat Lu Ming and told him that he would come back to check on the patient after cooking breakfast.

The old doctor said, "This man must be a gourmet hunter. The wounds on his body are caused by beast claws and nails. Don't worry, I stabilized his condition. He might wake up later as soon as his blood is replenished."

"Then I will come back later to check on him," Su Jin said.

The old doctor asked, "Xiao Jin, ah. If your cafe is open, give this old man a bowl of egg porridge for breakfast."

"Okay, leave it to me. I will deliver it as soon as it's done," Su Jin said as he returned to the cafe across the street.

The moment Su Jin left, the friendly appearance of the old doctor disappeared, and he looked at the young hunter, who was pretending to be asleep all this time with an unfriendly expression on his face.

"Young man, I don't know what your plans are. But the two young men in that cafe are orphans, and they have been living quite nicely recently thanks to the cafe. If you are here to do not so likable things, listen to this old man and return to where the Lu Clan is," the old doctor said. It seems his identity isn't as ordinary as he pretends.

Lu Ming, who was supposed to be asleep on the bed in the clinic, suddenly woke up. "I'm not here for trouble, old man. I just heard that the food here is delicious. I'm supposed to come after hunting, but something bad happened in the Tornado Mountain Ranges."

"Something happened in the mountain ranges."

"The Hibernating Hill Lambs are going berserk for some reason. I don't know what happened but maybe there are new legendary-grade ingredients that grew in there." Lu Ming said as he removed the IV on the back of his hand after he completed blood transfusion.

A serious expression appeared on the old doctor's face, "If it's just a legendary ingredient then it can be handled. As long as it is not a beast wave."

Growls~ This is the sound of Lu Ming's stomach asking for food.

Lu Ming said, "Gramps, I'm hungry! My space ring is lost. Give me anything not cooked."

Tsk!

This old doctor used to be a private doctor for the Lu Clan. He retired after his apprentice had grown enough to take his place. He made this clinic to pass his retirement in peace and live in this small village. Of course, he knows about this brat's illness.

Anorexia is an eating disorder that causes people to weigh less than is considered healthy for their age and height, usually through excessive weight loss. People with this disorder may have an intense fear of weight gain, even when they are underweight. They may diet or exercise too much or use other ways to lose weight.

He threw some edible herbs at Lu Ming, who munched on them like a goat nibbling on hay; it tasted bitter but satisfied his appetite. The old doctor glanced at this patient, who did not want to cure himself.

"Brat, you should eat properly. Why are you so afraid of getting fat? As a hunter, you only need to move around to lose it," the old man said.

Lu Ming said, "It's not my problem if my nose would pick up the scent of food and make me puke. At least I can still bear it and eat fruits and vegetables like this. I won't harm a chef as I can't blame them for their lack of talent. On the other hand, that person from the Mo wouldn't even eat it as long as it doesn't match his taste.

He would also punish those silly chefs for making him something akin to dirt for his tongue. I wonder how he still looks healthy after that kind of eating habits."

"You are not good yourself. At least that man found a chef whose food he can eat, but you, on the other hand, are about to become a full-fledged vegetarian for eating nothing but fruits and vegetables," the old doctor said.

After a while, a knock was heard outside the clinic, and the doctor glanced at Lu Ming, who pretended to be asleep once more as the doctor went to the entrance and welcomed Su Jin, who was delivering breakfast. Su Jin was carrying a huge pot filled with egg porridge, with tea eggs and pickled vegetables as side dishes for the old man, as well as another bowl with shrimp fried rice.

The old doctor said, "Um? You gave too much; this old man can't eat this much."

"It's okay, doctor. I don't know when the patient would wake up. Just give it to him when he opens his eyes. I'm in charge of breakfast today and made a lot so it's okay. I'm going back now. It's time to open the cafe," Su Jin ran back after stealing a glance at Lu Ming on the bed

The old doctor observed such a sneak glance and understood that Su Jin had fallen for that useless child, Lu Ming. The thought of his cabbages being taken by a pig flooded his old heart, and he even kicked the bed in rage.

Bang!

"Wake up and try eating this. Xiao Jin made it with you in mind. Tsk! What the hell did he like about this useless thing!? Get up!" The old doctor said.

Lu Ming scratched his blonde hair as he looked at the unreasonable old man in front of him. He couldn't blame himself for being handsome, right? He was actually used to this kind of situation, where he would receive a gift wherever he went.

"You can't blame me one-sidedly, old man. I won't eat. I can't eat it any... way?"

The scent of golden rice grains boiled with an egg of the White Vermillion Pheasant assaulted Lu Ming's nose, as did the scent of fried rice with the same ingredients; the difference is that the fried rice has a

bit of sour plum and vegetables mixed in it, whereas the porridge had this plum and pickled vegetables as side dishes.

After smelling the scent of both the fried rice and the porridge, the old man was already drooling; the fried rice also appears to be wonderful, and he is willing to eat it because the brat is not going to eat anyhow.

"Good. Since you aren't going to eat everything is mine~ Hoho~ the fried rice of Xiao Jin is soft and delicious while Xiao Jun's porridge really warms the stomach. Both their cooking had upgraded. hmm~"

The old man said this as he served himself a small bowl of porridge and a bowl of fried rice. He cannot eat much as an old man, and the servings were enough to feed a group of five. The old man was savoring his bowl of porridge when he noticed the picky brat scooping a small cup of fried rice into his bowl.

Growls. Growls.

The old man whispered, "Just try a scoop. If it's something you can't eat, you can still bear a single scoop, right?"

As if convinced by the old man, Lu Ming looked at the golden fried rice that was enticing his appetite to eat, but his hand was still trembling as he tried to eat it. Lu Ming decided to taste a single scoop. If he truly couldn't eat it, he wouldn't try again.

"It's do or die."

"What the hell are you cursing for!?" The old man commented.

But who would have guessed that as soon as the fried rice touched his tongue, he felt each golden grain dissolve like cotton candy, and different flavors invaded his throat, and he could not stop scooping for more.

"It's delicious~"

Chapter 1174: First Grey Star - Police Officer, I want to report a marriage scam.

Lu Ming nearly swallowed his tongue as he ate, finishing the enormous serving of golden fried rice by himself. The rice was soft as if he were munching on clouds. The White Vermillion Pheasant egg added a surge of flavors, and the rice had the vitality of green onion strings, blue carrot, and moody plum.

The old doctor was astounded to see that Lu Ming was eating like a starving pig and was even burying his head in the big bowl. This was the first time he had ever eaten so madly, and the old doctor could not help but feel glad for him.

"Lu Ming, this is great. It seems that Xiao Jin's cooking fits you well. How about trying my egg porridge as well?" the old doctor offered.

But unexpectedly Lu Ming shook his head after smelling the porridge. He said, "I can't eat it. It has roasted peanuts. I'm allergic to peanuts."

"Ah, right. You can smell even that. The peanuts in this porridge had been grounded, though," said the old doctor. "But you actually have allergies to many things, adding to the fact that you can barely stomach anything. Being allergic to peanuts, seaweed, mushrooms, pumpkin, shrimp, and crabs. Hah~ poor you."

"Old man... give me that small bowl of fried rice," Lu Ming said.

"You can go to the cafe and ask those two children to cook you more things. Try to eat as much as your body needs. Your body needs to heal naturally."

Since this was the first time he had witnessed the child consume so much fried rice, the old guy passed it without hesitation, reasoning that as long as the child ended up throwing up afterward, it was okay to overindulge.

At the cafe across from it, Su Jin is happy to see Lu Ming enjoying his fried rice. Su Jin knew that Lu Ming had already woken up and was just pretending to sleep like in his memories, so he shared a bowl of his fried rice, which was cooked to Lu Ming's preference. Su Jin felt as though heaven was guiding him as he finished such a large bowl.

Seeing what Su Jin had done, Ji Yoonjun remained silent. In the original story, Ji Yoonjun was the one who had prepared and sent that golden fried rice bowl; now that Su Jin had taken over, the protagonist's storyline had been given to him, and he was reduced to a mere bystander. He patted Su Jin's shoulder and said,

"What are you looking at? Don't tell me you fell in love with sight with that trespasser from before?"

Su Jin was shocked to learn that Ji Yoonjun had referred to Lu Ming as a trespasser; after all, Ji Yoonjun was the one who had previously fallen in love; yet, Su Jin was perplexed by the impression that Ji Yoonjun was uninterested in Lu Ming's company.

Su Jin asked, "A'Jin what do you think of that man?"

"Isn't he a drunkard? No, he is covered in blood. Don't tell me you're a gangster?! Fudge! I need to call the police." Ji Yoonjun said as his face turned pale in fright and immediately ran towards the telephone.

Who would have expected to hear such an interesting conversation between the two chefs of the cafe? Like Su Jin, they were left dumbfounded when Lu Ming and the old man came over to buy another big bowl of fried rice for Lu Ming and returned the empty bowls.

"Xiao Jun calm down. This boy is not a bad person."

What a shame it would be to send Lu Ming to jail for being mistaken for a gangster who trespassed the cafe covered in blood—it was the old man who stopped Ji Yoonjun from calling the police. But who would have thought that as soon as he finished speaking, Lu Ming, who recognized Su Jin, suddenly approached the man and grabbed his hand while looking at him with glowing eyes.

"Xiao Jin! Marry me!"

This time, all three of them were stunned, with the exception of Lu Ming, and whether by coincidence or not, the police call connected this time.

[Hello! This is Somatic Police Station. What is your report?]

Ji Yoonjun moved in accordance with his instincts and replied, "I would like to report a marriage fraud."

The other three men were astounded, and within minutes Lu Ming was being led by men in uniform to the police station. The elderly doctor was left feeling helpless and humiliated, especially since Lu Ming had even begged for Su Jin's fried rice before being taken away. To make matters worse, Lu Ming was being led away by the police while they were carrying a large bowl of fried rice.

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At Somatic Police Station...

Lu Ming is eating a huge bowl of fried rice in the interrogation room, with the station police captain of this police branch standing in front of him. Almost everyone in the station wanted to kneel when Lu Ming turned in his personal gourmet hunter ID. This is Gourmet Hunter Lu Ming, one of the best hunters on the planet.

Ji Yoonjun placed the cafe surveillance tape on the tabletop laptop, and when they saw Lu Ming pressuring Su Jin, a young man, into an impulsive marriage, they would have assumed—if not for his noble status as a Gourmet Hunter—that he was a marriage scammer.

The Police Leader reluctantly calls, "Sir Lu Ming should we..."

Munch. munches. Chews~

Lu Ming glanced at the police leader and said, "Wait for me to finish eating."

"Yes, sir!" The police leader saluted as he was crying inside as he felt how unreasonable this little lord is.

The police leader had to watch Lu Ming devour a massive bowl of fried rice in front of him. The middle-aged uncle police leader was assaulted by the aroma of elite golden rice grains, white vermillion pheasant eggs, and many other elite and rare Ingredients. He recognized the panda crest on the bowl and knew that it was a cafe dish.

"This panda crest. Sir Lu Ming, is that fried rice from the Panda Cafe? No wonder it smells delicious. Did Xiao Jun make it?"

"Xiao Jun? No. Su Jin made it. There are two chefs in the cafe. Why do you only mention Xiao Jun?" Lu Ming asked.

The police leader said, "Of course, between Xiao Jun and Xiao Jin, the former is more talented. I'm not saying that he is better than Xiao Jin, it's just that what they are good at cooking is different. Xiao Jun is good with all kinds of meals except sweets. Xiao Jin is good at making pastries and sweets."

"Hm~ is that so? I would like you to do something. It's about the Tornado Mountain Ranges. Sent your people at the gates to watch all changes on it. I can't tell you what is happening in detail, but just in case a beast wave happens get people to prepare. Something unexpected was born in the mountain range.

It might be a new ingredient or something else," Lu Ming explained.

The chief of police appeared shocked and then serious. Their town is too tiny, so if word spreads about the new ingredient, a large number of Gourmet Hunters would assemble. There are good and bad hunters, and both the police and residents are wary of the former. The majority of hunters are rather formidable.

Lu Ming said, "Don't worry. I will be staying in this town for a while. If there are bad hunters coming over tell me I will handle them."

"I will leave it to you then. Sir may leave as you fit. I will return to my duties now," said the police leader before he took his leave.

Lu Ming enjoyed his huge bowl of fried rice in the police station. Meanwhile, Ji Yoonjun had his head lowered as the old doctor and his friend reprimanded him.

"Child, I know you are afraid of strangers but that boy is truly not a bad person. He is a good one among the Gourmet Hunters. He must have mistaken the cafe for the clinic." The old doctor said.

Su Jin said, "I also don't think he is bad... person," his face turned pinkish as he saw the teasing smile of the old man and his friend before him.

Ji Yoonjun whispered through intentionally letting Su Jin hear, "That man is indeed handsome though not my type but to think he would steal Xiao Jin's heart like this. What should we do?"

"Hoho~ Xiao Jun, for situations like this it is better to give them more time together," whispered back the old man.

Ji Yoonjun, as if he had made a decision, said, "Xiao Jin, I will handle the cafe today. How about you fetch that scum, I mean that good hunter and show him around. You can't go back until you learn his name."

"No. I can't let you work alone," Su Jin said.

Ji Yoonjun said, "It's fine. If I get tired I will just close it after half a day."

"This lazy kid..."

"..."

The old man and Ji Yoonjun silently observed him, behaving like a good melon eater, and Su Jin decided to go back to his room and make some preparations for when he fetched Lu Ming in the police station. The two felt helpless at his words. No one can stop this guy if he truly wants to close the cafe when he is tired. It is not like it has not happened before.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Don't tell me he truly fell in love with that fraud."

"Maybe... Boy, that kid might be useless most of the time, a picky eater but he is a good child," said the old doctor.

At this, Ji Yoonjun shrugged his eyes, clearly uninterested in the way the elderly doctor had presented Lu Ming, treating him like a blind date.

"Yea. Yea. Whatever, I'm going to make coffee and tea. Do you want a cup?" Ji Yoonjun said.

The old doctor said, "Give me a cup of that Puer Tea leaves you gave this old man before."

"Gramps, those aren't cheap. You're going to pay for it this time." Ji Yoonjun said.

The old man said, "Pay. Pay. Let Lu Ming pay for this old man's tab."

"Okay. I will make him pay all your tabs. Wait here a bit." He left for the kitchen to make the drinks.

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On the other hand, at the police station...

Su Jin arrived for Lu Ming as well, having just finished a cup of coffee and a cream pan that the station cops had ordered. The police were already accustomed to Su Jin making deliveries on his bike because they knew how indolent the café owner was.

"Jinjin, you are finally here. Jiejie is about to fall asleep. Give me a cup of black coffee~"

"Sister Kea, you should at least take a nap," Su Jin said.

"Can't. Too much work," said the police officer, Lady Kea, who drank her coffee as if it was soup. That's an espresso made from an elite ranked komodo coffee bean.

"Xiao Jin, throw brother a piece of bread. I'm so starving I can't move."

"Me too."

"..."

The police leader who had ordered the snack emerged at that very time to pay, and beside him stood Lu Ming, carrying the large dish that was now empty because he had finished eating everything.

The police leader uncle smiled at Su Jin as he paid for the delivery, "It's Xiao Jin. Are you here to fetch this brother back?"

"Yes. No. I ... came to deliver..." Su Jin said as he felt even more embarrassed seeing the knowing gaze of the big sisters, big brothers, and even uncles in the police station.

After working as police officers for so long, it is impossible that they could have missed the way Su Jin's eyes lit up when they saw Lu Ming. The latter appears to be intriguing to Su Jin as well; the former is simply too naive.

Even the Police Leader smiled at this scene, "Oh~ so it's like that. Youth~ ah!"

Lu Ming can only drag the bashful little one away as he sees him blushing. Su Jin lowered his head to cover his reddening face, but his ears exposed him. He looked like he wanted to bury his head in his chest.

"You're here to pick me up, right? Let's go back." Lu Ming said.

Whistles and taunting voices can be heard from behind them as they are leaving. Su Jin's steps quickened in response to the sounds, hoping to get away, but Lu Ming grabbed his hand and pulled it back to where the man was standing, blushing again and entertaining Lu Ming.

Chapter 1175: First Grey Star - Meeting again

While the main characters were playing out their own stories in the town of Somatic, there is another part of the story that is not included in this world's plot in the town of Numen. In Ye Jieye's little restaurant, two visitors—the two wardens who accompanied him to this world, Lu Shang and Leica—came to report to him.

In the kitchen, Ye Jieye is busy preparing some enormous pots of braised sheep pig, a large rice cooker, and another pot of tea eggs as a side dish. Ye Shang is reporting about the events that happen to the Lu Clan and the protagonists at the table counter. Leica was watching his young master and princess with the two systems in the play area for the child in the corner of the store.

Lu Shang said, "Reporting to the Lord God, Lu Ming the youngest master of the Lu Clan had followed through the plot and appeared in the neighboring town, Somatic. He and the other characters had met but for some reason the one who took the route of the protagonist shou wasn't Ji Yoonjun but instead the villain, Su Jin."

"How about Mo Xuejing? How is he doing?" Ye Jieye asked.

Lu Shang answered, "As for Lord Mo, he stopped attending the chef assessments made by his clan as he started treating all of their dishes worse than trash. He almost killed all the chefs the last time he attended. It seems that after eating Master's food, he can no longer tolerate other people's food."

"That means he will be coming over here soon. You guys will start contacting me through your systems in the future. Also has Yun Ming found information about the Hellish Strawberry?" Ye Jieye asked.

Lu Shang said, "We haven't found any information about the Hellish Strawberry yet. But it seems something happened in the Tornado Mountain Range. They said that maybe a new ingredient or a God-grade ingredient was newly born in that place."

"Hellish Strawberries grow in places with low temperatures. The lower it is, the more possibility that it exists. That one in the Tornado Mountain Ranges must not be it but... I will think about whether to go there or not." Ye Jieye said.

Ding! Ling~

When Lu Shang turned around, he saw the old mayor of Numen Town, but based on his recollections of his vessel, he recognized this man as a senior in a prominent position, so he rose up and bent his head. The sounds of the bells at the door were ringing as someone entered the restaurant.

Lu Shang said, "Lu Shang of the Lu Clan greets Senior Mu."

"You're the third brat's eldest son ha? What are you doing here? Xiao Ye is not going to return to the Lu Clan anymore!" Old Mayor Mu exclaimed as he sat at the table beside the chair where Lu Shang was seated just now.

Not only is this man a member of Ye Jieye's family, but even the Lord God approves of him, so Lu Shang can only allow himself to be reprimanded immediately. Meanwhile, Ye Jingxia and the little princess, Anxia, noticed their Grandpa's arrival and ran towards him with excited looks.

"[Grandfather] Yeye (Cheche)!!!" calls the two cubs.

They clung on the man's legs while Old Mu happily carried the two cubs on his lap.

"Aigoo~ my two pumpkins. Are you guys hungry? Let's ask your daddy to bring out snacks," said Old Mu.

For the children and guests, Ye Jieye prepared an enormous fruit plate, which is extravagant because it was made entirely of rare and legendary ingredients. The Lava apples, for example, have a red pulp full of fire elements, and under Ye Jieye's hands, it transformed into a cute red bunny. The grapes, on the other hand, turned into a cute round character that the two cubs adore.

Finally, there are some adorable puppy-shaped fruits in it for Ye Jingxia.

Baby Anxia said, "Bhunny!!"

Old Mu cheerfully feeds the two cubs with fruit; he would also eat a few in the middle. This young princess exclusively eats cutely cut fruits. For this reason, most lava apples and flaming grapes were made in a way that this little princess will like.

Ye Jieye said, "Gramps, don't make them full of fruits. They still need to eat rice."

"Oh~ right. Breakfast, what did you make today to sell?" the old mayor asked.

Ye Jieye responded, "Braised Sheep pig. Uncle Butcher delivered it this morning. There is also tea eggs, pickled vegetables and steamed potato with carrots. White rice with a bit of lemon. I will no longer use anything below rare so tell the children in the town not to overeat. Are you going to eat here?"

"Of course. I will eat here. By the way, why is this brat in the restaurant?" asked the old mayor.

Ye Jieye nonchalantly replied, "My subordinate. He watches over the Lu Clan for me. What would that old bastard do if he learned that my abilities returned?"

Snorts!

"Hmp! I'm here! Would he even dare to come here!? I will beat him up then." Old Mu said. Then this old man looked at Lu Shang and said, "You should investigate the mountain range in the neighboring town. Check what is sprouting in there or something.

I'm sure your younger brother is already there."

"I heard he went to the Tornado Mountain Ranges a few days ago. He hasn't returned yet? Not good. Boss, we're going back first." Lu Shang as he realized that since the plot had begun those who were hiding in the shadows would definitely make their move as well.

Lu Shang and Leica said goodbye to Ye Jieye and the old mayor as they were leaving. As for the gift they were delivering, the small cakes were kept in the refrigerator for after dessert when the meal was served.

Old Mu said, "I can't believe that Lu Shang is your subordinate. How did this happen?"

"He lost to me and had no other choice but to serve me. Don't worry about betrayal, he wouldn't dare do that. Gramps, bring the children to the table. We're going to eat." Ye Jieye said.

The old mayor gladly carried the children to the table, Ye Jieye trailing behind with a tray of dishes in his hands. Old Mu, who may have appeared to be an old man with white hair, was carrying Ye Jingxia and Hei Anxia in his arms. The strength of this expert, hidden beneath the surface of the world, is unmatched.

Ding~ Ling~

A second later, the doorbell rang, and they all turned to see behind the casually dressed Mo Xuejing, a beautiful silver-eyed man with long hair tied in a side braid, and the ridiculous-looking doctor with blond hair standing behind him. The group looks at the guests, and the guests look at the people inside the restaurant.

Doctor Guang scratched his cheek and said in an awkward manner, "H-Hello?"

Prior to him speaking, the aroma of braised sheep pig filled his nostrils. It was a combination of the 5th class rare-grade Moon Anise scent, the 1st class rare-grade Clear Mountain Water, and the long stewed meat of a rare grade sheep pig. Since he was a meat eater, this scent was three times more alluring than the previous breakfast.

GROWLLSS~

There is even a hint of saliva in the corner of this doctor's mouth. Next to him, Mo Xuejing, who was silently studying the dishes, could not help but savor a discreet sniff of the enticing scent. Ye Jingxia and

Anxia, who noticed Mo Xuejing, cheerfully leaped from their chairs, one of them running and the other crawling even faster than a turtle heading for the sea.

"Uncle (Dhada)!!!" The cubs were excited to see Mo Xuejing.

The normally cold demeanor of a young man now had his argent orbs filled with gentleness as he looked at Ye Jingxia and Anxia.

"Um. I came." Mo Xuejing said to the two cubs who came running to welcome him.

Doctor Guang pointed to himself, "I'm here too you know~"

"Ah~ it's the bad uncle!" Ye Jingxia said meanwhile Anxia is grabbing the Doctor's cheek and pulling it without hesitation.

"Ow. Ow. Ow. Sweetie~ it hurts. Let go of uncle's cheeks..."

The little princess, Anxia, didn't remove her small yet strong hands as she giggled so delightfully.

Kyaa~ hahaha~

Even as Ye Jingxia was assisting his sister, he began tugging at the evil uncle's golden hair, which he found quite irritating because he liked shiny objects. Not far from them, Old Mu appeared startled to see Mo Xuejing; it appeared that he recognized him, and not only that, he also cast a sidelong glance at Ye Jieye, who pretended not to see him look at him.

Old Mu asked, "You know these two?"

"Hm. When Xiao Jing and Xiao Xia got lost in the hotel, it was him who found them and looked after the cubs until I found them. The cubs likes him a lot." Ye Jieye said as he placed the tray on the table. After serving it, he went to Mo Xuejing and Guang. He only took Anxia and left Ye Jingxia to Mo Xuejing.

Ye Jieye said, "You came."

Unable to comprehend why he would always think of this man after they parted in the hotel, Mo Xuejing gazed at him with a hidden yearning. His expression was expressionless thought. Ye Jieye surprised the two guests by smiling for a brief moment, but it was short-lived as it vanished right away. Doctor Guang, who had not anticipated Ye Jieye to smile, was taken aback and could only curse.

Fuck!

This curse made him receive glares from two handsome men. With a warning in Mo Xuejing's voice he said, "Don't curse in front of the children."

"S-Sorry, Boss!" Doctor Guang immediately begged for mercy.

Ye Jieye ignored the annoying doctor and said, "Let's go eat first. Talk after a meal."

The two carried the cub and went back to the dish-filled table; all while, the old mayor had been slyly peering between Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing. The two targets are unconcerned, but Doctor Guang was unable to remain silent in the face of such a scenario.

"Old man, stop staring, it's uncomfortable." Doctor Guang said.

Then, with a hint of force, the old mayor glares at Doctor Guang. It was at that moment that Guang experienced the terror of staring down on a massive creature, shivering and gasping for air, and only surviving because Ye Jingxia wanted to give the old man a tea egg.

"Ye~ye~ ahn~"

"Ah! It's delicious Xiao Jing! Give grandpa one more." The old mayor said while smiling and completely ignored Doctor Guang who almost died under his stares.

'W-What was that!? The aura of that old man... don't tell me an expert!? Damn!'

Ye Jieye noticed what the old man did but he didn't say anything Doctor Guang was the one rude anyway. As for Mo Xuejing, he kicked the shin of Guang and shook his head.

He whispered, "Apologize immediately!"

Doctor Guang is not a fool; he saw through the old man's seeming weakness to a great man with a strong past and strength; he has offended him recently and can only repent; he dropped his head appropriately and shown the utmost civility.

"I'm so sorry for my rudeness, Senior!" Doctor Guang said.

Snort!

"Don't bother this old man eating." Old Mu said as he continued to play with the cubs.

Ye Jieye said, "Go eat. You can kneel after eating."

On the other hand, Doctor Guang can only cry louder in his heart. Why did not anyone tell him that there is a scary old man in this small town? The two cubs even pitied him and gave him an egg each after hearing these words. The old man gave him another glare, obviously jealous that his little cubs are giving the food to strangers.

#### Chapter 1177: First Grey Star - Gourmet Hunter Hall

The residents of Numen notice two unusual visitors: one is a beautiful waiter at Ye's Treehouse who is being held as a slave by the old mayor for his lack of respect for the elders; the cubs of the Ye family adore him, and it appears he also resides on the second floor where the family resides; as a result, gossip in the town began to circulate that the waiter is the other father of the young cubs.

The town knew the identity of the young man, but no one refuted the rumors; they wanted Xiao Ye to have a partner who would help him in the family as well as accept the two cubs; they treated Mo Xuejing as Ye Jieye's future partner; they knew that Ye Jieye's other half was rumored to have passed away a few years ago, not long after the Ye Family was also expelled from the house; the old mayor took Ye Jieye in as his grandson and helped this family move into a new house.

In the kitchen, Mo Xuejing helps Ye Jieye remove his apron and even hangs it for him. Ye Jieye is wearing a black tracksuit, which would allow him to move without hindrance. The two cubs also see their father out, as they know he will be leaving for quite some time, like the last time their father left for a day to hunt ingredients.

On the third day after Mo Xuejing arrived in this town, after cooking the special set meal for that day, Ye Jieye left the store for Mo Xuejing to handle. Mo Xuejing agreed without a problem.

Ye Jingxia said, "Come home soon, papa."

"Bhaba, karepul!" Anxia said.

Ye Jieye hugged and gave a kiss to the little cubs while saying, "Listen to your Uncle Mo and Grandpa, okay? Papa will be back as soon as possible."

"Okay (Ohkay)!!"

After bidding farewell to the cubs, Ye Jieye looked at Mo Xuejing and said, "No need to worry much about the restaurant. You can close it when there is nothing to serve anymore. The locals will not bully you since gramps are here. As for the visitors, if they don't follow the rules of the place, feel free to dispose of them accordingly."

"Um. Leave it to me. I will also water the plants and feed the chickens in the backyard. Don't worry," Mo Xuejing said.

It was his first time living such a mundane life, but Mo Xuejing liked this kind of simple living quite a bit. He had grown accustomed to the carefree and simple life in this town, even to the taunting of the old men and aunties in the restaurant. Numen Town had treated him as one of them ever since he started living in the Ye Family's Treehouse.

Ye Jieye helped him clip a stray strand of his hair to the back of his ear, making Mo Xuejing a bit startled.

"Your hair..."

Ye Jieye tried to deny and separate himself from Mo Xuejing, but sometimes he would act in this way out of instinct. There were even times when the God of Void surprised himself. Just now, he withdrew the hand that he had just extended towards Mo Xuejing, acting as though it had not been his hand at all.

While Mo Xuejing never questioned Ye Jieye's rationale for keeping a distance from him, he does occasionally regret how he reacted to it since that makes Ye Jieye's action of putting distance between them even more evident—so evident that even outsiders can see them.

Ye Jieye said before leaving, "I'm going now."

"Um. Be careful on the way," Mo Xuejing said awkwardly

Meanwhile, the melon seed eater at the side...

Doctor Guang mumbled, "Just what is wrong with these two? They are so awkward and tense that it makes even me, who was just watching, so uncomfortable. They are interested in one another. How come the owner is indecisive?"

The old man sitting beside him who knows the current situation commented, "Don't you know that Xiao Ye had no memories of his past, including everything about his late partner?"

"For real, Senior?!" Doctor Guang exclaims.

The Old Mayor said, "I don't know the details. I'm sure you already know his strength as a soloist."

"Of course! The owner insta-killed all of the boss's bodyguards that night. They all died with one hit!" Doctor Guang said.

"On the night Xiao Ye appeared in this town, he was covered in wounds while carrying a sleeping Xiao Jing and Xiao Xia in his embrace. Even so, his aura is full of murderous intent and hatred for someone. He left his children with me that night and headed somewhere else. I asked him that day where he was going and what he was going to do.

He said, 'I want to kill one and want to save someone.' Then he left and returned with a single white flower without a core in his hand." The old man looked serious and angry as he retold a story of the past.

Mo Xuejing was quietly listening on the side while Doctor Guang was showing eagerness to hear more about Ye Jieye's past.

"What flower is it, Senior?" Doctor Guang asked.

The old man didn't reply right away and gave a glance towards Mo Xuejing, "A flower made of ice crystals, but the core is missing. I don't know what it was called. So stop asking you damn brat!" He hit Guang on the back of his head and shut the boy up.

Thoughts of Doctor Guang who was hit: 'There is no need to hit me if you don't know the answer. So unreasonable.'

Mo Xuejing thought in his heart, 'Lost Memories. Hatred and loyalty A flower made of ice crystals without a core. Just what is this old man hinting at me about?' He was about to ask about this topic when suddenly some people entered the restaurant. They seem to be customers.

Ding~ Ling~

"Owner! Three Special Sets!"

"Eh? The owner seems to not be around?"

"Brother Mo, where is the owner?"

"He left for some business. He should be back later. Three Special Sets, right?" Mo Xuejing said.

"What's for the special set today?"

"Shrimp Tempura, Golden Fried Rice, and Crab dumpling soup." Mo Xuejing answered.

The ingredients for the Golden Fried Rice are gold grains made from gold itself, an edible gold that makes each grain glow with an aureate hue; these are 2nd Class, Rare-grade ingredients; the Shrimp Tempura is made from the Jade Shrimp from where Ye Jieye caught the Gemstone Crabs; and the Crab Dumpling Soup is made from the Gemstone River Crabs.

The color of the dumplings is based on the river crab flavor.

Ruby: Spicy

Amethyst: Cinnamon

Emerald: Organic

Sapphire: Basil

Obsidian: Pepper

Diamond: Garlic

Amber: Cumin

"Give me a spicy one."

"I want a sweet version."

"Garlic for me."

Ye Jieye steamed a lot of gemstone-river crab-filled dumplings. The menu was left on the wall, so it was easy to choose. The soup is made from the broth of stewed blue seaweed, a 5th-class, rare-grade ingredient most commonly used as soup-based. Mo Xuejing filled the soup bowl of the first customer with red-colored dumplings, with the crab inside made from ruby river crab.

He chose amethyst-colored dumplings for the second customer who requested a sweet soup, while choosing white dumplings for the one who requested a garlic flavor.

After a few hours of being busy serving customers, Mo Xuejing forgot about what he was going to ask the old mayor. The restaurant was getting more and more patrons, and even Doctor Guang, who was simply there to rest, had no choice but to wear a spare apron and help his employer serve clients.

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Meanwhile, at the Gourmet Hunter Hall...

Lu Shang sent Ye Jieye to this hall after arranging for his hunting license to be renewed. Given that most Gourmet Hunters would dress in bulky clothing with camouflage features to improve reconnaissance, Ye Jieye stood out from the other hunters in the hall thanks to his black tracksuit.

So when they saw Ye Jieye walking around in the gourmet hall with a black tracksuit on, they could not help but look down on him, thinking he was another one of those gourmet hunters who got his license by using the backdoor. What they did not realize, though, was that clothes had no bearing on a powerful hunter; all they needed to kill their prey was their weapon or limbs.

This was something that some lower-class hunters, like the Clover-ranked Gourmet Hunters, had overlooked.

They started talking loudly as Ye Jieye walked past them.

"What is this another fake gourmet hunter you buy for his license card!?"

"Oi. oi. How is this fair? Can money buy anything!?"

"Listen rich bastard! Even if you use money to buy your license out in the wild you are still nothing. The only use you can use is to be a bait. Hahaha~"

He was laughing heartily at Ye Jieye, a muscular gourmet hunter with beast fur all over his body, as he attempted to poke Ye Jieye with his index finger, not realizing that the man he is poking is a dangerous man who does not see any difference between his life and the ingredients he used to cook.

When Ye Jieye saw that the man's fat, thick finger was getting close to his forehead, he immediately grabbed hold of him and broke it. In one swift motion, he even dislocated the man's entire body, causing the hunter's agonized cry to echo throughout the hunter hall.

As the man twitched on the ground, his bones dislocating one after another, Ye Jieye looked down at him apathetically, as if he were staring at a wiggling corpse beneath his feet.

Ye Jieye said, "I would have ignored you if you just spoke, but to think you dared to touch me~. Humans have 206 bones in their body, enjoy the process of dislocation for 206 times."

The Gourmet Hunter Hall fell silent at this moment, with the exception of the man's cries, which resound so vividly in the silent hall. The other two partners, who had fallen to the ground for some time and urinated in fear, are not far from the man in agony; their embarrassment and fear increased when Ye Jieye's gaze fell upon them.

Ye Jieye's expression turned cold at this scene and said as he walked away, "Boring~"

The other hunters gave Ye Jieye's back a terrified look, not believing that an expert in a tracksuit could put down a large man who was groaning in pain on the floor with a single move. Many staff members from the hall had also seen this kind of thing and had immediately reported it to their president, who was so shocked by Ye Jieye's appearance that he got up from his seat.

"Are you sure it is him!? You really saw him in the Hall!?" The president urgently asked.

"I'm sure, president. This man came here to renew his license. I haven't checked what rank his license is though."

"No need to check. I know his rank. It's a five-petalled blossom. He is a top-ranked Soloist Hunter. His other name is the King of Hell, Satan."

"Satan. That Satan who hunted 10 Legendary grade ingredients 10 years ago!?"

"It's him. I can't believe he is back. If he is interested in the unknown ingredient in the Tornado Mountain Ranges then... the outcome would be different from what others thought. Hide his existence for a while. It's better to avoid the conflict arising until it cannot be controlled anymore." The President of the Gourmet Hunter Hall declared.

## Chapter 1178: First Grey Star - Renewal of Hunter License

### Gourmet Hunter Hall's Testing Facilities

Ye Jieye saw this person's timidity and the obvious fear in the staff member's eyes after he met them. It can be said that most of the staff at the hall saw his cruelty toward that rude hunter who dared to accuse him of coming in through the backdoor. He was punished for his actions and is currently receiving treatment at the Hall's clinic.

Since Ye Jieye renewed his license as a Soloist, the Gourmet Hunter Hall needs to record his most recent status in order to get approval for the highest rank as a soloist or to change to another level. In addition, he requested to have his name changed to Ye Jieye, so it is more like a new license than a renewal.

Ye Jieye is currently standing in front of a massive machine that measures strength; it resembles a punching machine in which the force of his punch would be the measurement for his strength record.

"Sir, this is the power measurement machine. Please punch it as strong as possible, and I will take a record," the staff politely explained.

Ye Jieye looked at the brittle machine before himself and asked, "If I broke this thing I won't need to pay for it, right?"

"Broke? Ah! Yes, of course, you don't need to pay for it if you can really break it."

The staff was a little taken aback by what he said, asking themselves, 'How can Ye Jieye destroy this power machine that can even measure the strength of the Five Heavenly Guardians?'.

Ye Jieye approached it and cast a glance at the device, which, to him, seemed like a toy. "Even a fist is too much. Should I just flick it?" he mumbled which was overheard by the staff not far from them.

Flick!

BANG!!!

The staff was taken aback when Ye Jieye actually chose to use his fingers rather than his fist. He gave the machine a single flick, but all that came out was a sound, and just as they were about to tell him to do it correctly, he saw the punching machine explode, leaving a hole in the wall and dust instead of the expected debris that was supposed to fly everywhere.

The cafeteria was located on the other side of the thick wall, and the hole allowed the people in the two rooms to see each other.

"Even a finger is too much. I told you this toy is brittle."

Ye Jieye glanced at the staff member who is supposed to be recording his statistics, then looked at his finger that was covered in dust and clicked his tongue. He used a tissue to wipe the dust off the tip of his finger.

"What's the next test? Let's all do it at the same time. I need to go back soon and cook for my children," Ye Jieye said.

The staff was dumbfounded as he stared at the hole and even engaged in a staring contest with the person on the other side. After hearing Ye Jieye's explanation, he monotonously explained how the other machines worked, and as was to be expected, all of them broke.

After Ye Jieye had made the new license, which was in the shape of a five-petaled flower, the staff handed it to Ye Jieye with two hands and nearly knelt before this frightening hunter.

"Sir Ye, here is... Y-Your license card."

Ye Jieye accepted it, knowing well that a high-ranking Soloist such as himself have special access to first-hand knowledge of the ingredients he desires and whether any new ingredients have surfaced.

"Do you know anything about the rumors in the Tornado Mountain Ranges?" Ye Jieye asked.

The staff responded, "Y-Yes. It's said it's a new ingredient with a dual wind and fire elements."

"I see. Thank you. I'll go now." Ye Jieye said.

"Let me see you out, Sir!"

The employees of the hall escorted Ye Jieye as they left, and on their way out, they even happened to run into someone whom the president of the Gourmet Hunter Hall was with. This person is an elderly man with sharp eyes and somewhat fierce features; everyone who sees him avoids looking into his eyes.

Ye Jieye, who was on his way, witnessed this scene, but his apathetic eyes remained calm and indifferent even when he met that elderly man who looked at him with a meaningful gaze.

Ye Jieye arched his brows slightly and strode by the elderly guy without fear, leaving the president next to the man speechless, as though what he had been expecting had been entirely different from what had actually transpired.

The staff of the hall lowered their backs as they saw Ye Jieye.

"Please come back anytime, Sir Ye."

The Gourmet Hunter Hall president glanced at the man next to him, observing the look of clear uncertainty on his face as Ye Jieye passed by and pondered for a moment.

This old man glanced at the President of this hall and said, "Let's talk in your office."

"Y-Yes, sure. This way please, Heavenly Guardian Lu."

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Such a short instance wasn't put in mind by Ye Jieye. He went to the borders of the capital and summoned Roi. It seems that in this world, his quantum beast Roi was treated as his contract beast or a pet. There are a lot of prying eyes in the distance watching all his movements which Ye Jieye turns a blind eye to.

"Roi, come over."

A giant black dragon erupted from the torn gap in the blue sky, frightening everyone in the region save for his summoner. A tear emerged in the sky, followed by the deafening roaring of a big beast.

ROOOAAARRR~

A dragon beast is considered a mythical or God-grade ingredient regardless of whether it is edible or not, so when he summoned such a huge black dragon, everyone was stunned and terrified. Furthermore, what he had summoned was not an ordinary beast but a Hell Beast Chaotic Dragon, whose danger level is much higher than the World Devouring Mastiff everyone knows as Oreo.

Ye Jieye climbed up on the Dragon's head and flew away under everyone's eyes.

"Go back home."

ROOOAAARRR~~

The moment the dragon departed, the people in the shadows began to shake with shock, unable to believe that Satan had actually made a comeback.

This Hell Black Dragon is the most cherished companion of the King of Hell; even if hunters were unaware of his appearance, they were familiar with the notorious mount of Satan because, in the past, Satan had concealed his face behind a half-mask, making only a select few in the Hunter Society aware of his true appearance.

"It's really Satan."

"Satan is back. He is truly back!"

"We need to inform the others. We must never overlap with his Hunting Target or we won't even know how we die."

"If Satan is back, how about the Ice Devil?"

"Ice Devil? You mean Lord Winter aren't you? Now that you said it, it was said that Lord Winter and Satan used to get along and fight all the time. They also disappeared at the same time. But only Satan had come back. Don't you think Lord Winter is..."

"Sshss! Don't mention that man anymore! I heard anyone who was heard by the Mo Clan who mentioned Lord Winter was imprisoned or killed. Watch your mouth."

"Didn't they say that Lord Winter and Lord Snow are connected?"

"Isn't it because they have the same element and both from the Mo Clan? Maybe relatives..."

"Whatever... I'm more worried about the rumors in the Tornado Mountain Ranges. I wonder if it's true... That a new ingredient will be born there."

"If it's a new ingredient do you think Satan will go too?"

"If he goes, what can we still get? We might just get killed. Let's forget about it."

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Back in the Gourmet Hunter Hall,

The President's Office...

The Heavenly Guardian of the Lu Clan, Lord Lu Wangle, the biological grandfather of Lu Shang and the protagonist Gong, Lu Ming, was invited by Gourmet Hunter Hall President Xu Hudie. The Heavenly Guardian appeared to be lost in thought as President Xu served him coffee.

The first-ranked ingredient, Grim Reaper's Coffee Plant, only grows a thousand meters up a cliff somewhere in the Tornado Mountain Ranges; its location is a danger zone both on land and in the sky; to obtain it, one must wall climb a sleek mountain with a raging wind blowing constantly and a deep abyss below.

Additionally, it is a special preparation ingredient, so the only people who can capture it are Soloist Hunter, who is also a chef who understands how to prepare and preserve a special ingredient. Xu Hudie did not stop this old man from thinking, and he also enjoyed his coffee.

The president was enjoying his high-grade coffee when suddenly the old man in front of him started talking.

Heavenly Guardian, Lu Wangle said, "I don't know how that brat's ability returned. Moreover, it is a lot stronger than before."

"Even the Heavenly Guardian doesn't know?" said President Xu Hudie.

Since Hudie is one of Heavenly Guardian Mu's apprentices, he is genuinely opposed to this Heavenly Guardian Lu, who harbors animosity toward his master. However, Hudie is required to be tolerant of his adversaries as President of the Gourmet Hunter Hall, so he can only express his disapproval with a small amount of sarcasm.

The elderly man appears accustomed to this, taking no offense at the young man's sarcastic demeanor because he is, after all, Mu Zang's student.

Lu Wangle said, "That brat's memories haven't returned yet. But his abilities and power had been unsealed, I don't know what Mu Zang had done but that brat wouldn't remember his past for now. But things wouldn't be simple if the Mo Clan learned about it."

"So what if they know? Xiao Ye and his children live in Numen Town. Unless they wanted to confront the master themselves then it's impossible to move him." Xu Hudie said.

The old man frowned for a bit and said, "What about if he is outside Numen?"

"There is no problem about that as well. Senior should see this..."

Just today, President Xue Hudie broke Ye Jieye's testing record in strength, speed, and elemental; all three were unheard of, leaving Lu Wangle speechless.

"Are all of these true!?" The Old Heavenly Guardian Lu exclaimed in disbelief. This is a record even beyond the ones a Heavenly Guardian had left behind. In short, the current Ye Jieye has a power that is equal to or beyond what a Heavenly Guardian can have.

"Those are freshly recorded. He came here to renew his license with his new name." President Xu Hudie said. He was speechless when he first saw it; it was so unbelievable that he had to watch the recording of the whole test itself. What he had witnessed left him astonished.

Heavenly Guardian Lu Wangle asked, "What is his name now?"

"Ye Jieye," President Xu Hudie answered.

"Ye Clan. He chose to follow his mother's name ka..."

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Meanwhile at the Somatic Town...

Su Jin and Lu Ming left the police station without going straight back to the cafe, preferring to spend their time strolling around the marketplace. Since Su Jin was reborn, everything that appeared before him felt both unique and surreal, like a dream he had forgotten and then dreamed about again.

Before his predetermined death in his previous life, he realized that everything that happened to him was the karma of those evil things he did in the past and that he was being hunted in the future. He also noticed that Ji Yoonjun did not fall in love with Lu Ming, at first sight, this time, which must be because of those drunkards that did not exist in that timeline but existed in this life.

Nevertheless, he chooses to give everything he has to Lu Ming but has no intention of hurting his friend, Ji Yoonjun.

The young man looked sad and nostalgic to Lu Ming, who was watching Su Jin next to him. He could not understand why a young man would have eyes that looked as though they had been abandoned by the world once. Lu Ming wanted to ask but decided against it because their relationship was not deep enough for him to ask this young man's secret in passing.

However, Su Jin's melancholic expression gave him a mysterious feeling that attracted him more, so he decided to take his time.

"The sun is about to set. Shall we go back to the cafe?" Lu Ming asked with a gentle smile.

This smile on a handsome man made Su Jin blush and shyly said, "Y-Yes, let's go back."

Chapter 1179: First Grey Star - Back to the restaurant

The Town of Numen

Ye Jieye arrived back in the town at midday, asking Roi to drop him off on the edge of the Death Forest. He walked back to the town gates, and just as he was about to arrive to his restaurant, he heard a quarrel or brawl coming from there.

"Beautiful guy, I'm telling you to sell this rare-grade fruit a bit cheaper. Who the hell will buy it at such an expensive price!?"

"That's right. This fruit is not even fresh. Who the hell will buy it? Look, there is a huge bruise!"

"Profiteer! You are selling something of low quality at such an expensive price!!"

Doctor Guang's shouting can be heard even outside the restaurant. "Bastard! That is not something from this store! We aren't selling that kind of fruit. Are you retarded!?"

"What the hell did you say, brat!?"

The thin and dry Lava Apple in the hand of the cause of chaos is obviously not something from the fruit stall and obviously not someone from this town. Nearly all locals and regulars in this treehouse restaurant knew that the food stall outside was not something anyone could steal.

The moment one tried to get fruit without paying, the treehouse itself would make a move and punish anyone who went against the command of its owner.

Some residents observing the fun cried out that it is true that the restaurant is not selling any Fiery Grapes or Lava Apples since those were all saved to be devoured by the small princess, Anxia.

"That's right! The fruit stall doesn't sell apples or grapes. Just where the hell did you get that rotten apple!"

"Just admit it! You guys are here to make a scene!"

"That's right. That's right!"

The disturbances in the restaurant infuriated this group of miscreants, who then resorted to violence, dragging a massive hammer and smashing the empty table at the side—who would have thought that it would move aside before the hammer struck it?—as well as the tables and chairs inside the treehouse, which the Living Treehouse could control whenever it pleased.

Whang? Thud!!!

The weight of the weapon caused the man wielding the hammer to lose his target and fall to the side, causing such embarrassment that the locals could not contain their laughing.

Ahahaha~

"Stop laughing!!! Give us the fruits! Just give us the fucking fruits!!!"

"Give it up or we will destroy this restaurant!!!"

The troublemakers quickly realized that the owner had actually left, so they stopped acting like they were acting normal and pulled their ugly faces in the throng. They planned to extort some rare-grade fruit or even the legend-grade peach in the store, and they specifically chose the day when the owner was out.

They made this plan in a hurry, realizing that Ye Jieye would return before they could get what they wanted.

When Mo Xuejing, who had been holding the children with a chilly expression, could take no more, he passed the cubs to the old mayor next to him and went up to the man who was closest to him. Doctor Guang recoiled at the sight of his boss's icy expression, realizing that his boss was now furious.

Doctor Guang hid behind the old man and the cubs, "That... They want to seek death. It's not... not my fault."

Rolling his eyes at him, "Coward," the old mayor gave the Guang a contemptuous glance.

The two cute cubs echo the words their grandpa had said.

"Coward. The bad uncle is a coward~"

"Koward! Koward! Kyahaha~"

"No, my darlings~ uncle is not a coward. When your Daddy Mo is angry he is scary~"

"Skary~ Skari~"

This area's carefree scene is entirely different from the other side where Mo Xuejing made his move. He pokes the man who is closest to him, and ice spreads instantly from that point. The instant the ice spreads, everyone can see the man instantly turn into an ice statue.

Bang!

Even more terrifying was the fact that the stunning server at the restaurant gave this block of ice a hearty smack, shattering it into pieces that eventually melted into nothing, providing nutrients for the treehouse.

"What are you going to destroy again? Hm."

The scene was too much for anybody to handle, and Mo Xuejing shifted his icy glare from the broken piece of ice to the other two troublemakers inside the restaurant.

The entire treehouse fell silent. The locals were unfazed because they had seen Ye Jieye dispatch troublemakers in his place before. Naturally, the owner's friend would never be easy to deal with if he was willing to entrust the house and children to him. Do not look at how attractive and slender this young man is; instead, look at how cruel and merciless he is when he is killed.

"This boy is not bad, no wonder Xiao Ye is willing to leave the house and his children in his care."

"Well, these guys deserve it. Why did they say they were going to destroy the place? This is the house of a hunter who can bring home a few baskets of rare and legendary-grade fruits. Did they think those things can be easily picked up?"

"Idiots~"

The patrons were chatting among themselves when the restaurant doorbell rang. The restaurant was so silent that the ringing of the bells could be plainly heard there.

Ding~ Ling~

Everyone turns around and sees who has arrived. When the children saw their father was back bringing a huge box of mini pastries from the capital, they all ran towards him.

"Papa, cake. Cake!"

"Puff. Fudding!"

Fearing that the children might overindulge, Ye Jieye kept the cubs away from the box and instead gave them to Mo Xuejing, whose eyes gleamed at seeing him, and he followed closely behind the two kids as they ignored these miscreants in the restaurant.

Mo Xuejing took the box from him, "You're back. Have you eaten?"

"Not yet. I'll make some lunch now. Wait with the cubs. Only give them one each and no more until lunch is done." Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing said, "Okay~. Xiao Jing, Xiaxia, what do you guys want to have?"

"Chocolate Mousse!"

"Fudding. Fudding!"

"Okay. Uncle will bring it out with you. Stay with Grandpa, okay?" Mo Xuejing coaxed the cubs.

"Yes (Yhess)!!!"

They tried to blend in with the background, thinking that the two troublemakers would not notice them, but instead, they met Ye Jieye's apathetic gaze, holding a dustpan and broom.

They wanted to kneel before him, but the intense heat that befell them turned them into ashes under the black flame, which vanished before it fell on the wooden floor, leaving behind only two piles of ashes that Ye Jieye naturally swept up.

The new customer was terrified; they did not think that two extremely powerful hunters would be in such a small restaurant and would kill with such ruthlessness. The regular customers, on the other hand, were used to it. The scene of two men burned to ashes almost instantly under the black flames and the nonchalant expression of the restaurant owner as if he was used to it fell in their eyes.

A new customer asked one of the regular customers in a whisper, "Hey! Do you know how strong the owner of the restaurant and the beautiful waiter brother are? Are they gourmet hunters? No, the owner is a chef, but he is that strong don't tell me he is..."

"You mean Owner Ye? He is a soloist. I don't know what his rank is but his common hunting area is the Death Forest so you imagine yourself what his rank is. As for Brother Mo, he is new here. I also didn't expect him to be that powerful. But since the boss is his friend then it is normal."

Ye Jieye set the broom and dustpan outside the restaurant and got ready to head to the kitchen. This is a little restaurant that can barely fit 20 patrons but only serves meals that employ Rare and Legendary-grade ingredients. Of course, the people in the restaurant are not average.

Ye Jieye took out a giant cream puff for himself and, while heading to the kitchen, he observed his two cubs enjoying a piece of cake and pudding that Mo Xuejing had adorned with fruits. He also served the old man a piece of Mont Blanc and Doctor Guang a pair of Eclairs.

"Don't overeat before a meal. What do you guys want to eat?" Ye Jieye asked.

Ye Jingxia told his father what he wanted to eat. "Papa, Ramen!"

"I'll have the same as the cubs," The Old Mayor said even Mo Xuejing nodded his head.

Doctor Guang said, "Boss, give me a lot of meat toppings!"

"Wait for half an hour." Ye Jieye said as he prepared to wear an apron but Mo Xuejing moved fast and helped him tie it from behind.

Mo Xuejing also went back to his seat and gave some fruits to Ye Jingxia and Hei Anxia; Roi, on the other hand, shrank into the size of a snake and crawled silently to Mo Xuejing, who was staring at them with round red eyes. Roi seemed accustomed to this and said nothing more. Mo Xuejing and the others noticed a large black snake crawling on the floor.

HISS~ hiss~

Doctor Guang jumped up in fear, "What the hell a snake!? It's huge!"

"Don't hurt it, Guang," Mo Xuejing warned.

When Ye Jingxia saw the snake he immediately left his seat and hugged it. "It's Uncle King!"

[Author's Note: Roi means King in French.]

"Uncle King? You know this snake, Xiao Jing?" Doctor Guang said as it wanted to stretch out its hand to rub the snake's head only to see it bare its teeth at him.

HISSS!!!

The old mayor who recognized the black snake said as he scooped a cake in his mouth, "Isn't that Xiao Ye's Mount? So it can shrink into this size."

"The owner rides a snake as a mount?" Doctor Guang said but he was hit by Roi's tail and felt something strangling his neck.

"Ah! H-Help me..."

HISSS!!!

Ignoring his doctor's cries for assistance, Mo Xuejing studied the black snake in front of him and saw that its scales were dense and exquisite; snakes do not have scales; only dragons do.

"This child is not a snake but a dragon. It doesn't look like a baby dragon. Is it an adult? How can it turn small?" Mo Xuejing said as he looked amazed.

Roi, who liked his other master just as much as his own, ignored the impolite person and crawled onto Mo Xuejing's lap, allowing the latter to gaze at him with such curiosity.

Hiss~ Roar~ roar?

Ye Jieye who finished cooking arrived on the table carrying a tray in his hand. He glared at Roi and said, "Roi, go down."

Roar~

It curled into a circle in the corner, and Roi can only fall when he sees his master's ominous eyes. Ye Jieye gave each of them a bowl of noodles and told them why he brought Roi home with him.

"I took it with me, he will bring us to Somatic Town tomorrow. He will be our ride."

"Is there no one else coming with us?" Mo Xuejing asked as he knew the relationship between Ye Jieye and Lu Shang.

Ye Jieye said, "Lu Shang and his partner will wait for us in Somatic Town ahead of time to book a room and all. They will meet us there."

"Okay. I don't have to bring much with me except for Guang." Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye cast a quick glance at Doctor Guang, who appeared pale at the mention of him; he was a medic, not a hunter, and there was no way in hell he would travel to a dangerous area like the Tornado Mountain Ranges.

"Don't bring a burden. We won't get hurt anyway. Let him babysit the cubs." Ye Jieye said.

Doctor Guang, who had always been the type to be scared to death, finally saw the light when these words were said. He keeps nodding his head as if he is a pecking chicken, clearly not wanting to go in the danger zone at all, and he even ignores Ye Jieye's description of him as a burden. Mo Xuejing looks helpless at how useless his healer is.

Mo Xuejing suggested, "Then he doesn't need to come to the mountain range with us but just for sure let him wait in Somatic Town. If we got injured he would be there to do his duties. The cubs can also come out to play while waiting for us."

"Okay, that's also fine." Ye Jieye said as he agreed to Mo Xuejing's suggestions.

The two were regarded by the old man and Guang as though they were seeing a married couple singing each other's praises, with Ye Jieye simply nodding in response to everything Mo Xuejing asked, never once refusing the latter's comments.

The Old Mayor suddenly said, "I'm going to babysit the cubs."

Everyone was stunned and didn't react right away. They all turned their heads to the old man who looked at them with a bit of rage in his eyes.

"Are you saying this old man can't go?! Hmp!" Old Mu said.

Doctor Guang said, "That's not it, Senior. But we didn't expect this. What are you going to do there?"

"Don't worry I'm not going inside. I'll wait for them in the town with you." Old Mu said as he glared at Guang who immediately shrinks his head.

Ye Jieye asked, "Are you sure, Gramps?"

"You've waltzed in Gourmet Hunter Hall like you owned. Those bastards already know you are back. So those old things won't interfere with you brats, I'll go and show my face a bit. Don't worry I will just accompany your cubs and no more." The Old Man said.

Ye Jieye sighs, "Okay. I understand."

Having heard the old mayor's statements out loud, Mo Xuejing and Doctor Guang decided not to pursue their suspicions that the man was not a normal man and that the old mayor Mu was, in fact, one of the Heavenly Guardians.

Chapter 1180: First Grey Star - Lu Brothers

Since it was decided that everyone would travel to Somatic Town the following day, everyone made their own arrangements. Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing spend the entire night packing their bags and the cubs', and Ye Jingxia—who has his own inventory in the form of a necklace—puts everything he and his sister own inside, including snacks and extra clothes.

When Ye Jieye told Lu Shang and Leica about the changes in population, they decided to buy a small mansion instead of making reservations in the apartment in that town for the cubs and Old Mu. The old man's villa used to be owned by a wealthy man and was up for sale, but Lu Shang bought it right away when he heard that the young master and the little princess were arriving.

They could not let them live in an apartment where there was not enough room for them to play.

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Meanwhile, in Somatic Town...

It was only ambiguous at first, but as they spent more time together, the Protagonists Gong, Lu Ming, and Su Jin got along well; in fact, their relationship became even sweeter than that of the old doctor, and Ji Yoonjun would frequently complain about how they threw dog food every single day.

In the cafe, Ji Yoonjun is snacking on popcorn while watching Lu Ming and Su Jin flirt in the kitchen, and the old doctor is also there, eating various nuts with him as they witness the sickeningly sweet scene before them as if they were watching a play.

"They are so sticky every day. Some customers even come here to flirt. Young couples these days. Sigh~" the old doctor commented.

Ji Yoonjun commented, "Isn't it fine? At least the cafe is booming. Hehe~" He is extremely satisfied by how much his business is in the heat these days.

The old doctor suddenly said, "Boy, you should be careful when opening your cafe these days. There would be a huge number of outsiders coming to this town because of the changes in the mountain range. Lu Ming will stay here to protect you for a while, but he would also need to go up. When that happens, just close the store for a bit if you feel it's dangerous. Not all Gourmet Hunters are reasonable."

Ding~ ding~

Lu Shang and Leica are the two surprising customers who arrived as the door opened in tandem with this sound. The cafe opened early today, but it is usually empty at this time.

Leica said, "Hello, is this cafe open?"

"Yes, of course. Please go inside. I will show you the menu," Ji Yoonjun said as he welcomed his guests with a smile.

Lu Shang, who was looking around, noticed his younger brother and said, "Lu Ming, come out here and talk with me for a while."

"Big brother? Why are you here?" Lu Ming said in surprise. He didn't expect his elder brother to come here. He told Su Jin he would be back and went out of the cafe with his elder brother.

Ji Yoonjun who just passed the menu to Leica asked, "Are those two going to fight?"

"Don't worry, they won't. A'Shang only came to warn him. Please give me a cup of espresso and a cup of iced cappuccino. Also a basket of garlic bread, a serving of Creamy White Chicken and Spinach Lasagna, a serving of Fettuccine Alfredo, and a plate of Broccoli Cauliflower Casserole." Leica listed down their orders while Ji Yoonjun recorded everything.

"I've got your order. Is there something you want for the after-meal?" asked Ji Yoonjun with a business smile.

Leica looked at the fridge shelf, not far from the counter, and saw various small desserts placed on it.

"Then a bowl of fruit yogurt and two slices of cheesecake."

"Understood. Please wait for a while for your orders," Ji Yoonjun said as he served two glasses of iced water to this table before heading to the kitchen and making all the orders.

Su Jin, who had never expected the relationship between the brothers to be this good, saw Lu Ming talking to a man who appeared to be a little older than his beloved and knew right away who the man was: Lu Shang, the right-hand man of the hidden villain Ye Jieye and the one who had most conflicts with the hidden boss, Mo Xuejing, in his previous life.

"Senior, is that person really A'Ming's elder brother?" asked Su Jin.

The old doctor answered, "Yes. But if this man is here that only means that... that person is also coming. Sigh~ I hope this town doesn't get involved with them. Xiao Jun, I'm going back to my clinic. Deliver my lunch later after you serve your customers."

"Sure... I will make it as soon as possible." Ji Yoonjun shouted from the kitchen while the old doctor prepared to leave and return to his clinic across the street.

Meanwhile, outside the cafe, Lu Shang was lighting a cigarette as his younger brother stood beside him quietly.

Lu Ming asked, "Big brother, why are you here? Are you here to pick me up? I'm not going home yet."

"It's better if you don't go home for a while. The clan is in a mess lately. Moreover, tomorrow Lord Ye and his family are coming over. I don't know if they are interested in that ingredient you found but there is something you should know," Lu Shang said.

Lu Ming's face already turned pale when he heard his cousin, Ye Jieye coming. But it seems that wasn't all. He asked his brother, "What more?"

"Mo Xuejing is coming as well. So the clan wouldn't blame you if you can't get that ingredient. But brother, that thing has dual elements of wind and fire; it is extremely compatible with me!" Lu Ming said.

Lu Shang frowned. "I will ask Cousin if he is interested in it, but I heard his target is the Behemoth Carabao. I'm not sure about Mo Xuejing's thoughts."

"If Mo Xuejing and Cousin are both interested in it, would they fight?" Lu Ming asked. Those two were both the cream of the crop among their own clans. If they truly fight with each other, then the battle would be quite something to see.

Lu Shang, who witnessed Mo Xuejing living in his boss's house for days, commented, "They might not fight. I'm here to ask you if you know who owns that villa on the outskirts."

"That villa? I don't know. I will ask someone if they know. Let's go inside, and I will introduce you to someone," Lu Ming said as the brothers bumped into the old doctor.

"Doctor Sen, greetings," Lu Shang said.

The old doctor nods and accepts his greeting. Then he asked, "Is there something you need to tell me, Xiao Shang?"

"Yes, Senior Mu is coming tomorrow as well," Lu Shang said.

The old doctor is shocked and exclaims, "What!? He is coming!? Why?"

"Well, cousin is bringing his children. Senior Mu is coming to protect the cubs," Lu Shang said.

The old doctor frowned as if he couldn't believe what Lu Shang had said just now. "Okay. Noted. I will inform that person about it. Really, what's wrong with those old things? They keep doing things that make things chaotic.

Brat, tell Xiao Jun to send two servings for lunch."

"Okay." Lu Ming said as they watched the old doctor return to his own clinic. He tugged on his brother's clothes and whispered, "Big brother, who is coming for that old man to react like that?"

"Well, it's better for you not to know. Let's go in. I'm starving." Lu Shang said.

Ji Yoonjun had just finished serving the meals Leica had ordered for the two of them when the brothers arrived at the cafe. The table in front of Leica is piled high with plates and dishes, and there is a basket of garlic bread made from elite-grade, fifth-class brown wheat, and common garlic spices made from elite-grade, sixth-class sunflower garlic.

They include a Creamy White Chicken and Spinach Lasagna, Fettuccine Alfredo, and Broccoli Cauliflower Casserole made with a 3rd class, Elite grade Cream matsutake, milk and cheese made with a 6th class, rare grade, Mountain Goat, 1st class, elite grade Water Spinach, and a Snow Vermillion Pheasant, which is a 4th class, rare grade Ingredient.

These dishes are pricey, and Ji Yoonjun hardly ever served them to customers, but the people who made them were related to Lu Ming, and Su Jin pleaded with him to use their best ingredients from the warehouse.

After lunch, Lu Ming shows Ji Yoonjun and Su Jin his older brother and his partner. Although this was Lu Ming's first encounter with Leica other than his brother, he could tell by their body language that this person was undoubtedly his older brother's boyfriend.

"Elder Brother, let me introduce you to the owner of this cafe. His name is Ji Yoonjun and he is an Amateur Class Chef."

"Nice meeting you," Ji Yoonjun said as he bowed his head in greeting with a smile.

Lu Ming held Su Jin's hand and pulled him over, "This is my future lover, Su Jin. Ji Yoonjun and him are friends. He is also a beginner chef but his cooking is something I love a lot."

"H-Hello~" Su Jin's face turned red when he heard Lu Ming calling him future lover. They are after all not yet in a relationship as they just recently met.

Lu Ming thought of the former reason and explained, and Lu Shang and Leica's expressions betrayed their confusion—not because they had heard that Lu Ming preferred the cooking of a beginner chef over that of an amateur chef, but rather because his partner had been replaced.

After all, they were aware of the original plot of this world, which should have had Ji Yoonjun as the protagonist instead of Su Jin.

Lu Ming said, "Big brother, don't look down on Xiao Jin just because he is only a Beginner Chef. Even though Ji Yoonjun's cooking is good, my illness doesn't allow me to enjoy it. I can only eat Xiao Jin's cooking with no worries."

Lu Shang was still confused when suddenly he received a kick from his lover under the table and woke up.

"S-Sorry, I didn't mean anything and I don't look down on Su Jin's ranking. Instead, I was surprised that you now can eat properly thanks to his cooking." Lu Shang said with a friendly smile.

That was the only time that Lu Ming and Su Jing felt relieved and knew that Lu Shang had acknowledged their relationship as that of an elder brother.

Ji Yoonjun, on the other hand, believed that Lu Shang and Leica's pauses were strange and that they continued to secretly glance at him as though they were confused by something, as though they were shocked that Lu Ming had introduced Su Jing as his lover rather than him.

Ji Yoonjun also thought of another possibility, 'Don't tell these two are...'

Lu Shang also introduced his lover, "This is my lover and fiancée, Leica. The Clan does approve of us, but we don't really care about the clan. He is an information broker, if there is something you need help with, Leica might be able to help you."

"Hello, it's a pleasure to meet you," Leica said.

Lu Ming and the other two also greeted him with the same politeness and courtesy.

"Big Brother, if Brother Leica is an information broker, doesn't that mean you already know what ingredients are in the Tornado Mountain Ranges? Even though I am the one who reported, I didn't know what kind of ingredients it was." Lu Ming said. "Brother Leica, is that ingredient really a dual elemental type one?"

Leica nodded his head and said, "It is the same as you reported, a dual wind and fire elemental ingredient. There aren't any measurements for its class and grade though. There is only one problem."

"A problem?" Lu Ming asked.

Leica said, "It keeps changing location. It wasn't sure yet if it was flying around or was moved by the wind. After all, the location is Tornado Mountain Ranges where winds are always blowing. The satellite is unable to take a clear picture of that ingredient but they say that it might be a legend-grade or maybe..."

"A god-grade ingredient." Ji Yoonjun commented.

Leica said, "Yes, it might be a god-grade one. If that happens, the Heavenly Guardians would make a move. so it would be extremely dangerous during the day when it's supposed to bloom completely."

The cafe was silent, and Su Jin and Lu Ming were particularly melancholy. Since Gourmet Hunter has its own primary components, Lu Ming's usage of the twin elements of fire and wind is particularly beneficial for boosting his strength.

Lu Shang said, "Don't think too much. Those old men wouldn't appear just because that ingredient happened to be God-grade. Only when no one in the younger generation is capable of hunting would they make their moves, but even so, Ming's chances of getting it are too little."

"Why is that?" Su Jin asked.

Leica answered, "Because Mo Xuejing of the Mo Clan and Satan are coming into this danger zone as well."