

World Plot 1191

Chapter 1191: First Grey Star - Milky Way River

Ye Jieye fed the rest of the group some sweet and sour pork during lunch in order to help them control their body temperature because the air gets thinner and the temperature drops as they go higher up in the mountain range.

Because of the legendary-grade bell peppers, they would not have to worry about their body temperature dropping during the journey and their body's healing abilities had been enhanced to their advantage.

The party continues on their journey and reaches the summit of the fifth mountain. To reach the next mountain, the sixth, one must ascend even higher. To do so, one must ride the cloud that passes through the Milky Way river, which flows upwards under the influence of wind.

The ascent is straightforward, but the creatures that inhabit the Milky Way River are somewhat fierce and have a voracious appetite for meat.

It was a sight to behold, especially with a few exquisite fish that resembled colorful stars. Mo Yuhan identified the galaxy as a river, flowing upstream with its dark, starry color.

"Isn't this the Milky Way Road? Are we going straight to the Core region?" Mo Yuhan asked.

Mo Xuejing asked, "You've been there before?"

"No. I've never been in the Core Region of the Tornado Mountain Ranges. But I've gone this way before when I went to the seventh mountain with a team. It's just that all fish on the Milky Way River are carnivorous and ferocious," Mo Yuhan said.

Su Jin looked at the beautiful and colorful jumping fish in the Milky Way River. They look gentle and especially gorgeous, but he didn't expect that these fish were carnivorous.

"They look pretty though," Su Jin commented.

Mo Yuhan said, "Don't look at how simple they look. Once you fall into the river, you will surface as bone. They are worse than the Amazon's piranha."

"But most of these fish are rare-grade. No, it seems that almost all of them are in the rare grade," Lu Shang said as he felt the aura coming to these fish.

Mo Xuejing asked, "One question: Are these fish delicious?"

"It's a delicacy among the rare-grade ingredients, but... there is something in the river that looks especially delicious—a legendary-grade one," Ye Jieye said as he narrowed his eyes toward the Milky Way River. "We're lucky that it's in season."

"Are you talking about the Star Puffer Fish, my Lord?" Leica asked.

Ye Jieye's first word is his reply to Leica's question. "Yes. You guys come out, or I'll throw all of you in the river."

Ye Jieye reserved the rest of his words for the hidden presence on the river bank. After uttering these words, every hunter who had fled after they arrived did so, and the majority of these hunters were at least spade-ranked. This is because the Star Puffer Fish is a special preparation ingredient, a 3rd-class, legendary-grade ingredient that is extremely difficult for regular hunters to reach.

Additionally, its poison is extremely lethal, and the number of hunters who can remove it is even smaller.

At least ten hunters with mixed ranks in hearts and spades emerged, and they appeared to be a group. They were going to hunt the Star Puffer Fish when they sensed Ye Jieye's fearsome aura; he had long since spread his ominousness when they arrived at the road leading to this location, so even when the brats took the lead, they were no longer attacked by beasts en route.

They knew that their group was coming this way for two reasons: either they were going to catch the Star Puffer Fish, as they were, or they were going to use this road to get to the core region. Since they wanted to have conflict with this powerful group, these guys chose to hide themselves. It was just that they were being called out and had to come in the presence of someone like Satan.

There is no denying that Satan is a cruel and merciless hunter who kills those who try to steal away his prey.

"Lord, we aren't here to ambush you or something. We come to catch the Star Puffer Fish which is in season," the leader of this group of hunters explained.

Ye Jieye said, "I know. That's the only reason why you guys are still alive."

Not only did the hunters in front of them recoil in natural dread, but they also retreated a few paces, widening the gap between the two groups.

Mo Xuejing sighed and stopped Ye Jieye from scaring the men before them and said, "Stop scaring them, A'Ye."

"Fine."

"Excuse me. Since you are here to catch the Star Puffer Fish then you should have things to help you capture it. Can we borrow it for a while? In exchange, I will give you one Star Puffer Fish," Mo Xuejing said.

The Ice Demon had a reputation for honoring his word, and because he can even halt Satan right now, it appears that they get along well. His face may be as frigid as the man next to him, but his words are polite.

"Please give me time to talk to my team, first."

"Okay. Take your time," Mo Xuejing said.

After a few minutes, the leader of the other group lent the things that could capture a puffer fish to Ye Jieye's group and said, "Here are the things needed to capture a Star Puffer Fish. Oh no, is it possible for us to watch how you catch it? We don't have the confidence to catch one ourselves."

"Sure. You can watch," Lu Shang said as he took over the things that looked like a diving tool, a net, etc.

Ye Jieye said, "Let Shang and Leica go down to catch it. Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan will go down as well to watch. A'Mo leave it to them and wait here with me. Just fish at the side instead."

Mo Xuejing smiled when he heard that and said, "Okay. I will listen to you." Then he turned his head to look at the other group with his smile gone and said, "Some of you can also come down with them. There are extra diving suits and nets after all. We only need four."

"Thank you, Lord Mo and Lord Satan," the leader of the other team said with a bow. They were thankful for the opportunity given to them.

Leica approached Su Jin and said, "You can't go down the river, Xiao Jin. Just stay here with the lords and wait for us."

"That's right, Xiao Jin. It's too dangerous to come with us. You can fish with big brothers," Lu Ming said.

Ye Jieye said, "You can fish with A'Mo. I'm going to prepare something for snacks."

"Come here, Su Jin. Can you help me put the bait on the hook?" Mo Xuejing said.

Su Jin said, "Y-Yes."

As for Ye Jieye, he pulled out a huge oven to bake some snacks; he had everything he needed in his inventory and a single wave of his hand could make a portable kitchen appear anyway; as for Lu Shang and the others, they changed into their diving suits with six from the other group; the group only chose those who had skills that could be used in the water.

Mo Xuejing and Su Jin went to the edge of the river with two fishing poles and intended to fish.

Leica started talking to the other group, "You know that Star Puffer Fish is a special preparation ingredient. Do you know how to catch them? They would immediately die if you tried to catch them by normal means. Do you know how to hide your presence?"

From the other group, only one raised a hand. He seems to be an assassin type of hunter.

"I can hide my aura for at least an hour."

"That's good. While hiding your aura you must sneak near the fish and use a needle to instantly kill it. Prick its brain in an instant. If it turns black you can't eat it anymore as it becomes completely poisonous. Do you understand?" Leica asked.

The assassin hunter, Lu Ming, and Mo Yuhan nod their heads. Though they didn't know the rank of the hunter in front of them, his instructions were on point. This is the first time they received such guidance when hunting a legendary-grade ingredient.

Lu Shang said, "The other four will help me guard the team."

"Yes, Sir!"

Lu Shang looked at Ye Jieye and said, "Lord, we are going."

"Go ahead." Ye Jieye said as he didn't even move his eyes from the dough he was working on the table. Su Jin waves his hand at his lover as he sends them to hunt.

The remaining members of the other group watch anxiously from the river's bank, fearing that their captain and the other companions will perish beneath the water. All nine of them leap into the river.

Mo Xuejing, who was holding a fishing pole said, "Don't worry about them. Lu Shang and Leica are with them."

"Lord Mo, what is the rank of Big Brother Lu and Brother Leica as a hunter?" Su Jin asked.

Mo Xuejing looked bewildered as he didn't know but as someone who could serve someone of Ye Jieye's standing, he knew that these two are top hunters themselves.

"That... I don't know. Let me ask." Mo Xuejing said to Su Jin before turning a bit to shout at Ye Jieye.
"A'Ye what is the hunter rank of Lu Shang and Leica?"

"Hm. Same as yours," Ye Jieye replied.

Mo Xuejing mumbled, "Same as mine? Then they are Joker class Hunters. No wonder."

He was not at all surprised to learn that Lu Shang and Leica were exactly the same as he was; if they could hunt rare-grade ingredients as easily as picking an ordinary grass, then hunting Legendary-grade ingredients should also be easy for them.

As for Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, well, they were just being cowardly; after all, it is only a Legendary-grade ingredient, and no labor was required to obtain it.

"Joker Class!? Isn't that the peak of all hunters and just below the Heavenly Guardian!"

However, the rest are dumbfounded; Joker Class, the Peak Strength of Hunters, is only inferior to the Heavenly Guardian, meaning that they are the next generation of Heavenly Guardians. Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, on the other hand, do not seem to care much about what they discuss.

Su Jin stuttered but still asked, "W-What about... Lord Ye?"

"A'Ye is a chef and a hunter. So his rank is under the class of a Soloist. If I'm not wrong he should be a five-petalled blossom class. The peak of both rank in cooking and hunting," Mo Xuejing said.

While all else in the area was silent, Mo Xuejing's fishing pole began to move, as if something had stolen a bait from it. The other people in the area, however, were staring at the two men with undisguised shock. They had no idea that they would be facing two hunters of the highest caliber in the world.

Mo Xuejing stood up, "Oh! I caught one. Hahaha~ let me pull you out of the water!" Running from the river's edge, he tried to draw the string out of the water, but the fish that appeared to have taken a bite out of his bait appeared to be large, capable of dragging humans into the river. However, Mo Xuejing is a top-tier hunter, capable of hunting materials fit for Gods.

Hmp!

"I don't believe this lord can pull you out of the water!" Mo Xuejing used his qi to cover his body and run it towards his fishing rod to the end of the string.

WHOOSHED!

When Mo Xuejing sensed that the fish was momentarily stopped by his cold qi, he quickly pulled it out of the river and a six-meter-long, milky white electric eel shot skyward from the Milky Way River, leaving everyone else stunned, including Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing.

"So it's an eel. I thought I caught a shark or something," Mo Xuejing mumbles.

The electric eel opened its eye in the sky and wanted to electrify all these damn humans that dragged him out of the river. Golden streaks of lightning appeared around it

CRIZZZ. CRIIIZZZZ!!

"Annoying."

Ignoring the noise in the background, Ye Jieye, who was busy molding the tart based on the corner, picked up an unopened walnut on the tablet and flicked it towards the head of the electric eel, making it fly like a bullet and even through its head, killing the white electric eel before it could even unleash its most powerful attack and falling lifeless from the sky to Mo Xuejing's enormous ice bowl.

BOOM!

Mo Xuejing observed the white electric eel and said, "It's a legendary-grade white dragon eel. Though I heard it lives in the Milky Way River, I don't think I will catch one. This thing is at least 100 years old."

"This thing isn't suitable to be eaten in the wild. Store it first, and I'll cook it at home," Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing blushed a bit and murmured, "That's right, eels enhance sexual activity. It's better to eat them at home." He placed the big eels in his storage and walked to where Ye Jieye was to get some fruits. Then he resumed fishing for a lower-grade fish.

Ye Jieye said, "A'Mo, don't use rare-grade fish bait. Elite-grade should suffice to catch rare-grade fishes."

"Okay,~" Mo Xuejing said.

Meanwhile on the sidelines,

"No wonder another Legendary-grade ingredient was caught. They used rare-grade fish bait. It must be of peak rare grade for it to be able to attract such a rare ingredient."

"They are so powerful. Did you see what killed that huge eel? It's a single walnut. Just an elite-grade walnut, how can that be?"

"If I didn't see it myself, I wouldn't even believe it. Seeing is to believe."

Chapter 1192: First Grey Star - Star Pufferfish and the Cosmos Shark.

Meanwhile, under the Milky Way River...

The Milky Way River's depths are unexpectedly deep; despite the river's cleanliness, some areas are too dark for the group to see clearly, so they must use a light source. Those who enter the river will know

how clear it is, unlike the galaxy of water on the surface. The nine people who dive under the river felt as though they had entered the sea.

Lu Shang led the way, Leica trailed behind, and he waved his hands for the others to follow. Lu Ming and Mo Yuhua trailed closely behind the two leading fish, and the others followed. Lu Shang identified the location of the Star Puffer Fish and used some of his aura to draw the other fish toward their group.

Lu Shang finally stopped near the Star Puffer Fish's territory, stood in front of the group, and gestured for the others to follow. The other hunters, whose job it is to guard, spread out in four corners, and the Star Puffer Fish would float up in the center of their group.

However, Star Puffer Fish is incredibly sensitive; it would even pick up the aura of other creatures and would die immediately when touched or approached.

A shoal of Star Pufferfish eventually surfaced from below after a few minutes of waiting; they were about the size of an adult human fish and had a blending crystal color, allowing one to see its organs through their transparent skin.

Lu Ming eagerly attempted to catch one, just like the other member of the other group, but, predictably, it died before they could touch it, revealing its belly upside down and turning poisonous purple. It was also no longer edible.

With a fierce glare in his eyes, Leica struck Lu Ming's hand, and it was only then that Lu Ming realized he was too excited and had forgotten what Brother Leica had just told them before plunging to their knees, only being able to make an apologetic gesture with his hand clasped as if in prayer and bowing his head, as did the other person who had made the same mistake.

Leica looked directly at the two troublemakers, signaling them to keep a close eye on his movements. He then erased his aura and moved slowly toward the Star Pufferfish. Since the fish cannot sense Leica, they believed he was indistinguishable from water and did not die as they had anticipated. Leica used a long needle to puncture the fish's brain instantly, causing it to turn its belly up.

However, Leica's puffer fish remained transparent, in contrast to Lu Ming's nearly black-purple dead fish, indicating that he had handled this unique preparation ingredient correctly.

After Leica demonstrated the technique, the other three attempted to hunt pufferfish. They were unable to execute the maneuver as smoothly as Leica could, and they had to move quickly in order to insta-kill the fish. Despite numerous failures, the three eventually made some successful attempts, and within an hour, all four of them had hunted a few shoals of pufferfish.

Lu Shang gestures to Leica to leave first. Leica nods and uses his strings to wrap everyone's waist and swim to the surface faster than a mermaid. Everyone is caught off guard, but they have seen what that huge shadow was. Just when they have managed to reach their destination, an unknown big shadow is fast approaching them. Lu Shang and Leica immediately turned serious.

It was a huge shark. A great white shark with skin that looks like a galaxy. It's a Cosmos Shark that lives at the depths of the Milky Way River. The most vicious creatures that live in this place and the strongest predators in the Milky Way River. Lu Shang summoned his golden spear and blocked the path of the Cosmos Shark. This shark is quite powerful.

At least the peak class of Legend-grade ingredients unfortunately isn't edible except for its fin.

Leica, who was pulling away the rest of the ground, was thrown out of the water as if they were kicked out with a huge force; some weak ones nearly drowned and fell on the land while coughing out their lungs; only Leica was able to land on the edge of the river unharmed.

The enormous wave that flew towards the surface of the Milky Way River was caused by the force of the huge cosmos shark and Lu Shang blocking its path.

The others who were waiting for them were drenched in water, watching people fly out of the river as if something had thrown them out; only when they are Lu Shang blocking a huge shark with a spear do they realize that they are being attacked by this ingredient underwater. As for Ye Jieye, Mo Xuejing, and Su Jin, none of them got wet.

Water evaporates before it touches Ye Jieye, and turns to frost mist when it touches Mo Xuejing. Mo Xuejing shielded Su Jin.

Su Jun exclaims, "A huge cosmos shark!!!"

"Shang, take its fin and force it back into the water," Ye Jieye nonchalantly commanded.

Upon receiving his orders, Lu Shang engaged the massive shark in combat in midair. He severed the fin on its back and kicked it back into the river, causing the wave to dissipate into mist before it reached the edge. Mo Xuejing initiated the kick.

"My lord," Lu Shang passed the shark's fin to Ye Jieye who immediately hid it in his inventory.

Ye Jieye said, "I can make some shark's fin dumplings for the cubs when we get home."

People coughing in the background, but at least none of them had died; Leica had saved them from certain death moments ago, grateful that Lu Shang had the strength to take on the Cosmos Shark; Lu Ming was staring at his older brother, both in shock and admiration, as he never thought he would be this strong.

Lu Ming with glowing eyes, said to Lu Shang, "Big Brother! You're so strong!"

"Next time, train your body properly. A wave can even blow like that. This is because you don't balance your body and qi, that you end up this way." Lu Shang scolded him. With a golden spear in his hand that looks even taller than him, Lu Shang looks like a general.

"I promise to start training my body well."

Convinced that his brother was correct, Lu Ming vowed to develop his body to match the strength of his elder brother, Ye Jieye, seeing Ye Jieye as a spiritual twin of their grandfather, a Heavenly Guardian, and never dreaming of becoming stronger than Ye Jieye.

Su Jin offered his lover a towel to dry himself, "A'Ming, dry yourself first then change your clothes."

"Right, give your catch to Xiao Jin, he needs to learn from the boss how to prepare the Star Pufferfish. That's a special preparation ingredient after all." Lu Shang said.

The chef from the other group also approached them and asked, "Excuse me. Is it okay for me to watch too?"

"Go ahead. But let me warn you, it's hard to prepare that stupid fish. You might waste a lot in the process. Talk to your team." Lu Shang said.

Ye Jieye received all of Leica's caught Star Pufferfish. Mo Xuejing gave Leica the elite and rare-grade fish that he and Su Jin caught, letting Leica handle them because he wanted to see how Ye Jieye handled the fish because, once it turns purple, it is already poisonous and should never be eaten unless one wants to die.

The chef is all gathered on the table Ye Jieye is standing. There's Su Jin and a chef from the other group. Also, an extra, Mo Xuejing sitting beside Ye Jieye like an innocent child.

Ye Jieye looked at Mo Xuejing and said, "You don't need to learn this way of removing poison. In your case, you just need to freeze it and control it out of the Pufferfish. That's faster for you."

"Really? I want to try!" Mo Xuejing stood up wanting to try what Ye Jieye had told him just now.

Ye Jieye took a step back and allowed Mo Xuejing take his place. A translucent skin Star Pufferfish was placed on a chopping board in front of him, and Ye Jieye gestured to the little ball part of the fish.

"This is the poison pouch of the Pufferfish. Freeze it and turn it into mist. Control your power and don't allow any mist to touch the flesh of the fish as you take the most out of its body." Ye Jieye instructed.

Remembering all the commands Ye Jieye had given him just now, Mo Xuejing became serious and used his ice elements to control solely the Pufferfish's poison sack, freezing it beneath everyone's scrutiny so that the black ball inside the fish transformed into ice without damaging anything else.

"Good slowly melted it and drew out the mist. The only hole you can use is the fish's mouth," Ye Jieye said as he slightly made the Pufferfish open its mouth to its largest.

The transparent pufferfish turned shining gold, indicating that it has achieved the height of freshness and is ready to be cooked. The ice ball within gradually transformed into a white mist and slowly emerged from the pufferfish's mouth.

Nearly everyone in the neighborhood, with the exception of the four adults in Ye Jieye's party, was in disbelief; this was, in fact, the peak stage of the Star Pufferfish, blazing gold like a star, and once it was fully prepared, even common people could cook it.

Mo Xuejing smiled and said, "I did it?"

"You do," Mo Xuejing said as he jumped on Ye Jieye and hugged his neck.

In an attempt to defuse the awkward situation, Ye Jieye pretended to cough, held the knife, and placed another Pufferfish on the chopping board while Mo Xuejing placed the golden Pufferfish on the plate next to him. The two were grinning at each other, giving the impression that they were an intimate couple, but they froze instantly when they saw other people staring at them.

Cough!

"Look closely. I will only do it slowly once," Ye Jieye said to Su Jin, the other chef beside him.

"Yes, Sir."

It took a minute to cut the fish, as he purposefully slowed down to allow the other chef to witness the process. Once the Star Pufferfish was cut into two, Ye Jieye released the knife from his grasp and lightly touched the poison sack inside. His knife was made of material that can only be handled by experts. The knife blade can turn solid or soft under the controlled force of the chef's hands.

"Gently drag the poison sack out. Control the force of your hand. Once the sack broke the poison would spread and the fish would become useless," Ye Jieye instructed.

When Ye Jieye successfully extracted the Star Pufferfish's poison sack, it glowed golden, just like Mo Xuejing's fish did. However, Ye Jieye's fish is precisely cut into two halves, while Mo Xuejing's fish is still whole and uncut. Ye Jieye then burned the poison sack into nothing and spoke to the two chefs who were in front of him.

"You can try it at your own pace. This fish I cut is the payment for letting us borrow your equipment. You may go. I need to start cooking," Ye Jieye said.

He appeared to have no intention of preparing the pufferfish he handled just now, but they watched him make his way to the portable oven and pull out a roasted pork tenderloin with spinach and cheese inside, along with baked pork strips and some fried pork chops.

To begin preparing the Star Pufferfish, Su Jin and the other chef set up their own counter table. Lu Ming caught ten for Su Jin, and amazingly, he managed to prepare five but failed the other five. For the other chef, their group only caught five, and he prepared three but succeeded in preparing the two. Adding the one Ye Jieye gave them, their group now had three golden star pufferfish.

Ye Jieye decided to continue traveling, so the group split up, and the other group decided to descend the mountain.

Chapter 1193: First Grey Star - Killing hundreds with two words.

After their group broke away from the other team, they rode a group of clouds that Lu Shang's wind control had pulled down. This time, they did not waste time on the other mountains and went to the tenth mountain, which is the entrance to the core region. Unlike the other mountains, this one has an unsettling atmosphere because it is too quiet, which gives off an air of hidden danger.

There are additional legend-grade creatures in the tenth mountain, which is home solely to ingredients and creatures with the rank of peak uncommon. The thirteenth mountain, the final one, is rumored to have a peak that extends beyond the galaxy.

Although no mortal has yet ventured into this danger zone, it is said to exist because one of the Heavenly Guardians, Lord Mu, is said to have discovered it previously. There are also rumors that one must reach the summit of the thirteenth mountain in the Tornado Mountain Range in order to find the path to the other danger zone, known as Star Fall Garden.

This mysterious garden exists in space, and most creatures possess divinity or God-level existence. They also claim that aliens live there.

It had been three days since Ye Jieye and his group left for the Tornado Mountain Ranges, and speaking of Old Mu, this Heavenly Guardian was currently watching his great-grandchildren, Ye Jingxia and Anxia. He stayed in the villa in the morning, went to the cafe to meet and drop off the brats to Ji Yoonjun in the middle of the day, and went to the night market at night.

It is midday now, and Old Mu brought his great-grandchildren to the cafe for some snacks. They adore the daily-changing desserts that their Brother Ji Yoonjun made, which the two cubs love. Some patrons come to the cafe specifically to see these cubs, but they are not allowed to approach or touch them.

The cafe has a black dragon serving as a hidden protector and a vicious Mastiff puppy as a guard dog.

After the cubs' parents vanished on the second day, some naive individuals decided to take advantage of the adorable and adorable two babies. They attempted to abduct Ye Jingxia and Anxia, but Oreo, the world-devouring mastiff, ate them alive, and the Black Dragon, owned by Satan, smashed them into a pool of blood.

Ever since, no one dared to touch the brats because they were terrified of dying without a corpse.

Just as if it were a coincidence, Old Mu's summons by his people abruptly ended up forcing him to leave the cubs in the cafe with Ji Yoonjun.

Shortly after Old Mu vanished, the Heavenly Guardian of the Lu Clan materialized in the cafe, his presence so potent that it made all of the patrons silent, leaving only the sound of Ye Jingxia playing with Oreo and his younger sister to reverberate throughout the establishment.

"Heavenly Guardian Lu!"

Ancestor Lu Wangle saw the two cubs right away, and his steps quickened and grew larger as though he had an urgent task ahead of him. However, everyone only saw him stop where the children of Satan were, and they were all dumbfounded as the two human cubs and the old master stared at each other, with Ye Jingxia's pouting lips and the old man's nose appearing to be molded in the same place.

Ye Jingxia was the first to say, "Grandpa, why do you look like Xiao Jing?"

Lu Wangle was about to hug the youngster when Zhi Yue and Zhi Yang abruptly assumed their human form and carried away Ye Jingxia and Anxia, while Roi and Oreos mood also became furious. Lu Wangle felt warmth well up in his heart at hearing the little person in front of him refer to him as Grandpa.

ROARRR~ GRRRRRR~

The customers had all run away when they saw a huge black dragon and puppy turning into a big ferocious dog baring their teeth at Heavenly Guardian Lu.

Lu Wangle was calm on the surface but was shocked in his heart. As he muttered, "A Chaotic Black Dragon. It has grown this big already. Also, I didn't expect my great-grandson to be able to summon a World Devouring Mastiff. Truly, blood won't lie."

He then notices that Zhi Yue and Zhi Yang, who had taken the two cubs away, are his covert guards, guarding Ye Jieye, his grandson, even though Old Mu had left the two children's side. The cubs are not even wailing.

Lu Wangle's thoughts, 'What is the strength of these two men? I can't see through them. Also, the owner of this restaurant, even after his roof had been destroyed, watched the facade so calmly that it was eerie.'

Now, with the abacus rattling in his hands as if the calculation never ends, Ji Yoonjun was figuring out how much it would cost to fix his cafe's roof and its damaged walls; the problem is that it was too broken and needed a total overhaul.

"The Cafe floor cost. The wall repair cost. The roof replacement cost. Buy another set of tables and chairs, wallpaper, and other furniture. Replacement for the fridge, renovation of the kitchen..." He keeps muttering endless calculations as he flicks the abacus in his hands.

Lu Wangle said, "Cough! Don't be on guard. I am not here to harm the cubs in your arms. They are my great-grandchildren. I just wanted to see them with my own eyes. Jieye had never brought the children home to see this old man.

I won't harm them."

"We are under orders from the Lord to protect the young master and the princess. You are not on the list of those who are allowed to touch them," Zhi Yang said as he was carrying Ye Jingxia in his arms.

Zhi Yue who was carrying the little princess on his neck and got his hair pulled by Anxia coaxed, "My darling princess, please let go of Yueyue's hair. Yueyue will become bald~"

"Kyahaha~ baldy. Baldy~" Anxia was currently enjoying her current position.

Lu Wangle was watching his two great-grandchildren from a distance; he wanted to touch them, but he was unable to do so because of the two guards' strength, which suggested that they might be stronger than themselves in relation to the two creatures in front of them.

The black dragon, on the other hand, emanates a divinity that is much stronger than he is, and this feeling is somewhat similar to his grandson's aura, albeit darker. Lu Wangle knew that as long as he made his move, this dragon would not hesitate to devour him.

Lu Wangle can only surrender in this situation and said, "I truly didn't mean any harm. I just want to spend some time with my great-grandchildren but Old Mu isn't letting me go."

"Is that why you sent him away?" Zhi Yang said. "You also planned to take away the young master and the little princess. If only you came to see them and not take them away we wouldn't have to appear."

Heavenly Guardian Lu was stunned. This is his plan. He intended to take the children away before Old Mu came back and bring them back when Ye Jieye came back from hunting. He did not anticipate that his plan would be foiled at the second phase. He had managed to send Old Mu away for a while, but he was not even able to take the children with him because of their excellent protectors.

As Heavenly Guardian Lu was about to make a move to persuade his great-grandchildren to accompany him, Anxia, the lone woman in this realm, was singled out by a group of criminals, who were suddenly surrounded by insane individuals covering their faces.

"That's the little girl! Damn, it's really a female. I wonder how much it would cost?"

"Grab the boy too. His features are too adorable and would fetch a high price."

"Prioritize the baby girl. She is a treasure. Kahaha~"

The criminal group was ready this time, having brought their Spade-ranked hunters and assassins along with a large number of people attacking them, after numerous failed attempts to kidnap the children of Satan. When Doctor Guang returned from the restroom, he was shocked to see the destroyed cage and the numerous familiar-looking men surrounding the cage.

"Damn! You guys again!? You keep targeting Xiaxia! We won't spare you anymore!!" Doctor Guang said.

Even Ji Yoonjun, whose expression turned stern and frigid, took action this time. He was meant to be merely observing the scene from the plot, but suddenly this bunch of unwanted guests came running over here again trying to capture the children of the God of Void.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Seeking death!"

His divinity as a God is usable because of the special mission he accepted to undertake in this world. Although it is only at a minimum level, Ji Yoonjun can be considered as strong as those in spade-ranked hunters. His weapon appears to be a bow that appeared out of thin air. He pulled the string and pointed it above. A potent element of wood spread throughout the area.

A single arrow from him made a rain of wooden arrows. It even precisely targeted those he chose to hit. Three arrows, each aimed at the vitals of every man dressed in black, attacked them all.

Ah! My eyes! Ugh! Argh!!!

There are countless groans and screams of pain throughout the region. Zhi Yue and Zhi Yang did not realize that this alleged protagonist guy was actually someone from their side until they sensed divinity from that one arrow alone.

Zhi Yue exclaims, "Ah! You're the one sent from that place!"

"Yes, it is my mission to give my utmost support to your group. I was given a task to protect the young lord and the princess," Ji Yoonjun said.

Zhi Yang said, "No wonder you can remain calm in this scene that totally broke the plot. Unlike us, there isn't much restraint in your divinity."

"I can at least use a quarter of my original strength in this world and one time use my full strength," Ji Yoonjun said.

Zhi Yue said, "That's good. Kill them all. They don't need to exist since they dare to target the Lord's children!"

The Heavenly Guardian Lu did not move and watched his great-grandchildren protected by two protectors and a huge dragon, this black dragon even narrowing its eyes on him. Obviously, I can intuitively feel that this old man is still planning to take his master's children away. Ji Yoonjun and Oreos worked together to kill all the men from the criminal group.

They were merciless and killed everything on their way.

ROOOAAARRR~

Heavenly Guardian Lu's thoughts, 'This dragon is too vigilant. That boy had trained it too well. I can even find a loophole. Sigh!'

While Ji Yoonjun and Oreos were about to kill every man in black clothing they heard a cold voice resounding in the area.

"Daring to touch my cubs. Preposterous! Kill yourself!"

The last two words carried a great deal of qi, and those who were struck by this sound were first made dizzy, and then, as though they had become hypnotized, all the men in black clothes moved like puppets on strings, slitting their throats with their weapons at the same moment, as though under the influence of someone.

Ugh! Choke!

"Not... This again. Break!"

Heavenly Guardian Lu was not far from them, unable to control his hand and on the verge of choking himself, but he managed to liberate himself from the control when he used his qi to damage his eardrums. After that, Heavenly Guardian Lu turned to face the man who had just spoken.

"You damn lunatic! You want to kill me as well?!" Lu Wangle complained.

When Old Mu returned by air, he looked down on Lu Wangle, and if he does not say anything, he looks a lot like Ye Jieye.

"I'm only trying to kill the old bastard who was going to steal my cubs," Old Mu said as his face was icy and indifferent.

Chapter 1194: First Grey Star - Preventing the Heavenly Punishment.

Everyone was shocked to see Heavenly Guardian Mu again. Ji Yoonjun and Oreo had gone back to the cubs' side after seeing what had happened. It appears that Old Mu is a sound elemental user of very high caliber. His mastery of sound waves was sufficient to control all of his enemies and give them orders to commit suicide. This ability is nearly unbeatable.

In addition to controlling sounds, it appears that he can also control souls. However, sound control is not the same as the control of words, which one cannot resist.

At the peak strength of this world, Heavenly Guardians Lu Wangle and Mu Zang were both emitting auras, causing the entire town to tremble, with the exception of the area Roi is defending; two powerful individuals were causing trouble in someone else's territory, and the rightful owner had to emerge to put an end to them.

"STOP NOW!" Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu yelled as soon as he arrived, building an earthen wall around the cafe to keep the scene looking like the Heavenly Guardians were in combat.

The emitted auras of two Heavenly Guardians caused too much chaos in Somatic Town; those who were weak had all fainted, those who were to bear it were on their knees, and there were innumerable corpses spread out on the ground, most of which were hunters from the same group. It was not just Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu who had arrived; his partner, Doctor Sen, had also arrived.

The more Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu witnessed, the more enraged he became; if he had not arrived here in time, these two elderly men would probably have destroyed Somatic Town.

"What are you two old bastards doing in someone else's territory!?" Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu complained.

Mu Zang looked at him with disdain and said, "You can even help this bastard steal my great-grandchildren, so what if I destroy your town!?"

"Calm down, you old lunatic! What do you mean I helped Lao Lu? I didn't!" Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu said.

Doctor Sen said, "These men in black... are they from the Death Valley? Even if that stupid brat is fearless, he won't dare anger you together." When he saw the little girl protected by the black dragon, he understood everything.

"So he wanted the little girl. Is this girl your great-granddaughter, Old Mu?" Doctor Sen asked. He wanted to be approached by Roi, but this Chaotic Black Dragon blocked its path.

ROOOOAAAARRR~

It was only at that moment that Doctor Sen realized exactly what kind of dragon he was facing, and he was astounded by the black dragon's divinity and the bloodline's purity.

"What the hell is with this dragon? Its bloodline is too pure, and... it even possesses divinity. Is it from the Star Fall Garden? No, no one from the human side has entered that place yet. Is it the Ruins of Time?" Doctor Sen mumbles.

Heavenly Guardian Mu Zang said, "Yes, it came from that. My grandson, Ye Jieye, brought it out before."

"Is it that brat's dragon? Impossible. Isn't it supposed to be only a flying snake? How did it become a dragon?" Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu said as he observed the black dragon from a distance.

Thankfully, it ventured to move away from the cubs it was defending, or else they would have to fight it, and it did not dare to go closer as it seemed like it would attack them the instant they entered its attack range.

Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu mumbled, "For some reason, it seems stronger than I am."

"It's definitely as strong or stronger than us. Even I can't see through it," Heavenly Guardian Lu said.
"Xiao Sen, can you repair my eardrums? I ripped it."

"Well, sure," Doctor Sen said as he went to check Heavenly Guardian Lu's ears and saw traces of him intentionally breaking his own eardrums. He got used to this, as this would happen to anyone who dared to fight with Lunatic Mu Zang. Actually, Doctor Sen is the physician of the Heavenly Guardians.

Disregarding them, Mu Zang went up to his great-grandchildren; Roi, the black dragon, did not oppose him, perceiving him as one of them. Lu Wangle noticed this and became envious, snorting to conceal his feelings as he watched them laughing and Mu Zang caressing the cubs.

Hmp!

"Yeye, that old grandpa, why does he look a bit like Xiao Jing?" Ye Jingxia asked.

Heavenly Guardian Mu spoke with a gentle voice but gave Lu Wangle a deadly glare. "That old man, he is nobody. He wants to kidnap you and Xiaxia. Never come with him; your father would be mad."

"Okay, Xiao Jing listens to Yeye," Ye Jingxia said as he glanced at Lu Wangle in the distance, but unlike the innocent interest before, he felt the little boy's detachment from him. He is looking at him like a bad stranger that he must never approach.

Seeing this, Lu Wangle lost his temper once again. "Ah! Mu Zang! You damn lunatic. This old man is going to fight it with you. How dare I say to my great-grandson that I'm a nobody!!!"

Lu Wangle lost all control of his rage and was about to gravely assault Mu Zang when a group of little fire dragons appeared around him. However, because Mu Zang was with the cubs, he refrained from attacking.

Heavenly Guardian Lu Wangle said, "Let go of the children, and I will fight with you!"

"Hmp! No way. Die in envy. Old bastard!" Heavenly Guardian Mu Zang said

Ye Jingxia's eyes lit up when he saw the flame dragons dancing in the air; he used the ice elements that his father had taught him, and although his small frame allowed him to use a lot of qi to form the shape he had chosen—an ice phoenix—he ended up creating a small chick that astounded the local old men.

Doctor Guang was shocked himself, "Impossible! Xiao Jing is not even ten. How can he materialize his qi so easily like this!?"

"Why is it a chick? I wanted to make a phoenix. Buh~ once more!" Ye Jingxia started to gather qi with the help of heaven and earth. The way he gathers it is unique and very powerful.

Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu mumbles at the scene, "The synchronization of humans with heaven and earth!? How can this little baby do it? Even this old man can hardly gather qi this fast!!"

"This boy hasn't even matured yet, but his control over ice elements is superb. Is it because of that boy's bloodline? What would the Mo Clan do if they learned about this!?" Doctor Guang exclaimed.

Finally, Ye Jingxia is only able to shape it into a slightly larger chick, and it turns into a chicken. Upon witnessing this second failure, Ye Jingxia began to cry. His round eyes misted as the qi that was gathering inside of him grew larger and faster.

This time, however, he controlled the qi outside of his body, leaving the adults in the area in disbelief—a sight that they would not have to witness with their own eyes.

However, upon witnessing these amazing feats firsthand, they were all in disbelief. They could never have imagined that someone could gather qi and utilize it as their own outside of their body; it was as though they were creating something entirely within their own control. This is a theory that had never been tested before but is now being demonstrated to them.

Zhi Yang sensed that things were not going well and sought to stop his young lord, but then an astonishing and unexpected incident occurred, startling everyone as a translucent figure of Lord Hei materialized within the blessing Ye Jingxia received from Hei Anjing.

His appearance is a little translucent, but this is his purest form as a soul; with his long light brown hair turning silver from the roots, his Phoenix-shaped eyes that resemble Ye Jingxia and Anxia, and his very familiar silver irises, Zhi Yue, Zhu Yang, Oreo, and even Roi bowed their heads in his presence.

It is fully revealed that Ye Jingxia even used divine aura to accumulate even more qi. Hei Anjing saw the impending danger his son had called upon himself. Gods are not allowed to divinity in the lower realms

because the lower realm worlds are too fragile and the restrictions of Divine Laws on them are stricter for Gods. This is to prevent the destruction of stars by the whims of gods.

When Ye Jingxia mobilized the heaven and earth qi, the heavenly laws of this star longed to notice him.

Rumbles~ Rumble...

The sky above Ye Jingxia is gradually growing darker, and tribulation clouds and lightning have even passed overhead.

However, since Ye Jingxia is a mortal and the heavens have chosen to punish him, even if he survives, his soul would suffer a great deal, and since he is too young to be a god, such an injury would force him to sleep for a very long time before healing, something that Hei Anjing is unwilling to do.

Hei Anjing glanced at the black clouds above their heads and, ignoring the mortals who were dumbfounded at his presence, extended his hand to scatter the aura of heaven and earth that his son had gathered.

Rumbles~ Cruizz! Rumbles!

His gentleness immediately fades as he looks at the black clouds with a coldness that could freeze even the whole world.

Hei Anjing's ethereal yet icy voice resounds in the area. "You even dare to harm this lord's son. Scram!"

With a single word from him, the thunder and dark clouds above their heads vanished. It appears that their realization that only the God of Chaos is capable of controlling even the Divine Laws of all worlds came to pass. Once the difficulties surrounding Ye Jingxia vanished, everyone who knew him called upon him.

"My Lord (Master)!"

"Daddy?" Ye Jingxia calls in shock. Hei Anjing smiled at his children. This smile is too gentle and unworldly. He is extremely beautiful.

Hei Anjing approached Ye Jingxia with a smile and said, "Promise Dad not to use that here okay, Xiao Jing?"

"Okay, Xiao Jing promised Daddy! Daddy, where are you? Where can Father, Xiao Jing, and Xiaxia find you in this world? Is Uncle Mo not you?" Ye Jingxia asked.

Hei Anjing, while looking at his son, dotingly answered, "Mo Xuejing is me, but not me. A part of him is mine, but my body in this world is asleep. Tell your father to wake me up soon. Dad needs to sleep again."

"Can't Daddy stay for a bit longer? We miss Daddy so much," Ye Jingxia said with tears in the corner of his eyes.

Hei Anjing gently wipes his tears and kisses him on his forehead. "Xiao Jing, be patient. When your father finds Daddy, we can be together again. Take care of your younger sister." After giving kisses to his children, he once again faded, but he gave Heavenly Guardian Lu Wangle a warning glance.

As for Mu Zang, Hei Anjing just nodded at him before fading into thin air as if he did not exist or appeared before them, and the cubs fell asleep after Hei Anjing kissed them, especially Ye Jingxia, who overused his qi and fell into a deep sleep. Heavenly Guardian Lu Wangle, who recognizes those pairs of silver eyes, shivers. It is very similar to that man's eyes.

The person is still in slumber and does not have the divine aura this person possessed.

After seeing this scene, the three Heavenly Guardians were at a loss for words and simply stared at each other, not saying anything or thinking about the man who had just materialized in his soul form. It was none other than Mu Zang who broke the silence, walking up to Roi's head, carrying his great-grandchildren with him and ignoring everyone else.

"Return to the villa, Roi!" Mu Zang said.

When Zhi Yang and Zhi Yue returned to their avatar form and vanished from mortal sight—only world hoppers like Ji Yoonjun can see them in this form—the black dragon, Roi, roared as he flew to the sky carrying his young master and little princess. Ji Yoonjun chose to stay where he was, and Doctor Guang, upon seeing Hei Anjing, fell into deep contemplation.

Doctor Guang mumbles, "Why does that man look very similar to the young heir of the Mo Clan? Impossible. That's not him, right?"

When Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu and Doctor Sen looked at each other, they remembered the appearance of the young heir of the Mo Clan, but they were a little confused because the soul's appearance differed slightly from that of the man, save for those two argent orbs. However, when they looked at Heavenly Guardian Lu's pale face, they realized they had seen it correctly.

Lu Wangle finally became somewhat calm, though his hands were still trembling a little.

"I'm going to the Mo Clan for a bit." He flew away in the direction of the Mo Clan's territory. As for the cleanup, the rest were left for Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu, Doctor Sen, and Ji Yoonjun to handle.

Chapter 1195: First Grey Star - Tenth Mountain

The wall Heavenly Guardian Xian Wu built upon his arrival prevented anyone else from witnessing Hei Anjing in his soul form, but those inside the wall at that moment did see him. His original features resembled the body of his earthly incarnation, and he also bore a striking resemblance to Mo Xuejing.

Those who were aware of the existence of the Mo Clan heir were taken aback by his appearance, wondering how he could appear before them in the form of a soul.

Despite the fact that the chaos in Somatic Town has subsided, the Ye Jieye group has now reached the core region; this mountain's tension and the fact that it is so quiet that not even the sounds of insects can be heard combine to create an atmosphere that Ye Jieye was not prepared for on the tenth mountain.

Lu Ming spoke, "Why is it too quiet in this place?"

"Not even a bug can be heard. Is this really the entrance to the core region?" Mo Yuhan mumbles.

Su Jin and Leica checked through their digital map and saw the marker that shows where they are currently. As expected, they are in the right place.

Su Jin asked, "Why is it so quiet in this place?"

"Because here, only predators that stand on top live. Only high-ranked ingredients remain here, and likewise, they aren't able to go down the lower mountains even if they want to. There is a barrier around the core region that prevents them from leaving," Mo Xuejing explained.

Mo Yuhan asked, "What kind of barrier, cousin?"

"The Milky Way River. There, some live at the depths that prevent them from coming here. Something huge and powerful," Mo Xuejing said.

Everyone was stunned by what they heard. They've already dove down in there and all, but they didn't notice anything too powerful living under that weird and almost endless river.

Ye Jieye said, "Don't worry. That thing might be left there intentionally as its sleeping ground. Maybe it's the pet of the Heavenly Guardian that protects this place."

"A Heavenly Guardian? Is each danger zone protected by a Heavenly Guardian, Big Brother Ye?" Lu Ming asked.

Ye Jieye nods his head. "Yes. Like how the gramps protect the Death Forest. This Tornado Mountain Ranges must have a Heavenly Guardian protecting it as well. Instead of protecting, they are like guardians that prevent beast stampedes towards the land where humans live."

"I haven't experienced Beast Stampede yet but I heard that even legend-grade creatures come out to lead the lower-rank one," Lu Ming said.

Leica said, "The last recorded Beast Stampedes was just after the Heavenly Guardian had been stationed in each danger zone. It's in the Ruins of Time at the Capital. It was said that Heavenly Guardian Lu even sacrificed his son and son-in-law during that accident."

"Darling, shss~" Lu Shang whispered.

Ye Jieye said, "He is useless, so sacrificing is all he can do."

A painful past was suddenly unearthed in the group, to the point where even the normally talkative Lu Ming fell silent. The story that Leica had just told was one that he was familiar with: it was the tragedy of the Lu Clan, and Ye Jieye's parents were the sacrificed couple in that accident.

This is also the reason why Ye Jieye's cousin is so estranged from the Lu Clan; after that second incident involving his cousin, his cousin broke away from the clan.

The younger generation chose to live as far away from the main clan as possible because they were afraid that their families would be the next to be sacrificed; even though the Lu Clan is quite famous, they are more notorious for this tragedy. He had no idea for all this time whether his grandfather made that decision for them or for the sake of their Clan's fame.

Ye Jieye said, "Enough with the nonsense and look for the trace of that new ingredient. Once we've reached the twelfth mountain, I will focus on Behemoth Carabao by then."

"I hope the new ingredient will have some effect on Xiao Xia. At least let her not feel cold for a few weeks or months. After all, the effects of Lava Apple and Fierce Grapes are only 3 days. She has to eat more next time for it to have effects," Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye said, "It's alright. Next time we will head to Active Volcano Island and find more ingredients suitable for Xiao Xia. When Ciao Jing reaches ten, we will need an ingredient with powerful ice elements to help him fully awaken his physique."

"I will accompany you in both zones," Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye looked at him and said, "Do as you wish."

While Mo Xuejing closely followed Ye Jieye's every move, Lu Shang and Leica understood their Lord God's hesitation, as he vowed to only love Lord Hei. However, they felt that Mo Xuejing was Lord Hei's incarnation because the Lord God did not choose to treat him as his wife. Nevertheless, they could only watch. It is not as though they look intimate as lovers who hold each other's hands at all.

For their part, Lu Ming and Su Jin simply perceive the awkward yet unbreakable bond between these two powerful figures; they were uninterested in their elder's relationship and could only concentrate on tracking down evidence of the new ingredient.

As for Mo Yuhan, the more he witnesses scenes like these between Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, the more he regrets and feels guilty about it because they were meant to be inseparable—not in this awkward way—but everything had changed as a result of previous events.

Mo Yuhan mumbles, "Maybe I should just tell them, even if, in the end, my cousin ends up hating me."

As they proceeded up the quiet mountain, they came upon a strange scene: a group of enormous potatoes and a sweet potato face to face. The potatoes' faces are etched on the potato or sweet potato itself, and they are wearing gloves-like objects on their hands. The sweet potato's feet have bandages wrapped around them. The two vegetables were engaging in a combative display.

The Boxing Potato Man and the Kicking Sweet Potato Lady are two first-class, rare-grade ingredients that Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan identified. It was said that the French fries and steamed sweet potatoes made with these ingredients are delicious and highly sought-after, ranking among the most expensive vegetables sold by the Food Gathering Association.

People would be hard-pressed to finish just one meal made from these ingredients.

Even Su Jin's eyes glow at the sight of these luxurious vegetables. He started pulling his lover's sleeves and chanted countless dishes that made one crave them.

"French Fries, Steamed Sweet Potato, Mashed Potatoes with butter, Sweet Potato Sherbet, Classic Potato Salad, Sweet Potato Pancake, Patatas Bravas, Sheet-Pan Harissa Chicken and Sweet Potatoes, Salmon and potato Skillet, Sweet Potato Pie, Gorditas..."

Drools~ Gulps!

"Enough. Enough. I'll catch all of it for you!" said Lu Ming as he and Mo Yuhan jumped into the crowd.

Mo Yuhan mumbles, "Hash Browns. I want Hash Browns!!"

"Sweet Potato Gnocchi. Sweet Potato Fries! Damn, I want all of it!" Lu Ming said.

The two fearless idiots leaped into the middle of the two groups, with Mo Yuhan going after the Potato Boxing Men and Lu Ming going after the Kicking Sweet Potato Ladies. They split the group equally and began the hunt, with Su Jin supporting the two men from the sidelines, unable to fight but able to assist them in gathering the ingredients.

To obtain a small pile of vegetables, one must defeat each of the Kicking Sweet Potato Ladies and Potato Boxing Men. Each pile yields six to ten potatoes and sweet potatoes.

Lu Shang and Leica were at a loss for what to do with these brats, who had become obsessed with the minion-sized potatoes and Sweet Potatoes. They were surrounded by two of the largest Sweet Potato Queens in the world, Kicking Sweet Potato Queen and Potato Boxing King, which together could fill a three-story structure.

Mo Xuejing said, "We will take the Potato King, you two will get the Sweet Potato Queen."

"Yes!"

The three who were fighting the minions did not know that something was amiss until they felt the ground tremble. Mo Xuejing and Ye Jieye went to Potato Boxing King, while Lu Shang and Leica went to Kicking Sweet Potato Queen.

Rumbles~ rumbles~

Su Jin said, "Eh? An Earthquake!?"

"No. This is..."

The three of them saw a huge potato not far from them. Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing were flying. The latter had frozen the feet of the Potato giant. Meanwhile, as they fight the huge potato Ye Jieye notices something passed him at the speed of light. He didn't mind it much but saw what it was.

"Is that a Boxing Potato King!?" Mo Yuhan exclaims. "Fuck! It's so big. This is the first time I saw something like that."

"Didn't they say that this ingredient is at least a legendary grade!? It's a hundred times more delicious than peak rare-grade Boxing Potato Man!" Lu Ming said.

Mo Yuhan said, "It would be great if it could mutate, so we could have some Demigod-grade ingredients."

Su Jin thought for a while and commented, "Since a Potato King exists, doesn't that mean a Sweet Potato Queen exists as well!?"

At that moment, a massive tornado emerged on the other side of the Potato King, and Lu Shang was able to control it at the base of the enormous sweet potato in order to keep it stationary.

Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan exclaim, "There really is one!"

"What are you two doing? Hunt all those minions! Those are delicious too! Extra ingredients mean extra dishes!" Su Jin woke up the two hunters and made them hunt the remaining Boxing Potato Men and Kicking Sweet Potato Ladies.

The watch is Leica's red strings wrapped around the Sweet Potato Queen, and after all those minions are captured, the three of them watch how the elite hunters of the Joker Class hunt. They see that all of their brothers did not give a damn about the size of their target; they just used the most basic hunting technique of keeping their targets from escaping, and only then would they be dealt with.

After pulling it hard, the Sweet Potato Queen was cut into multiple strips before it transformed into a small hill of amber-colored sweet potatoes. These sweet potatoes mutated and became Amber Sweet

Potatoes, a Demigod-grade ingredient that wasn't included in the original ranking as they were even rarer than God-grade ingredients.

After all, causing ingredients to mutate during the process of hunting is very hard to do.

Lu Shang was even grinning. "That's a good exercise!"

"Don't leave yet. Help me pick these up. Put them in the sack," Leica said.

Lu Shang said, "Okay, Honey~"

While the others saw only a large flash of black light, Ye Jieye, on the other side, where the Potato King is frozen, takes a knife from his kitchen set. He is a sword user, but he feels that using Shenyuan to cut a gigantic potato is a bit overkill, so he uses a kitchen knife instead.

The enormous potato king was skinned, revealing diamond-colored flesh, and it transformed into a small pile of diamond potatoes of the same rank as the Amber Sweet Potatoes. Mo Xuejing simply waves his hand to gather all the potatoes in his inventory.

Ye Jieye said, "Let's go. I found a trace of that new ingredient. It seems to be capable of flying."

"I saw it too. It has wings, huge ones. But from how it looks, I think it's a mushroom. But I am not sure~" Mo Xuejing said. He actually also noticed it when it passed near Ye Jieye but turned a blind eye to it as he was focusing on hunting the Potato King.

While fiddling with his terminal, Ye Jieye saw that the other members terminals began to ring, so he investigated and discovered that he had sent them moving coordinates.

Lu Ming realized what this was. "Big Brother Ye, you placed a tracer on it!? Amazing!"

"It's a bit fast compared to you. Its dominant element seems to be wind instead of fire," Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing said, "If it's wind elements, doesn't that mean it's useless for our Xiaxia?"

"Don't worry. There should be something more useful on Active Volcano Island. Let's go there next time with the cubs," Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing said, "We can bring the cubs with us!?"

"I have absolute control over fire. By bringing them there, I can protect them well," Ye Jieye said as he rubbed Mo Xuejing's head. Such gentleness is rare for Ye Jieye, which made Mo Xuejing happy.

Chapter 1196: First Grey Star - New God-grade ingredient

At the peak of the Tenth Mountain...

The crew had tracked the new ingredient's traces to this spot, and now it was soaring in circles above this mountain peak, seemingly with no intention of continuing to the upper mountain.

Ye Jieye said, "We are here. A'Mo and I will isolate this area and create an ice dome to prevent it from flying away. As for the rest, you guys need to do your best."

"Please leave it to us!" Lu Shang said.

Leica said, "This new ingredient seems to be god-grade. It had intelligence, so we had to work together for it."

"Okay, Brother Leica, we will listen to you," Lu Ming said, and beside him, Mo Yuhan also nodded his head. As for Su Jing, he was tasked with standing beside Ye Jieye.

Ye Jieye looked at the sky and narrowed his eyes. "It's almost here. A'Mo, try to make an ice dome and meet mine!"

"Okay!" Mo Xuejing didn't question if Ye Jieye was capable of ice elements. He trusts him and will always believe in him.

Lu Shang, Leica, Lu Ming, and Mo Yuhan all became serious and waited for the signal as the two of them concealed their presence and moved in the direction of the north and south.

Suddenly, a flash of red and green light appeared in their field of vision, moving so quickly that it would vanish with a blink, but in that instant, ice spread out in two directions, where Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing were, and an ice dome appeared in an instant.

Ye Jieye uses his left hand to control ice elements, while his right hand holds a red flame. He did not dare use his hell flames because the ingredient would undoubtedly turn to ashes. A small fireball shot off from Ye Jieye's hand faster than sound, landing in the middle of the dome, but the red flame spread and became an explosion as if it were blocked by the wind.

BOOOM!!!

Red fire shot across the sky as something blew up, but luckily the ice dome was thick enough to keep the fire from spreading. Something dropped in the midst of the blast, and it was a clump of oyster mushrooms.

Mo Xuejing shouted, "It's about to split up! Don't let it run away!"

An oyster mushroom cluster consists of at least ten different sized mushrooms. When the mushroom split apart in the middle of the fall, it ran in all directions, but fortunately the dome stopped its escape path. It can only fly and jump inside the ice dome that Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing created. The four hunters in the center split up and attempted to catch the mushroom that was closest to them.

Mo Yuhan was the closest to his mushroom and grabbed it. There's an excited smile on his face as he grabs a red-colored oyster mushroom.

"Hah! You can't escape now!"

Suddenly, a child's voice was heard coming from the mushroom, as if it were crying and pleading.

{Wuwuwu~ big brother, don't eat me! I'm not delicious~}

"What the hell! The mushroom can talk!" Mo Yuhan exclaims.

Ye Jieye, who witnessed this scene, shouted, "Fool! Don't lower your guard down!"

Whooshed~

The red oyster mushroom in Mo Yuhan's hand suddenly emits fire and burns his hands directly.

AHHHH!!!

Mo Yuhan screamed as he let go of the mushroom. He had to freeze his burned hand, which shows his bones. Not far from him, Lu Ming and the rest were shocked by this scene.

Mo Xuejing scolded, "Yuhan, that's a God-grade ingredient. Don't look down on it! Drink a potion immediately!"

Mo Yuhan's hands were shaking as he drank his elixir, which significantly lessened the scorching feeling in his hands. He also heard a child's laughing voice from the mushroom that had burned his hands—like a cunning and joyful fairy jumping all around him.

{Hahaha~ stupid! Stupid human, you're so easy to fool.}

A translucent box hit Mo Yuhan's head, and he realized that it was Ye Jieye's doing. Mo Yuhan was furious and quickly turned the foolish mushroom into an ice sculpture. Sadly, his ice is not as powerful as Mo Xuejing's, and the god-grade mushroom can melt it in a matter of seconds.

The man said to him, "Put it inside. As long as it's inside that box, it won't be able to escape."

Ye Jieye threw Mo Yuhan an ordinary glass box, but inside he placed a formation that sealed divinity; god-grade ingredients are edible, sentient creatures, and as long as divinity is sealed, it is just like any other mushroom. Mo Yuhan obeyed without question, and the mushroom he caught melted his ice, trapping him inside the box.

{Impossible! I don't have my powers. What is this thing!? Let me out!!}

Mo Yuhan looked at the mushroom inside the box with disdain and said, "Haha~ let's see how you can escape now!"

Lu Shang captured three and suppressed them with a wind barrier; his control over the wind overpowered the mushroom, which he threw into the box; Leica used his red-string artifact, which is so durable that an ordinary flame cannot burn it; the other three saw the effects of the box and immediately put the mushrooms they caught inside; Lu Ming only caught one, like Mo Yuhan, and placed his green mushroom inside as well.

Both of his hands were full of cuts. According to the theory, the green oyster mushroom is full of wind elements.

Su Jin said, "There are only two more!"

He was jubilant because in his previous life, he, Lu Ming, and the party they brought had suffered much at the hands of these god-grade mushrooms; in the end, they managed to catch only two—one each of the elements, a red and a green—but that in and of itself had enhanced Lu Ming's power and allowed him to rise to the top.

When Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing took control of the dome that ensnared them and made the decision to launch an attack, Lu Ming and the other three decided that the two mushrooms that remained were more intriguing than the others.

Lu Shang's comment at the scene. "These mushrooms seek death!"

Raising an eyebrow, Mo Xuejing instantaneously froze the green mushroom in front of him, rendering it helpless against his pure ice. Ye Jieye simply needed to look at the final red mushroom to pass out.

{M-Monster!}

Then it fainted and fell to the ground, leaving everyone in shock and silence as they watched this scene unfold. The ice dome melted when its purpose was completed, and Ye Jieye picked the red oyster mushroom with a calm gaze, treating it like any other mushroom in his hand as it played dead.

Ye Jieye said, "Here. Take it! The fire elements in it were a bit powerful. Leave me and A'Mo one of each. My daughter has a use for it."

"Really? How long is its effect, A'Ye?" Mo Xuejing asked excitedly.

Ye Jieye answered with a gentle gaze, "Half a year each. With it, Xiao Xia will not feel chill for a year."

"That's great. That's really good!" Mo Xuejing said.

The cluster of oyster mushrooms had five red and five green. It's evenly split. But it seems that the wind elements in it are more powerful than the fire elements.

Mo Yuhan said, "Cousin, I will give mine to you. Give it to the little girl."

"I..."

"Keep two. You need it to enhance your fire elements. As for the rest, you guys divide it among yourself." Ye Jieye cuts off his words and walks away.

Lu Ming said, "Actually, Big Brother Ye, my wind element is more powerful than my fire element. So like Big Brother, I'm planning to focus on it too. So..."

"No! Shang's bloodline followed your mother's side; that's why his wind element is dominant and lost his fire abilities. Yours is stable at equal fire and wind. You can focus on one or you'll suffer a backlash. Eat two of each. That's what your body can bear.

Lu Shang and Leica will stay here to protect you in your training. A'Mo and I will hunt for the twelfth mountain. You got what you came for. No need to follow us anymore."

Ye Jieye walks away after saying these words. He seems to have no intention of waiting for them to follow. Mo Xuejing followed unconditionally after him and said to them,

"Stay here. We will be back soon~ A' Ye wait for me!"

"Hm. Be careful. Don't slip."

Watching the fading back of the two men, the other five stayed where they were. Lu Shang sat on the ground and rubbed his tummy.

Lu Shang said, "Finally, we can rest. Honey~ I'm hungry~"

"Can't you wait for a bit? Wait, I'll make mushroom soup for you." Leica said as he captured two green oyster mushrooms in the ingredient box. This is their portion.

Su Jin is currently treating the hands of Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan. One got his hands burned while the other almost got his hand shredded.

"You two are careless. How can you grab a God-grade ingredient with your own hands!?" Su Jin said worriedly.

Lu Ming responded, "I was just... so happy. That's the first time I've hunted for a God-grade ingredient." Mo Yuhan didn't say anything but obviously, his reason is the same as above.

Lu Shang said, "If you kids are done there, come over. We've steamed some sweet potatoes and potatoes for you."

Lu Shang and Leica invite them over after they have taken care of themselves. They prepare some steamed potatoes and sweet potatoes using the amber sweet potatoes and diamond potatoes that they got from Mo Xuejing. They cut the potato in half and top it with a legendary-grade butter made from rainbow cow's milk that they purchased from the gourmet market.

This butter goes very well with the Demigod-grade amber sweet potatoes and diamond potatoes.

Lu Ming and the others could not help but stare at the rare, demigod-grade ingredients cooked before them; demigod-grade ingredients are rare and are not used in the regular system because mutated ingredients are nearly impossible to get, but their price is not low compared to peak-ranked legendary-grade ingredients, and God-grade ingredients can only be purchased through auctions.

The scent of steamed potatoes and potatoes with high-grade butter was too fragrant.

Children would adore the diamond potato's milky flesh and the touch of rainbow-colored butter added to its color. These potatoes appear to have significantly improved one's capacity for healing because of the light elements in their flesh.

Leica said, "Eat a lot. I made a lot as well."

"Thank you, Brother Leica!" The three young men said.

Lu Shang complains, "Brats! I will also help catch it!"

"Thanks, Big Brother Lu." Su Jin said that the other two were also gorging on the potatoes in their hands.

The flesh of the amber sweet potatoes is red instead of orange, and a strong aura of fire can be felt with it; however, this was not an upgrade material as only God-grade ingredients had that effect. The sweet potatoes were also cut halfway through, and rainbow-colored butter was also placed in the cut.

The effect of the amber sweet potatoes is fire resistance for three hours in regular people and other element users; for fire elemental users, it increases their fire resistance to fifty percent and temporarily strengthens their fire affinity.

Lu Shang said, "Ming, before eating the sweet potatoes, you should ask your lover to prepare your upgrade meal. Amber Sweet Potatoes had fire affinity enhancement when eating. It would greatly help you with your upgrade."

"Really, Big brother!?" Lu Ming asked in excitement and was surprised.

Leica said, "It's true. Diamond Potatoes enhance healing as it has light properties. Amber Sweet Potatoes can increase fire resistance and fire affinity. It doesn't last too long though. For you, three hours. Ordinary people and other elemental users only have an hour.

Don't waste this opportunity."

"Yes!" Lu Ming then looked at Su Jin and said, "Xiao Jin, let's do it. Make that mushroom steak. I want to upgrade!"

"Okay, I will do my best!" Su Jin said as he brought out the cooking materials and other ingredients for cooking mushroom steak.

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Flame-Wind Oyster Mushroom Steak is the meal he is going to create, and he is bringing out cooking gloves to shield his hand from the affects of the God-grade mushroom (ok, the gloves are only legendary grade), but he should be able to finish it before the gloves melt.

Even though Su Jin was only a Beginner Chef in this life, his soul was already a Master Chef class, so he was not nervous because this was not the first time he handled a God-grade ingredient when cooking. In his previous life, he accompanied Lu Ming in all danger zones and assisted him in cooking every ingredient that he caught for him.

Ji Yoonjun even assisted in handling the ingredients when he joined the team.

Even Leica, who was watching, noticed his concentration and commented, "Xiao Ming, you have indeed found a good chef. Just based on Xiao Jin's knife techniques and ingredient handling, including his preparation, he should be a master-class chef."

"What did you say!? Master Chef!?" Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were stunned.

The two men shouted as if Su Jin blocked all the noise in his surroundings. He focused on the red and green king sized Oyster Mushroom in his chopping board.

{Wua~ wuwu~ it hurts. Please don't kill me!}

Children's cries and pleas fill the air, but Su Jin's expression stays solemn and unflinching; he cuts the mushrooms in half without hesitation, and the voices go away after the mushroom is handled properly.

Lu Shang said, "Not bad. He wasn't influenced by the voices of the ingredients. Most young chefs would hesitate when they heard the ingredients' voice and would waste it. This kid is skilled as Leica said."

"His skills should be master class already. Have him go for a chef rank upgrade after we go down the mountain range," Leica said.

Lu Ming nodded his head and said, "I will bring him to the Cooking Hall after this hunt."

This is the first time since his rebirth that Su Jin has cooked seriously. Adding the days he was fortunate enough to watch Ye Jieye cook, it can be said that his cooking had greatly improved. Su Jin had learned a lot from watching a veteran chef like Ye Jieye. Su Jin handled the God-grade ingredient well. His technique is so good that one would think he is a beginner chef.

His thoughts while cooking are, 'Good. The mushroom didn't lose its mutation, which means I've handled it well. Next I need to season the mushroom with exact ratio to avoid wasting it. After that I need to strictly control the heat or it will burn. I can't waste this ingredient, this is something extremely helpful to A'Ming.'

He was concentrating so much that he didn't even notice his sweating too much but those who were watching could see it.

Lu Shang said, "Go help wipe his sweat. You found a good chef as a partner, Ming."

"Hm. I'm so lucky!" Lu Ming said, "Would I bother him if I do as you're told?"

"No. He is focusing intently on cooking. Right now, he won't do a thing until he stops his concentration," Leica said.

Taking a fresh towel from his supply, Lu Ming approached Su Jin cautiously and helped him dab at the perspiration, and just as Leica had reported, Su Jin did not even look back at him.

Mo Yuhan asked, "Why can't Su Jin notice Lu Ming? Are all chefs like that? But I don't think Lord Ye is like that."

"It is based on their personality. Su Ming had full trust towards Lu Ming so he can fully concentrate on cooking even in this wilderness. As for Lord Ye, that man is cautious in nature. Maybe Sir Mo would be the only exception that will allow him to lower his guard fully," Leica said as he gave Mo Yuhan a side glance.

Lu Shang said, "We don't know what you are hiding, but if it involves the two of them you better say it as early as you can. If my cousin learned that you intentionally hide something that involves him, you wouldn't end well even if your ancestor protects you."

After hearing these words, Mo Yuhan's face turned white, and only then did he realize that the adults in this group already knew he was hiding something.

Perhaps because he had confronted Ye Jieye that day in the villa's kitchen, but ever since that night, when he saw the uncontrollable sadness in his cousin's eyes, he could not help but feel guilty about what he had done in the past and could only close his mouth, unable to respond.

Leica said, "Go and protect your brother. He will need a protector as he upgrades his strength."

Su Jin had just completed preparing the king oyster mushroom steak not far from them; two halved mushrooms were on the dish Su Jin was holding, and a plate of oyster mushrooms and steamed sweet potato queen was set in front of Lu Ming.

Lu Ming gazed at the two plates before him and then at Su Jin, who was grinning at him. He could see the support and confidence Su Jin had for him in his eyes, and he now realized how much Su Jin believed in him.

Su Jin said, "Do your best! I will support you as much as I can!"

"Thank you, Xiao Jin. Meeting you is my greatest luck," Lu Ming said as he kissed his lover's hand making Su Jin blush with a tint of red on his cheeks.

Lu Shang commented, "Stop flirting. Go focus on your upgrade."

"Yes, Big brother!" Lu Ming said.

Everybody watching Lu Ming eat the two dishes in front of him saw his two elements greatly increase.

He had to meditate to absorb as much elemental qi as he needed so his strength would soar to new heights; as he continued to focus, a green and red aura covered his body; the temperature surrounding Lu Ming also changed significantly, alternating between being too hot and abruptly becoming breezy, making it difficult for anyone to approach him.

The wild beasts that were hidden in the tenth mountain had become somewhat interested in the sudden surge of fire and wind elements in the area. Lu Shang was the first to notice the hidden presence, drawing his spear and looking around them with vigilance as if responding to his actions. Various growls can be heard from all around them.

Growls~ Howls~ Grrr~ Arroo~

Lu Shang had a serious expression as he held his golden spear, "There's a lot of beast summoned by Ming's meditation. The effects of God-grade ingredients are truly strong. Honey~ protect the rear."

"Okay, leave it to me!" Leica said as he glanced at Su Jin who didn't care about his surroundings and only watched over his lover, Lu Shang without moving an inch. He sat a meter away from Lu Ming regardless of the heat and breeze falling on his face.

Leica said to Mo Yuhan, "Yuhan, protect the two of them. A'Shang and I will fight the beasts."

"Yes," Mo Yuhan was a bit dazed before but after seeing the dangerous situation he was in, he immediately pulled out his weapons ready to fight and protect.

A plethora of different beasts emerge from the shadows, including wolves, tigers, hyenas, and more. The most of these creatures are predatory and possess some kind of intellect; also, the majority of them were elements fit for legends.

Lu Shang looked around with excitement in his eyes. "So many prey~ and most of them are in legend-grade. They must have smelled the fragrance of a God-grade dish Xiao Jin had cooked."

"It would be quite hard work, but they are enough to fill our pockets," Leica is already planning the selling routes of these ingredients.

Meanwhile, at the entrance of the eleventh mountain...

When Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing saw what was happening under them, they decided that Leica and Lu Shang were sufficient, and the sight of the beast-type components around Lu Shang and the group was quite striking, especially after Lu Shang had struck the creatures once and taken their lives.

Mo Xuejing commented, "Lu Shang is very strong but Leica is more stable than him."

"Leica is enough to hold him back. They will be okay. Let's head to the twelfth night as soon as possible. We need to catch a Behemoth Carabao before they return to their main territory," Ye Jieye said.

The two vanished once more, heading straight for the twelfth mountain, the supposed location of their target. Their strengths are nearly equal, so they did not have to wait on each other, running side by side through the eleventh mountain at a speed faster than that of regular people, arriving at the entrance in a matter of hours.

The twelfth mountain's entrance is not a forest, but rather a formation of rocks with endless trenches between them. The foot of the mountain is like a massive broken stone bridge, through which one must jump each enormous stone. The only vegetation on the peak is some colored grass. Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, on the other hand, can easily cross the broken stones by jumping at each rock.

The distance does not really stop them because their legs are already stronger than those of ordinary humans, especially hunters like them.

They even come across a herd of mountain deer, where the lead deer is a peak legend-grade deer, and all the deer that follow are legend-grade deer; the only distinction is in class. Legend-grade venison is highly sought-after, served only in starred restaurants, and is extremely difficult to locate in wholesale markets.

Mo Xuejing asked, "Are there deer in the Death Forest?"

"I haven't found one. There are more sheeps and pigs instead," Ye Jieye responded.

Mo Xuejing said, "Should we catch a few for the cubs and Grandpa at home?"

"Okay. Let's catch this whole herd then," Ye Jieye said.

The two made a quick detour to capture the entire herd of Mountain Deers. Mo Xuejing simply had to freeze them and conceal them in his inventory to capture this group.

Mo Xuejing said, "My inventory is already full. Is there enough space in yours, A'Ye?"

"Don't worry. Uncle Butcher lent us a lot of his inventory. Carry half with you," Ye Jieye said as he passed a space ring filled with space bags in it.

Mo Xuejing said, "Let's go to the peak. No need to detour anymore."

"Okay," Ye Jieye said.

They pick up speed and move toward the top of the Twelfth Mountain, where the grass is even taller than Ye Jieye, indicating that the animals that live beyond the mountain are enormous beasts, such as Behemoth Carabao. The two managed their weights and stood at the grasses as though they were weightless.

As soon as they reached the top of the grass, they noticed enormous pairs of legs nearby. Eventually, they were able to spot three Behemoth Carabao—two adults and one calf—but the size difference between them and the two hunters was so great that it was akin to an adult cat encountering a mouse.

Mo Xuejing was fearless as he saw the humongous creatures and said, "We found three at first try. We are quite lucky. How much should we catch?"

"Six adults and two calves. It would be better if we could find a rainbow cow as well. Their milk is loved by the cubs at home," Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing said, "I will keep an eye on it. Should we split? It would be faster that way."

"Okay. Be careful. Use the flare I give you if you are in danger. I will find you as soon as I can," Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing smiled, "I will be careful. Don't worry too much. Let's meet again in 3 hours at the foot of this mountain."

"...Just be careful," Ye Jieye said as he hesitantly held the man's hand.

With a smile on his face, Mo Xuejing gripped Ye Jieye's hand and said, "I'll keep your words in mind." Only then did they really split up.

Ye Jieye feels compelled to bring Mo Xuejing back into his embrace as he sees the man's figure fade from his field of vision.

"It would be great if you are really my Jing'er,. Only then my confusion would be gone," The God of Void mumbles.

MOOOOO~

A shower of blood descended upon his head, and with a single wave of his hands, he immediately decapitated the three Behemoth Carabao. His countenance was gloomy and uninterested.

Chapter 1198: First Grey Star - Ye Jieye's Gamble

At the peak of the Twelfth Mountain...

Following their separation, Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing went in separate directions. Ye Jieye slaughtered the first three Behemoth Carabaos with such ferocity that their blood splattered everywhere. When the blood rain started, many beasts came to this location, but they instinctively avoided the center because they sensed his deadly aura.

Ye Jieye collected all of the cut behemoth carabao meat, leaving only a pool of blood. He then flew away to hunt more behemoth carabao at this mountain peak. The other beasts only feast on the remaining blood of the Behemoth Carabao when he is no longer in this area. Ye Jieye does not care about what he left behind, genuinely not caring that this God of Void is angry right now.

His aura had direct coercion over everything around him, and none of the beasts, not even bugs, were able to move in his presence. He is like a majestic king, overlooking everything under his eyes, and a single wave of his hand can reap a thousand lives. He began hunting for the Behemoth Carabao without using the blue grasses he picked as bait and roamed around unhindered in the area.

The other beasts had gathered in this pool, drinking the blood of the peak-legend-grade ingredient, the Behemoth Carabao, to increase their own strength; Ye Jieye had no use for the numerous pools of blood left behind. However, he quickly accomplished his goal, and countless scenes of the gory death of Behemoth Carabao were set all around the Twelfth Mountain.

Seeing Ye Jieye coming, a few herds of Behemoth Carabaos bolted, needing to get away before the terrifying human aura engulfed them and stopped them from moving. Ye Jieye had hunted nearly half of all the Behemoth Carabaos, as if letting out his rage. Fortunately, he could use his wife's small world, so he would not run out of inventory space.

Before the three hours were up, Ye Jieye made the decision to return to the spot where he and Mo Xuejing had agreed to meet, and on the way back, he saw the other objective of his hunt: the Rainbow Cow, another peak-class, legendary-grade ingredient. This cow is the same size as an average cow, with the exception that it has rainbow-colored fur, which is not an attribute of average cows.

The reason these adorable rainbow-colored cows were rated legendary-grade is because of their special ability to produce milk. If the cows were fed strawberries, their milk would taste like strawberries; if they were fed chocolate, their milk would taste like chocolate. They also always have fluffy, curled horns, like lambs.

Their milk was fresh and creamy and took in the flavors of the foods they were fed; if they were fed lava apples, for example, their milk would not only taste like apples but would also intensify the fire elements that the lava apple contained. If they were fed other fruits, their milk would be flavored. If one preferred plain-flavored milk, all they had to do was feed them grass.

Ye Jieye had expected to have two adult cows, but after exploring the mountain, he had only come across these two rainbow cows. He had seen two on the nearby cliff, a little one and a large one that looked like a mother and child.

"Tsk! It's better than nothing." Ye Jieye pulled these two cows into the small world owned by his wife and left.

Ye Jieye went to the entrance of the Twelfth Mountain and waited for Mo Xuejing. Ye Jieye returned early to the meeting place. At least thirty minutes remain before the three-hour time limit. Ye Jieye was about to take a nap when he saw Mo Xuejing walking toward him. Despite his small stature, this young master's strength was comparable to Ye Jieye's.

Two adult rainbow cows were tied up upside down like pigs on the wooden log. Ye Jieye is delighted with such unexpected surprises. Their family now had enough cows. A pair to be left on the island on that Earth Forest turtle shell, the mother and child behind his restaurant.

The eyes of these two cows were dazed, as if they could not believe someone would treat them similarly to how pigs are roasted, and they were now questioning life.

Ye Jieye said, "You also found some. That's good. Give it to me to handle the rest."

"Um? Where are you going to put it? We cannot put anything alive in the space inventory," Mo Xuejing said.

Reaching out his right hand in front of Mo Xuejing, Ye Jieye decided to test something and said, "There is somewhere I want you to come with me. It is a secret no one knows and only I and the children can enter it. Do you want to come with me?"

A little taken aback, Mo Xuejing turned to face Ye Jieye and stared into his obsidian eyes, wondering aloud if the red streak of light he had seen earlier had really been an illusion. He did not even consider his options as he extended his hand above Ye Jieye's as if possessed.

In a split second, the scenery that surrounds him changed from rock formation cliffs to a vibrant forest and a huge old, ancient mansion in front of him.

Mo Xuejing said, "Eh? Where is this place? Wow, is that an ancient mansion? Amazing! I only saw this kind of house in old history photos." He was looking around so excitedly that he didn't even notice the stunned look of the man in front of him.

Ye Jieye was taken aback. When he had held Mo Xuejing's hand just now, he had not intended to bring Mo Xuejing into the small world with his consent. If he is really an outsider, Mo Xuejing will be left behind in the real world, and only Ye Jieye will enter the small world. Hei Anjing is the only person who can enter this small world and be the same person that he is.

Now that Mo Xuejing has managed to enter it on his own, he is certain that Mo Xuejing is his wife's incarnation, but for some reason he is lacking.

It had been months since he and his kids had come to this world, and his first order to Zhi Yue and Zhi Yang was to search the database and try to locate candidates for his wife's incarnation; however, no matter how hard the two systems searched the world database, they were unable to locate a match.

Ye Jieye felt that Chaos, who had drawn him into this body, had personally erased these traces, making it more difficult for him to locate his wife's incarnation.

It is not surprising that Mo Xuejing has returned. When he was given the memories of the first Ye Jieye, he realized that Mo Xuejing was an enemy to his vessel, which is why he cut him off and chose to ignore him.

However, it is surprising that the cubs who accompanied him into this world would bring him back because he is the type of person who stays in their home because the kids would cry if he left.

Now that he finally understood everything, those gestures brought back memories of his own: the attachment his children felt to him even though they were supposed to be strangers, and his reluctance to push the person away. He could not bear to hurt him, much less see him suffer, so he closed his eyes, allowed everything he would not normally allow, and allowed Mo Xuejing to remain by his side.

He even noticed the shifts in his feelings toward him, but he refused to accept them since they were unjust to him; after all, he had vowed all his life to his wife and the other half, Hei Anjing.

Mo Xuejing was willing to remain in this position; separated by a line, he was willing to stay in this way; his only wish is to stand by his side. He was moved but unwilling to break his vow. He still did not accept Mo Xuejing's feelings but allowed him to do as he pleased. Ye Jieye was not sure if Mo Xuejing was his wife's incarnation.

There are similarities, but that familiar attraction when meeting his wife's incarnation is not there. So Ye Jieye chose to ignore everything and live as if nothing that was supposed to involve his heart existed.

It was unexpected that he remembered the small world he and his wife shared. Both of them can enter that place anytime they want, but to bring the others in, they need to give permission. This hesitation of his hurt not only Mo Xuejing for pretending not to care, but him too, who could not bear to see this person hurt, especially if he was the cause.

He could only bury the unknown emotions in his heart. For this reason, he said it is better if Mo Xuejing is his wife's incarnation because he will not need to choose to hurt him like this.

Ye Jieye gambled on Mo Xuejing, who appears to be his wife but is not at the same time. If Mo Xuejing is really his wife's incarnation, then he should be able to enter the small world even without permission. This was Ye Jieye's decision and the gamble he took. If Mo Xuejing cannot enter the world, he will end their relationship.

However, an unexpected thing happened: Mo Xuejing's ability to enter this small world without permission is sufficient evidence that he is his wife's incarnation; the only issue is that he is missing something. Despite this, Ye Jieye was shocked by the outcome.

This result is one in ten thousand. He is already seventy percent certain that Mo Xuejing had nothing to do with his wife. There is no soul resonance. His heart would only occasionally skip a beat, not the pounding heartbeat in the presence of his beloved. The gestures that Mo Xuejing would occasionally make were something he had grown accustomed to, as if they had lost their power to affect him.

Now that this outcome is entirely unanticipated, he is speechless.

After a moment of shock, Ye Jieye is now overjoyed. All of his feelings of fear and rejection have vanished, leaving only feelings of love and longing. Now that all of the negative emotions have vanished, a small amount of sadness has lingered alongside his happiness, causing him to cry uncontrollably.

All he can do is stare at Mo Xuejing's excited figure as he surveys the area, not daring to blink, as if he is terrified that the beauty in front of him will vanish in an instant.

But Mo Xuejing, who was still holding Ye Jieye's hand, was staring at the paradise that unfolded before his eyes: too many things he had never seen before, a cleaner, more tranquil atmosphere, an ancient mansion that drew his attention more than anything else, and an eagerness to explore that area that

was tempered by the knowledge that the place was not his own, so all he could do was ask the owner who stood beside him.

Mo Xuejing said, "A'Ye, can we go inside that ancient mansion? I've been interested in this kind of architecture." He finally turned around and looked at Ye Jieye.

His heart began to race, and a twinge of pain struck his heart upon seeing the man's tears, and he was shocked to see tears streaming down his dashing face as his black eyes had a shade of garnet spreading from the depths of his obsidian eyes. Ye Jieye stared at him with eyes full of love and yearning, something he had never seen before.

Mo Xuejing worriedly asked, "Why are you crying? Are you hurting somewhere? Let's go call Guang to check on you!" He even tried to use both of his hands to help Ye Jieye wipe his tears.

Ye Jieye was so familiar with the gentleness of his response to his tears that he felt compelled to laugh, even though he was crying too. He caught the hand that was wiping his tear, pulled it toward him, and kissed Mo Xuejing's palms, causing Mo Xuejing to blush and want to pull back his hand, only for the man's other hand to grip his hand tightly like the other.

Ye Jieye mumbles, "It's you. I'm not wrong this time. I was never wrong right from the beginning. You are him. You are my Jing'er. My wife~."

Mo Xuejing was dumbfounded by Ye Jieye's statements. He could not understand a word, and he did not understand why Ye Jieye was referring to him as his wife. Why could he not grasp anything at all? What was going on here?

"I found you. I finally found you."

Ye Jieye tightly hugged him, as though this was the only thing that could make his irregular heartbeat stop.

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It took a moment for Mo Xuejing's mind to go blank, but Ye Jieye's embrace was so warm that he finally smiled just for him. Mo Xuejing never thought a cold man like Ye Jieye could be so affectionate to his beloved; he only felt such strong emotions when he spent time with his children. Now that he was on the other side, Mo Xuejing was suddenly unsure of where to put his hand.

Mo Xuejing asked, "A'Ye, let me go first. Have your memories returned?"

"Memories? You mean the one in the past. I guess those wouldn't return unless you return to your real body. For some unknown reason, you are using this body that was not rightfully yours. That's why I could hardly recognize you at first sight," Ye Jieye said.

Confused, Mo Xuejing asked, "What do you mean? This is not my real body. You called me my wife just now. Don't tell me. I'm the one who gave birth to Xiao Jing and Xiao Xia."

"Yes, you gave birth to them. But this current body of yours is not yours; it masked your soul completely, and I can hardly recognize you. If not for your soul-binding connection to this small world, you wouldn't be able to enter this world like I do," Ye Jieye said.

The God of Void attempted to explain their predicament to Mo Xuejing; however, since he was regarded as incomplete, his original memories had vanished, and everything had only come back to him when he was once again complete.

For this reason, no matter what Ye Jieye says, it just leaves him perplexed, but he is able to comprehend some of their current predicament, particularly the part about not being able to enter this world without the man in front of him.

Mo Xuejing frowned for a moment and said this while being hugged. "Soul-Binding Connection? Unable to enter without permission of the owner? Don't tell me you are testing me. What do you plan to do if I wasn't able to enter this small world?"

Ye Jieye abruptly closes his mouth, revealing his remorse. Mo Xuejing, thinking back on what he believed had just transpired, felt enraged and shoved Ye Jieye, who was hugging him.

Mo Xuejing said, "You always kept me at arm's length. I've always told you I will be by your side no matter what you think of me. Did you just use this test to force yourself to make a choice? It bothers me that you didn't give me permission to enter this place. You just held my hand. What would have happened if I wasn't able to enter this place?"

Ye Jieye, what would you have done if I wasn't able to enter this place?"

This gamble itself was something done without the latter's permission; Mo Xuejing's fierce yet about-to-cry expression made Ye Jieye feel guilty at heart. Aside from his Jing'er, he was not willing to give away his heart, so even if he felt so emotional towards Mo Xuejing, he never gave him any special attention unless necessary. Ye Jieye's heart twitched with pain at this moment.

Ye Jieye mumbled, "I'm sorry. Jing'er, it will never happen again. I promise."

"Answer my question!?" Mo Xuejing screamed.

The tremor in his soul made Ye Jieye unconsciously shiver, and he knew that he could only give his answer, "If you failed... to enter... this place. I... I planned... to never...

meet you anymore." These words were spoken with great difficulty, and his grip over Mo Xuejing's hands tightened.

After giving this honest answer, he knew he would hurt Mo Xuejing's feelings, but Ye Jieye knew he couldn't lie anymore and answered truthfully.

"But believe me, Jing'er, you are the only person I love. I don't want to make..."

Ye Jieye's words halted when he saw Mo Xuejing's tears. It continues to stroll down Mo Xuejing's face while he is dazed. The latter truly did not expect this answer, and it made his head blank. Each teardrop of Mo Xuejing was like a knife stabbing Ye Jieye's eyes, making him unable to do anything and even not knowing what to say.

The God of Void has always been like it; when it comes to the tears of his wife, he truly does not know what he should do. Seeing him dumbfounded, Mo Xuejing cried, soundless yet so sad.

Mo Xuejing sobbed for a while, long enough for his eyes to swell, and when his sorrow gave way to serenity, he slapped Ye Jieye, who dodged the blow completely. Ye Jieye remained alongside him like a statue, unable to do anything but stare at his beloved's weeping face.

SLAPPED!

Mo Xuejing screamed at Ye Jieye, "I already told you! I am willing to stand by your side even if you have clear feelings for me. You only need to treat me as a family member. I no longer vie for your love. As long as I can stay by your side, it is enough for me!"

"Hah! So what is it? My feelings are nothing. My promise is also nothing. You already decided to leave me. Haha~ Ye Jieye, you made me feel so cheap!

Maybe for you, my love for you is really so cheap that you can throw it away anytime you want to!"

"That's not true! Jing'er, please listen to me first," Ye Jieye said as if he were pleading, but Mo Xuejing hardened his heart in anger.

Mo Xuejing said, "I don't want to be anyone's substitute!"

"You are not!" Ye Jieye exclaimed, but unfortunately, Mo Xuejing was no longer listening.

Shaking off Ye Jieye's hand, he thought that his wish to leave this small world had been granted, and he was brought back to the entrance of Twelfth Mountain, where he fled in a blur, reacting so quickly that Ye Jieye could only see his small back in the distance when he emerged from the small world.

Just as Ye Jieye was about to follow him, the force of consumption in his soul became wilder than before, and he nearly lost control as an aura engulfing him could only devour all in its path.

Urgh~

"Why the hell is this happening now?! Dammit!" Ye Jieye murmured in annoyance.

His dark purple aura ate everything, leaving nothing behind as he leaped as far as he could, blowing off the entire summit of the Twelfth Mountain, for the power of devouring is so great that he can only jump to space to avoid this world being damaged.

Meanwhile, at the Eleventh Mountain...

Lu Ming just finished his meditation, and his power of wind and fire greatly increased thanks to the god-grade oyster mushroom he ate.

"Yes! I finally made it! With this, hunting legendary grades should be easier than before," said Lu Ming.

As if pouring cold water over his younger brother's head, Lu Shang said, "Next, you should train how to control your elemental qi properly!"

"You also need to train your body, or you won't be able to use the peak of your current strength. Everything must come into balance," Leica said as he noticed someone coming down from the upper mountain.

Among their group, only Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing went up, but unexpectedly, only Mo Xuejing descended from the twelfth mountain.

Mo Yuhan happily ran towards his cousin when he saw him. "Cousin! Cousin, you're back!" When he saw the corner of his cousin's icy eyes red, he knew that he must have cried a lot and immediately halted his actions.

Mo Xuejing's cold voice resounds in the area: "Yuhan, let's return."

"O-Okay," Mo Yuhan stuttered when he saw how scary his cousin's gaze was.

Lu Ming asked, "What happened? Where is Big Brother Ye?"

"Who the hell cares about that bastard?!" Mo Xuejing shouted before walking away. Mo Yuhan can only follow after his cousin sees how tense the atmosphere in the area has become.

Lu Ming wanted to ask more about his cousin, but Su Jin felt that things had gone wrong between Mo Xuejing and Ye Jieye.

Su Jin pulled his lover back and said, "Let's leave them alone for a bit. They might have quarreled."

Lu Ming mumbles, "I only wanted to ask where my cousin is, though!" They can only watch the two split from their group. Never once did Mo Xuejing turn around and look. His back is firm and cold as if he didn't know any of them.

Not far from them, Mo Yuhan trailed behind his cousin, who turned off course and headed into the eleventh mountain's forest. Mo Xuejing was moving too quickly for Mo Yuhan to keep up with him, and suddenly, as if he had run out of energy, he sat down on the ground, covered his face, and began crying again, shocking Mo Yuhan.

Even the ancestor could not stop the cold-blooded, self-centered cousin he knew from before. He did not even give a damn about the clan, and he did whatever he felt like doing. Still, the way the cousin appeared at this particular moment reminded him of that scenario from the past.

A fragment of the past from Mo Yuhan's perspective...

The beautiful man lays on the bed, covered in sweat and looking pale. There are a few doctors and nurses in the room helping him give birth.

"Sir, please do your best. We can already see the rims of your baby's head!"

The scene, which takes place in an underground dungeon where his cousin is imprisoned for having an affair with a member of the Lu Clan, makes young Mo Yuhan shudder. The man on the bed has his attractive face contorted in agony as he moaned out while giving birth.

"Sir, a bit more. Someone help the baby!"

"I can already see the head. Sir, one last push!"

ARRGGGHHHH!!

The man on the bed screamed, followed by the sound of the baby crying.

UWUAAAAA~

"Congratulations! Sir, it's a real baby girl!"

"Amazing! It's my first time helping a baby girl be born. The first girl in this world!"

"I'm so honored! So honored!!! Ahhh~ so cute!!!"

It was at this time that Anxia, the little princess, was born. She was unfortunate to be born in a dungeon, but that did not stop the man with the silver hair and silver eyes from being happy. He felt he had been blessed beyond measure when he saw his daughter arrive safely.

"Yu'er, please send the doctors and nurses back safely."

"Brother Jing, is it worthy to give birth to that man's child? You lost your right as an heir. You are even locked up in the dungeon. What about that man!? He can't even help you escape!" Mo Yuhan exclaimed.

"Don't say that. He will be coming to pick us up soon. You must help your brother escape when that time comes, okay?"

"Can't Yu'er come with you?" Mo Yuhan asked as he held his cousin's hand while getting teary-eyed at his cousin.

"You are still young. What would Uncles do if they lost you? I can't bring you with me. Please understand, Yu'er."

"Wuwuwu~ I understand, brother. I will help brother escape," Mo Yuhan said as he followed his cousin's orders and sent the doctors and nurses away.

His other playmates saw him emerge from the cell and instructed their brothers to speak to their forefathers, all the while knowing that he was being watched by someone from the clan.

Somewhere in the Mo Clan

The news of Mo Yuhan surreptitiously entering and exiting the dungeon to see his cousin was received with a frown by the clan's ancestor, Mo Xinyue. It was well known that the heir loved to spoil Mo Yuhan, who was his cousin but treated him like a younger brother despite their relationship being only a cousin.

Mo Xinyue asked, "Is this true?"

"Yes, this old man had checked it with his own eyes. Doctors and nurses come out of the dungeon."

A frown appeared on the ancestor's forehead and said, "Go capture those doctors and nurses. If you can't find them, grab the parents of Mo Yuhan and call him over afterward."

"Yes, Ancestor."

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Back to reality...

Mo Xuejing, overwhelmed by his emotions, sat on the ground, covering his face. His tears continuously fell from his red eyes, as if he wanted to cry them out.

Sniff~ Wuaaa~

"I can't believe I'm so stupid. Why did I love a man who only sees me as a substitute? Yuhan, you wouldn't believe this but Ye Jieye said that I am his wife and the one who gave birth to his children. Isn't that ridiculous? Look at my age; I'm only in my twenties. His children are 8 and a toddler.

Is he telling me I gave birth when I was only a teenager?" Mo Xuejing said

[Note: In this world, Ye Jieye is almost thirty, while Mo Xuejing's current vessel is only 23.]

"Though I was a bit happy when he saw that he loved me and called me Jing'er. But that wasn't me, right? Why is he lying to me? I feel so confused that I left him on the spot after slapping him. Hahaha~"

"NO! You are not a substitute!" Mo Yuhan retorted.

Mo Yuhan never thought he would see a scene like this again; it brought back memories of his childhood tragedy when he was still naive and only knew that he had to choose between his parents and his cousin; at last, he broke down and knelt before Mo Xuejing.

Mo Yuhan said, "Cousin, I'm sorry. I'm so sorry. Please don't hate me. I have no choice. They are going to kill my parents." He kept on kowtowing, which scared Mo Xuejing.

Mo Xuejing tried to stop his cousin from doing such a foolish thing, but the young man didn't stop at all.

"Stop. Stop. What are you doing? Yuhan, explain things first. Why are you apologizing to me?" Mo Xuejing asked in bewilderment.

Tears streamed down Mo Yuhan's cheeks as he gripped his cousin's hands, looking so terrible that he stammered when he tried to explain things to Mo Xuejing.

"Brother, I... I know your past. Ye Jieye isn't lying to you. Your current... vessel isn't truly your original body. Like him...

you're already... about to reach thirty. Jingxia and Anxia are truly your... children. Though I haven't witnessed Jingxia's birth, I was there... when you gave birth to Anxia.

Brother, someone... took over... your body. He created your current body and... moved your soul here."

Even though Mo Yuhan is clearly panicking and his words seem to be the truth he has been trying to hide all along, Mo Xuejing listens, thinking there will not be any more surprises until he hears what he has to say next. The more he hears, the more he feels like this is not real, but Mo Yuhan would not lie to him in his current state.

Mo Yuhan said, "Brother, I'm so sorry. I wanted to let you and Anxia escape, allowing you to be with Ye Jieye and Jingxia and be together as a happy family. But the ancestor captured my parents. I can only say all your plans to him. I'm sorry. I'm so sorry it's my fault.

You died because of me. I shouldn't have told them anything. But my parents... I'm so sorry. Please don't hate me."

If what Ye Jieye stated perplexed Mo Xuejing, Mo Yuhan's remarks contained more information, even information that the current Ye Jieye, who had no recollections of him, was unaware of.

"Then how come Jieye and I can't remember anything?" Mo Xuejing asked in a state of shock.

Mo Yuhan seems to know the answer to this question and says, "Brother's memories are taken away by that man who took over your real body. As for Ye Jieye, he... He gave it to the Lotus of Life and to revive you. To return his memories is almost impossible as it's connected to the life of your original vessel. Unless that body dies, he can never get it back."

Mo Xuejing is furious, not only because of what their ancestor did but also because he cannot stop hearing about the unknown entity that took over his body. However, the Ancestor's inaction when his body was taken indicates that whoever was inside it was stronger than any member of the Clan, even surpassing the strength of Mo Xinyue, their Mo Clan's Heavenly Guardian.

Mo Xuejing asked, "Have you met that person? That one who took over my body?"

"I only met him once. Brother, he is exactly like you, yet not at the same time. There is only rage and loneliness in his figure," said Mo Yuhan.

Mo Xuejing asked, "Did he tell you his name?"

"Yes, he called himself Chaos," Mo Yuhan said.

They heard loud, booming sounds at the peak of the other mountain as if something exploded, and everyone in the mountain ranges was affected by the shaking of the entire mountain. Just as Mo Yuhan was about to inquire further about this man named Chaos, there were unexpected tremors on the mountain, even visible as cracks in the ground.

The four Mo led by Lu Shang and the two Mo who broke away from the group felt the mountain tremble, but all they could do was gather around and stare at the far-off peak that appeared to have exploded, only to find out later that no debris had fallen on anyone below the twelfth mountain where the explosion had occurred.

Lu Ming exclaims while hugging his lover, Su Jin, "What is happening? There shouldn't be any volcanoes in this range!"

"Something isn't right. Leica brings these two to the lower mountain range. I will check the twelfth mountain where the Lord is." Lu Shnag directly left after saying these words. His speed was beyond what Lu Ming and Su Jin had expected. They were both dumbfounded.

Leica patted the shoulders of the two men and said, "We need to go. This place is dangerous for you two. Let's head down."

"Will Big Brother Lu be alright?" Su Jin asked worriedly.

Leica smiled. "He is powerful enough to escape if something happens. For now, let's go down. After I secure your safety, I will check it myself."

"Brother Leica, we should be able to chase after Mo Yuhan and his cousin," Lu Ming said.

Mo Xuejing reappeared out of nowhere, holding Mo Yuhan like a bag of rice, and the former sensed things were not quite right when he saw Lu Shang was not there.

Mo Xuejing placed the younger cousin down and asked, "Leica, where is Lu Shang?"

"He went up to check on Lord Ye. He hasn't come down ever since you descended alone," answered Leica. He was so polite with his words, which Mo Xuejing had never noticed before, but now that he knew his real identity, he felt that Lu Shang and Leica might have recognized him in the same way as Ye Jieye did.

Leica looks at Mo Xuejing, but he remains composed, maintaining a place underneath him; in actuality, Leica is Hei Anjing's subordinate; in this world, Mo Xuejing is above Leica, as Hei Anjing's embodiment.

Mo Xuejing pursed his lips and said, "Leica, you already knew who I am, right? That's why you asked for billions when I wanted to buy the information of Ye Jieye and his family from you."

"Please forgive me, Lord Mo. I'm under orders at that time, and during those days, Lord Ye still treated you as a stranger, so I can only do such a rude thing," Leica said.

Mo Xuejing said, "So are you saying that you followed my orders more than Ye Jieye, as I am his supposed other half?"

"If you are really his other half, I am yours to command, Lord Mo," Mo Xuejing said.

Lu Ming and Su Jin were perplexed, but Mo Yuhan was taken aback. He overheard his cousin and Leica's conversation and realized that Leica was his cousin's person, even though his appearance and body were different. However, because he was someone his elder brother trusted, he knew one person on his cousin's side who worked for him in the shadows to gather information and pass a message to Satan.

After hearing this, he remembered Leica's true name.

Mo Yuhan asked, "Are you Brother Yun Leiming?" Yun Leiming is Leica's real name. Leica is an alias for an information broker.

Leica smiled and said, "Yes, Yun Leiming is my real name. You've grown a lot, Yu'er. Unlike the princess, who grows very slowly even after five years, she is a toddler."

Ye Jingxia and Anxia are only three years apart in age. Ten years had passed since that tragedy five years prior when Mo Yuhan was only thirteen. He was forced to choose between his parents and his cousin, and he chose the former and betrayed the latter.

In which is why his cousin was discovered by the ancestor, who was furious and wanted to kill the Lu descendent but inadvertently killed his cousin, who had blocked the knife for his husband.

Regarding the subsequent events, Mo Yuhan was not informed of the specifics. All he was told was that his cousin's resurrection was made possible by Ye Jieye's sacrifice. However, it was also Ye Jieye's sacrifice that led to Ye Jieye's removal from the Lu and Mo Clan by his maternal grandfather, Mu Zang.

It was not until recently that Mo Xuejing and Ye Jieye crossed paths during that chef assessment that they were reunited, albeit with a loss of recognition.

Mo Xuejing said, "Let's talk later. I will check on Lu Shang and Ye Jieye. You guys return to Somatic Town. Go now! I think a beast stampede is about to happen!"

Leica, upon checking the peak core regions, realized that Mo Xuejing's premonition was about to happen. "Please leave the guys to me." He tied the two young men with him and sped up. His pace is as fast as that of Lu Shang, who disappeared like the wind just now. He tied the three young men with his red string artifact, Yizhi.

In the middle of the twelfth mountain, Lu Shnag was fighting a thousand beasts that were running down from the destroyed peak. They were scared by whatever it was at the peak that caused this beast to stampede. He immediately erected a tall ice wall that encircled the entire mountain.

Mo Xuejing watches them until they disappear from the eleventh mountain they were in before climbing up to the twelfth mountain.

Lu Shang, who noticed him, saluted Mo Xuejing. "Thanks for your help, Lord Mo. These beasts suddenly come running down as if they are running away."

"I will look for Ye Jieye. Go down and support Leica. Report to the Somatic Town's security about the possibility of Beast Stampede. This ice wall wouldn't last long," Mo Xuejing said.

Lu Shang didn't question his decision and accepted his new orders. "As you wish, Lord Mo." He went down without hesitation.

It was only at that point that Mo Xuejing began to suspect that he might be Ye Jieye's partner, and it was at least as likely that his subordinate, Lu Shang, noticed it as Ye Jieye did.

Even though Lu Shang was not yet aware that Ye Jieye had already identified him, the mere fact that Ye Jieye permitted him to remain at his side indicates that Lu Shang is willing to carry out his orders just as he does to his older cousin, treating him as though he were his other boss, standing beside Ye Jieye above him.

Since he left Ye Jieye at the mountain and descended, Mo Xuejing believed that this scenario had a strong link with Ye Jieye, and although he did not know what Ye Jieye had done, he was probably the cause of the beast riot. For this reason, he regrets leaving Ye Jieye behind.

"A'Ye, have you forgotten that our children are in Somatic Town?" mumbled Mo Xuejing as he continued to ascend to the now flat peak of the Twelfth Mountain.

