

World Plot 1181

Chapter 1181: First Grey Star - Leica and Ji Yoonjun

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

Su Jin already had a preconceived notion of Mo Xuejing and Satan, two of the more formidable Gourmet Hunters of the younger generation, so formidable that Lu Ming was insignificant in their eyes.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Even I, a mere Chef, knows their name even if I haven't met them myself. Would you two be alright?" He asked his friend and his lover who had plans to hike in the mountain to find some ingredients.

Su Jin peered at Lu Ming, whose face was already turning white. Ye Jieye is afraid of his cousin, even though he was once a member of the Lu Clan and his elder cousin; that man has only shown his elder brother a modicum of kindness because he works for him. As for the others, Ye Jieye regards them as no different from someone who does not share his bloodline.

Leica said, "Don't be afraid. There is still a chance. Lord Ye is not interested in that new ingredient. You only need to ask If Lord Mo is interested in it. If he is then... sorry even if A'Shang spoke a word then it is impossible to ask for it.

But if they are not interested we can ask right?"

He consoled Lu Ming and Su Jin, who were disheartened since they realized their aim had already gotten out of control, acting as the nice older brother that he always was. Even if they did fight, they would not be able to defeat him.

Lu Shang said, "Help me ask for that Villa on the outskirts and I will speak for you in front of our cousin."

"But if it was Mo Xuejing who wanted it, would he give his elder cousin a face?" Lu Ming asked.

Lu Shang and Leica said at the same time, "He would."

"Really?" Su Jin asked as he couldn't believe it.

They hated each other so much that in his previous life, these two would have always been at odds with one another. In fact, Mo Xuejingn was killed by Satan for chopping off his hands when he was without memory. Ji Yoonjun is also perplexed, unable to comprehend the extent of the deviations in the lives of other characters that have resulted from his alteration of the protagonist's shou.

However, what he did not realize is that the plot was already out of control the moment someone is soul took over Ye Jieye's vessel.

Su Jin nodded his head as if he decided, "I will ask the man who handles the villa. Would you like to buy it or rent it? Buying it would be the best move but renting is also fine."

"Buy. We still need to renovate the whole place. The ones who will live there have children after all," Lu Shang said.

Lu Ming who knew about his elder cousin realized that his nephew and niece would be coming over as well.

"Jingxia and Anxia are also coming. That's dangerous! Are they going to bring the cubs to hike in the mountain ranges?" Lu Ming exclaimed.

Lu Shang frowned and hit his brother's head, "Of course not, you fool. What's the use of the villa if they are going to bring the children with them? The cubs will wait at home with their great grandfather."

"You mean our grandfather?" Lu Ming asked in disbelief.

The only reason the children were kept apart from him was because his older cousin bet his life and battled against these two elderly men, only to be saved by that senior. He was aware of how his older cousin detested their grandfather because he was the reason why he lost his wife. This included the elderly man from the Mo.

Lu Shang snorted and said, "Of course not! Do you want them to start a war? It's his maternal granddad."

"I see. So that senior is coming too," mumbled Lu Ming. He knows that the old man hates anyone surnamed Lu. Except for his elder brother, all others were thrown out by this senior as their clan failed to protect his son and caused such tragedy in his elder cousin's family.

Lu Shang said, "I hope our old man doesn't hear anything about this though."

"E-Elder brother I... I... I reported this situation to... the clan," as Lu Ming spoke these words his voice turned quieter with each word, especially upon seeing his brother's darkening face.

Ji Yoonjun, the lone dog in the bunch, felt that everyone disliked him. Leica laughs as he stops his girlfriend from beating up his younger brother. Lu Ming fled behind Su Jin's back. These brothers look funny.

Ji Yoonjun suggested, "How about we focus on the villa first? Since what happened already did happen."

Lu Shang could not let the protagonist gong die at the hands of his Master, because if that happened, this world would have to reset, and even though they were only brothers because of his vessel, Lu Shang wanted to beat this younger brother of his up.

"Let's go! Don't you dare escape!" Lu Shang said as he grabbed the ear of his young brother.

"Ow. Ow. Ow. Big brother ears! It's going to tear. Ow!!" Lu Ming said while being dragged.

Su Jin can only follow after the brothers while worrying for his lover.

Su Jin said, "Ah! Wait for me!"

Ding~ ding~

If Ji Yoonjun is a destroyer, as all destroyers are considered criminals in Vearth, then Warden Yun has a duty to capture him and bring him back to the Nether Prison. As for Leica, he decided to stay in the cafe. Out of the three, Ji Yoonjun is undoubtedly an unknown element in this world. All unknown elements in this world were outsiders like them.

With just Leica and Warden Yun inside the cafe, an abrupt silence fell over the place. Leica, as steady as ever, was sipping his iced cappuccino when he noticed that the entire interior had become detached from the outside world. Naturally, Ji Yoonjun saw this coming because his system was alarming him deeply inside his head.

[Ping! Ding! Ding! Huge Divine Energy detected! Warning the host to run away. Huge Divine Energy detected!]

Ding! Ding! Ding! Warning the host to run away.]

[System will try to find the identity of the hostile target. Aura comparison in progress...]

Unexpectedly, Ji Yoonjun stared at Leica naturally seated at the table near the door and he was not even looking at him. He knew that he was in a bit of trouble.

Sips!

Leica said, "Name yourself. Cultivation. Reason for appearing in this lower realm. What I will do next will depend on your response. Don't you dare escape? Field Wardens have the authority to eliminate unknown variables on the spot."

The mention of the word "Warden" by Leica calmed Ji Yoonjun, who was about to fight for his life. This position is exalted even in Vearth, and as such, they only answer to their Lord God, the Sovereign Ruler of the Nether System.

The Chief Warden is said to be at the Celestial Cultivation Stage already, and the former God of Fate was reinstated as a Warden and the Chief Warden's partner to support the two Sovereigns of the Nether System. This individual is a Celestial God himself.

[Target's soul aura found. A familiar soul aura was detected. Information from the Main System. The owner of the hostile aura is Warden Yun Ming from the Nether System. Rank: Second only to the Chief Warden. Cultivation Stage: Celestial God.]

[The only way for the Host to survive is to introduce your real identity. The Main System has permitted you. Please do so as soon as possible. Artifact Detected. The whole cafe is under the Domain of the Celestial God, Warden Yun. Please be careful.]

Ji Yoonjun immediately raised his hands in surrender. He dared to move when he heard that he was inside the domain controlled by the man in front of him.

"World Hopper under the God System, Kyle Reen. High God Cultivation. The reason for appearing in this world is to provide support to the Sovereign God of Void under the orders of the Lord God Cao Xinsheng," Ji Yoonjun stated.

[A/n: Cao Xinsheng is the Lord God of the God System. He is a disciple of Sovereign Ruler Mo. This is also the God, Yun Ming used to be in love with and also the reason he became a prisoner.]

Leica arched an eyebrow at the sound of that name, and even though he no longer liked Cao Xinsheng, he was relieved Lou Wuye was no longer with them, or else the big man would have turned into a giant jar of vinegar right away. Using his subsystem, he looked up the details under Kyle Reen's name to confirm that this man is, in fact, employed by the God System.

His Subsystem responded, [Checking complete. World Hopper, Stabilizer Kyle Reen existed. Current Mission world: E-Class no.****.]

After hearing back favorably, Leica reclaimed his territory and the item that had kept Ji Yoonjun captive in this cafe. Everything was back to normal, even the aura surrounding Leica resumed its previous friendly manner.

Leica said, "Your identity has been verified. Thanks for your hard work. I will give you your task now. Your duty is to ensure that Su Jin will never divert his identity as the new Protagonist Shou. The two of them must have ended up together as the wish of the original owner of your vessel. The Nether System shall provide you with extra rewards upon completion.

There will be various changes in the plot once the Lords have been involved but as long as their ending is secured there wouldn't be much problem at all. But you must find a villain that will allow them to get closer, it cannot be you."

"Yes, I understand. Stabilizer Kyle Reen accepts the order," Ji Yoonjun said.

Leica said, "I will report your existence to Lord God Ye. Whether he would want to meet you or not depends on him."

"Understood, Lord Yun," Ji Yoonjun said.

Somatic Town. Borderland of the Tornado Mountain Ranges.

At the last and smallest mountain within the mountain range, there is a stone house. The stone house is polished to perfection and does not look as primitive as anyone imagined. The old doctor named Sen raised his hand to ring the bell hanging at the door. He held the string and shook it to ring the hanging bell.

Sen was walking at the stone mountain unhindered, carrying wrapped layered lunchboxes in his hand and jumping unhurriedly and effortlessly at each cliff and distance.

Bling! Bling! Bling!

Seeing no one opening the door after waiting, the grumpy doctor punched the stone door and entered without care about the broken door.

Old Doctor Sen shouted, "Oi, Old Bastard, wake up! Have you been drinking all night again!?"

Not far from where the old doctor stood, a huge stone bed covered with thick and soft fur. A bearded old man who looks like a dwarf opened his eyes with an angered face.

"Damn, shit! My head hurts! Stop shouting. How the hell did you get in!? Did you destroy my door again? You Quack Doctor!" This old dwarf is one of the Heavenly Guardians.

The Guardian of the Tornado Mountain Ranges, Xian Wu.

Old Doctor Sen and this old doctor used to be hunting partners but since none of them was a chef, they could only hire one whenever they finished hunting.

"Get out of bed and eat! I brought you those brats' cooking from the Cafe." Old Sen said as he pulled out the sleeping man out of his bed and fell on the floor with a loud bang.

THUD!

Old Xian Wu said, "Argh! I have a hangover for fuck sake."

"So are you eating or not?" Old Sen asked as he opened the lid of the lunch boxes and the scent of dark chocolate and sweetened milk assaulted his nose. There is a huge bowl of Champorado placed by the old doctor on the table.

While Xian Wu was not a true dwarf, his friends began referring to him as an old dwarf due to his constant size; he enjoyed wine and sweets, particularly chocolate, but his height had stopped growing after inadvertently consuming a dwarfism mushroom. Since then, no one had been able to cure him, and he was scarcely taller.

The Chocolate Porridge (Champorado) was one of his favorites. Moreover dark chocolate is good for hangovers. So whenever Old Sen would visit, he would bring a huge bowl of it for him.

Xian Wu immediately woke up, "Champorado!? I'll eat. Eat, of course!"

The two old men enjoyed their lunch before having a serious conversation. Of course, they enjoyed what Ji Yoonjun cooked for them.

Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu asked while rubbing his round tummy, "What the hell did you come here for?"

"So grumpy! I brought you chocolates already," the old doctor retorted.

Hmp!

"A small bowl like this isn't enough! Bring a huge pot next time!" Xian Wu said.

Old Sen said, "Jokes aside. There is something you should know. Old Mu is coming over."

"Why would that lunatic come into my Territory? That newly sprouted ingredient wouldn't be something interesting to him. Wait! Is he coming for real? Doesn't that mean those old things from Lu and Mo would be coming over as well? Have they all gone insane!?" Shouted the old dwarf in rage as he couldn't believe that those lot would all come over in his place one day.

Chapter 1182: First Grey Star - Lotus of Life

Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu was dismayed to hear that the other Heavenly Guardian would be visiting his domain. He found it incomprehensible that those elderly bastards who do not even give a damn about their grandchildren would suddenly join in on the fun in his realm.

The old doctor said, "I don't understand about the rest, but Old Mu is only here to babysit his great-grandchildren. His boy, Satan, is back after all. I heard that the boy's abilities had returned and it increased greatly. The only problem is that his memories haven't returned yet."

"If that brat has no memories of his past, then how come he is close to that lunatic?" Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu asked as he grabbed a bottle of beer in his fridge and even threw one towards Sen.

The old doctor gladly accepted the beer as he felt problematic about the future events that would unfold in this town.

"That boy is smart. He must have guessed when Old Mu approached him differently from the rest. That old man doesn't know how to act after all. Moreover, he is extremely overprotective. Didn't he beat up that annoying old man Lu when he kicked out his grandson?" Doctor Sen said.

Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu said, "That's different. You still haven't seen him go crazy like that when he heard that his son died in a hunting mission issued by Old Lu. If not because they used to be partners he would definitely kill that old bastard from the Lu Clan. Anyway, the ones at fault in the last accident are Lu Wangle and Mo Xinyue.

They just got to get the younger generation involved in their fight. Because of that they both almost lost their own children. How foolish~ burp!"

"What do you think? Would they fight?" Asked Doctor Sen.

"They aren't children anymore. They wouldn't start a fight without a catalyst. Moreover, that old relic from the Mo Clan might not come. I heard his injuries from his fight with that lunatic hasn't healed even now. By the way, you truly like to gossip. Where did you hear the news about that brat Satan?" Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu asked.

The old doctor replied, "Social Media. You should buy a terminal of your own, you old fool from the primitive era!"

"Tsk! That thing is useless to me. There aren't any signals within this Mountain Range." Xian Wu retorted. Then he thought of the scene in which the grandfather and his grandson would clash. That would be a sight to behold. "Either way, if they are really coming, then I need to descend from the mountain.

Quack, let me stay in your clinic."

"I don't care. Do as you wish," the old doctor said.

The two had a drinking session before deciding to descend together back to Somatic Town.

Meanwhile, at Numen Town...

The night before they leave for the next town. While Mo Xuejing and the cubs were already asleep, Ye Jieye and the old mayor were having a drink in the middle of the night. It seems that the old man asked Ye Jieye to join him in drinking tonight.

Ye Jieye knew that this old man wanted to say something to him. "What did you call me for, gramps?"

"I heard you met that jerk in the Gourmet Hunter Hall," Old Mu said.

Confused, Ye Jieye asked, "What are you talking about?"

"I'm talking about your other grandfather. The one from the Lu Clan." The old mayor said.

Ye Jieye said, "Oh~ I think I did see an old man who looks a bit like me. Either way, he didn't say anything and just looked at me. I ignored him and left as soon as possible. Anyway, I don't remember him at all."

"Sigh~ you've always been detached from people you don't care about. What would you do if he dared to touch your cubs?" Old Mu asked.

He was taken aback by Ye Jieye's unusually icy and aloof expression this time, especially after hearing his response, which made him tremble a little. "Kill. I won't allow anyone to harm my children."

The original Ye Jieye was filial, willing to accept any punishment his clan inflicted on him without question, but he is different and he had to protect Ye Jingxia and Hei Anxia from harm. After all, the souls of the two cubs had long since been replaced by the souls of his biological children.

However, the God of Void is not like other gods; he was raised without parents and only has a brother who is not related to him by blood. Almost all other people, aside from his wife and their kids, were strangers who could not even meet his gaze, so killing them was as natural to him as breathing. This is especially true of those who dare to harm his love and family, who can only end up dead.

The old mayor thought Ye Jieye was kidding when he said, "Killing without any attachments," but when he looked into that pair of obsidian eyes that seemed to be an unending abyss devoid of any trace of emotion, he realized that Ye Jieye was serious when he said, "Killing them." It was a declaration, not a joke, and the old mayor shuddered at the mere thought.

S-Si~gh~

Old Mu took a deep breath as if trying to calm down his heart. He pretends not to hear what Ye Jieye had said just now. He told Jieye, trying to change the topic immediately, "We should be leaving early tomorrow. You should also take your rest."

"Sleep well, gramps. Don't drink too much."

Hmp!

"This old man doesn't get drunk!" Old Mu said.

"You don't want to smell when the cubs hug you tomorrow don't you?" Ye Jieye said.

Old Mu said, "Fine. I'll stop now. Go to sleep." Ye Jieye went to the second floor of the house to sleep.

The mayor of Numen Town, Old Mu was left behind on the first floor, watched the moon outside the window, and remembered Ye Jieye's eyes just now. He said he would kill his other grandfather, and there were no longer any signs of family love—just emptiness and indifference even toward life and death. He truly would kill Heavenly Guardian Lu Wangle if he dared to touch his children.

Old Mu mumbled, "This is the result of your choice back then, Wangle." He slowly closed his eyes and suddenly disappeared in thin air. The restaurant was once again empty without anything.

Next morning

They would travel by air since it is always better to be safe than sorry. Everyone has changed into more casual attire while still covering the majority of their skin.

Doctor Guang's attire has been exaggerated, giving the impression that he is going hiking with a mountaineering bag on his back and even sporting military boots like Mo Xuejing and Ye Jieye, who were actually heading up the mountain range to hunt.

Ye Jingxia and Hei Anxia are the two cubs that resemble round balls. Mo Xuejing had given the two extra layers to protect them from the cold, but Ye Jieye allowed him to do whatever he pleased—after all, this was for the benefit of his children. Old Mu is dressed in his regular clothes; to an expert, it makes no difference what he wears.

Several local residents show up to see their group depart, including the uncles from the butcher and tofu shop; the former is there to see them off, while the latter is there to get an order from Ye Jieye.

The Tofu Seller, Uncle Cao said, "Leave the restaurant to me! No one would dare move it."

"Thanks, Uncle Cao." Ye Jieye said

Uncle Butcher said, "Xiao Ye, don't forget to save me my part for that Behemoth Carabao. Just put it in this space ring."

"Uncle butcher, are you not afraid I might run away with this space ring?" Ye Jieye teased.

The Uncle Butcher said, "Nonsense! As if you are interested in a toy like. It cannot even keep something alive inside. You wouldn't even put such a thing in your eye. I returned it fully for this old man. I'll pay when you return."

"How come no one is seeing this old man off? Don't you see me leaving?" The old Mayor complained.

"Please be careful on the way!"

Old Mu looks at Ye Jieye who made Roi return to his original size. Suddenly, a huge black dragon appeared in the sky and lowered its head towards Ye Jieye, his master. The butcher and the tofu seller looked at one another and bowed towards the grumpy old man. It was like the scene of his subordinates sending their lords away.

The other people of the town upon seeing also followed after the first two and bowed towards the group as they sent them off.

ROOOAAARRR~

Ye Jieye said, "Climb up. Roi will bring us to the next town."

"Damn, is this the snake from before? He is this big originally!!" Doctor Guang exclaimed.

The sight of the enormous dragon startled Doctor Guang and the other residents of the town. It can be argued that Roi's lineage is not simple; in fact, he may be a God Level Existence in this world. However, this divine dragon is nothing more than a mount for this human named Ye Jieye.

Ye Jieye said, "We are leaving. Roi, Go!" It was only that the black dragon flew away with the group led by his master toward the next town.

The tofu seller, Uncle Cao was stunned, "Isn't that the Chaotic Dragon the young master had picked up on the Ruins of Time before? How can it grow that big?"

"It might not be a simple dragon. Looking at its size it might be a divine one. The Young Master is lucky." The butcher said as they watched the black dragon fly in the sky.

In the Lu Clan's main palace...

Wearing a modern tunic, Lu Wangle was reading an ingredients book when he came across a page listing a God-grade ingredient known as the Lotus of Life. It is an incredibly rare ingredient that has the power to revive people, but its locations and requirements for capture are in a dangerous area where no one, not even the Heavenly Guardians, had dared to venture. Only one insane person was involved.

Lotus of Life

Grade: God

Location: Aurora Glaciers' Dead Zone

It's a small lotus flower whose petals are made of ice. The flower itself is useless unless it blooms. The way to bloom this flower is special and was deemed a secret. The flower core in its center is made of ruby colored like a pill. It has the color of the blood and it's said this core is capable of bringing someone back to life.

It was at this moment that someone from the Lu Clan came running to make a report to the Ancestor of the Lu Clan.

Lu Wangle mumbles, "The information is too lacking. They didn't even add what happened to the ones who hunted this flower and how to treat them. Lotus of life is it? It's just an evil thing!"

"Ancestor! Ancestor! Report! Report!"

"Stop shouting! What is it?" Lu Wangle asked.

"The spies said they spotted a huge black dragon leaving Numen Town."

Lu Wangle turned silent for a bit and there was a serious expression on his face, "I see. What about the changes in the territory of the Mo Clan?"

"Heavenly Guardian Mo Xinyue hasn't made his move yet."

"... Make preparations. Tell Lu Ming to welcome us. I will personally send our people to Somatic Town." Lu Wangle said.

"...As you wish, Ancestor." The clansmen didn't believe what he heard just now and were left dumbfounded for a few seconds, but responded accordingly to their Ancestor's request.

Somewhere in the Mo Clan...

Heavenly Guardian Mo Xinyue also heard the same news as the Heavenly Guardian Lu Wangle.

He mumbles, "Coming with him riding on a black dragon? Even after you lose everything in the end you choose to be with him. Now I feel foolish that I harmed you that day. My stupid grandson."

"Send Mo Yuhan to meet his cousin in Somatic Town. Just do as he wishes and he is not to ask for a fight with the man beside his brother." Heavenly Guardian Mo Xinyue commanded.

"Yes, Ancestor."

"Jing'er, this is all Grandpa can help you with," mumbles Heavenly Guardian Mo Xinyue.

Although Mo Xuejing and Mo Yuhan were not close, most of the latter's descendents obeyed his orders because he was the strongest and oldest descendant in the Mo Clan. In addition, Mo Yuhan is the villain who is at odds with Lu Ming and the reason why the first Ji Yoonjun died in a previous life.

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Ye Jieye created a spell to keep air pressure from striking his group, and even their forms are stable on the top of the dragon's head, so they are currently having a picnic while flying through the skies while the other Heavenly Guardians are making their own preparations.

Since it would take several hours to get to the adjacent town, the group was currently gathered around the layered lunch boxes that contained sandwiches, rice balls, and desserts. They could only eat breakfast along the route before enjoying lunch at Somatic Town.

Mo Xuejing is now feeding little princess Anxia some mashed grapes and apples. The little girl didn't have rows of teeth yet.

"Hm? A'Ye look! Xiaxia is now teething?" Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye was a bit startled and said, "For real? Let me see... Sweetie, open your mouth Baba~ Aah~"

Instead, thinking her father was playing a practical joke on her, Hei Anxia burst out laughing, opening her mouth wide enough for Ye Jieye to spot a set of teeth in her upper and lower gums, giving her a cute little hamster-like appearance.

"There is indeed a tooth growing. It seems I will need to make some changes in her diet," Ye Jieye mumbles as he gives Anxia back to Mo Xuejing and allows him to continue feeding the little girl.

Mo Xuejing said, "Maybe we can give her a bit of chilled melons to munch on. The not-sweet type."

"Hm. I guess I must go back to the orchard to get some melons. I don't know if they have some fruits in Somatic Town though," Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing said, "Just send Guang and Lu Shang to find some when we get there."

"Eh? Me?" Doctor Guang appeared startled to hear his name shouted out of the blue; he had recently started taking care of the two cubs as babysitters rather than as a doctor, and now he suspected he would end up being their errand boy.

Ye Jieye glanced at the doctor and said, "That is also possible. He should at least pay for his food."

Doctor Guang who didn't know his boss had sold him off to become Ye Jieye's errand boy.

"Eh? What is it?"

Old Mu said, "It's nothing. Eat your food."

At the Somatic Town...

Following the news of the new ingredient appearing in the Tornado Mountain Ranges, a large number of gourmet hunters and their paired chefs arrived in this town. The hunters' ranks range from clover to diamond, hearts, and spades. Only a small number of hunters with a clover rank arrived, as rumors circulated that the ingredient might be a legendary or god-level one.

Hunters with a clover rank are limited to hunting ordinary and elite ingredients; only those with a diamond and heart rank are able to hunt rare and legendary-grade ingredients, though even for them, it is difficult to capture a legendary-grade ingredient.

When news spreads that a new ingredient in the Tornado Mountain Ranges may be a legendary or god-grade ingredient, even special-ranked hunters like Mo Xuejing and Ye Jieye become interested in it. Only spade-ranked gourmet hunters and some clover-ranked soloists are capable of hunting legendary-grade ingredients.

As for special hunters like Joker rank and five petalled blossom-ranked soloists, they might be able to hunt God-level ingredients.

Recently, Ji Yoonjun's cafe was only open for a few hours at midday when Lu Ming and Su Jin were not out scouting. Since the town does not have any restaurants—just a few food stalls that do not serve large meals—a lot of hunters are visiting his cafe, which is currently packed with patrons.

Ji Yoonjun was perched on the counter like a sluggish little cat, watching Su Jin and Lu Ming go around the cafe serving customers.

He said, "Wow~ so many customers. I'm so tired. I want to sleep, yawns~"

Su Jin and Lu Ming, who had been doing all the work, overheard Ji Yoonjun's words.

Lu Ming said, "Don't sleep! This is your cafe, right!?"

"A'Jun, the fruit tart base I placed in the oven is about to be done. Please take it out!" Su Jin said as he was suddenly called by a customer to order.

A customer shouted, "Little brother over here! You haven't taken my order yet."

"Hey! Us first! We came here first!"

"So what? I'm already hungry!"

"Please don't fight inside the store. A'Ming, stop them, ah!" Su Jin said.

"They are fighting again!?"

Fortunately, Lu Ming is a Spade-ranked Gourmet Hunter, and most of these hunters are less than him, so he had to intervene to break up the fight amongst the patrons. He had become accustomed to breaking up disputes in the cafe.

"Stop fighting in the store. I'm going to throw you all out!" Lu Ming declared

The two groups of hunters who were only at diamond and heart rank immediately recognized Lu Ming and instantly turned meek.

"Fuck! Isn't that the Flame-Wind Meister from the Lu Clan!?"

"What the hell is he doing here? Working as a cafe staffer?"

"Fucking hell! That's a Spade-ranked Gourmet Hunter! Stop fighting. Even if I'm hungry, I don't want to get kicked out without being able to eat!!"

"Disperse! Separate them! Or we wouldn't be able to eat at all!"

Peace resumed inside the cafe when Lu Ming showed his face. Suddenly, Lu Shang and Leica also came over, startling everyone in the cafe.

"Ming, are you here!? Come with me! Cousin and I are about to arrive. Didn't you say you wanted to meet him?" Lu Shang said.

Leica smiled and said, "I will take your place for a bit. Go with your elder brother to meet your cousin. They are about to arrive. Don't bring Su Jin first. You can bring him and Yoonjun at night after the cafe is closed."

"Okay." After agreeing to Leica's suggestion, he said to his beloved, "Xiao Jin, stay here for a bit. I need to ask my elder cousin's permission first. If I mentioned you helped me find this villa, he would definitely agree to meet you. Wait for me." Lu Ming decided to leave the cafe with his brother.

Lu Shang warned the hunters in the cafe with coercion, "If you made it hard for my lover, you are going to get it from me."

"Yes sir!"

Leica took Lu Ming's place and helped in the cafe; after learning that he is Lu Shang's lover, the customer turned like a scared mouse in Leica's presence. The customers all nodded their heads in agreement to Lu Shang's threat, and even after the Lu Brothers left the cafe, the order in the cafe continued.

The customers started whispering with one another,

"That's Young Lord Lu Shang right? He is Flame-Wind Meister's elder brother."

"Didn't they say that Young Lord Lu Shang serves Lord Satan before?"

"Wait, they said they are going to meet someone. Don't tell me it's Satan for real?! Fuck! That's amazing!"

"I want to see Satan in the flesh. Shit! This will be an amazing scene!"

"Let's go! Let's go!"

"But I'm hungry!"

"Eat later!"

With a phony smile on his attractive face, Leica stops the door before the hunters can flee the cafe. His eyes appear kind, but there is a terrible coldness there.

"Dear customers, please wait for your food to arrive. Pay first before leaving. It's not allowed to waste food in this cafe. Didn't you see the rules on the wall? Hm~" Leica said.

The man standing at the door appears very nice, but his aura is actually very limiting and ominous, making most of the patrons so terrified that they have backed off.

"Little brother, I want to take out my order. I will pay first!"

The other client saw this and thought the same thing; Ji Yoonjun, who had heard everything from the kitchen, had anticipated this and had packaged the orders appropriately; Su Jin could only assist in delivering them to the customers after they had paid.

"Y-Young lord, I paid and got my food. Can I take my leave?"

"Please have a nice day." Leica said as he moved away from the door.

The customers were only allowed to leave after they had paid for their food, and as soon as their foot touched the ground outside the cafe, they all started running out, not understanding how a man with an ordinary appearance like Leica could have restrained them.

They assumed Lu Shang's lover was just like everyone else, but apparently not, and in an instant the cafe was empty and they all ran out to find the Lu Brothers eager to meet Satan.

Of the three guys left behind in the deserted cafe, two were exhausted and slumped over tables, while Leica removed his apron with grace and set it on the closest table.

Ji Yoonjun said, "So tired~. They really come as they go. I want to sleep~"

"I wonder if A'Ming would be alright?" Su Jin mumbled in worry.

Leica said, "Even though I can't help you meet the Lords, allowing you to see them like those customers is still allowed. Do you want to go?"

Su Jin and Ji Yoonjun looked at each other and said, "Go!"

The three of them closed the cafe and went out to join the fun, but instead of following the large crowd, Leica guided them to the alleyway road and into the backyard of the villa, which was now rented under Ye Jieye's name. Since Leica was present when Lu Shang signed the contract, the housekeeper allowed the three of them to pass.

"Sir Leica, Sir Shang is waiting at the gates with his younger brother." The housekeeper said.

Leica said, "I see. Continue cleaning. Keep the whole villa dust-free."

"Yes."

When Lord Ye and Lord Mo would climb the mountain range to hunt, the people who stayed in this villa would use these cubs alongside them; thus, everything in the villa was made to cater to the children instead of the adults. There are also lots of toys and books for the cubs prepared by Lu Shang and Leica.

The entire villa was renovated, and all pointed edges in the house were wrapped with something soft to prevent toddlers and children from getting hurt.

Instead of escorting Su Jin and Ji Yoonjun to the gates with the Lu Brothers, Leica dropped them off at the secret corner, where a clearer view of the spectacle at the gates could be obtained without having to blend in with the throng that was obstructed from view.

"We can see them here. There are also fewer people. The only problem is that if the Lord notices our presence we can only show ourselves but I don't think they would mind it much with me here," Leica said.

Su Jin asked, "Brother Leica, why didn't you meet the guest with Brother Shang?"

"I work in the shadows and it's my duty to support A'Shang. Unless the lords ask for me, I can't show myself. Because I am an information broker, my face must not become well-known," Leica said.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Moreover, an information broker has lots of enemies. It's only right for Brother Leica to hide."

"I see. I wonder if they are going to be alright?" Su Jin mumbled as he was truly worried about Lu Ming.

Ji Yoonjun said, "You worry too much about your man. If he is weak, would you still like him?"

"I would. To me, as long as he is Lu Ming, even if he isn't the strongest, I will still like him," Su Jin said.

Ji Yoonjun mumbles, "Too loyal to your love so much that man feels he isn't worthy of coming between you two."

He refers to the first Ji Yoonjun, who, even as the main character and beloved son of his world, was not permitted to choose the person he would love. Instead, he went to the God System after death and begged for his wish to let his friend and his beloved to be together.

In the end, he regrets going between these two people he loves the most because the God System had pulled his soul over to approve his wish in exchange for his soul. The world had chosen him and Lu Ming as protagonists, and he had no choice but to live the script the heavens had provided him. Although he likes Lu Ming, his love is not as possessive as Su Jin's feelings are.

"What do you mean, A'Jun?" Su Jin asked.

Cough!

Leica feigned a cough to silence Ji Yoonjun, who claimed not to hear Su Jin's query, while Su Jin appeared perplexed by Ji Yoonjun's words.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Ah! Look, they are here!" He pointed at the dark figure in the sky that was getting closer and closer until they saw the form of the dark figure in the sky.

The audience that came to partake in the fun was scared and horrified by the presence of the enormous dragon, which was even larger than Somatic Town itself and had the individuals they were waiting for on its head. After all, such a giant beast might easily devour any of them right there.

ROOOOAR~

Chapter 1184: First Grey Star - Arriving in Somatic Town

When the ones on top of Roi's head arrived to the skies above Somatic Town, they were a little taken aback to see people congregating at the location of the villa Lu Shang and Leica had prepared for the group.

Doctor Guang said, "How come there are too many people gathered in one place?"

"Hmp! They must have heard about Xiao Ye coming. Your last name is truly big, my boy," Old Mu said.

Ye Jieye who noticed the three hidden presences that match Old Mu hidden within the crowd and retorted, "Gramps, you have your own set of guests. Are you going to welcome them in our small villa?"

"No way! Those old bastards don't deserve to see my cute darlings. I'll be back before lunch. Save this old man a meal." Old Mu jumped off the dragon and disappeared into the air.

Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing didn't react much but Doctor Guang who was having second thoughts about the old man's identity was shocked.

Doctor Guang mumbles, "My god! The old man who bullied me for days is a Heavenly Guardian!"

"You should be glad you didn't do much and he didn't beat you up. That old man hated anyone from Lu and Mo altogether," Ye Jieye said when suddenly someone tugged in the corner of his clothes and turned to see Mo Xuejing looking at him.

Mo Xuejing asked, "What about me? Does Grandpa hate me too?"

"If he does, you wouldn't be able to call him grandpa. Don't worry you like the cubs like your own, he won't dislike you. Moreover, you know your manners, unlike this quack," Ye Jieye said as he kicked Doctor Guang who almost fell off the dragon.

AAH!!

Ye Jieye frowned and said, "Stop screaming, or I will kick you for real."

Once they descended from the sky to the land in front of the villa, those who had gathered to welcome them were astounded by the people riding the dragon. Doctor Guang was the first to step down; many Gourmet Hunters recognize him as a man considered a Saint who stays beside the Ice Demon, Mo Xuejing. His sudden appearance also caused a lot of confusion for the crowd.

Finally, Ye Jieye ordered Roi to bring them to the ground. This was the villa that Lu Shang and Leica had selected for their group.

"Why is the Saint always beside the Ice Demon here?"

"Did he switch sides?"

"He wouldn't be alive if he did."

"Look, more people are coming down."

Coming from the Dragon's head an adorable voice of a young boy was heard calling for Doctor Guang.

"Bad Uncle, can you catch me? I'm going to jump, okay?"

"Sure~," Doctor Guang said as he reached out his hand to catch a falling dumpling from the sky.

It is Ye Jingxia, this guy who seems like he is only in elementary school. Back then, everyone would drool over this cute boy with round stomach, plump cheeks, and angelic features.

"Wow~ what a cute baby~"

"Adorable. He looks so cute and huggable!"

"Ah! Let me pinch his cheeks. So cute! Kyaa~"

"More people are coming!"

As soon as this was said, their gaze went back to the dragon's back and they saw a man dressed in black long sleeves, black pants, and black military boots. It was obvious that this man was a hunter and that his clothing was meant for mountain climbing.

His features were an embodiment of both danger and perfection; he is so handsome that his mere presence can stifle all of his emotions, and no one dared to speak aloud in front of him. He looked like an emperor conducting an unexpected examination of his subjects.

Ye Jieye is a proud, haughty, and majestic man. No one dares meet his eyes, no matter how attractive and unearthly he is. Ye Jieye is the one who leaped down when they unintentionally met that intense look from those obsidian irises of his.

As soon as they spotted him, the whole place became silent, as though they were terrified the Emperor would identify them and punish them later. Those elderly guys watching the fun from a distance observed a group of people bowing their heads together.

Lu Ming, who witnessed such a scene couldn't help but be in awe, "Amazing. He didn't speak a word yet everyone had become quiet." He mumbled.

Lu Shang did not meet Ye Jieye right away since he knew there was still one person on the dragon's back, but he could only stop talking when he saw his elder brother give him a quick glance. All eyes watched as the icy-faced Satan looked up and extended his hands.

Ye Jieye said, "Jump down. I will catch you together."

"Um." Another young man's voice can be heard.

It was the terrifying Ice Demon that they all feared that suddenly leaped down under their eyes, carrying a sleeping baby girl in his arms. They had watched this horrifying man jump into Satan's arms like they were watching a romantic scene, but when they saw the man that Satan had captured in his arms, their jaws dropped to the ground in shock.

"What the hell!!??"

"Am I seeing things?"

"I must be blind. Yes, I'm seeing things. I will rub my eyes and look again. Shit!!!"

"The world is ending. The world is about to end. How can the Ice Demon be so tamed? This is insane ah!!!"

"Someone hit me! I feel like I'm dreaming!" He was slapped by someone beside him.

"How is it? Is it a dream!?"

"Fuck you! That hurts a lot!!!"

"Unbelievable! Satan and Ice Demon. If they work together, how can they even win!!!"

As soon as Mo Xuejing's feet touched the ground, Ye Jieye naturally let him go and caressed the sleeping princess in the former's embrace.

Mo Xuejing whispered, "She ate full just now. It's normal for her to fall asleep."

"Let's go inside the villa and have her rest on a bed," Ye Jieye said.

When Lu Shang and Lu Ming saw that the black dragon had shrunk to the size of a black Python, they finally approached their group. Lu Ming appeared shaken by the sight of his elder cousin conversing with Mo Xuejing, but they looked like close friends or much more so. Mo Xuejing walks beside him as Ye Jieye's hand is held by his son, Ye Jingxia.

Lu Shang said, "Cousin, the villa has been cleaned up."

"We'll take a rest first. We will talk later after lunch. For now, send those outside. They are a nuisance," Ye Jieye said as he walked past the brothers with Mo Xuejing and his cubs with him followed by Doctor Guang and Roi, who had shrunk his size.

Lu Shang said, "They shall be sent away."

Lu Ming was unable to even welcome his cousin like his elder brother did, as the combined influence of Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing was too much for him to handle. Instead, he cowered down at the last minute and pretended to be Lu Shang's supporting cast member. The Lu brothers can only watch as the group enters the villa to rest.

As soon as the group disappeared from their line of sight, Lu Shang stepped out and approached the crowd. He snapped his fingers, and a few small tornadoes appeared in the area.

Lu Shang looked coldly at the crowd and said, "Do you want to leave on foot or should I blast you away?"

When the great multitude of melon eaters heard Li Shang's words, they all bolted. It was quite amazing to see the waves of people running in all directions; most of them were hunters, whose agility and instinct were above that of the average person. The street in front of the villa was cleared, and Lu Shang waved his hand, causing all the tornadoes to vanish without a trace.

On his way back to the villa, Lu Shang glanced at his useless brother and said, "You can't even greet people normally. Have you forgotten all the etiquette classes you've taken when you are young?"

"Sorry, big brother. I didn't expect Mo Xuejing to appear with an older cousin," Lu Ming said.

Lu Shang said, "Sigh~ forget it. Follow me and greet my cousin and his friend properly this time."

"I will. I promise, big brother," Lu Ming said.

The young man at the gates is none other than Mo Yuhan, who came over on the orders of his Clan's ancestor. The Lu brothers were heading to the villa when all of a sudden they were stopped by someone at the gates. Lu Ming's face went absolutely ugly at the sight of this man.

Lu Ming bellowed, "What the hell are you doing here? This is my cousin's house. You are not welcome here!"

"The owner of the house hasn't spoken yet, but the dogs keep barking so loud. Elder Brother Lu, your brother is sick; you must bring him to the hospital and get a rabies shot for him or he will start biting people." With an open display of his poisonous tongue, Mo Yuhan showed his partial regard for Lu Shang but his clear disrespect for Lu Ming, whom he despises.

Lu Ming harbored hatred for Mo Yuhan as though they had murdered each other's families; however, their animosity was only directed toward one another because of the constant comparisons between the two of them by their senior relatives; for them, it was acceptable to be compared to their older cousins because Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing were born to be superior to them, but when it came to one another, they could not stand the idea that the other was stronger than they were.

Having someone with similar strength in the same generation would merely irritate you; they were similar in age, familial status, and talent, and as a result, these two exuded a desire to beat each other up anytime they encountered one another.

Lu Ming rebuked, "You are the one who is sick. Your whole family is sick!"

Only to be hit in the back of his head by his elder brother, Lu Shang.

"Watch what you are saying! Mo Xuejing is a cousin's guest. What nonsense are you talking about!" Lu Shang scolded.

After receiving criticism from his older brother, Lu Ming felt that Mo Yuhan was the one who began the disagreement, thus it was very unjust that only he received criticism.

Lu Shang ignored his little brother and talked to Mo Yuhan. "The two of them are resting. You can come back again after lunch."

"But I..." Mo Yuhan shut his mouth when he saw Lu Shang's eyes turn stern and cold.

"Please come back after lunch. Ming, you as well. Later, you can bring Su Jin and Ji Yoonjun with you," Lu Shang said.

At this moment, Leica emerged from the bushes accompanied by Su Jin and Ji Yoonjun, both of whom appeared stunned by what they had seen. After all, it was Satan and the Ice Demon, and there are rumors that they do not get along. Su Jin, in particular, who had lived a lifetime of his own, had seen firsthand how Satan battled the Ice Demon to death each time they encountered each other.

Lu Shang asked, "What's wrong with these two?"

"Just a bit shocked. They will wake up in a while," Leica answered with a smile.

As soon as he saw Su Jin, Lu Ming went up to talk to him, fearing that Su Jin would be shocked when he saw him.

"Xiao Jin, why are you here? What about the cafe?" Lu Ming asked.

Su Jin woke up from his stunned state and responded, "Ah? Cafe? The customers all run out when they hear Satan is coming. So we closed it ahead of time."

"Since there are no customers, Brother Leica asked us if we wanted to join the fun and here we are," Ji Yoonjun said.

When he turned to face the stranger who was staring at him after he had finished speaking, he took a step back and hid behind Su Jin. Ji Yoonjun's abrupt movement caught everyone off guard, and they all stared at him dumbfounded for a long time.

Lu Ming thought that Mo Yuhan was looking at his beloved Su Jin and blocked his line of sight.

"What are you looking at, retard?" Lu Ming taunted.

Mo Yuhan woke up dazed and glared at this rude monkey, Lu Ming. "Not you, at least, you stupid monkey!"

"Who the hell are you calling a monkey?"

The other four could only watch from the side as these two kids finished their fight, then Lu Ming leaped on Mo Yuhan, and the two began fighting in front of the villa.

Meanwhile, inside the villa, after sending the children to nap...

While Ye Jieye was getting ready for lunch, he noticed that Mo Xuejing and Doctor Guang were staring out the window in the direction of the gate.

"What's wrong?" Ye Jieye asked.

Mo Xuejing answered, "Someone is fighting outside the villa."

"Ignore it. Lu Shang is there," Ye Jieye said.

Doctor Guang said, "Why does one of them look like Mo Yuhan? Did you call for Mo Yuhan to come over, boss?"

"I did not. Maybe the seniors sent him over. Anyway, we can meet them later after they finish their business." Mo Xuejing said that Ye Jieye was already on his way to the kitchen and had started preparing their meals for lunch. All of the ingredients were brought out of his inventory.

Chapter 1185: First Grey Star - Meeting with their cousins.

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When it came time for them to meet each of their own cousins, Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were covered in bruises and dirt; with mud on their clothes and purple patches on their faces and arms, they looked no different from beggars. For people like Mo Xuejing and Ye Jieye, who keep cleanliness as a routine, the two looked like beggars. Even Lu Shang, Leica, Ji Yoonjun, and Su Jin were called to eat.

These four ignored the two men who fought like children outside the villa.

Ye Jieye said, "Too dirty. Someone, heal their injuries and throw them in the bath!"

"Guang, treat. Ask someone to clean them up. Don't let the cubs see them like this. How embarrassing!" Mo Xuejing said.

Mo Xuejing and Lu Ming were even more embarrassed by their cousins' reactions, and Lu Shang and the others felt that it had served them well, with the exception of Su Jin, who is confused by everything and finds himself feeling dizzy most of the time because almost everything he remembers is incorrect, as if the life he believed to be past is only a dream.

Under his boss's orders, Doctor Guang treated the two mischievous brats; after they recovered, Roi wrapped them up and dragged them into the nearby bathroom, where they were forced to take a bath together and had their faces painted in an ugly manner, as they could not believe what had happened. It is not until they are once again presentable enough for their cousins to be willing to meet them.

Leica ordered the house staff to set out some snacks and drinks, which now filled the room's table. Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan sat side by side, but they dared not fight again—not even if they glared at each other. After all, they would never dare fight in front of Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing.

Ye Jieye asked, "So why are you guys here? Speak one at a time."

"I...MMPH!"

Mo Yuhan covered Lu Ming's mouth as he was about to speak and took this split second to take the first priority to talk.

"I came here to look for Brother Xuejing! The old man says to stay with my cousin. But please don't take it wrong. I am not interested in the newly discovered ingredient," Mo Yuhan said while being careful with his tone.

He had been waiting at the villa's corner where his cousin was supposed to arrive, and he had seen his cousin's relationship with Satan. Because of this, he is extremely courteous to Ye Jieye, fearing that his cousin will chastise him for his impoliteness—he can be impolite to Lu Ming, but not to someone of Ye Jieye's stature. After all, he still wanted to live a long life.

Mo Xuejing frowned. "You came here for me? I already told the clan that Guang was enough to accompany me. You should go back, Yuhan."

"No. no. no. Please don't, Brother Xuejing!"

Mo Yuhan stopped where he was and continued kneeling, not daring to reach out to Mo Xuejing under the man beside him's piercing and sharp gaze. He was about to touch his cousin when he felt a dangerous gaze on him. He searched for the source and saw Ye Jieye staring down at him with apathetic eyes.

"Brother Xuejing, have mercy. I'll receive the Clan's Punishment if I go home like this. I wouldn't do anything; just let me stay by your side during the hunt. I promise not to do anything else," Mo Yuhan

was begging his cousin. He actually didn't want to go home. Especially after meeting this smelly man, Lu Ming, he refused to let this man be ahead of him in anything.

Mo Xuejing glanced at Ye Jieye as if asking for his side. Only when he saw Ye Jieye did he make his decision.

"You can go. But if you interfere with our hunt, you're going to get your punishment from me instead of the clan. Do you understand, Yuhan?" Mo Xuejing said.

Mo Yuhan nodded his head like a good boy and declared, "I promise. I won't interfere with your hunting!"

"How about you? What do you need, Lu Ming?" Ye Jieye asked.

He was aware that this man was the world's Protagonist Gong, so even if he stopped him, the opportunity he discovered would probably end up going to him—that is, unless he interfered personally.

When his cousin contacted Lu Ming, who had been glaring at Mo Yuhan, he instantly became meek, assuming Ye Jieye would not remember who he was because they had said he had lost his recollections of the past.

"B-Big Brother Ye, you remember me? They said that you lost your memories of the past." The individuals Mo Yuhan, Ji Yoonjun, and Su Jin looked shocked when Lu Ming made these remarks. The man in front of him is so composed around others that he cannot even recall that they believed there was nothing wrong at all.

Ye Jieye calmly sipped in a cup of black coffee and responded, "I still don't remember. Shang gave me some information so I at least knew those that needed to be remembered. Since you are Shang's younger brother, of course, I shall remember you. So what do you want from me?"

"B-Big Brother Ye, can I ask if the ingredient I discovered was something you are interested in?" Lu Ming asked politely. He was even more careful with his words when talking to his cousin than when talking to their grandfather.

Ye Jieye answered on point. "I am not interested. I'm here for the Behemoth Carabao since my cubs wanted to eat hamburgers."

"Hamburger?"

"Hm. Even though it's only a legend-grade meat it's considered the most premium beef in the list of Meat Ingredients. Moreover, the season is just right. So it's not wrong of me to come here for that. As for that dual elemental ingredient you found, I was never interested in it in the first place." Ye Jieye replied.

When they learned that the reason a hunter like Satan—who was even thought of as a legend—appeared in this small village was because he required the meat of the Behemoth Carabao, everyone—aside from Mo Xuejing and Guang, who were already familiar with the tale—was surprised.

Suddenly, Ye Jieye glanced at the man beside him and added to his words, "It would be a different story if Xuejing was interested in it."

With that, everyone's focus shifted from Ye Jieye to Mo Xuejing, who was sitting opposite him. His remarks meant that even if he was not interested in that recently discovered element if Mo Xuejing happened to be interested in it, Ye Jieye would not be able to deliver it to Lu Ming.

Mo Xuejing thought for a bit and asked, "A'Ye can you separate elements in the ingredients?"

"I can," Ye Jieye answered without hesitation.

When Ye Jieye declared he could separate components of an ingredient—a skill too unusual for a high-ranking chef to possess—all the cooks in the room, notably Su Jin, rose up in shock.

Su Jin kowtows before Ye Jieye and pleads, "Sir, please teach me the skill to separate elements in ingredients."

"Xiao Jin, what are you doing? Come here," Lu Ming said in shock but Su Jin wasn't willing to move.

Ye Jieye glanced at him once and said, "I do not teach. You can watch and learn what you can understand." He then returned his gaze to Mo Xuejing as if Su Jin was just a passing figure. "Why did you ask, Xuejing?"

Lu Ming, feeling a little helpless and a little disappointed in Su Jin, pulled up his lover on the side, afraid that his cousin would blow up over his lover's negligence.

Mo Xuejing responded, "I just thought that if that new ingredient is at least legendary we can take the fire element part of it and give it to Xiaxia. After all, we still don't have any information about the Hellish Strawberry that can help him. Maybe another Legendary-grade ingredient can help cure her illness. Let's try it even if we're not sure it will work.

If it thoroughly won't work we can give it to them."

"Okay. I'll listen to you," Ye Jieye said and then looked at Lu Ming. "Lu Ming, as you heard, we might need that new ingredient to heal my daughter. If it doesn't have any effect I will give it to you and in the future I promise to help you once." Ye Jieye said.

Lu Ming's eyes glowed when he heard his cousin's promise.

"R-Really!?"

"Um. As long as it isn't something that harms those I want to protect or the ingredients aren't something I need, I will give it to you," Ye Jieye said.

Su Jin and Lu Ming were overjoyed to hear this promise because it meant that they would have someone to support them in times of need or at the very least obtain an ingredient with the expert's assistance—given that the expert is a skilled hunter who can even obtain ingredients of a caliber that even God could produce.

Mo Yuhan was jealous of this scene because it meant that Lu Ming would obtain an ingredient that was beyond his reach with the assistance of someone like Satan.

Mo Yuhan was annoyed that he wanted to taint Lu Ming and found that he was so close to this young man called Su Jin.

With a sarcastic tone, Mo Yuhan spoke, "By the way, Young Master Lu. Who is the little one beside you? Don't tell me you have a lover. Someone from this small town huh."

When Su Jin begged Ye Jieye to teach him some skills for ingredient preparations, he lost his face even though he was used to Mo Yuhan's poisonous tongue being belittled in this way. Lu Ming was about to jump on him when Ji Yoonjun, who was enjoying the fun, suddenly yelled at Mo Yuhan.

Ji Yoonjun said coldly, "So what if we came from a small town? Was living in such a small place considered embarrassing? Sorry, at least for an orphan like this it's not! Just because you grew up in a big clan doesn't mean you can look down on people."

"Hm. He is right," Leica commented.

Lu Shang said, "I also don't think it's right to look down on someone like this. Moreover, the Heavenly Guardians, most of them live in such a small town so compared to big clans this small town is much more powerful."

"Yuhan, did you lose your manners when you were out of the clan? Apologize." Mo Xuejing reprimanded his cousin on the spot. "Moreover, this young man had no enmity with you. Just because he is close to your rival, doesn't mean you can put down the others as you like."

Mo Yuhan lowered his head as he was scolded. This time he was indeed in the wrong.

"I'm sorry."

"Then these two young men... Who are they?" Ye Jieye asked.

Lu Ming introduced Su Jin and Ji Yoonjun.

"Big Brother Ye, these are Su Jin and Ji Yoonjun. They save me when I come out of the Tornado Mountain Range hurt. They own a small cafe in this town and they are both chefs. Xiao Jin is my lover," Lu Ming said.

"A Cafe. That's good. When I and Xuejing went up the mountain the cubs could eat in your cafe if they had time. Is that possible?" Ye Jieye asked.

Ji Yoonjun nodded his head and said, "Of course, Sir! Leave it to us."

"Their great-grandfather and Guang will be there to babysit them so there is no need to watch over them while you open your business." Ye Jieye said. "Shang and his partner will go up the mountain with Xuejing and I. Lu Ming, are you going as well?"

"Yes, I want to bring Su Jin with me." Lu Ming said.

Ye Jieye said, "As long as you can protect him I don't mind. How about you?" He asked Mo Yuhan.

"C-Can I go too?" Mo Yuhan asked.

Since he reported his cousin's plans to leave the clan, Mo Yuhan did not think Satan would be open to a conversation with him. After all, the original Ye Jieye was supposed to despise him, which is why they were caught eloping that day. However, now that Ye Jieye has lost his memory of the past, he can comprehend why he is currently being treated fairly.

Ye Jieye said, "You said that your Clan told you to stay beside Xuejing right? Since you are a hunter yourself, you can protect your own. I will not save you guys."

"We understand." Lu Ming, Su Jin and Mo Yuhan responded.

Chapter 1186: First Grey Star - Conflict between Heavenly Guardians.

Old Mu from Numen Town, Old Lu Wangle from the Lu Clan, and Old Dwarf Xian Wu from Somatic Town were among the three Heavenly Guardians who had gathered in the small clinic owned by old doctor Sen. While the younger generation was gathering in the villa, the elder generation was gathering in the clinic owned by old doctor Sen.

Old doctor Sen had no choice but to serve these unexpected visitors some of his precious tea leaves.

The hatred and dislike for each other are too obvious for anyone to intervene in. Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu was sipping his beer rather than his tea, watching Old Mu and Old Lu face each other, staring at their faces as if they wanted to kill.

Xian Wu and Doctor Sen seemed to have seen this scene several times, so now their attitude toward the conflict between their two friends is the same as watching a play.

Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu whispered to Doctor Sen, "Is there no popcorn available?"

"Where the hell will I get your stupid popcorn? Don't you see that the cafe is closed? The children might have come to meet those kids in the villa," Doctor Sen said.

Old Mu and Old Lu were glaring at each other, and they were ignoring the two ill-mannered melon eaters on the sidelines.

"Arrogant Bastard, what are you doing here?" Old Mu said with his arms crossed in front of his chest.

As if he were used to this crude alias, Heavenly Guardian Lu raised an eyebrow and retorted a taunt back. "Definitely not for you, you old Lunatic."

"Who cares why you came here? Just leave!" Old Mu said as he looked murderous when looking at the arrogant old man in front of him.

Old Mu was always the most irritable of the Heavenly Guardians, and his hatred for Heavenly Guardian Lu stemmed from his disappointment that the man had not done more to protect his son—letting him and his own son perish together in that fatal mission—and wished that this bastard had chosen to sacrifice his children's lives rather than this world.

Old Mu would never forget the scene where the gates of Ruins of Time were forcefully closed and his son's hand reached out from the inside.

From the start to the finish, Heavenly Guardians Lu and Mu were so different from one another—Heavenly Guardian Lu is a man who would give up everything for the sake of the world, while Heavenly Guardian Mu is the kind of person who would give up everything for his family. As a result, they were never able to get along, and that incident caused their friendship to fall apart.

Lu Wangle said, "This isn't your territory. You have no right to send me away."

"Send him away!" Old Mu said as he turned his head and looked at Heavenly Guardian Xian, who was pulled into the conversation out of nowhere. He choked with a mouthful of beer and hiccupped.

HICCUP!

Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu said, "I don't care what you two do as long as my place isn't destroyed. Moreover, no one knows what will happen when the gates to the Tornado Mountain Ranges open once again. It's better if there are more people to help if something truly happens. Hic!"

The Tornado Mountain Ranges had been closed since Lu Ming discovered the existence of those new ingredients and the gates that led to it being closed since that day. People from the Food Gathering Association gathered information about the gates and even estimated when they would be open to the public.

They announced this news to everyone as a news feed, so everyone with a terminal received the information for when the gates would once again be opened. Every now and then, the Danger Zones would close themselves to allow the newly existing ingredient to grow enough to be considered ripe.

Old Mu stood up in rage but controlled it well enough not to make a scene. "Stay away from my grandson and great-grandchildren. That day when you schemed against him for the sake of plotting against Mo Xinyue, he had thrown away the name of Lu and used his dad's name as Ye. Ever since that day, Xiao Ye and his children had nothing to do with your Lu Clan!"

"I didn't expect that to happen. Neither did Mo Xinyue," Heavenly Guardian Lu mumbled. Regret cannot be ignored in the tone of his words.

Old Mu looked at him like a fool and said, "I told you not to do that! I've warned you multiple times. You didn't believe that the feelings between the two children were real. In the end, you guys almost end up killing them both! Scram! You heartless old bastard!" He took his leave while stomping on anger.

The other three could only watch as Old Mu takes his departure in rage, and Heavenly Guardian Lu Wangle did not respond because everything that Heavenly Guardian Mu had spoken was true and he could never change.

Old dwarf Xian Wu patted the shoulder of Lu Wangle while drinking a bottle of beer in his hand. "What happened in the past is like a festering wound in Old Mu's heart. You shouldn't anger him further. Why did you come here?"

"I... I wanted to see my great-grandchildren. But seeing how Xiao Mu is acting, I guess that's impossible."
Lu Wangle looked at the distant villa with a yearning gaze.

Lu Shang was the intermediary between Ye Jieye and the Lu Clan, but no one knows that the reason Ye Jieye does not live with the clan is because of his lover outside. Prior to severing from the Clan, Ye Jieye led a free life, having his own residents under his name and the clan only calling him when there was a crucial mission only he could complete.

There were very few people who knew that Ye Jieye had married his lover. Lu Shang was even one of the best men, but none of the two clans knew about it. Ye Jieye even had a baby named Jingxia during that time, and his partner was even pregnant with Anxia when the two clan ancestors found out, they were forced to dissolve their family.

Ye Jieye even asked Lu Shang to hide his son from the clan so that no one would know that Jingxia existed at that time.

The original Ye Jieye learned of his partner's predicament and fled the clan's jail to save him and their child, only to find his lover's cold body waiting for him there. Ye Jieye and his partner were lacking in their own clans. The ancestor of the clan where his partner is from hated the bloodline of the Lu Clan in his womb and wanted to kill it.

His lover did his best to protect his child and even sacrificed his lifespan to speed up the growth of their baby girl.

Devastated, he wanted nothing more than to kill everyone for his life, but his little baby girl's cries kept him grounded, and he hesitated just in time to avoid blowing himself up and killing everyone nearby. He went insane, and nobody could ever free the little girl and his lover's corpse from his embrace.

On this day, Ye Jieye severed all ties to the Lu Clan and chose to follow his father's name. Although his father has no strong clan to support him, Ye Jieye's father has a strong position as a Heavenly Guardian known as Mu. Ye Jieye begged the elderly man to keep an eye on his children before disappearing once more in one of the world's dangerous hunting zones.

After thirty days, Ye Jieye emerges from the Aurora Glaciers with horrific injuries all over his body; frostbite nearly rendered half of his body immobile. Fortunately, Old Mu brought enough legendary ingredients to save his grandson from certain death, and he holds a closed flower bud with an ice-made petal in his embrace.

Unaware of the nature of the flower in his grandson's hand, Old Mu heard his pleading for him to take him to his partner's location, so the grandfather and grandson left Ye Jieye's children in the town and headed to that man's clan.

When Old Mu and Ye Jieye arrived, that clan was in the middle of a funeral. Ye Jieye, seeing this, nearly loses his mind, proclaiming that his lover—who, like him, was from the Mo Clan—is alive and that he had a way to save him. Heavenly Guardian Mo Xinyue was stopped by Heavenly Guardian Mu as he left his grandson and made his way to the ice coffin in the middle of the hall.

The shocking scene left Old Mu and Old Mo speechless, and even the arrival of the other Heavenly Guardians went unnoticed by the two. Ye Jieye placed the ice lotus in his hand on the chest of his lover's dead body, as if finding a place to root the ice lotus rooted in that corpse's chest and slowly raising as if it regains its vitality.

The four Heavenly Guardians watched as Ye Jieye stabbed his heart openly, allowing the fresh blood coursing through his heart to land on the closed bud of the ice lotus. The ice twitched several times before slowly opening its petal, revealing a ruby-like pill growing at the center of the flower that Ye Jieye took and gave to his sweetheart.

The corpse on the ice coffin changes from cold and colorless to rosy and healthy as everyone watches. The heartbeat that was lost began to beat again, echoing in the silent funeral hall. Ye Jieye's bloodless face was filled with happiness and he held his lover's hand while his face was filled with tears.

Ye Jieye mumbles, "Even if I no longer remember who you are when I woke up again, at least you are still alive. My love for you is eternal. I just wish when you wake up that you won't blame me for not remembering you at all, my love."

After he finished speaking, he passed out. As his words implied, he slept off like the guy who was resurrected while laying in the ice coffin; the only remnants of their love are the blossoming ice lotus flower and their clasped hands.

The four Heavenly Guardians were in disbelief; this tragic scene and tragic love were the result of two of them. Old Lu and Old Mo regretted their actions immediately after the death of one of the couples; just as they were beginning to accept the death of the other, the surviving partner endured great suffering in order to bring his beloved back to life.

From that point on, this was the situation they regretted the most and would regret for the rest of their lives.

Back to reality...

When Old Mu arrived back at the villa, the younger generation was already playing Jenga with the two cubs; Ye Jieye, Mo Xuejing, Leica, and Lu Shang were playing with the two babies on the carpet while the other four, Lu Ming, Mo Yuhan, Su Jin, and Ji Yoonjun, were quietly taking in the scene and sipping their drinks.

Mo Yuhan cheered as they watched Ye Jingxia choose a piece in the wooden tower slowly trying to remove it without causing the tower to fall.

"Jingjing, do it slowly. That's right, pull it out carefully. You are doing great!" Mo Yuhan said.

Lu Ming snorted while carrying his niece on his lap.

"Hmp! Listening to your words doesn't sound right."

"Hah! It's your mind that is dirty!" Mo Yuhan exclaims.

Ji Yoonjun reprimands, "Don't fight in front of the babies!"

"Xiaxia, do you want to eat grapes?" Su Jin said while trying to feed the little princess with peeled grapes. He had always liked children, especially cute and rare baby girls like Anxia.

Hei Anxia was the only woman born in this world of no women; the fact that a baby girl was born to him indicates how highly esteemed his parents are in society.

She is currently the only girl alive and is regarded as the most significant being; were it not for the fact that her parents are Satan and her grandparents are Heavenly Guardians, many people would have taken advantage of her or worse, had her studied.

When Old Mu went inside the villa, Ye Jingxia and Anxia all ran and crawled towards their beloved Yeye (grandpa).

"Yeye (Yehye)!"

"Oh~ my sweet darlings~ did you miss grandpa already?" Old Mu carried his beloved great grandchildren with a huge grin on his face. Showing how happy is now and his rage from before completely faded.

Ye Jieye stood up and said, "I'll reheat your lunch for a bit. Play with them for a bit longer."

The other Heavenly Guardians saw the joyful scene of Ye Jieye, Old Mu, and his kids laughing and playing inside the house; Lu Wangle in particular was unable to take his eyes off of it. If it were not for the past, he would have been able to openly join into that happy family laughing with them, and he regrets everything he did involving Jieye, his grandson.

Old Lu mumbles, "If I had held back my hatred for the sake of my grandson would such a scene be something I shouldn't be watching in the distance but something I'm in it?"

Chapter 1187: First Grey Star - Melancholy at night

When Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming saw Old Mu, they instantly submitted. Although this man appeared to be an ordinary old man found anywhere, they knew this senior was never ordinary; rather, he was a hidden expert living among the ordinary, and in actuality, he was one of the most powerful humans in the world.

The younger generation withdrew, afraid to make mistakes in front of the elderly Mu. Lu Shang and Leica, along with Guang, left to run errands for the two. The children, on the other hand, stayed and played with their elderly grandfather, Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, at their sides.

When night comes, Mo Xuejing assists Ye Jieye in putting the cubs to sleep. The other young men, with the exception of Mo Yuhan, who had nowhere to stay, had all left this morning. Mo Yuhan was granted access to a guest room in the villa because of his cousin's advocacy. Later that evening, Old Mu invited his grandson to share a drink with him.

The two of them had a pleasant evening together, toasting the old man's special-grade red wine.

Ye Jieye understood that the old man must have something to say to him tonight and invited him out for a drink, so he waited until the elderly man expressed what was on his mind. There was a lengthy moment of stillness between the two, but none of them spoke first.

Old Mu said, "Xiao Ye, Lu Wangle is in this town. I can't send him away. Don't worry I won't let him approach your cubs."

"I know. Just do as you wish, gramps," Ye Jieye said.

Old Mu asked, "Xiao Ye, what is your relationship with Xiao Mo now?"

"We... are just... friends." Ye Jieye had an extremely hard time saying the last word as if he wasn't willing to say it at all.

Old Mu chuckled and said, "That's a long hesitation you have there, my boy."

"I'm a man with a blurred past. Without those old memories, to move on is impossible. Instead of hurting him because of an uncertain future, it's better not to start anything. Unless I recall my past and all that can hold back is gone, I cannot love anyone else. If he is willing to stay, I am willing to give him a place to remain. If he wants to leave, I have no right to stop him as well.

Gramps, don't force me. I will not change my mind," Ye Jieye said.

Old Mu sighed, "Even this old man doesn't know the way to return your memories to you. After all, you are the one who gave it up to save a life."

"I see," Ye Jieye said, but he asked no further about that forgotten past this original vessel had undergone.

He has made many mistakes in the past, hurting his beloved and causing harm to others, so his incompleteness at the time can be used as an excuse, but now that he is fully revived, he is unwilling to start anything that would cause harm to his other half. This is the true reason he does not accept Mo Xuejing completely, unlike whenever he met his wife's other incarnation.

Old Mu asked, "You aren't going to ask me what happened in the past?"

"No. When it comes to things related to me and my children, I only believe it if I see or experience it myself. Even if Gramps tells me what happened I don't know if that is the truth. It's not that I don't believe your words but it's better to see things that involve me myself." Ye Jieye said.

Old Mu sighed, "That's right. You've always been like this. Obstinate at things that involve you. Then I won't speak any further. See for yourself what kind of person you are willing to give yourself to with your own eyes. Get ready tomorrow.

I had a feeling that the gates to the Tornado Mountain Ranges would open by then. Be careful."

"I will. Don't worry. I will leave Roi here to help you look after Xiao Jing and Xiao Xia," Ye Jieye said.

Old Mu snorted, "Afraid I will be lost in numbers? No worries, I can kill them as long as I want to."

"Just don't die. As for the rest, I don't care," Ye Jieye said.

Ye Jieye may seem distant and apathetic toward most things, but toward those he considers family, he is even more protective than he is. Old Mu knew that if something were to happen to him, this young man would be the first to take revenge. He is happy knowing that he has such a position in this awkward man's heart.

Despite this indifference, the old man felt protectiveness behind his grandson's words.

Hahaha~

"Okay. This old man promised," Old Mu said.

Meanwhile, on the Second floor of the villa...

Mo Xuejing meets his cousin Mo Yuhan. They both had their own plans for the evening; one was going to call Ye Jieye to bed, and the other was going to report to this clan. They both wanted to remain unseen and were not expecting to overhear Senior Mu and Ye Jieye's conversation. They did not intend to listen, but they were compelled to hear what was said.

Even Mo Yuhan became interested when the conversation turned to Mo Xuejing. He suddenly stopped and listened to the senior asking what he thought of his elder cousin. When Ye Jieye stated that he could only see his elder cousin as a friend, Mo Yuhan became infuriated at first because he had already seen the closeness between Ye Jieye and his elder cousin when they were first together.

In their Mo Clan, Mo Xuejing had the status of a Saint; he was the most powerful of the younger generation and even a direct Bloodline; he was revered by all members of their clan, had only a lower rank than the Clan's Ancestor, and was well-versed in the events of the past as well as information that others in their clan were unaware of.

Mo Yuhan turned to see Mo Xuejing's face turn white at Ye Jieye's words, so when he heard what Ye Jieye said about denying the closeness of the two of them, he was truly angry. It was not until he heard the rest of Ye Jieye's words that he remembered, this man had no memories of his past, in other words, he is no different from a stranger when thinking of their clan.

He had long yearned to feel that things were not so cut-and-dry when Ye Jieye unmistakably drew a boundary between them—the line separating strangers from lovers—and Ye Jieye never crossed it, no matter how many times Mo Xuejing seduced him. As a result, he also ignored the majority of matters pertaining to their feelings beyond friendship.

Now that Mo Xuejing knew why the two of them were on the same page, he felt both happy and sad at the same time. Ye Jieye does not want to change their relationship because he values him. Ye Jieye does not have his memories back, not even the father of his children. He even forgot his feelings for that man, but he does not know when his memory will come back.

At first, Mo Xuejing would not deny that he only approached Ye Jieye for his cooking, but he could not help feeling that he liked the two cubs regardless of their relationship with Ye Jieye. After all, he understood that his children were the most important thing in the world, which is why he also loved the two cubs with all of his heart and treated them like his own children.

His cuisine is unique. It is the kind he longs for and finds nostalgic for a purpose. However, after moving into that tiny treehouse and sharing their everyday lives, Mo Xuejing realized what it meant to live for himself. There are no tasks to accomplish; all he has to do is eat, sleep, and play. Despite this, his life with them was never dull; rather, it was fulfilling. This is the life he longs for.

With more time spent together, Mo Xuejing began to understand Ye Jieye's character. He is apathetic toward almost everything, but he treats his family very well, showing them the utmost care and love—a complete contrast to his cold, uncaring attitude toward strangers. Mo Xuejing himself witnessed this stark difference in treatment.

Mo Xuejing still remembered Ye Jieye's startled and confused look that day, when the little princess, Anxia, treated him as her dad. That was the day that Ye Jieye first cooked pasta for him, and this man treated him worse than strangers.

Perhaps because he lost a hand as a result of his command, Mo Xuejing even felt a little bit of Ye Jieye's dislike until the little princess treated him as her dad.

Ye Jieye accepted Mo Xuejing for this reason as well; Mo Xuejing just did not think he would fall for this man first. However, the more he expresses his feelings for him, the more Ye Jieye distances himself from him. After they moved into that treehouse, Mo Xuejing and Ye Jieye began to integrate each other into their lives, making them see one another as no different than a family.

Mo Xuejing had always assumed that Ye Jieye's lack of acceptance was due to his dislike of him. However, after discovering the true cause of their separation, Mo Xuejing felt both relieved and helpless.

He could understand Ye Jieye's reluctance because, as someone with troubled memories, he would find it difficult to let go of the past and fear that it would have a negative impact on the present and future.

He is someone Ye Jieye likes but can not love because it would be unfair for him to say he loves him when he can not even remember what kind of person he was in the past; moreover, how does Ye Jieye expect to treat Mo Xuejing if his memories come back one day? He did not want to hurt him in the future and he is not willing to accept any affection or commitment until he recalls everything.

Initially, Mo Xuejing believed that Ye Jieye was only being kind to him because the cubs liked him. After learning of Ye Jieye's true feelings, Mo Xuejing realizes that he is not deserving of him at all and that he is selfish for wanting everything and not caring what the person he loves actually feels.

Mo Xuejing had already made the decision to stick by him regardless of Ye Jieye's love, so long as he was treated like a family member. Now he did not know what to do next after learning the truth.

Mo Xuejing's look right now is full of agony as if one could not handle it and the tears just flow uncontrollably while disoriented, which made Mo Yuhan, seeing his cousin's expression, anxious.

"B-Brother Xuejing, are you okay? Please don't mind his words. It's not your fault, he is the one. Why can't he like you like how you do? This is simply unfair." Mo Yuhan said.

Mo Xuejing said, "I'm fine. Don't worry. Don't blame him. It's me... I... I shouldn't like him."

"I can't understand! Why can't you like him!? Just because both of you can't recall anything that happened that day..." Mo Yuhan said but he was too angry to understand what he just said. Even his words surprised Xuejing himself.

Mo Xuejing was stunned and grabbed his cousin's shoulders with urgency, "Yuhan! What do you mean just now!? Can't recall? Are you telling me there is something wrong with my memories as well?"

Mo Yuhan felt he should not have said that, and his face went white at this question. He knew he had just made a slip of the tongue and was being questioned by his older cousin, but he closed his mouth and refused to admit the faults he had committed that day.

Upon observing his response, Mo Xuejing sensed that his clan was keeping further information from him.

"You are not willing to tell me?"

Shaking his head tremblingly, Mo Yuhan said that his silence and his body language answered all of Mo Xuejing's questions. Seeing how scared Mo Yuhan is, Mo Xujeing speculated that he might have been told not to talk about this subject. Rather than pressuring his cousin to talk, Mo Xuejing chose to return to the clan to get the full story after this hunting assignment.

With a heavy heart and a sense of powerlessness, Mo Xuejing let go of Mo Yuhan and said, "Go back to sleep. We will be leaving early tomorrow." He also took his leave and headed back to his own room. His lonely back made Mo Yuhan even more guilty as he is.

Mo Yuhan covered his face and whispered with a voice full of regret, "I'm sorry. I'm so sorry."

Chapter 1188: First Grey Star - Unknown Void

Even though there was a lot of sentimentality going on during the night, most of them had a good night's sleep that evening. Ye Jieye goes to the kitchen in the morning to begin preparing food for everyone, only to find that Mo Xuejing had unexpectedly arrived earlier than expected after preparing some ingredients that needed to be prepared in advance.

Ye Jieye is a god; there is no way he did not see Mo Xuejing and Mo Yuhan that night. He just voiced those words out for them to hear, and he expected Mo Xuejing to back off after hearing them, but he did not expect him to stay regardless of what he had learned.

Unfortunately, he is not willing to love another person unless it is his wife; his heart only moves for one person, and even if he sees Mo Xuejing as an illusion of his Jing'er, he can never truly love him.

Upon seeing Mo Xuejing waiting in the kitchen with a smile, he reacted the same as usual. Friendly yet distant. He can treat him as a relative, but nothing more.

Mo Xuejing smiled and said, "Good morning, A'Ye. I help with the preparation of the ingredients, but I only know the basics, so I hope you won't be angry."

"It's alright. You did well. Thank you. Leave the cooking to me. I will leave Xiao Jing and Xiao Xia to you," Ye Jieye said as he took over the work in the kitchen.

Ye Jieye watches Mo Xuejing leave the kitchen with an expressionless face; he noticed Mo Yuhan sneaking around the kitchen and is obviously there for him. On the other hand, Mo Xuejing happily went to the second floor to check on the children and bathe them with warm water.

After doing this for a few days, he had gotten used to this routine, as he himself likes to take a bath in the morning and before going to sleep.

Ye Jieye said, "Your brother is no longer around. Come out if you have business with me."

Mo Yuhan entered the kitchen with swollen eyes from crying his eyes out last night. He is now fearlessly glaring at Ye Jieye.

"Can I talk to you about my elder cousin?"

"Is it something he can't hear?" Ye Jieye asked and saw Mo Yuhan nod his head.

Mo Yuhan was shocked to see such a mystical scene when the God of Void snapped his fingers, creating a barrier that could isolate sounds. He moves his eyes from the barrier to the attractive man leaning at the kitchen counter, looking as though he is in some kind of modeling shoot. He looks so elegant yet dangerous, like an alluring demon capable of killing anyone with a simple flick of his finger.

Ye Jieye lit a cigarette and said, "You can talk freely."

"This...!? Who the hell are you?" Mo Yuhan asked in disbelief. A barrier that appeared with just a snap of a finger—something so magical—this was the first time Mo Yuhan witnessed such a scene.

Ye Jieye blew a white smoke from his cigarette and said, "Kid, I don't have all day to waste my time with you. Talk about what you intended to say. If not then get out of my kitchen, I need to cook."

He treats Mo Yuhan coldly; even though he only meant to keep an eye on Mo Xuejing last night, Ye Jieye had unintentionally overheard their conversation, so he knows that this kid is hiding something big that involves both Mo Xuejing and possibly himself.

Ye Jieye's cold gaze, as if he were looking down on him, reminded Mo Yuhan of a time in the past when he caused that tragedy that caused enormous changes in the lives of two people. Ye Jieye's cold glint made Mo Yuhan shiver; it was the same deadly glare that accompanied him in his nightmare that night.

"I... I... I want to tell you. If you want to learn the truth, go to the Mo Clan with me after this. Only if you go with me will you understand everything that you need to know." Mo Yuhan's words are indirect, leaving too many questions for anyone who hears them.

Ye Jieye narrowed his eyes at his words, said nothing, and looked at Mo Yuhan, who shook under his intense stare, searching for some sign that this young man was lying, but Ye Jieye decided to listen to what he had to say despite his horrified expression and the depths of his eyes seeming to be real.

"I will go with you. Only when my business here is done. Is there something else?" Ye Jieye asked.

Mo Yuhan hesitantly said, "Can you not tell Brother Xuejing? I don't want him to hate me."

"You're afraid of A'Mo hating you, but you're not afraid of me? Or do you believe that your clan is capable of protecting you?" Ye Jieye emits an aura that makes Mo Yuhan unable to breathe properly.

Mo Yuhan became pale and was filled with fear as he faced Ye Jieye's indifferent gaze; this man's gaze was not that of a living person but rather of a corpse, which made him regret going near him. Just as he

believed Ye Jieye was going to kill him, he felt a force push him away, and Ye Jieye pushed Mo Yuhan out of the kitchen.

Ye Jieye said coldly, "Your clan can explain everything when I visit your territory. Don't bother me now, scram!"

Ye Jieye slammed the kitchen door; Mo Yuhan, on the other hand, felt as though he had just escaped death and fell on his butt just outside the kitchen. Ye Jieye's reaction caught him off guard because he had seemed quite amiable yesterday when he found out that he was Mo Xuejing's cousin.

Lu Shang and Leica witnessed the entire incident and were heading down when they saw Mo Yuhan entering the kitchen where the God of Void was.

Lu Shang said, "Brat, I didn't expect you to be so courageous. Don't you know that the Lord doesn't even treat his own paternal grandfather as a family because he couldn't recall his past?"

"You shouldn't have taunted him and just told him everything you know. Now, your clan might get destroyed when Lord Ye comes there to visit. Even your Heavenly Guardian might not be able to help you protect your clan," Leica said.

Mo Yuhan looked at Lu Shang and Leica with a bewildered face and fear mixed in.

He asked, "W-What do you mean?"

"The Lord is only kind to those he deems family: his children, Senior Mu, your cousin, and us. Except for the ones mentioned, the rest are all strangers in his eyes," Lu Shang said.

Leica added, "Do you not know how Satan treats strangers? Especially those that anger him?"

How could Mo Yuhan be unaware that he was the first to encounter Satan on that occasion when his cousin took him on his first hunt? Satan lives up to his name, bearing no regard for human life or death; he even threw people off cliffs when they offended him. This is no mere show of being the King of Hell; he truly does not care about the lives of others.

When he enraged him earlier, the only reason he was not killed was because Mo Xuejing identified him as his cousin. It was only for Mo Xuejing's benefit that this evil man refrained from killing him. However, if he keeps enraged, forget about his cousin, whose status in his heart is unknown; he would undoubtedly be killed on the spot if he completely infuriated him.

Acknowledging this, he flees the villa with the intention of filing a report to the clan.

Leica asked, "Is it alright to leave the boy alone?"

"It's fine. No matter what he says anyway, the Mo Clan had to welcome the Lord's arrival sooner or later. After all, he still needs to find Lord Hei's incarnation." Lu Shang said.

Leica looked a bit confused, "Isn't it Mo Xuejing? Though there seems to be a dissonance between the body and the soul, I think Mo Xuejing is Lord Hei's incarnation. Though I don't know what happened for his vessel to be different from his soul."

"But having a vessel different from the soul is only a way to hide traces of the soul. Are you saying something is intentionally trying to hide Lord Hei's Soul? Is it Chaos from before?" Lu Shang said.

Leica said, "Even the vessel prepared by Zhi Yue and Zhi Yang wasn't used, maybe he did something to the Lord's incarnation as well."

"We should tell this to Milord," Lu Shang said as he was about to knock on the kitchen door but was stopped by his lover. "What's wrong?"

"Not now. We can report later in the middle of the night," Leica noticed the strange dark aura coming from the kitchen.

Clearly, an indication that the God of Void is not in the best of moods; if he had allowed his lover to knock at this precise moment, he would undoubtedly have to bear all the anger the Lord God is attempting to contain. Although Lu Shang is blind to the situation, he chooses to believe in his partner and allows him to yank him back to their room.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen...

Having just slapped an obnoxious brat aside, Ye Jieye felt lightheaded. This was no ordinary sickness, but something that directly affected his soul; he leaned on the table and cupped his forehead, and a few memories that he was unable to recall flashed through his memory.

Ugh!

"What the hell... is this...?!" Ye Jieye had to sit on the ground to meditate.

When he opened his eyes within his soul, he was suddenly pulled into an unknown time and space; it was like a broken timeline that no longer moved in constant motion instead of a lost time that stopped at a certain period. He could not understand why he was suddenly experiencing this dizziness, but he knew that his soul was the source of his pain.

Ye Jieye turned to face the familiar darkness he was in, realizing that this was his domain from birth, the void, but he could not seem to get this section of the void to listen to him at all, so he scowled.

"It's the void, but a part of an unknown void that isn't included in my domain. What is the meaning of this?" Ye Jieye mumbles.

A black snowflake imprint he shared with his wife, Hei Anjing, appears beneath his right eye as he is about to lose control of his emotions. He was alert and focused as he looked around at the darkness surrounding him. He had not known how to escape this darkness since he woke up in it.

The God of Void felt the warmth on his face as his wife's voice drifted into his consciousness, reminding him that one of the benefits of the Trial of Marriage was that they could now converse with each other anywhere in the world at any time.

{My love, you mustn't succumb to your anger. The Void had always been under your control. Feel it and restore your connection with it.}

"Jing'er? Baby, is it you? Aren't you sleeping?" The God of Void asked.

{I've felt a strong fluctuation in your emotions. I felt worried, so I went to check. The Void you are in is out of the current domain of time and space. It's an abandoned timeline. I don't know exactly where that is, but... I think the Origin and the End might be known.

Be careful, my love. I feel something is trying to catch you off-guard.}

"I will be careful. Baby, go back to sleep. Don't force yourself and rest properly. I will be okay," Ye Xiajie whispered with a gentle smile on his face.

{My love, I'm going to sleep now. Take care. I love you the most!}

"I love you the most too, Jing'er."

Using the domain of the void and the power to devour simultaneously, the darkness around him seems to be getting smaller. Once the entire darkness was eaten by him, his surroundings changed as well; instead of pure darkness, there were galaxies with shades of color surrounding him. The soul imprint on his face faded, and Ye Xiajie's smile vanished as well. He looked around, looking serious.

Ye Xiajie was surprised to see a guy covered in tattered black robes that covered his entire body, including his face, and whose presence gave the God of Void a sense of himself, even though Ye Xiajie could not feel the man's presence as if it were natural to him.

The God of Void asked, "Who are you?"

The man in the black robe didn't respond to his question, instead saying, "You are too lucky. That's unfair."

The man materialized in front of the God of Void before he could even respond, and he was astounded by what he saw concealed under that hood. Before he could take any action, the man vanishes from view, and after a brief moment of darkness, he awoke once again in Ye Jieye's vessel.

Gasped!

When Ye Jieye opened his eyes, he was drenched in cold perspiration. He was deeply confused and shocked by what he saw, and he could not believe the last-minute man who had shown up.

"Why...? Why did that man have the same face as mine?"

Chapter 1189: First Grey Star - Tornado Mountain Ranges

After he calmed down, Ye Jieye began preparing meals for his kids and the other members of their group, even preparing some food that they would bring on the hunt. As for what transpired in that void,

he decided to set it aside for the time being, focusing instead on locating his wife's incarnation and then moving on to finding the rest of her soul fragments.

Following Lu Ming and Su Jin, who were ready to ascend the mountain with Ye Jieye and the others, Mo Yuhan also made his way back to the villa. However, for some reason, Mo Yuhan was afraid to approach Ye Jieye and was even hiding behind his cousin brother; Ye Jieye ignored him as if he did not exist. Mo Xuejing scowled at Mo Yuhan at this scene, and naturally, the others noticed as well.

Lu Ming approached his elder brother and asked, "Big Brother, what is wrong with that fool? Did he offend Big Brother Ye?"

"Something like that. Don't worry it isn't serious. It's just that he wouldn't be able to enter brother's line of sight anymore. In short, he is ignoring his very existence." Lu Shang said.

Lu Ming gloated at Mo Yuhan and said, "What the hell did he even do? If he isn't Mo Xuejing's cousin, Big Brother Ye would have definitely kicked away somewhere."

"Enough of him. Have you prepared well?" Lu Shang said.

Lu Ming smiled and said, "Of course, Big Brother."

Ye Jingxia is still fine since he knows his parents will return, but Mo Xuejing had to soothe Hei Anxia, who had regressed to become a baby, till he wept and giggled at them finally falling asleep. Meanwhile, Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing are bidding farewell to their offspring.

Although Anxia's physique was controlled by Ye Jieye's Hell Flames, this did not change the fact that she was ill; after all, what parent would like their child to be ill? Mo Xuejing reluctantly handed the baby girl over to Old Mu, but he was leaving to see if that ingredient would be useful for Anxia's illness.

Mo Xuejing said, "Grandpa, I'll leave Xiaxia to you."

"Don't worry too much, boy. I will protect them." Old Mu said.

Meanwhile, not far from them, the father and son were having a conversation. Ye Jieye left Roi to his son's side as their Protector. Mo Xuejing didn't know what the father and son had talked about but he heard a bit.

Ye Jieye said, "When an enemy that wants to harm your sister and great-grandfather comes, what should Xiao Jing do?"

"Kill. Leave no one alive!" Ye Jingxia cheered.

The words "Kill" and "Leave no one live" left Mo Xuejing dumbfounded; he could not believe Ye Jieye was teaching his son such a thing. He looks so cute and innocent with his round eyes. It is as if the words he said were so scary that others shiver in disbelief and terror.

Mo Xuejing took Ye Jingxia from Ye Jieye's arm and glared at him, "What kind of education are you teaching!?"

"He is joking," Ye Jieye said.

Ye Jingxia kissed Mo Xuejing's cheeks and said, "I'm kidding. Daddy Mo. Hehehe~"

Sighed.

Mo Xuejing said, "Okay, I believe you. If your father said something bad like that there is no need to listen."

"Okay. I will keep them half dead!" Ye Jingxia said while smiling brightly like a little angel but his words were like whispers of devil instead

Stunned, Mo Xuejing said, "That's not what I mean."

Lu Shang and Leica nods their heads and commented,

"He is definitely not kidding."

"A glowing smile and deadly words. His personality is completely inherited. It can't be changed."

"Oi. Oi. That's scary. You guys don't think it's scary!?" Lu Ming screamed.

Su Jin said, "Despite his scary words, Xiao Jing still looks like an angel. So, is he an angel or a devil?"

"He looks like a little devil to me though. A wolf in sheep's clothing." Mo Yuhan said.

When he noticed his cousin glaring in his direction, he stopped talking. Mo Xuejing continued speaking with Ye Jingxia for a short while before handing him over to Old Mu. Suddenly, a light appeared in the direction of the Tornado Mountain Ranges, and nearly every hunter in the town ran towards the mountain range's gates in an attempt to outpace everyone else.

Ye Jieye and his group were calm as always. They didn't feel the urgency at this scene.

Old Mu said, "It's time to leave. You youngsters should get going."

"We will be back soon." Ye Jieye said.

With Lu Shang's assistance, they flew toward the mountain ranges, and as they could see the group fading in the distance, Old Mu glanced at Ji Yoonjun and Guang, who were staying at the villa as the kids' nannies. Lu Shang manipulated wind elements and enveloped their entire party.

Many people saw their group flew. Those who were aware of the nature of Satan and the Ice Demon decided to flee, purposefully avoiding the direction from which they were coming. It was sufficient that they avoid interfering with the Gods and risk dying in the process.

Lu Shang led the party to the closest mountain base. The Tornado Mountain Ranges consisted of thirteen mountains, each with a different danger level. The first through fourth mountains are easy stages, with the majority of ingredients living there being ordinary to elite-grade ingredients.

The fifth through eighth mountains are considered the normal stage, with the majority of ingredients living there being elite or rare-grade ingredients.

The final five mountains are regarded as the final stage; only legendary-grade and rare ingredients can be found there, and the bottom of the mountains is sheer sheer sheer cliff, accessible only to Gourmet Hunters with a heart and spade ranking, and requiring them to sign a life-and-death agreement to gain entry.

Under Ye Jieye's direction, Lu Shang led their group straight to the fifth mountain, avoiding the first and fourth because they were too low for them; after all, all but Su Jin are hunters of at least spade rank, and two are even of immeasurable rank; as for Lu Shang and Leica, it is absurd to think about the originals' level since the wardens replaced their souls; after all, they were gods.

Lu Ming asked his brother, "Aren't we going to the ninth mountain directly instead?"

"We are staying here for quite a long time—a few days if we are lucky or a few weeks if we do our best. Moreover, there aren't any condiments in the core region. You want to eat main course ingredients without any seasoning," Lu Shang said.

Su Jin said, "But we brought enough seasonings and condiments, though."

"When hunters fight they consume calories, we don't know how many times we need to eat to keep ourselves fit. Moreover, you need to adjust to the changes of the air. As we go to the higher mountains, the air gets thinner. We need to get some things at this level to replace oxygen in your case," Leica explained.

Su Jin said, "I'm sorry. It's because of me that we need to go here."

"As long as you know," Mo Yuhan said.

Lu Ming shouted at Mo Yuhan, "Shut up." He turned around to coax his chef. "Don't listen to him. Since Big Brother Ye agreed to let you come, coming to this stage is most likely his intention."

"We came here to find something to bait a Behemoth Carabao. The grasses at the core region are mostly dry and the Behemoth Carabao aren't interested in it. We need to gather some Moon Grass before going up further," Mo Xuejing explained.

People had grown accustomed to his expressionless demeanor when speaking to others, but only when he is looking at Ye Jieye do his eyes soften. He could not entirely control his emotions and expressions, thus he could not maintain such a deadpan expression.

Su Jin asked, "What type of ingredient is the Moon Grass?" As a chef, it's the first time he is hearing what moon grass is.

Lu Ming said, "I gave you a terminal right? You can check any ingredients using the account I give you. Just type what ingredient you want to know. As long as it's recorded you should be able to see the data about it."

Su Jin used the terminal on his wrist and searched for the ingredient called Moon Grass.

[Moon Grass. 5th Class, Rare Grade Fodder. The favorite food of all herbivores in existence. It grows under the blue moon and stores moon energy that is extremely delicious for beasts that like to eat grass. It had a nice fragrance of mint and sandalwood. It can be used to garnish dishes but it isn't edible.]

Su Jin said, "A rare-grade ingredient?! But it can only be eaten by animals."

"The problem isn't the ingredients itself but the beasts that live near it. For every strand of Moon Grass, a group of venomous Blue Grass snakes protects it," Leica said.

Su Jin paled at the thought of seeing elite-grade Blue Grass Snakes of the 1st Class congregating around a Moon Grass; by now, anyone who was afraid of snakes would have shuddered.

Lu Ming said, "Don't worry, Xiao Jin. Even if Blue Grass Snakes came in groups it's still only snakes. We can burn them to ashes if they dare to act. Speaking of which, we had been walking for quite a while now. How come there isn't even a single bug coming over us?"

"That's right, it's weird. I've been here before. There should be lots of snakes, wolves or other beasts that live in this area. Nothing comes out and no one seems to be here." Mo Yuhan also felt weird.

When Ye Jieye, who was leading the group, suddenly stopped walking and turned around, Lu Shang and Leica were at a loss for words. They knew why, but they could not just tell me whatever they wanted. Instead, they could only stare at Ye Jieye's back. Of course, he heard what everyone behind him was saying; he just did not care.

Ye Jieye asked, "You want to see beasts. Go take the lead. A'Mo and I will protect the rear. Shang and Leica at the sides. The three of you take the lead to the area where the Moon Grass grows."

Lu Ming, Mo Yuhan, and Su Jin led the group this time, and after walking in for only ten minutes, three wind wolves appeared before them. The fur of these wolves was green as they bathed in wind and tornadoes to increase their strengths. The three young children were confused by Ye Jieye's words, but none of them dared to go against his orders.

Arroo~ grrr! Growls~

Mo Yuhan was startled, "Wind Wolves. These are 4th class, rare-grade ingredients. They weren't in sight before. How can they suddenly appear now?" He produced his whip, which at first glance appeared to be an ordinary whip but had transparent crystals linked to it in the form of a barbed wire.

Su Jin was familiar with this ingredient and said, "Wind Wolf's meat is chewy and it's only useful for making jerkies. We have no time to dry their meat."

"It's fine. We have a space ring anyway. Let's just store it in there for now as an emergency ration," Lu Ming said as he pulled a pair of daggers from his back. He stood in front of the wolves while Mo Yuhan took the back. As for Su Jin, he stepped back and went to where Lu Shang and Leica are

Regarding Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, they appear so at ease that they even managed to disappear from the crowd for a short while, taking a few Moon Grasses ahead of everyone else. Besides, Lu Shang and Leica would be taking care of the brats anyhow, and it would be quicker for the two of them to gather enough while the brats are hunting.

Their cousins, who were expected to be at the back, had already vanished somewhere without Lu Ming and the other two noticing.

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Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan went into fighting mode, blocking the three wind wolves' escape route with their personal weapons. Lu Shang pulled Leica and Su Jin up onto a large tree branch so they could observe the action from above.

Leica smiled and helped Su Jin up, "Stay balanced. Hold on to the tree. It would take for those two to kill those wolves. It's a rare-grade ingredient after all."

"It's okay. They should be able to hunt them," Su Jin said.

The three wind wolves surrounded by the two humans were pinched, but did not panic; after all, these two humans looked a lot weaker than that scary human form before. He believes that Lu Ming was the strongest in his previous life, and he began hunting after being brought by Lu Ming to all different hunting grounds.

As a result, he actually adapted to the terrain of the Tornado Mountain Ranges faster than ordinary people.

The three of them, Lu Ming, Su Jin, and Mo Yuhan, are the only ones these wolves can sense right now because Ye Jieye masked his aura to the point of nothingness a few moments ago, while Lu Shang and Leica had long since hidden their aura from the beast in the area. Ye Jieye had been leading the group to avoid needless hunting, so he spread a bit of his aura enough to surround his group.

His aura carries a feeling of suppression and coercion, which frightens most beasts in the mountains.

The two that vanished from the group, Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, were somewhere near a cliff within the mountain, and they could reach the peak of the mountain they were in. Mo Xuejing was squatting in front of bluegrass, carrying a basket filled with the same blue grasses that Mo Xuejing was working on, while Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were hunting three wind wolves.

Mo Xuejing asked, "How many baskets have we filled yet?"

"Hm. Adding the one in my hand, there should be enough blue grass to fill a huge truck. After you get that one in your hand, we should go back. Those brats should have finished hunting by the time we returned," Ye Jieye said.

"Okay, let's return now," Mo Xuejing said as he left the area for the Moon Grass.

There were at least hundreds of snakes in the area they were in, but none of them dared to come out when Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing were around. If ordinary hunters like Lu Ming or Mo Yuhan had come over to this area, they would have been long buried under this number of snakes. The bluegrass snake that was hiding among the grass, trees, and land had all come out as soon as the two of them left.

Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing returned soundlessly, just as they had left, and they even saw the moment when Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming hunted the last wind wolf. By the time they returned with the group, Mo Yuhan, and Lu Ming had already hunted one wolf for each of them, and the last wolf was now cornered by the two as they competed to see who could hunt the last one faster.

The two hit the wolf at the same time and were now verbally fighting, saying that they were the ones who killed it.

"I killed it first. It was cut to half first!" Lu Ming said.

Mo Yuhan retorted, "Nonsense! My whip had beheaded it first!"

"I died when it got cut in half!!!"

"Stupid! I cut off the head first, and it died that way before you cut it in half!!!" Mo Yuhan shouted back.

Su Jin fled the moment his feet touched the ground to stop Lu Ming from fighting; obviously, he did not notice that the two bosses had slipped away just now. Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan had completely forgotten about the previous wolf that started fighting like children, and this time they even used weapons to fight.

Lu Shang and Leica noticed the Lords and returned, going down from the tree and joining them.

Su Jin said, "Ah! Stop fighting. Stop fighting!"

"Someone, stop those brats," Mo Xuejing said.

Leica moved, using force to subdue the two mischievous brats; Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were tied up upside down by Leica; the movement of the strings was so quick that they were unaware of its approach; it was silent, precise, and concealed; before Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan knew what had happened, they had already been caught; as they were stunned, Mo Xuejing approached them with his characteristic expressionless but lovely face.

Mo Xuejing said, "Enough, playing. We are moving now."

"Yes!" Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming both turned obedient under this man's silver eyes. They were both frightened.

Thud! Bam!

Only when Mo Xuejing nodded at Leica did the two brats fall off and were rubbing the top of their heads that kissed the hard ground just now.

Lu Shang said, "Stand up! We're moving up!"

There are many herd-type ingredients approaching the group as they hike up the mountain; before they reach the peak of the mountain, a herd of wild boars appears to block their path. Since the brats took the lead, Wold Beast would be emerging to greet the groups.

Barbeque boars are third-class, elite-grade ingredients that are five times larger than an adult wild boar and have a flamed section on their back that never stops grilling. The strength of the flame is correlated with the boar's mood; if it got too angry, it would burn itself to charcoal and waste its meat.

Oink! Oink! Oink! Oink!

In just a split second, the group was surrounded by large wild boars with flaming backs. There is a strong fragrance of grilled meat in the area.

Lu Ming said, "Mo Yuhan, I told you not to kick that baby boar before!?"

A few minutes later, this group of adult barbeque wild boars surrounded them, including the small wild boar that Mo Yuhan had kicked a few minutes earlier. On their way up, they encounter a baby wild boar. Because it was too young and there was not enough meat for them, the group ignored it, and it continued to follow them as if it was angry that it was ignored.

Mo Yuhan disdainfully looks at the baby wild boar from before, "Bully the young and the old would come out. This is normal but it even brought its whole family."

Oink. Oink. Oink. Oink!

The smell of tantalizing grilled fresh pork spreads in the area. The four adults are still okay. But the three youngsters were already drooling at the fragrance of grilled pork.

Gulps.

Su Jin tugged at his lover's shirt and said, "A'Ming can... can you catch one? I brought some lettuce, cheese, and seasoning. We can have some samgyupsal on the spot!"

Swallowed.

Lu Ming said, "One might not be enough. Let's catch three."

"Three. Is not enough! Let's get five!" Mo Yuhan had already jumped on the barbeque pork—I mean, on the barbeque wild boar with the most tantalizing scent.

With Lu Ming and Mo Yuhua keeping him safe at the center, Su Jin was humming as he took out a grill set from his space ring and started assembling it on the spot. Most hunters already knew that in order to catch this pork, they needed to kill it in one hit or in an instant to keep the meat fresh. After all, once the wild boar gets angry, it will burn and become inedible.

The adults, meantime, had already caught their wild boar; Lu Shang is not a cook, but at least he knows how to start a fire and instantly kill the boar; Leica, on the other hand, knows how to cook, so he takes care of the pig his sweetheart has caught and immediately prepares some honey-roasted pork.

As for Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, they didn't move right away and watched the guys before them hunting and cooking without care while being surrounded.

Mo Xuejing mumbles, "Are these guys for real? There is still a lot of boar coming over here."

"It's okay. Leave it to me. I'll send them on their way," Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing stopped him immediately and said, "Ah! You can't over-hunt. Just send them away. Don't kill it all! These five boars are enough for them anyway."

While the rest of the group is not the target of such a dangerous aura, they could not help but flinch when Ye Jieye makes his move and uses coercion on the few wild boars that their group does not choose. When they tried to look in the direction of the dangerous aura, they saw Ye Jieye kicking a panicking wild boar that ran in their direction blindly.

He lightly kicks the boar to the sky, and its squealing reverberates throughout the entire mountain.

The other barbecued wild boars fled, but Ye Jieye pulled out a knife, and as the massive boar fell to the ground, all they saw was a flash of light, and it vanished, leaving behind meat sliced into various shapes and sizes, and Mo Xuejing quickly made ice boxes to catch the falling pork.

It is amazing how well these two work together; they did not even exchange words, acting as though they were coordinating in a way that only they could understand.

Ye Jieye turns to ask Mo Xuejing, "What do you want to eat?"

"Sweet and Sour pork. Pork fried rice. Creamy Pork Mushrooms. Pork chops with apples. Stewed Pork Corn Soup." Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye stopped for a bit and said, "Can you finish all that?"

"I will definitely eat everything," Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye mumbled, "Let's make small portions just for sure."

Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan struck them squarely, fortunately only receiving minor cuts and bruises, when they abruptly stopped fighting the wild boar they were attacking, leaving everyone stunned by their exchange of words.

The group set to work cooking; Lu Shang and Leica were not very good at it, but they had first-class ingredients, most of which were rare-grade; the three young people could only use the elite and rare grades they had found along the way; the ingredients the group was using had been found on the mountain; the three young people could only hunt rare and elite grades, and legend grade was too rare for them to find.

However, Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing had already scoured the entire mountain and hunted every high-grade ingredient, including a green and red bell pepper fae that was flying at the base of the cliff—legendary-grade ingredients—so they had no idea why they were having trouble finding rare-grade ingredients.

This is also the reason Mo Xuejing was craving sweet and sour pork, as well as these bell peppers.

The moment the rest of the group saw the legendary-grade bell peppers, they couldn't help but look at it intently. The aura coming from it is too strong.

Lu Ming pointed at the bell peppers in his cousin's hand and exclaimed, "Legendary-grade!? Big Brother Ye, you brought a legendary grade with you to cook?"

"No," Ye Jieye responded as he continued cooking.

With a hint of curiosity, Mo Yuhan used his terminal to look up information about the legendary-grade bell peppers that Ye Jieye was using calmly as a dish ingredient to feed his cousin. He even sent a photo to be looked up.

[Fae Bell Pepper (Red). 3rd Class, Legendary-grade. Can only be found at the deadly cliffs of the Mid-level Mountains of the Tornado Mountain Ranges.]

[It had small properties of fire elements and had a chill effect that could keep the body warm for three days. You can even walk in the snowy mountain area with normal temperatures. But once the effect is gone, your body will return to normal.]

[Fae Bell Pepper (Green). 2nd Class. Legendary-grade. Can only be found at the deadly cliffs of the Mid-level Mountains of the Tornado Mountain Ranges.]

[It had a small property of wood elements. Can be eaten to heal internal wounds. It can't be used directly on wounds. Effects only activate when eaten. Better enhancement for healing when eaten together with Red Fae Bell Pepper.]

Mo Yuhan asked in confusion, "The terminal says it can only be found in this danger zone. Did you hunt it here? When?"

"When you guys are busy hunting the Wild Wolves before, A'Ye and I went around the mountain once," Mo Xuejing answered nonchalantly.

It is just that these responses left the three young men dumbfounded. They had already defeated the three wild wolves, and it had taken them three hours, even with Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan working together. During those three hours, their cousins had already wandered the entire mountain without their knowledge, and it was only then that they realized how much stronger their cousins were than they were.

Suddenly they turned to Lu Ming and Leica and knew just by their expressions alone that they were asking if they also did the same thing.

Lu Shang said, "Don't look at us like that. We've been by your side all this time. As for the ingredients we are using, we sent our pets to gather a few nearby. Ugh!"

Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan's faces went pale when Leica struck him on the side, causing him to immediately shut talking. It appears that they are unable to even overcome his brother's hawk and his partner's snake when it comes to gathering ingredients.