

World Plot 1211

Chapter 1211: First Grey Star - Another peaceful day

Upon arriving at the King's Castle, Mu Zang was granted an audience with both King Xingyun and Prime Minister Fu. The former provided all of the information requested by the two, but he withheld information regarding his grandson's unusual talent.

Although he refrained from informing the King and his Minister, their curiosity could not be disregarded, and Mu Zang had no intention of disclosing this information to them. Upon witnessing Mu Zang's abrupt change of subject, the King and his minister decided not to inquire further on the subject.

They had a long conversation that lasted for hours. When the sun is about to set, Mu Zang asks to be excused.

Mu Zang said, "This conversation had taken too long. My family is still waiting for me at home. Do excuse my leave for now, your majesty."

"Go ahead. Eating with family should be fulfilled," His Majesty King Xingyun said.

After bidding farewell to the king, Heavenly Guardian Mu Zang took his leave. He didn't even have any hesitation in his steps as he left the castle.

After he left, King Xingyun and his minister, Fu Zin, had another conversation.

"He is quite tight-lipped, your majesty," Minister Fu Zin said.

King Xingyun sighed, "That is after all his last family members. Even if you kill him, he won't say a word. His other half and son failed to escape the Ruin of Time because of our decree, which Heavenly Guardian Lu had completed. Deep in his heart, he hated the royal family."

"Should we invite Ye Jieye into the palace?" Minister Fu Zin suggested.

Unexpectedly, his majesty shook his head and felt even more tired: "He had already become the only man we cannot move. Or else it wouldn't be just Heavenly Guardian Mu Zang we need to fight against but also Heavenly Guardian Lu Wangle and Heavenly Guardian Mo Xinyue as well."

"Why would they?" Minister Fu Zin asked. He didn't believe that those two clans would go against the Royal Family.

King Xingyun said, "That decree... It's the worst decision I've made. Because I forced Lu Wangle to close the gate of the Ruin of Time, I felt his regret and chose to create a distance between his clan and the royal family. Mu Zang had it worse. He lost all of them, and if not for his husband's sacrifice, maybe even his grandson would not exist.

The Mo Clan also lost Mo Anjing's parents in that ruin as well."

The king's heart grew heavier the more he considered the ruins of time. The Heavenly Guardians were all his sworn brothers, and although any one of them could rule a kingdom by strength alone, they chose to be Heavenly Guardians of his kingdom because he begged them to do so.

"I failed them greatly, but as a monarch, my priority is already different from theirs," King Xingyun mumbles as he leaves the hall with a lonely figure.

Numen Town, Ye Family's Restaurant...

After their return, the treehouse restaurant was eventually opened, with Ye Jingxia and Anxia emerging to play on Oreos; the two systems and Roi went with them. Ye Jieye is in the kitchen, and Mo Xuejing is restocking the boxes outside the restaurant with produce, which they brought back from their trip to the Tornado Mountain Ranges and decided to sell.

When his cousin and others arrived, Mo Xuejing was methodically organizing the fruits and vegetables that would be sold on the stall. He was dressed in a long apron that is exactly the same as his husband's black apron.

Mo Yuhan said, "Cousin, good morning! What's for lunch?"

"It's pasta. Perfect Snow Vermillion Pheasant Alfredo, Cajun-Stuffed Snow Vermillion Pheasant, Cream Mushroom soup, Avocado Toast, and Caesar Salad." Mo Xuejing replied with a smile while checking each fruit before arranging it on the stall.

As for the four young men, they were already drooling and running inside the restaurant. Lu Shang and Leica greeted Mo Xuejing with a bow. This shows how much they respect him.

Lu Shang says, "Greetings, Lord Mo!"

"A pleasant morning, my lord!" Leica said.

Mo Xuejing said, "Oh~ welcome. Go ahead and eat. Don't mind me, we've already eaten. I think A'Ye need you for something. Go inside."

"Yes, please excuse us," Lu Shang and Leica said before getting inside the restaurant.

When they first arrived at the restaurant, they saw the two brazen brats, Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming, running into the kitchen and helping themselves to food; Su Jin and Ji Yoonjun, on the other hand, were waiting at the table, but their gazes were fixed on the kitchen as well.

Those who have enjoyed food prepared by a chef of the gods, such as Ye Jieye, are ecstatic and even jealous of the residents of this town who get to enjoy his cooking on a daily basis. In addition, the owner only ever uses legendary and rare ingredients in the cooking; there have never been any elite or commonplace ingredients in this restaurant.

Su Jin said, "Big brother, Brother Leica, sit here. A'Ming and Yuhan went to the kitchen to get breakfast."

As for Ye Jieye, he just finished preparing lunch and went to the backyard, where he put up a fence and waved his hand to make blue grass stalks appear out of thin air, floating with a single gesture; they were all planted on the ground. There are also some fruit trees in the corners of the fence, revealing a few ripe yellow mangoes.

After a few minutes, Lu Ming and Mo Yuhuan emerge with a few trays in their hands and serve them to everyone.

Sunshine mangoes emit sunlight, which helps grow plants. It's a first-class, legendary-grade fruit. He bought the seeds online. It would be something Lu Ming and other hunters would have a hard time buying, but he had exchanged them with a few demigod-ranked potatoes and sweet potatoes to get them.

After finishing the fence, Ye Jieye brought out the rainbow cows that he and Mo Xuejing had taken from the Tornado Mountain Ranges. The rainbow cows had rainbow colored fur, which was as soft as lamb fur, and their colorful shade was what gave them the name rainbow.

Since he did not use it to bait the behemoth carabao, he would use it to feed the rainbow cows, so he replanted this bluegrass, which the rainbow cows' favorite fodder.

Moo~ mooo~ Moooo~

The blue grass Mo Xuejing had with him was used to entice the two adult rainbow cows he caught; he did not anticipate Ye Jieye still having some. Mo Xuejing materialized alongside him and was definitely aware of what Ye Jieye had done.

"You didn't use the blue grass to hunt the Behemoth Carabao?" Mo Xuejing asked.

Ye Jieye said, "I went directly to their territory to catch a few. The rainbow cow adult and calf are something I found by chance on my way back."

"With these cows, we should have enough milk. With milk, we can make a lot of cheese, butter, and various desserts. I can't wait for it. But the stocks of fruits are almost used up; what should we do, A'Ye?" Mo Xuejing asked.

Ye Jieye helped him wipe his face, which had a few traces of dust, with a clean handkerchief. He responded to him. "Tomorrow we will go with the cubs to the core of the Death Forest and pick a lot of fruits."

"There's an orchard in the middle of the Death Forest?" Mo Xuejing asked.

Though he seldom hunted in this dangerous zone because he would heard that his grandfather did not get along with Grandpa Mu, he did not need to ponder long to realize how important the orchard would be if it were in the core region of a risk zone like the Death Forest.

Ye Jieye smiled and said, "Yes, you and the cubs will definitely like it there."

"Okay! I saw Xiao Jing and Xiao Xia going in the direction of the Death Forest. Is it alright to leave them be?" Mo Xuejing asked worriedly.

Ye Jieye said, "Don't worry, Oreo and Roi are with them, and Yue and Yang will protect them. I have forbidden them to enter the core region."

"Lu Shang and Leica had arrived. Do you need them for something?" Mo Xuejing asked.

Ye Jieye said, "You said you wanted some seafood hotpot for dinner. I want to ask them to get some gemstone crabs and jade shrimps in the Death Forest."

"Hotpot is delicious. I'm tired of meat lately," Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye laughed. "Well, we've been eating meat for days. It's normal to get sick."

The couple lives a simple life, running a restaurant, farming a little bit in the backyard, and playing with the kids. These are very precious moments for them, and they could not help but unwind. After breakfast, the group was now enjoying a bowl of mango float with sago, which was made by Mo Xuejing.

Ye Jieye taught him how to make desserts, and since Hei Anjing's cooking is superior to Ye Xiajie's, these sweets are delicious even just by themselves.

Mo Yuhan exclaims, "Cousin! This is so delicious!!"

"Oi! If you're not going to finish yours, give me your bowl," Lu Ming said.

Mo Yuhan grabbed a bowl and said, "This is mine! Fuck off!"

"Stop fighting! There is more in the fridge!" Mo Xuejing said.

There are already early customers in the restaurant, so Mo Xuejing had to stop the two troublesome brats from making a scene inside the restaurant.

"Lady Boss, what are they eating? Can you serve us a bowl too?" A customer asked.

Mo Xuejing blushed when he heard the customer refer to him as the lady boss. Ye Jieye, who was leaning at the counter, overheard the conversation. The customers began referring to Mo Xuejing as the Lady Boss because he is the owner, Ye Jieye's wife as well as the father of the two adorable cubs who have returned from their play.

"L-Lady Boss??"

"Good eyes, brother!" Ye Jieye said. "It's my wife's mango float sago. It can be drunk or served with ice cream. Which do you want?"

"Lady Boss made it!? Boss, give me a cup!"

"Boss, give me one with ice cream!"

"Me too."

"Me three."

In the end, only a bowl per table was served to the customer, as most of the Mango Float Sago ended up in the stomachs of the two gluttons, Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan, who had had enough and heard the customer asking for it. They ran to the kitchen to get a big bowl for themselves, ignoring the protest of the customers behind them and enjoying the dessert Mo Xuejing made.

The Mango Float Sago was so good that customers nearly swallowed their tongues, and a small bowl was not even enough. Unfortunately, Mo Xuejing did not make that much because it was his first time making it, and he was afraid to waste some ingredients. Who would have thought it would be loved by everyone?

The two brats were happily rubbing their round stomachs while receiving glares from the surrounding customers.

Chapter 1212: First Grey Star - Hunting in the Death Forest again.

After eating breakfast, Lu Ming, Mo Yuhan, Su Jin, and Ji Yoonjun went to the Death Forest. Lu Shang and Leica were seeing them off at the entrance.

Looking confused, Lu Ming asked, "Big Brother, aren't you supposed to come with us?"

"Of course not, Brat! We will trail you and only come out when your life is in danger. As long as you only have one breath of life left, we won't come out. Just think of us picking up your corpse. Hahaha~" Lu Shang said with his voice filled with mockery.

With the exception of Ji Yoonjun, the other three were scowling; they had not anticipated this.

Death Forest is the most dangerous hunting area; they claimed that the weather in this area is unpredictable; it might rain now, but if they were unlucky, it might rain acid instead of rain; additionally, there is a chance of hallucinating mist or poison fog, both of which can appear out of nowhere, surprise the hunter, and cause them to die.

Furthermore, because they are accustomed to this type of environment and because all of the ingredients in the Death Forest are thought to be mutated and highly valued, it can be said that neither the beasts nor the ingredients that inhabit this land are affected by the seasonal changes.

Lu Shang looked at Ji Yoonjun and said, "You can save them if we don't come on time. One is on the brink of death, okay?"

"Yes, sir!" Ji Yoonjun said.

When Su Jin saw this, he was shocked to learn that the soul in his brother's body belonged to someone who shared the same place as Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing, but that even Lu Shang's brother had been replaced. Su Jin's terrified expression was so clear that Lu Shang was unable to look away; fear of what was unknown was visible in his eyes.

Lu Shang raised an eyebrow and said, "What's wrong with this brat?"

"He recognized that I am not, so he knows," Ji Yoonjun said.

Lu Shang said, "How is it possible? Are you able to OOC?"

"A'Shang, in a world with the Lords, all original laws are useless, especially in the world where my master's incarnation is born," Leica said.

Lu Shang said, "That seems right. Brat, you explain it to him properly if you have time. We're leaving. The Lord, send some errands."

He leads the company into the Death Forest, with Leica trailing closely behind. Lord Mo had grown weary of eating meat, so they set out to find a few non-meat components.

The only people who would remember this scene were Su Jin, who had been cut off from the original timeline and realized the truth of this world, and Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan, who overheard their conversation but could not understand anything at all. Unlike them, they did not realize anything strange at all.

Ji Yoonjun patted Su Jin's shoulder and said, "Don't think too much. Unlike my situation, Lu Shang is still better. They would wake up when we leave, but I... would have to stay here until the end of this vessel's life."

After hearing that, Su Jin calmed down and realized that the bodies of Lu Shang and the others were borrowed, not taken over forcefully, unlike his brother's situation, where he gave his body in order to allow himself to be reborn. Thinking about the original Ji Yoonjun, Su Jin found it nearly impossible to contain his tears.

Ji Yoonjun whispered, "As per Ji Yoonjun's wish, I shall protect you in this life. So, Xiao Jin, live the life you want and leave the rest to me."

Su Jin suddenly hugged Ji Yoonjun while shouting, Brother. He was crying all of a sudden and left the other two bewildered. After a few minutes, Su Jin finally calmed down.

"Okay, stop crying. I will lead the way in the first half," Ji Yoonjun said. As he passed by Lu Ming, he gave him a warning gaze, which Mo Yuhan also saw.

Mo Yuhan said, "Heh~, it seems you need his approval before you can marry your Xiao Jin."

"I know. Follow him. Keep close, Xiao Jin." Lu Ming smiled when he held Su Jin's hands; he had a feeling he needed to hold his hand closer, as if he had let it go once already.

Su Jin smiled back and said, "Okay."

"Tsk! A stupid couple! Hmp!" Mo Yuhan grumbled before following Ji Yoonjun.

Somewhere in the Death Forest...

A huge black-and-white Tibetan mastiff, sized like a baby elephant, was carrying two human cubs on his back while running in the forest, chased by honey bees.

Buzz~ buzzzz~ Buzzing!

When Oreo and the two honey-covered brats started fleeing, it seemed like they were not being pursued. The wasps, seeing them so carelessly, decided to hit them from a distance and utilized the thorn on their buttocks as a bullet.

Buzz~ buzzzz~ whoosh. Whooshed!

A few deadly arrows flew in their direction but were noticed by Ye Jingxia.

"Bad. Bad bee! Ice~ Ice Shield! Fly!"

The woodland echoes with Ye Jingxia's meaningless cries, yet a dense wall of ice materialized in the thin air, preventing the honey wasp's thorn assault while also flying in its direction and smashing it, smashing those legendary-grade materials with unmatched force.

Anxia, whose face was covered with honey but finished sucking on the ones in her hands, calls, "Ge~ gege~ want more! Ghive meh~"

"Haha~ okay!" Ye Jingxia said as he pulled one of the honey jars they stole from the Honey Wasp Beehive.

A small black snake peeks out from Ye Jingxia's sleeves; it is Roi in his shrinking form. They took almost everything, which is why they are being chased. Honey wasp honey tastes better than honey bee honey. Since these cubs inherited their dad's sweet tooth, taking all the honey is normal.

{Young Lord. We must find a river so you two can take a bath. If we go home with both of you looking like that, your dad will get angry,} Roi said.

Ye Jingxia remembered his father's insistence on cleanliness, and he reasoned that if they came home drenched in honey, Mo Xuejing would probably take a long time to scrub them all clean and seize their desserts.

Ye Jingxia, who is afraid of being scolded by his dad, patted Oreo's back and said, "Oreo, look for a river. We must take a bath!"

Woof! Woof!

After barking, Oreo ran toward the scent of water—this was his master's order, after all—and crossed many beasts on his way to the closest river, where the aura of two enormous beasts—Oreo and the Black Dragon—surrounded them and prevented anyone from stopping them.

When they got to the river—the reverse fall river, where Ye Jieye had caught a great deal of gemstone crabs—they were taken aback to see Lu Shang and Leica catching crayfish, shrimp, and crabs.

Lu Shang had just finished being pulled out of the water, and colorful crabs and jade shrimp were huddled together, wiggling, trying to escape, trapped in a net made of a material so hard that their pincers could hardly cut it.

Ye Jingxia said, "Uncle Lou, Uncle Yun, why are you here?"

"Young Lord, Princess? This is the middle region. How come you guys come here? Lord Hei will get angry," Lu Shang said with a reprimanding tone.

Leica, on the other hand, saw that they were covered in honey and realized that they must have stolen something from the honey wasps at the borders of the outer region and unintentionally entered the middle region when they were running.

It is true that Ye Jingxia and Anxia had free range to play in Numen Town and Death Forest, but Mo Xuejing forbade them from entering the middle and core regions alone.

Leica approached them and used a clean towel to clean their faces, arms, and hands. The two were used to being served by someone, and Leica did as he wanted.

"Don't scold them anymore. Honey Wasps might have chased them and can only run here to wash up." Leica helped the two go down from Oreo's back and carefully removed their clothes.

Lu Shang saw them like this, so he gave up and made a bonfire so they could cook something hot for the cubs. With a wave of his hand, his red string artifact created a division in the river and threw a firestone in it to heat the water in that small area. Only then did he let Ye, Jingxia, and Oreo jump inside. As for the little princess, Leica had to go into the water and help her bathe.

While this group of youths was at ease as usual, the other group was not. At the edge of the outer region, Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming saw an empty beehive. This is the same beehive from which Ye Jingxia stole honey jars; at least half of the jars were still there.

These young men felt fortunate to see such an empty beehive and took a few jars as well, but they were careful not to take too much because their space equipment was limited.

Lu Ming said, "It's amazing that there's a legendary-grade ingredient at the border of the outer region of the Death Forest, as expected of the most abundant danger zone."

"Shut up and take it as soon as possible. Honey wasps make delicious honey, but their poison is deadly. We need to leave as soon as possible," Mo Yuhan said.

Buzz~ Buzzing~

Ji Yoonjun grabbed Su Jin like a sack of potatoes and shouted, "Run! These bugs are vengeful!"

Before the honey bee noticed them, three men fled on foot. After all, they had stolen their honey; even with their vengeance, they would not allow them get away without a fight. Who would have guessed that they would cross up with one of them while traveling?

BUZZZZ~

"Shit!"

"No! Stop it!"

Lu Ming raised his dagger, about to cut it in half, but was stopped by Su Jin. The former instinctively stopped and looked at his lover, who ran towards them, where the honey wasp.

Mo Yuhan tried to hold him back. "Wait! They are dangerous."

All of a sudden, a huge basket of wrinkle leaf goldenrod flowers appeared on Su Jin's hand. With a smile, he approached the Honey bee and said,

"We only took two jars of your honey; no one was there, so I didn't find some to exchange. I will give this to you in exchange; please don't be angry."

At first, there is just one honey wasp, but the aroma of the wrinkle-leaf goldenrod attracts a lot of these wasps, and they congregate in large numbers. Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan saw this and were about to draw their weapons when the honey bee's buzzing turned deadly.

Ji Yoonjun warned, "Pull that out, and Xiao Jin will die!"

The honey bee's buzzing stopped as soon as the two raised their empty hands, accepting the basket of flowers and taking off, ignoring the four humans because the fresh flowers in the basket were too delicious to resist and they were no longer in danger of being followed.

Such an event shocked Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming, who never imagined that a basket of wrinkle-leaf goldenrod flowers would be enough to keep those spiteful beasts at bay.

"That's amazing. How did you do that?" Mo Yuhan asked.

Su Jing opened his palm and revealed a dry but palm-sized bee wing. It's the shed wing part of a honey bee, but it's unexpectedly big.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Honey Wasp Queen dried wings. No wonder no Wasp Guard appeared when Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan took two jars of honey. You went to negotiate directly with a God-level Honey Wasp Queen."

"Um. She was on the verge of giving birth to more wasps, but someone took a large part of their honey, and most of her guards ran out to catch it. She said that she needed a lot of flowers, so I planted something more around their beehive. In exchange, she allowed us to take away two jars. There was no need to run away from the start," Su Jin said.

Lu Ming said, "Why didn't you tell me?"

"Before he can explain, you two fools run in already. Who are you to ask why?!" Ji Yoonjun said.

The two men were afraid that there was a God-level existence in this beehive, but they were also too pleased to witness a legendary-grade ingredient unsecured, as Ji Yoonjun mentioned, so they felt humiliated, as they genuinely did.

Mo Yuhan said, "No wonder it's too large. There is a god-grade queen wasp inside."

"Remember, this is the Death Forest. There is a lot of hidden danger in this place," Ji Yoonjun said.

"Yes, we apologize," the two men said as they felt wronged like children.

Chapter 1213: First Grey Star - Is that a crab or a spider?

Death Forest, Middle Region

The trees and grasses danced in the wind and breeze, and the sunlight nourished their growth. In this peaceful forest, four men fled from a pack of large crab spiders, which were pursuing them. This

particular Legend-grade ingredient, which is ranked third class, was a gigantic spider, twice the size of an adult human, with six spider legs and two crab-like pincers up front.

It lived in a wet cave and was rarely disturbed. Its habitat was in the middle section of the Death Forest.

This group of young men was taking a break in a cave when it suddenly started to rain. They unintentionally entered the habitat of crab spiders, which are both crabs and spiders. They live in caves, and, while they pretend to be stones when they sleep, people detest waking them up.

Simply put, they wanted to utilize the enormous rock that resembled a bowl to dry their clothing over the fire, and who would have guessed that it was actually a sleeping baby crab spider that Lu Ming had nearly burned alive?

What happened a few hours ago?

Mo Yuhan discovered the group inside a cave; they were all squeezing the water that had saturated their clothes. Ji Yoonjun had started a small bonfire to keep them warm, but the noise from the intense downpour outside caused the temperature to drop right away.

"Achoo! This forest is truly ridiculous. When we thought it was too hot, it would suddenly rain like it was the end of the world," Lu Ming complains.

Mo Yuhan was also sniffing as he also felt the sudden drop in temperature. As for Su Jin, he was already shaking in the cold and looked so pitiful.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Xiao Jin, change your clothes to something dry. You'll catch a cold this way. Let Lu Ming dry your clothes."

"I-I-I f-fine..." Even Su Jin's voice was shaking as he spoke.

Lu Ming, seeing how pitiful his lover was, created a few fire wisps and surrounded the group, making sure to use his qi to suppress the fire's burning effect and let it float around the four of them. Su Jin, feeling a little warm from the fire wisps, changed his clothes, despite Ji Yoonjun and Lu Ming's constant prodding, and they all changed after Su Jin, gave all of their wet clothes to Lu Ming.

Mo Yuhan said, "Hey! Don't forget to dry my clothes too!"

"Shut up or burn it to charcoal!" Lu Ming said. He threw some fireballs toward Mo Yuhan, which the latter blocked with ice.

A loud shriek echoes through the entire cave, startling the group. Su Jin, who looked closely at the rock, realized what they had done. Lu Ming heated the stone and allowed the clothes to be heated over it until they got tired. Who would have thought that in the next moment?

KRIIEEEK!!!

"What the hell... is that stone alive!?" Mo Yuhan cursed out.

Fortunately, Lu Ming placed all of his drenched garments in his space ring and watched this scenario; Ji Yoonjun, who felt about a hundred presences attracted by that scene, turned watchful. Everyone was astonished, but they yelled till they saw legs emerging out of the stone.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Something is coming. Go out of the cave. The rain has stopped!"

Running out of the cave, the four of them observed big, crab-like spiders emerging from its depths; some of it surrounding the stone that Lu Ming had nearly burned, and the spider gave a few gentle pokes to reveal a trembling baby crab spider.

Lu Ming mumbles, "So that thing is alive."

"Run! Crab spiders might be nocturnal, but they would be extremely in a bad mood when awakened in the morning. Moreover, we hurt a baby crab spider. Their whole herd will..."

Before Su Jin could finish speaking, the entire group saw that nearly a hundred crab spiders had emerged from the cave. Nobody could have predicted that so many would emerge from a cave this small, but what they did not realize is that the cave's depths are like tunnels leading to the subterranean.

Although crab spiders are still classified as spiders, they share traits with crabs, such as their ability to sleep under stones or the earth.

Lu Ming carried Su Jin in his arms and shouted, "RUN!"

Ji Yoonjun would sometimes pull an elemental arrow in a hurry, and a hundred arrows would fall from the sky. The three of them run while being chased by hundreds of crab spiders. Crab spiders have a hard exoskeleton, especially the bones on their back, which look like the crab.

Since they move slower when climbing than real spiders, they are the best at crawling, and they do not have silk webs to capture their prey. Ji Yoonjun had to target one point with three arrows for it to pass through, which meant he could only hit twenty to thirty crab spiders with each arrow.

In addition, Mo Yuhan froze the ground, causing those crabs to slip, but their numbers were too great; when the ground was coated in ice, these crab spiders began to jump. Drawing an arrow while sprinting consumes too much energy, and he still needs to gather qi to replenish what he has spent.

Mo Yuhan complained, "Fuck! Is that even allowed!? Aren't those things on your back heavy!?"

Su Jin, who was being carried, had it simple: he would stretch out his hand to store the dead crab spider as they passed by, and Lu Ming would also toss in some wind blades to prevent melting the ice Mo Yuhan produced among the three.

Mo Yuhan said, "Go to a water source. As long as there is water, I can freeze them all!"

"This way, I hear water flowing in this direction," Ji Yoonjun said.

Lu Ming said, "You can hear even that!"

"You should learn to. The water source would mean a way home in some places," Ji Yoonjun said.

Following Ji Yoonjun's direction, their group sprinted till they finally heard the sound of water flowing; they had been running for so long that exhaustion was on the verge of them.

Su Jin said, "We're close. There must be a river nearby!"

When they arrived at the shore, they looked up at the people around the river and exchanged looks. There were two human cubs playing in the water, with an inflatable swimming ring around their waist. There was a large dog at the river that resembled a wet rag bathing. There was a huge black dragon playing at the waterfall that fell backward; and there were two human adults cooking by the river.

Lu Ming recognized everyone at first sight and saw his elder brother among the group.

"Big brother, save us!" Lu Ming shamelessly shouted as they ran in their direction.

"What the hell are you guys doing?!"

Lu Shang frowned and was ready to chastise his foolish brother when he noticed what was coming after them. Leica hurried to the front of the river to protect Ye Jingxia and Anxia, who were swimming in it.

Leica said, "These are Crab Spiders, a 3rd-class, legendary-grade ingredient. But aren't these things nocturnal?"

"So are these crabs or spiders? Can they be put in a hotpot or not?" Lu Shang asked in confusion. The Lord gave them an errand to catch anything that could be put in a hotpot. If it is such a huge crab, then it's worth it.

Su Jin, who knew more about ingredients, shouted, "Big brother, those taste more delicious than gemstone crabs!!!"

"A crab of this size, 10 is enough. The rest... Scram!" Lu Shang said as a powerful draft of wind appeared in the middle of the crab spider herd and pushed the rest of it away from the river. As for the ten crab spiders left, Lu Ming and the rest hunted them.

Leica commanded, "Turn them over and freeze its legs."

Ten crab spiders were eventually turned over like an unturnable bowl, wriggling ceaselessly, thanks to the assistance of Lu Ming and Ji Yoonjun, who kicked them and forced them to turn over while Mo Yuhan concentrated on turning their limbs into ice. The two cubs, whose glowing eyes watched all this happen, clapped their hands amusedly.

Clap. Clap. Clap.

Ye Jingxia said, "Big Brothers! You're amazing!"

"Kyaha~ Good. Good."

The two children did not know much about hunting or how clumsy they were just now, but because they finally caught the crab spiders, this still seemed great for them, and Lu Ming and the other three were delighted by such praise.

"Really? Haha! Of course, I'm the best!" Lu Ming said as he laughed.

Mo Yuhan said, "No way! They are praising me, not you! They are my niece and nephew."

"They are my niece and nephew too!" Lu Ming said.

The two uncles started fighting in front of the children; they received a hit on the head from Lu Shang.

Lu Shang said, "Calm down and clean yourselves!"

As for Ji Yoonjun and Su Jin, they have long joined Ye Jingxia and Anxia in swimming in the warm portion of the river, while Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were mercilessly thrown into the cold river by Lu Shang. He looks downcast at the two brats covered in mud from rolling and running as they fight on the ground.

AAHHHH!! PLOPPED!

Leica, who was helping with shampooing Ye Jingxia's hair, asked, "So what happened for you to be chased by a herd of crab spiders? Those things are usually mild-tempered unless you accidentally wake them up."

"Well, it suddenly rained, and we went to the cave to wait for the rain to stop. To dry our clothes, A'Ming wanted to use a heated rock to do the work, but... that stone he found happened to be a sleeping baby crab spider, and we were chased all the way," Su Jin said as he covered his face in embarrassment.

Lu Shang, who was also listening, felt that the training he had given the brats before was wasted and wanted to throw them into more spartan training so they would not just throw their lives unknowingly like this. Thankfully, the crab spider is only a 3rd-class legend-grade creature that has no means to instantly capture its prey.

Just thinking about the details of what happened inside the cave made him feel even more foolish. Why did they not check the vicinity? After all, this is the Death Forest, where every place is as dangerous as the next.

"Those useless brats! Leica looks after the pot for a bit. I'm going to teach those stupid brats a lesson," Lu Shang said as he grabbed Lu Ming and Mo Yuhua, who were enjoying the river, and went deeper into the forest to train them.

"Ah! Save me! Xiao Jin!"

"No. no. I'm sorry~"

The other two turned a blind eye at the scene.

Leica waved his hand at them and said, "Be careful on the way! Come back for lunch!"

"I will!" Lu Shang replied.

Just a short while after the brothers entered the jungle, Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan's shouts could be heard, along with noises of explosions and something falling and breaking. Their echoes could even be heard from the riverbank.

Su Jin looked in the direction worriedly and asked, "Will they be alright?"

"They should be fine," Ji Yoonjun, who didn't care for those two, nonchalantly said.

Leica smiled and said, "Help me cook more. They would definitely be famished when they return. Don't worry, A'Shang knows their limits."

A few hours before lunchtime, Lu Shang reappeared as if nothing had happened, leaving Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming covered in bruises and mud and unable to move their legs due to exhaustion, hunger, and thirst.

"Water. Food." The two men on the ground plead. Only the kind Su Jin came over and helped Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan drink water.

Lu Shang said, "Clean up and eat. Afterward, we will continue."

"Yes," Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan responded and looked at the sky like it was the end of the world.

Chapter 1214: First Grey Star - White Fog

As the restaurant was preparing to say goodbye to its final patron yesterday afternoon as the sun was setting, Ye Jieye's expression abruptly became icy and he turned to face the Death Forest. Mo Xuejing, who was standing next to him, saw the change in his countenance.

With a worried look on his face, Mo Xuejing asked, "Is something the matter?"

"Hm. Those guys broke through the borders of the middle and the core regions in the Death Forest," Ye Jieye said as he removed his apron tied to his waist.

Mo Xuejing was also aware of the peril at the borders of the Death Forest, which separate its middle and core regions. In fact, this area was well-known for the legend surrounding it, the trial of sins, which held that only those who successfully completed it would be permitted to enter the Death Forest's core region, and failure to do so would result in being lost in those borders.

There was a survivor who, according to rumors, failed the trial; he and his team arrived at the boundaries of the middle and core regions in the middle of the night, but by the time the survivors emerged, night had fallen, and they endured the agony of hell; ultimately, only one of them managed to survive and return to Numen Town, while the others were unable to escape the Death Forest alive.

Mo Xuejing asked, "The Trial of Sin? Does that really exist?"

"Hm. It wasn't much for me as I ignored it and walked through it without problems. After all, my desires, as long as I want them, I will take them away. You will be okay as well. Excluding our children, the problem is..." Ye Jieye said as he looked in the direction of the Death Forest with dull eyes.

Mo Xuejing understood what he was talking about and said, "It's Yuhan and the other three?"

"Hm. Though one of them might pass it without problems, the other three might have a hard time," Ye Jieye said.

After giving it some thought, Mo Xuejing removed his white apron and hung it on the wall with Ye Jieye's black one. Since the restaurant is always closed after the sun sets, no one comes in after this time.

"Should we pick them up?" Mo Xuejing asked.

Ye Jieye sighed, "There is no other choice. Since we are going there now, there is no need to go again tomorrow. Let's tell Gramps first before taking leave."

"Okay, I'll bring some gifts." Mo Xuejing went to the kitchen and brought some cooled desserts for the old man.

"Go pack a pot of rice and a pot of beef stew for their dinner as well," Ye Jieye said as he cleaned the restaurant.

The pair traveled to the Death Forest after stopping at the major's house. Old Mu was relieved to see this couple's strength and no longer worried about their entering the Death Forest at night. The mayor and Doctor Guang saw them out the gates.

Ye Jieye said, "We should be back before breakfast tomorrow."

"Good night, Grandpa Mu," Mo Xuejing said.

Heavenly Guardian Mu nods his head and says, "Be careful. Don't cause another Beast Stampede."

"Um, I'll be careful," Ye Jieye said, knowing that the possibility of it happening is high, as he most likely will end up fighting that thing.

The two entered the woodland, and immediately a defensive formation enveloped the entire Death woodland; this was obviously created by Ye Jieye, who seemed certain that the mere feel of his aura would start another stampede since the old man could not help but notice the formation.

Heavenly Guardian Mu mumbled, "Tsk. This troublesome brat!"

"Old man, that's beef stew in the pot, right? Let's go and eat dinner!" Doctor Guang said with a drool at the corner of his mouth while staring lovingly at the pot in his hands.

Old Mu snorted and said, "This glutton..."

Back in the middle region of the Death Forest. The situation before the sun had set.

Following lunch, the three groups united into one, and Lu Shang and Leica decided to use the remaining time to train the children because they would almost certainly be traveling with them to the Aurora Glaciers and it would be better to train them well in order to avoid having them become baggage on that hunt.

Just when the four of them finished the spartan training of Lu Shang, Ye Jingxia, who was riding on Oreos's back, squatted near Lu Ming and Mo Yuhang, who were boneless on the ground. They looked like fish out of water, twitching nonstop.

Poke. Poke.

Ye Jingxia was poking his uncles with his short but chubby pointer fingers as if playing. He looks bored, as he could run around with Lu Shang and Leica around them.

"Uncle Ming, Uncle Yuhuan, play hide and seek with Xiao Jing!" Ye Jingxia said.

Lu Ming looked at his cute nephew with groggy eyes and said, "Darling, Uncle Ming is tired. Maybe later."

"Sweetie, Uncle Yuhuan is also out of breath. Let me nap for a bit."

Ye Jingxia pouted upon hearing his uncle's responses. He didn't like what he heard, so he pulled out two pills from his space bracelet and forcefully fed them to his two uncles.

"Uncles eat candies, then play with Xiao Jing."

The two young men, who almost choked from the pill that entered their mouths and directly melted in their throats, sat up abruptly while coughing.

Choke! Cough. Cough. Cough.

Mo Yuhuan wheezed, "I almost died. Cough! Sweetie, what did you feed Uncle?"

"Candy that gives strength. Daddy gave Xiao Jing a lot of candies," Ye Jingxia answered.

He had gotten those pills from Mo Xuejing as a snack; one of his hobbies was pill refinement, and he had prepared a variety of sweetened pills for his babies, including one with a milk flavor for Anxia, to ensure that they would have adequate nutrition even when playing outside.

Mo Yuhan, who knew about his cousin's talent with this kind of stuff, stared at Ye Jingxia with glowing eyes. He acted coquettish and said, "Sweetie, can you give Uncle Yuhan a bit more?"

Ye Jingxia frowned and asked, "Which one? I have one that gives strength. One that doesn't let me get hungry. One that makes me run faster. One that allows me to activate more spells. One that heals wounds and more.

I will only give Uncle one more. Which do you want?"

"How much is the candy that heals wounds?" Mo Yuhan asked.

Ye Jingxia brought out a bottle, poured it over his hands, and started counting. "One. Two. Three. Four. Five.

Six." There are actually more than ten, but the boy is too lazy to count and said, "There's a lot, Uncle Yuhan! Xiao Jing gives you one. Give one to Uncle Ming. One for Big Brother Ji and one more for Big Brother Xiao Jin. No more!!"

After giving life-saving pills to the four big brothers, Ye Jingxia peeks at Leica and Lus Shang. "Do big uncles want candies too?"

"No, Young Lord. All is for Xiao Jing," Leica said.

Lu Shang said, "Don't give away anymore. You won't have any more candies if you give it all away."

"It's okay. Daddy gave me a lot of mini bottles," Ye Jingxia said

Lu Ming and the others were staring at the high-grade pill in their hand, which could fully heal any wounds and can almost be called an elixir.

He glanced at the giggling Mo Yuhan and whispered, "Is this that pill I know? The one that can only be redeemed with a few millions of points in the Hunter Auction House?"

"Yes, it's the real deal. Cousin rarely makes these pills as he doesn't really need them. But every time he needs money, he sells a few in the Auction House. It's the real deal. You can see the snowflake pattern on that bottle that holds the pill," Mo Yuhan said.

Su Jin swallowed. "If we sell it, can we have enough money to buy more equipment for the next hunt? If we don't use it in this danger zone, I will save it for money."

"Okay, but don't hesitate to eat it if you are badly injured, okay?" Lu Ming said.

Su Jin nods his head in agreement. "I know. I won't save it if something happens."

Ji Yoonjun hid his pill and said, "Since we accepted it, meaning we can only play with the Young Lord, you can't decline this time."

"Isn't it only playing hide and seek? This brother is good at seeking! Xiao Jing, go hide. But you can't go too far away," Lu Ming said.

Ye Jingxia grins and excitedly pats Oreo. "Okay, Uncle Ming, Xiao Jing promises not to go far. Oreo, let's go hide."

Woof!

The two run off into the forest under everyone's eyes. Lu Ming looked at the others who were still standing around and said, "What are you guys doing? You should hide too."

After all, all of them—aside from Lu Shang and Leica, who are tending to the sleeping princess—went into the forest to hide, leaving only the Oni, Lu Ming, who was counting to one hundred, facing the wall. His voice echoes throughout the forest, ensuring that everyone, especially Ye Jingxia, can hear it.

It appears that Lu Shang agreed to play with Ye Jingxia as long as she asked to, and as for System Yue and System Yang, they came to pursue their Young Lord since their princess would be safe under the watchful eyes of the two wardens.

Lu Ming was still counting and was about to reach a hundred. "95, 96, 97, 98, 99... 100! I'm going to look for you guys now~"

The couple behaved so childishly at this playful moment; Mo Yuhan hid somewhere far from them as he was chasing after Ye Jingxia and Oreo, but he still kept a distance; Ji Yoonjun stood at the peak of a tree, watching over the area from a top-view perspective. Su Jin was the first to be caught, and he only hid behind the bushes like a little kid. Lu Ming jumped on him for an embrace.

The place they selected is somewhere blanketed in dense fog; at this time, the fog is harmless, and it was not thick enough to allow others to see each other from a distance. Ye Jingxia, who was hiding behind a giant stone with Oreo.

"Oreo, do you think Uncle Ming can find us here?" Ye Jingxia whispered to his dog.

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Oreo shook its head human-like and whined softly as if answering his master's question with a low voice as well. He knew that they were hiding from Lu Ming. Giggling, Ye Jingxia laughed, saw his Uncle Yuhan nearby, and waved his hands when all of a sudden the fog around them thickened and he could no longer see each other.

"Ah, Uncle Yuhan is gone. What should we do, Oreo?" Ye Jingxia asked.

Growls~

With his eyes narrowed like a Phoenix, and his black iris glinting with red, Ye Jingxia saw Oreo lunge away, trying to escape the white fog that wanted to eat them. Then, he heard Oreo growling at something and felt like he was pushed over and landed on top of Oreo. Ye Jingxia's expression turned cold, resembling the expression of a furious Hei Anjing.

"This white mist is a bad thing," Ye Jingxia said, pulling a wind scroll from his space bracelet provided to him by his Uncle Lou as a toy. Opening it up would create a strong breeze, pushing everything in front away.

Ye Jingxia said, "Wind. Wind. Blast this white mist away!"

WHOOOSHED~

A strong breeze freed Ye Jingxia and Oreo from the white mist. They successfully escaped from the coverage of the mist that took Mo Yuhan away.

"Go, Oreo. Find Uncle Lou and Uncle Yun!" Ye Jingxia commanded his dog, Oreo, who increased its running speed to leave the white mist completely.

The white mist as if it had its own intelligence backs away. The strong breeze just now showed him that this little boy isn't someone he can touch. It pulls away and no longer chases after Ye Jingxia.

A few moments ago, Mo Yuhan's perspective...

Behind a tall bush, Mo Yuhan was lying on his stomach when he saw Ye Jingxia and his dog behind a huge rock.

"That's Xiao Jing and his dog. So cute~ did they think they wouldn't be seen behind the rock?" Mo Yuhan mumbles.

He even saw him wave at him and crawl in that direction, but something pulled his foot away, and he was unable to scream, and the last thing he saw before he passed out was Ye Jingxia waving his hand at him and a dense white fog that obscured his vision.

"What the..."

Chapter 1215: First Grey Star - Unknown Being

Meanwhile, Lu Ming, who was looking for them, ended up getting trapped in the white mist as well. Su Jin, who is also helping him look after Ye Jingxia, had gotten lost with him.

Gripping Su Jin's hand tightly, Lu Ming looked around vigilantly. "Xiao Jin, don't get separated. This white mist is weird!"

"Ah! Could you help me? Someone is pulling me away." Su Jin's voice resounds in the fog, and Lu Ming only feels the loss of warmth in his hand.

Lu Ming was aware that something had pulled him away from Su Jin, his lover; the white mist was very uncomfortable for him, especially the stares that followed him; he essentially raised his guard, prepared to react to any situation that arose; he steadied his racing heart (his older brother told him that the more composed he is, the clearer the path is); he focused his qi in his eyes and looked around the white world; suddenly, he saw a path with his qi in his eyes and began to walk on it.

He had only taken three steps when a voice, far away but right next to his ears, suddenly sounded from all directions.

The voice says, "You reacted the best among the three. One is calm and weirdly escapes my grasp. The other two panicked when caught off guard. Only you remained calm in this situation. Good job!"

Lu Ming suddenly felt his sight wavering and realized that he had been caught as well.

"You are good, but too young. Haha, you let an enemy talk to you like this."

As for Ji Yoonjun, watching above the trees, the white mist approaches. Whether one is on the ground or in the sky, the white mist will reach out for it. The voice faded when Lu Ming fell unconscious. He vanished in the white mist, just like Mo Yuhan and Su Jin did.

Ji Yoonjun mumbles, "This white mist is... alive?" He observed for a bit longer before jumping himself into the mist. He disappeared, like the rest.

Leica, in the meantime, had constructed a wall that kept out all outside interference. The white mist continued to spread to their side, but the person behind it was unable to penetrate it. After learning of Ye Jingxia's statement, Lu Shang decided to search for the other four people who had vanished into the mist.

Lu Shang said, "I can feel a bit of divinity coming from somewhere. I can't pinpoint the exact location, but I can feel that something is blocking my sight. I will go out and find the brats. Ming'er, stay here and protect the young master and the little princess. Zhi Yue, help me. This might be something that involves the space elements."

A little moon floated over Lu Shang and rested on his shoulder. As for the little sun, it stayed on Ye Jingxia's head, obviously there to protect the children of their lords.

System Yue said, [Go. [I will lead the way.]

Lu Shang said, "I will be back."

"Be careful," Leica said, as he didn't choose to stop his lover from looking for the other brats.

While they, the wardens, whose job it is to capture destroyers, had little restriction on their divinity; as long as they do not break their vessels, then everything is okay. Furthermore, they are here as guardians for the young lord and the little princess; the Venerable Lords gave them free rein so that even the Heavenly Laws could no longer restrict them.

Ji Yoonjun may be a world hopper, but unlike them, his divinity is limited to how much this world allows.

Lu Shang came out of Leica's barrier, and as expected, the white mist moved almost immediately as he was no longer protected.

System Yue said, [Warden Lou, you are being pulled into another dimension or maybe a lesser domain. Don't resist.]

Lu Shang allowed himself to be controlled for a moment. The next moment he opened his eyes, he appeared in a cloudy domain. A white space full of fog. Not far from him, Ji Yoonjun spotted him.

Ji Yoonjun greets him. "Lord Warden, this humble one greets."

"Um. Look for the rest," Lu Shang said.

Working together, the two of them discovered the other three comatose on the floor, and they had to gently wake each of them up, starting with Su Jin, who is gently woken up by Ji Yoonjun, and Lu Shang, who kicked his younger brothers, Lu Ming, and Mo Yuhan, mercilessly.

Stomp! Stomp!

"Urgh! That hurts!"

"Who the hell kicked me!?"

As for Su Jin, he too slowly opened his eyes, saw the expression on Ji Yoonjun's face, and realized that he had to have found me; he also knew that Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were awake because he heard the groaning noises in the background, but he did not anticipate Big Brother Lu showing up as well.

"Wake up, you damn brats! Don't you know what kind of place you are in?" Lu Shang said.

When Lu Ming saw Su Jin, he gave him a strong hug. As he lost himself in that mist, he felt something being taken out of his chest; it was the first time he had experienced such deep terror. Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan opened their eyes quickly. They looked around and realized they could not recognize the place.

Su Jin said, "What's wrong?"

"Thank God, you're alright. I thought I lost you," Lu Shang said while hugging Su Jin with fear.

Lu Shang pulled his younger brother and said, "You should learn how to calm down, especially in a place you don't know anything about."

Only then did Lu Ming notice his brother was here, which was unexpected. He looked around and saw a white space with fog except where they were; the other areas were full of mist.

Lu Ming asked, "Big Brother, where is this place?"

"This might be the place where the Trial of Sins takes place. This is located at the borders of the middle and core regions. This is also the reason why the Lord told you not to enter the core region. It is unknown why this mist would suddenly appear like this," Lu Shang said.

Lu Shang's warning look caused their group to become extremely alert, even though they were conversing with each other. The person watching the action laughs at this scene, even though it has not revealed its face, and his voice echoes over the region.

{With someone like this as a backbone, you guys calm down so easily. But boy, are you someone who isn't supposed to be here?}

Lu Shang withdrew his golden spear, squinted, and rested the weapon next to him; the weight of it caused a fissure in the ground, demonstrating the weapon's immense mass.

"According to the Lord, you are free to put the outsiders on trial. But I guess you aren't going to put me in one," Lu Shang said.

An ethereal and husky voice of a man resounds in the area once again and responds to Lu Shang's queries.

{Correct. The aura you emit is quite similar to that of that new lord of mine. Unlike his arrogance, your calmness amazes me more. If meeting that lord as someone facing an emperor, facing you is like seeing a seasoned general who bathes in the blood of his enemies. Both are dangerous. People like you wouldn't be moved by anything in the trial, as you already possessed the peak of your own strength.

You don't need anything anymore.}

Lu Shang said, "Then allow me to watch. I will not interfere in any of the trials. It is just that once they complete your desires, their rewards should be worth it enough."

{Hahaha~ of course! My rewards might be useless to you, but to these brats, they would help them increase their strength and talent. It's just that failure means becoming my food. How about it? Are you boys interested~}

Su Jin was hesitant since he was a weak fighter and only knew how to cook; Ji Yoonjun was interested in too few things in the mortal world; Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were intrigued.

Lu Shang saw their hesitation and said, "Forget about the failure. Fearing it would only allow you to receive as you perceived. The reward of this trial is what you truly desire. He can definitely give it to you. After all, you are talking to a divine."

The four of them, shocked by what they had heard, had never imagined that they would encounter a divinity in this danger zone. The god-grade ingredient is not the same as divinity; the former is food, and the latter is existence.

This is a divine being, one of the beings that guard this world; it is the same as the Eel Dragon in the Milky Way River, except that this divinity is even more powerful than the Eel Dragon from before.

Among the four men, the one with the strongest reaction is, unexpectedly, Su Jin. He fearlessly spoke out and asked,

"Any wish is okay? Can you bring someone back to life!? Even if the timeline and world are different!?"

Everyone, especially Lu Ming, was stunned. Only Ji Yoonjun, who knew what his words meant, and Lu Shang, who truly didn't care about his situation, didn't show any surprise.

{Hmm~ boy, your wish is too extravagant. Of course, I can fulfill it, but it means that you will be tied in this world much more than in the free-riding situation you are in now. It was fate that the child gave everything to give you this second chance and this freedom. Are you willing to throw it away just to get your brother back?}

Su Jin determined his greatest wish and said, "I am willing!"

{Hahaha~ well then. Complete the trial and become my Heavenly Guardian. Only then will I give you what you want?}

{Mu Zang didn't want anything and didn't want to be tied. His grandson is even more so, and he is too scary for me to move. That one beside you looks calm and quiet, but he only follows that dangerous man's command. Sigh~ this world is truly interesting.}

{How about the other two?}

Lu Ming looks at Su Jin and at Ji Yoonjun, who seems uninterested. It is only now that he realizes there is a problem in their relationship; although they should be brothers or friends of the same age, Ji Yoonjun behaves more like a guardian, a distant relative who comes to carry out a deceased person's wishes.

Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were both bewildered by the talk between Su Jin and the unknown divine, but only one of them was intrigued; the other had his own request. Now, he is curious about what this trial might reward him for, and he has a wish he wants to fulfill, just like Su Jin.

The three of them said, "I am willing to take the trial."

Just as they stated those words, Lu Ming, Mo Yuhan, and Su Jin vanished out of sight, clearly drawn to the trial, leaving only Lu Shang—who is ineligible to take the trial—and Ji Yoonjun, whose soul was replaced with a God World Hopper from the Upper Realm.

"Are you not interested in the reward of the trial?" Lu Shang asked.

Ji Yoonjun said, "My wish can only be given to me by the sovereign God Ye." Ji Yoonjun's statements indicated that he had some relationship to a prisoner, and that only Ye Xiajie could grant him the freedom he desired. Things involving the God of Void, which the other sovereigns can do, are prisoners.

Lu Shang glanced at him with a meaningful gaze and said, "I see."

Chapter 1216: First Grey Star - Trial of Sin I

After the trial started, Lu Shang and Ji Yoonjun were expelled from the trial site. Three individuals had consented to go through the trial of sins; the three were divided, but their trials were identical. The white mist dissipated when Lu Shang and Ji Yoonjun returned to the location where Leica and the cubs were waiting.

There was no longer the white mist of the woodland they were in; instead, the central area was entirely obstructed by an unseen barrier.

Lu Shang frowned. "Yue, can you help see what is happening to the three of them?"

System Yue responded, [It's possible, but if that person noticed it, the scene would be cut off. That is his domain, after all.]

"It's better than waiting. Let us see all their perspectives," Lu Shang said.

A tiny moon materialized before Lu Shang; in reality, none of the present group could fail to see him; they were all strangers in this universe. Ji Yoonjun's gaze lingered on System Yue's avatar as though contemplating something, but in the end, he said nothing at all to Zhi Yue.

Leica, as if noticing the bewilderment in Ji Yoonjun's eyes, spoke, "Yue is different from the other systems in the God and Nether Systems. They aren't prisoners like the other systems but instead a creation made by the God of Void."

"A creation? No wonder he has no restrictions with his cultivation," Ji Yoonjun mumbles before walking away and leaning to a tree branch to nap. "I will rest for a while."

When he closes his eyes, Lu Shang and Leica stop bothering him, and they concentrate on the screen that System Yue created, which depicts the events from the viewpoints of the three trial takers: Lu Ming, Su Jin, and Mo Yuhan.

"They were separated as expected. This is an individual trial," Leica commented. "Trial of Sins. Don't tell me the trials will involve the seven deadly sins of mortals."

The first trial is Greed; all humans have desires for money, riches, and gold. When Mo Yuhan, Lu Ming, and Su Jin entered the first door that appeared before them, a room filled with glistening gold, paper money, jewelry, and gemstones appeared before their eyes. Lu Shang felt his lover had guessed it correctly. There are seven sins humans continue to commit.

These are the sins humans continue to commit in life. Lu Ming and the other two believe that these sins are something that all humans have experienced.

This is the first time they have seen so much treasure; anything in here is enough to let them live the life of a millionaire. Unfortunately, for hunters like them, money is not something they desire; instead, it would be ingredients or more ingredients, so they were completely uninterested in such things. It was so bright that they had to cover their eyes.

Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming are young masters of large clans; Su Jin is a reincarnated person who has not seen the sort of wealth he has not seen after living a lifetime as Young Master Lu's lover; none of the three really wants any of them.

Lu Shang nonchalantly commented on the scene. "Not bad, but it doesn't seem much."

The three of them search the treasure room, looking for a door; the walls are closed in, and no door can be found; they stare at the mountains of gold coins and the shovel that is not far away; they begin to dig within the gold mountain, not taking any of these opulent items for themselves; their lack of interest is evident as they take something from the mountain of riches and toss it somewhere on their back.

They keep doing this, digging in dirt instead of gold coins.

After searching for several hours, they eventually discovered the door concealed by the gold. As soon as they opened it, the entire room seemed to be drawn inward; what had once been a simple wooden door was suddenly transformed into a costly, gemstone-encrusted gold door, and a loud noise echoed throughout.

{You've passed the Trial of Greed. Unexpectedly, there are still humans who don't desire such riches. Enter the door to begin the second trial. It seems boring to keep you three separate. Let's combine your trials.}

Lu Ming, Mo Yuhang, and Su Jin all appeared in the same spot when the three of them opened the door, but this time, you showed up in what appeared to be heaven, complete with fluffy clouds everywhere and a lulling aroma that makes everything in the room look like a comfy bed for them to sleep on.

Su Jin was the least affected of the three by this scent because he was still very energetic prior to this trial, but Mo Yuhang and Lu Ming were different. Their bodies were tired from training under Lu Shang, and the scent made their minds a little dull. The scene of the clouds reminded them of their beds back home. Lu Ming and Mo Yuhang were eager to jump on it.

"Bed, so fluffy. What should I sleep?"

"Are we home already? Xiao Jin, I want to take a nap Wake me up for dinner~"

While Lu Shang and Mo Yuhan were drowsily making their way toward the clouds, seemingly ready to jump in, Su Jin scowled and reached into his inventory, hurling something he took from his space ring into the other two's mouths: a Scorpion red pepper, a first-class, rare-grade chili pepper that is ten times spicier than regular red peppers, and to make matters worse, Su Jin forced them to bite into it.

CHOMP!

Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were startled awake when the red juice of the Scorpion Red Pepper gushed into their mouths, making their lips swell and their tongues burn. It seemed like something had burned them.

"AAH! AHHHH~ My tongue! I don't feel my tongue!"

"Hot! So spicy! Water! Someone give me water!!! Ahhhh!!"

Now that they were fully awake, Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were jumping around, not knowing what to do, and even forgot their space equipment, which holds water. Their eyes were red with tears streaming down past their control, and their tongues were stinging so much that they were unable to close their mouths.

On the other hand, outside the trial area...

Even though this thoroughly woke up Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan, there was a harsh element to it regardless of how you looked at it. Lu Shang and Leica were watching the entire thing, and they were a little surprised that a good lad like Su Jin would make such a sudden scene. Lu Shang clearly didn't expect the young man to make such a bold move.

Leica commented, "Even if he looks naive, that doesn't mean he isn't smart. He knew that with his strength he wouldn't be able to drag or stop those two. Waking them up is his only option."

"But to feed them with a scorpion red pepper and make them bite it directly was a bit... unexpected," Lu Shang said.

Leica said, "Didn't that wake them up? He did nothing wrong."

"Okay. Whatever you say is right." Lu Shang gave up and no longer talked back to his lover.

The only thing that calmed Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan down was when Su Jin handed them a few bottles of milk; even though their tongues felt a little numb, they are now fully awake in return. They felt cold sweat on their backs, just now they can hardly control their bodies and this made them a bit fearful.

"Thank you, Xiao Jin!"

"It's good that I can help."

"I owe you one."

Su Jin, full of energy, approached the clouds that looked like beds and began splitting these clouds into countless sizes; only when Su Jin completely tore apart a cluster of soft clouds did a door appear on the ground. Lu Ming looked around and used wind elements to scatter the scent away from them.

This is the very fragrance that made them crazy for a moment, but the urge to lay down and sleep was something they could hardly control. After all, they were still tired.

The moment the door was found, another announcement was made.

{You passed the Trial of Sloth. Though two of them almost failed, in the end they persevered. Maybe merging the trial rooms is wrong. Enter the door for your next trial.}

The second door opened, allowing the three of them to jump in. The third trial is called Wrath. When the third trial started, the three of them fell into the darkness, unaware that when they awoke the next time, they would not have anticipated seeing the scene that sent their hearts reeling with uncontrollable anger, and this time, each of them could see what was happening to the other.

Mo Yuhan was the first to go through this trial; he went back to the day he detested the most in his life—the day he witnessed his beloved cousin killed in order to defend his children and his husband.

Mo Yuhan felt betrayed; he told Heavenly Guardian Mo Xinyue everything his cousin had told him to keep quiet, only because his parents' lives were in danger and they believed they were being taken prisoner by the clan against their will.

However, when he saw the scene of his father, along with the other uncles of their clan, besieging the family of his cousin, he finally realized that he had been used by his parents to hurt his brother. His cousin was killed for blocking a knife for Ye Jieye, and the owner of this blade is none other than his father, who is thought to have been locked in by the ancestor.

The scene of Mo Xuejing's death before him was the last straw. The next scene changed from his cousin's death to his parents' reappearance before himself. Suddenly, at this moment, a knife appeared in his hand, and he had no idea when it appeared. His heart was full of rage towards his family for using him and towards his own clan for harming his brother.

Mo Yuhan was trembling as he held this knife, glaring at his parents with bloodshot eyes full of wrath and hatred. In the Mo Clan, Mo Yuhan was looked down upon by the other family members because he was born to a dad who was not very good looking. Mo Xuejing was the one who protected him and treated him like a real younger brother, so the scene of his death just now was like a thorn in his heart.

With his heart full of rage, Mo Yuhan unexpectedly calms down at the last moment as he stares at the knife in his hand. His thoughts slowly gathered as he recalled all those scenes.

'Something is wrong... I remember that my father never wielded a sharp weapon like this in his life. He is an elemental user far more powerful than he is, and... His father hated his clan's policies of intermarriage to keep the bloodline pure. That day, when he and his dad were captured, it was because the clan threatened his life, forcing them to return to the clan.'

After I told everyone, our family left the territory until my cousin, who could no longer remember the past, brought me back. Is this all part of the third trial?'

It was only when he looked up and saw that Ancestor Mo Xinyue had taken the place of his parents' appearance that Mo Yuhan realized that he had made the correct guess—every scene that had appeared before him had been heightened by the trial, and he wanted me to kill it with a fit of rage.

Mo Yuhan mumbles, "This trial is more dangerous than I expected." He threw the knife in his hand and looked at Heavenly Guardian Mo before him. He looked him straight in the eyes and said, "I forgive you."

A voice reverberates in the region as the scene before him breaks apart like shattered glass shards, and light envelops the blackness, returning him to that white space.

{Candidate Mo Yuhan passed the Trial of Wrath.}

Chapter 1217: First Grey Star - Trial of Sin II

In the Death Forest's Middle Region...

Li Shang and Leica were watching the trial scene when all of a sudden they turned around and looked in a certain direction. They sensed that someone was approaching from behind and had put up their guards in case this person was an intruder. Ji Yoonjun even thought the newcomer was too strong for him to defeat.

Ye Jingxia had been dozing with his sister under a canopy Leica had set up for them when he grew bored of playing; he rubbed his eyes a little and saw someone approaching, but his response was different from everyone else's.

Even before Lu Shang and Leica stopped, Ye Jingxia leaped out of the canopy and ran off in the direction of the unknown aura. They were all about to attack the newcomer, but they froze when they saw Ye Jingxia jump on that person. They will not realize who the man is until the sunlight hits that direction.

Ye Jingxia hugged the man's neck and rubbed his face with that person's cheeks. "Daddy! Did you come with Father?"

The one who arrived was none other than Mo Xuejing. He happily carried his son with a gentle smile.

"Yes, but your father had a business with something. He will come to us after he finishes it. For now, let's go somewhere else first," Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jingxia grinned and said, "Okay, Daddy. Xiaxia is there. Let's go take her too. Daddy, Xiaxia and I ate honey. It's so delicious. I will give you some later too~"

"Okay, sweetie~" Mo Xuejing said.

After talking to his son, Mo Xuejing looked at the rest of the group and said, "Come and follow me. A'Ye said it would be a bit dangerous to stay in this region. Let's head to the core region."

Leading the way, Mo Xuejing went toward the core region. Once they cross the boundary between the two regions, an invisible barrier obstructs everyone's path, and an illusion appears before them, giving

the impression that there is a sheer cliff with infinite depths; not even the god Ji Yoonjun can see past the illusion formation in front of his eyes.

This is the path Ye Jieye had told him, which leads to the core region of the Death Forest.

Ji Yoonjun mumbles in the unexpected. "A cliff? In this place?"

"I can't see through it, but... beyond doesn't seem to be a cliff at all. Is this a... formation? Both defensive and illusions are implemented. One that locks one person that forcefully entered this place," Leica said.

Ye Jingxia extended his fat hands toward the barrier, appearing intrigued by the barrier in front of him. As was to be expected, he was able to touch and sense the formation's existence, but beyond this point, the other people would be blinded by an illusion that could end their lives.

"Daddy, I can touch something soft. Squishy?" Ye Jingxia said.

Ye Jingxia enjoyed laughing with her siblings as well; Mo Xuejing quietly watches his children with loving eyes; after letting the children play for a while, he took out a black snowflake earring from his space ring and wore it in his ear; this earring is similar to the one on Hei Anjing's ear; it is filled with his and the God of Void's aura.

Anxia looked at her elder brother and also reached out her hands; she felt the squishy barrier in her hands and began to giggle.

With this earring, the formation recognized his authority and allowed people whom he brought with him to enter the core region of the Death Forest.

Mo Xuejing said, "Follow closely. Ignore what your eyes can see, and just watch the path I walked through."

Ji Yoonjun felt a little uneasy as he strode fearlessly toward the top of the bottomless cliff, disappearing before anyone could see him. Leica and Lu Shang trailed behind him right away, and they vanished as soon as they reached the formation. Ji Yoonjun closed his eyes and trailed behind the others, grateful that the fall he had anticipated had not occurred.

Upon opening his eyes, however, Ji Yoonjun felt as though he had entered a different world altogether; he found himself in a flower-filled land with an enormous pond at its heart. The land is vast, particularly in the center, and the water is transparent, with colorful lotuses floating on it. It is akin to a flower garden.

In addition, the air quality in this area is impeccable; even the world qi is a hundred times stronger than it is outside. The atmosphere is reminiscent of the hidden realms possessed by immortals in the Upper Realm.

The core region was not always like this. However, Ye Jieye made the decision to entirely alter the land when he made the decision to bring his children with him on his most recent visit, which resulted in the current scene that both his beloved and children adore.

This is also the first time that Mo Xuejing has ever been in this area. The center of every danger zone is only accessible to the Heavenly Guardian, who guards the area and only seldom permits entry because the area can be used as their domain.

Mo Xuejing said, "This place is more beautiful than I expected it to be."

The large canopy, which can accommodate a group to ride together, was placed between two towering plum blossom trees; a small warehouse that stores picnic mats, wooden tables, and chairs, as well as cooking utensils; and even a children's toy store—all of which Leica recognized as evidence that this place must have been transformed into a paradise by the Lord God for his family.

Lu Shang went to the warehouse and brought Mo Xuejing a picnic mat; Leica also set up a tea set and some snacks for everyone; the screen displaying the three young men's perspectives was back on display for everyone to see, along with an additional screen that displayed nothing but darkness; the final screen was created by System Yue to depict Ye Jieye's current circumstances, but all he can see is this darkness.

Well, as for the two children, they had longed to start playing with flowers with Oreo and Roi, who watched over them. The adults continue to watch how the trial unfolds.

Mo Xuejing said, "This is the content of the trial. How can you see such a thing? Is this a space ability? Yueyue, it's what you're doing?"

He already knew that Zhi Yue and Zhi Yang existed. Even though he still does not fully understand some things, he thinks that these two would protect their kids when they are not around. For this reason, he felt free to let Xiao Jing and Xiaxia play independently because he knew that Zhi Yue and Zhi Yang, along with Roi and Oreo, would watch over them.

[Master, I'm amazing, right? I'm amazing, right?]

System Yue floats over Mo Xuejing. With the small moon hovering around him, Mo Xuejing felt a strong want to pick up the ball and toss it elsewhere, but he did not know why, so he controlled his hands and simply stared at the small moon.

Mo Xuejing said, "Yes. Yes. Stop flying around me. It makes me want to smack you."

[So cruel~ Master doesn't love me at all!] System Yue said.

Mo Xuejing heartlessly nodded his head and retorted. "I never said I loved you at all."

As the others laughed at their banter, System Yue appeared fakely melancholic. While the other three are enjoying the tranquility, the three young men are going through the Trial of Sins.

When he returned to the white space and heard the announcement of his passing, Mo Yuhan felt calmer than he had ever felt in his life. Mo Yuhan was the first to complete the third trial, which involves wrath. Had he followed his heart and killed someone when everything was under the control of his rage, he would have definitely failed this trial, and his ending would have been unknown.

What he had experienced just now felt too real; it was as if he had truly returned to the past and experienced that nightmare all over again.

Mo Yuhan mumbles, "This trial is the devil's work."

Finally, Lu Ming's third trial of wrath began. Similar to his experience, Lu Ming relived the life where his anger was at its height. He had to wait for the other two to complete their third trial before he could watch the holographic screen of a live stream featuring Su Jin and Lu Ming as the perspectives.

Lu Ming was just a boy in this scene, holding his hand is Lu Shang in his teens. They were following a middle-aged man who seemed to be their father.

Their father crouched in front of them and said, "We are now going to meet one of the heirs of the Lu Clan. He is the young lord; your father chooses to support him, and you two will serve him as your master. Do you understand?"

The branch family was tasked to serve the main family in order for them to stay in the clan; however, their family is more main line; sadly, their mother had little background, and their father was demoted to being of the main line to the branch. At the time, Lu Ming did not know much about this situation, but Lu Shang already knew the majority of it. Lu Shang did not seem to care all that much.

Lu Ming asked, "Father, why do we need to serve a big brother? Aren't we family?"

"Xiao Ming, father had no choice. To keep you both safe, this is the only way. We can leave the clan if you want to, but your mother is sick and only the clan can help us now. Just listen to your big brother, okay?" His father answered.

Lu Shang suggested. "I think it's better if I only go there. Ming is still too young, and like a mother, his body is a bit weak. Just let me go meet the young lord on my own."

After much consideration, their father concluded that his eldest son was right when he said that they should not take the still-small Lu Ming to meet that young lord. After all, what if the young lord, who had lost his family, began to act out once more? His sons would be in danger. At least Lu Shang could defend himself, but Lu Ming couldn't.

Sigh!

"Okay, leave Xiao Ming here with me!" Father Lu said as he took his youngest with him.

Lu Ming had always hated Ye Jieye in his heart, but now he was more fearful and grateful for him, so this trial of wrath had no effect on Lu Ming's heart. He took control of his small body and forced his father to put him down. He ran back to his brother and hugged his leg. Lu Ming did not want to let go of his elder brother's hand and cried out all of his heart.

In the mind of his child's version, his elder brother abandoned him for that young Lord's sake.

Lu Shang, who was expressionless, stared down at him with dull eyes, making him afraid, but he did dare to let his leg go.

Lu Ming said, "I know my brother is going to leave for a bit to serve the young lord. But can you at least send me a letter? A single call or a message is also enough. As long as big brother remembers Xiao Ming, that is enough for me."

The teenage Lu Shang pushed his younger brother off his leg and kneeled on one knee. He hugged him as a way of comforting him.

"Be good. Brother, you will be home soon. Wait for me to come back," Lu Shang said, as these were the words Lu Ming never heard in reality.

After becoming an adult, he realized that his elder brother had to give up his freedom to protect their family, and Ye Jieye was the one who made it possible for him to also enjoy the resources of those in the main bloodline. All of these things are due to his big brother's hard work and Ye Jieye's kindness. In the past, he hated both his big brother and his cousin.

He did not get his relationship with his big brother repaired until he came to Somatic Town under Ye Jieye's orders.

The picture shifted once more, and just as it had when Mo Yuhan finished his trial, Lu Ming was similarly propelled back to that area of whiteness and informed that he had passed the trial.

{Lu Ming passed the Trial of Wrath. Congratulations! Please wait in the white room for the next trial.}

Chapter 1218: First Grey Star - Trial of Sin III

Even though Mo Yuhan no longer thought about the past events, the mere fact that the ancestor had caused such pain to his cousin made him feel a hidden anger in his heart toward that person. Lu Ming

appears to be in the same place as he is, and Mo Yuhan pats his friend's shoulder as he congratulates him. He had watched the whole process of his friend's trial.

It can be said that Lu Ming's experience is easier than what Mo Yuhan has undergone.

Lu Ming's trial of wrath passed more easily than Mo Yuhan's because, unlike Mo Yuhan, he had long since reunited with his big brother and resumed their brotherhood; additionally, Ye Jieye helped him hunt the god-grade oyster mushroom in the Tornado Mountain Ranges, which greatly increased his strength.

After witnessing such a huge difference in strength, Lu Ming admired his cousin more and put everything in the past to be forgotten.

Mo Yuhan said, "That's an easy trial for you? I had a hard time with mine."

"You still passed it, so there is no problem. Moreover, mine was only easily resolved after I reunited with my brother in Somatic Town under the orders of my cousin. If not for that, I might still feel hatred for what happened in the past," Lu Ming explained.

Mo Yuhan said, "It's that you resolved yours. Mine involves my ancestor; I might not be able to resolve it in this life."

"Is it about your cousin's situation?" Lu Ming asked, but no longer asked further when he saw Mo Yuhan nod.

Even now, the two clans—the Mo and the Lu—never got along and stopped getting involved with one another because of that tragic event, which also involved the two former heirs of each clan. As a result, the two heirs no longer give a damn about their own clans and lead independent lives apart from their roots.

Sigh~

Lu Ming said, "Forget about it. It is enough that they are together again. This time, we only need to protect them together."

"This... I shall agree." Mo Yuhan bumped fists with Lu Ming. It was only at this moment that they fully accepted each other as friends or even as sworn brothers.

"Okay, enough with this talk. I wonder what my sister-in-law will do in this trial," Mo Yuhan said.

Lu Ming smiled and said, "It should be easier for him. My Xiao Jin should be fine."

Though he knew they were both orphans, I believe that someone who lives a normal life in Somatic Town under the protection of Doctor Sen, Su Jin, and Ji Yoonjun should not have suffered too much; after all, the past that should be forgotten should not have already been forgotten.

What he does not know is that Su Jin's soul is not the innocent teenage version of himself anymore; instead, it is another Su Jin who lived another lifetime.

Before Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan, a screen appeared that displayed the images from Su Jin's trial. While they had anticipated a straightforward scene with people mocking orphans, what they saw instead was an adult Lu Ming, Ji Yoonjun, and Su Jin.

Su Jin was a terrible sight on the ground, his face bloated and his eyes full of hate and tears; even Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan, who were merely onlookers, could sense the intense hatred that was inside the mature Su Jin, who had been mistreated.

The adult Ji Yoonjun spoke, "You took my place, my identity, and everything that is supposed to be mine. Su Jin, is what you did worth it all?"

Just as the adult Su Jin was about to recreate the original scene of his downfall, the current Su Jin took over, and there he was, glaring at the two men in front of him. This is the exact scene where Ji Yoonjun confronts him and destroys all his scheming. This is also the day the man he loves the most turned his back on him.

His heart hurt, his soul felt like it was breaking, and he was uneasy inside and out, but he could not take his gaze off the figure of his brother, who was feigning coldness from the outside, but inside his eyes were tears and pain, not from his betrayal but from something that was out of his control.

At that moment, Su Jin remembered what the current Ji Yoonjun had previously said to him: Original characters, the world's so-called beloved children, cannot change the fate that has been assigned to them; even if they had not chosen to do such a thing or for that circumstance to arise, it would still occur because it was predetermined.

{Your brother, as soon as he finished his role and removed his restrictions on himself, destroyed your previous world after your death. He will no longer exist in your world and no one knows where he ended up.}

Su Jin finally realized that his brother had never hated him for taking his place and standing by Lu Ming. Whenever I was in danger of being discovered, he would always show up by my side and ask if we could meet. Each time, he would teach me something that I could use to keep Lu Ming close to my heart.

If all of those interactions were planned, does that mean that his brother has been urging him along a path that would allow him to be with Lu Ming?

But what was going through my mind at the time? I always assumed that he was coming to replace me, so I pushed him away and repeatedly injured him. Now, however, he is beginning to wonder if it is really Ji Yoonjun or Lu Ming who is more significant in his life.

Su Jin's realization upon meeting the adult Ji Yoonjun's eyes was that he had never once looked directly into his brother's eyes; instead, his hatred clouded his vision and prevented him from seeing the truth; he is destined to fall in love with Ji Yoonjun because he was his opponent in a previous life, and the thought of all those stupid yet sinister plans he had made in the past made him feel even worse.

Tears well up in his shock; Su Jin's hands cannot even lift his face to hide his brother's tears; he finally reaches out and grasps the hand that has always supported him from behind—the same warmth that carried him through childhood and kept him safe until he was an adult—the most priceless thing he has ever pushed away with his own hands.

His voice was raspy, with undertones of beseeching, yearning, and admiration; this time he clutched those hands as if they were the last straw of his life, choking as he screamed, but the words lodged in his throat; he was not willing to leave them there.

"Brother, I'm sorry. I will listen to you. I will no longer ignore you. I will go home with you too," Su Jin said, but the Ji Yoonjun before him didn't respond to his words.

Just as he was about to despair further, Ji Yoonjun picked Su Jin up. He helped him arrange his clothes and hair, even healing his swollen cheeks.

Ji Yoonjun rustled Su Jin's hair and said, "Xiao Jin, this time live the life you wanted to."

"B-Brother?" Su Jin calls, but the scenery before him is abruptly cut off, and he is thrown out into the white space like the others.

But this time, it was not just Su Jin who thought Ji Yoonjun was too real when he moved at that last second; Lu Ming hugged Su Jin when he suddenly materialized in the white space, startled to see another version of himself, and knew instantly that the man was him when he met his eyes.

Meanwhile, the onlookers were equally taken aback; in particular, wardens with the ability to see through souls, such as Lu Ming and Leica, were finally able to decipher the nature of the being responsible for this trial.

Lu Shang mumbles, "That Ji Yoonjun just now felt too real."

"Hm. It had more control over itself than the others who appeared in that realm. It must be because that soul was a being that learned the truth of his world and was no longer a part of this world," Leica said.

Ji Yoonjun was shocked and asked, "Does that mean that he (Original Ji Yoonjun) is still in this world?"

"No. That's impossible. Those who break away from their world and choose to fulfill a wish instead of longevity cannot return to their original world. They will be placed in another world instead," Lu Shang said.

Ji Yoonjun asked, "Then how did he appear in this world just now?"

Mo Xuejing, who had been listening quietly, just now spoke up. "Dreams. If there is somewhere in which you can meet another version of yourself, it's only in your dreams, right?"

The incarnation of Hei Anjing should not have known this information, but for some reason, when he realized they were different from others, he did not seem surprised or show any emotion. Lu Shang, Leica, and Ji Yoonjun, who had forgotten about the existence of an original character like Mo Xuejing, were dumbfounded. They had started talking about something beyond this world.

Mo Xuejing was squeezing System Yue in his hands as if playing around with it and didn't mind keeping the gaze of others to himself.

"Don't look too surprised. When A'Ye brought me inside that small world or when I met these little ones (systems), I knew you guys were not from this world. After all, you are too powerful compared to others in this world. A'Ye also explained a lot of things to me.

Even though I couldn't understand everything, I knew right from the beginning that I was different from the rest that existed in this world," said Mo Xuejing.

Leica asked, "My Lord, lately, have you been meeting another of you in your dreams?"

"Yes. A version of me that feels a bit mischievous yet cold at heart. He felt different yet similar. That's why I know he is also another version of me," Mo Xuejing answered.

The two systems, Zhi Yang and Zhi Yue, and the two wardens, Lu Shang and Leica, saw that Lord Hei had connected with his incarnation in this world through the dream realm and that the only way he could be able to move unhindered in the dream was with the assistance of the current dream god, who was Lord Hei's biological cousin and one of the children of Sovereign Ruler Shen and Sovereign Ruler Mo.

Leica asked, "My Lord, did that version of yourself say something to you?"

"He said a lot of nonsense, but... he said if I didn't want him to take over, I must take back my memories and not appear before my original body anymore," Mo Xuejing said as he glanced at them. He realized that the dream must be real for these guys to react like this. That man must definitely be another version of himself.

Back to the trial...

The voice that spoke to them before had once again started talking. This time, Lu Shang, Leica, and Mo Yuhan were on their highest guard the moment he spoke.

{That was something unexpected. I never expected that one of the souls I invited into a dream would be able to move and talk on its own like that. I was so surprised that I ended that realm in an instant. That one must have woken up in his reality.}

Su Jin said, "What do you mean? Is that really my brother!? Is that the real Ji Yoonjun!?"

The proprietor of this space was taken aback by Su Jin's query, as were Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan. If Su Jin claimed that the Ji Yoonjun he had met during the trial was the genuine Ji Yoonjun, then who was the Ji Yoonjun who had been waiting for them outside the trial?

Stunned and confused, Lu Ming asked, "Xiao Jin, what are you talking about?"

Chapter 1219: First Grey Star - Nightmare Beast

Somewhere within the universe and within another world...

A man dozing in an upscale condominium, lying on a king-sized bed, opened his eyes groggily and clutched his hurting head, as though he had just woken up from a bad dream that had left his head pounding.

"Urgh! My head hurts. Did I drink too much last night?"

The man asked him to stay by his side and begged for forgiveness; he did not feel romantic feelings for the young man, but he had a feeling that person was important to him, even though there is no memory of that man in his head. That was the only dream he remembered having recently, after the aching in his head started to fade a little.

"Su... Jin... was it Xiao Jin? Urgh! My head is throbbing again!!"

It appears that humans can actually communicate with other planets through their dreams. The only problem is that none of them recognized that the events in their dreams had actually occurred in an other reality.

Back to the current world...

Sur Jin unexpectedly approaches the trial's controller, convinced that the Ji Yoonjun who materialized in that moment is, in fact, the Ji Yoonjun he knows and the one who should not be here anymore.

{Of course! It's the real him. Unfortunately, he is no longer a part of this world, but in another world.}

Su Jin asked, "Then can you truly bring him back!?"

{Hahaha~ of course, I...}

"You can't."

The words of this unknown creature were cut off, and almost everyone was left speechless, especially when they saw who had just spoken. This person had the ability to cut the space itself, and he fell in front of Lu Ming, Mo Yuhan, and Su Jin while brandishing a pure black sword in his hand that looked like an eternal sword falling from the sky.

{How the hell did you enter my domain!?!}

The unknown creature spoke with a beastly growl mixed in with these words, and then suddenly Ye Jieye showed up, cutting out the creature's domain and forcing his way inside, and worse, the cut of his domain widens until all of the people who were inside just now are dragged out and fall back to the boundaries of the Death Forest's middle and core regions.

The three youngsters called, "Cousin! (Lord Ye!)"

Ye Jieye destroyed the trial location but cut off another being's realm and forced them all to return to reality with his divine artifact, Shenyuan.

"Stop giving these brats some nonsense. Bringing another soul to this world isn't something you are capable of. God isn't that omnipotent unless you are a Sovereign God," Ye Jieye said. "Come out!"

He sliced at the area in front of him again, creating a rupture, and something large and round and black dropped from it and bounced on the ground, evidently falling madly from somewhere.

Bang! Thud!

The black spherical thing twitched, exposing a mouth and eyes shaped like a fox. Although the creature seemed more adorable than menacing, Ye Jieye regarded it with disdain, seeing it as an evil being that had tricked mortals into believing it was something else entirely and ultimately perished for it.

"You are a nightmare beast that feeds on human's nightmares and is capable of entering the dream realm. Your nature isn't good to begin with, and you love to give humans false hope. You give your prey a dream they wanted to see the most before turning them to a scene of nightmares to feed yourself. No wonder the old man didn't let you out of the Death Forest," Ye Jieye said.

"Shut up! Why can't you let me eat my fill!? You guys prevent me from leaving this place! I want to eat! I'm so hungry. So what if I eat a few humans in progress!!"

The cute, round thing suddenly morphed into the form of a huge monster. It grew to the size of a mountain, with a big head and sharp teeth. It looks like a Tyrannosaurus rex.

ROOAAAR~

The sight of this enormous monster startled Lu Ming, Mo Yuhang, and Su Jin. The Death Forest is a real danger zone; even the monsters here have the ability to speak and change into enormous creatures that might easily overpower them.

Ye Jieye stared at the dinosaur that suddenly materialized in front of him, and it brought back some memories of the primitive world of the past, when he and his wife had killed and brought these kinds of animals back to the tribe for food—that being the first time they had ever had their own children—and Ye Jingxia's birthplace.

He shouted, "Xiao Jing, come over. Father found a toy for you!"

"Toy? That's a toy? To them?" Mo Yuhang mumbles in shock.

After hearing what had just happened, both Lu Ming and Su Jin were stunned. Ye Jingxia cheerfully rode out of the core zone on Oreos' back and went to where his father, Ye Jieye, was.

Ye Jingxia asked, "Papa, where is it? Where is the toy you found for Xiao Jing?"

"Turn around. It looks familiar, right?" Ye Jieye said.

Ye Jingxia was thrilled to see the Tyrannosaurus Rex in front of him. He thought back to his early years, when he could play with animals of that size and they would not perish so quickly even if he treated them cruelly.

"Ahh! It's little REXY! Play. Play! Let's play!!" Ye Jingxia said as he jumped off Oreos back and ran to where the nightmare beast was. He looks so fearless, jumping and running around the Tyrannosaurus Rex as he eyes and glows with excitement.

Lu Ming worriedly asked, "Cousin, will Xiao Jing be alright? That monster..."

"Watch first," Ye Jieye said.

Lu Ming and the rest watch as Ye Jingxia, this chubby and small figure, runs towards the nightmare beast in Tyrannosaurus Rex shape.

The nightmare beast looked smug as he looked down on the small human under his eyes.

Snorts!

"Puny human! You are so small. What can you do to me? Hahaha~" the Nightmare Beast taunted.

Its dangerous father was still standing to the sides, watching, not foolishly, but not foolishly, for even though he had never seen Ye Jieye's strength before, he could still feel that dark, menacing aura within his soul, so terrifying that he dared not approach Ye Jieye.

The image is so ridiculously cute that it makes sense, yet beneath everyone's eyes, Ye Jieye, this tiny child grasped the Tyrannosaurus Rex's tail. He looks so small that he can only hug the tip of the monster's tail with his small arms.

"Haha~ puny human, what would hugging the tip of my tail do?" The nightmare beast laughs.

Everyone only heard Ye Jingxia saying, "Daddy says that the tail of Little REXY is the longest part of it and can be thrown around!"

Nearly everyone was stunned when the small figure raised the Tyrannosaurus rex by its tail beneath their eyes, but Ye Jieye simply believed this scene was exactly like the ones he remembered.

The Nightmare Beast panicked when it felt its body leave the ground. "W-Wait. What are you going to do?"

"Throw you around," the honest Ye Jingxia answered.

As promised, he launched the Tyrannosaurus Rex upward, then downward, left, then right, sending echoes across the forest as something fell and struck.

AAHHH!

BAM. BAM. BAM. BAM.

"Argh!"

Bang!

"S-Someone... Save..."

Bam. Bang!

"Save me! Ahhh~"

Bang. Bam! Thud!

Mo Xuejing and the others who had come to investigate the situation outside the core region saw a small boy holding a Tyrannosaurus Rex's tail and slamming it against the ground like he was playing. The sound of laughter and the monster's agonizing roars filled the entire forest, leaving nearly everyone speechless.

Mo Xuejing asked, "What are you guys doing?"

While Ye Jingxia, seeing his father, stopped playing and dragged the Tyrannosaurus Rex by its tail, dragging it like a baby Hulk effortlessly dragging something a hundred times bigger than him, Ye Jieye flinched at the sound of the hidden coldness in his wife's voice, leaving Lu Ming and the other three dumbfounded.

"Daddy, look! Look! Father found me a new toy!" Ye Jingxia said.

Then the tail he was holding vanished in an instant, and all heads turned to see the Tyrannosaurus Rex shrinking pitifully into a tiny black ball with teeth and tear-filled eyes, now a cute round thing with large tears flowing from its eyes.

Wuwuwu~ Wuaaaa~

Ye Jingxia throttles slowly toward the black ball and holds it gently in his arms. Mo Xuejing thought he was feeling sorry for the creature, and he felt that the thing was too pathetic, and tears also appeared in the corner of the boy's eyes as if crying were contagious.

Mo Xuejing said, "Don't cry, baby. Let's ask Uncle Guang to heal it when we get home."

System Yang mumbled, [I don't think that's what he meant, Master.]

"Daddy, my toy is broken," Ye Jingxia said. His crying face looks pitiful, but his words are even more unexpected.

System Yue's comment. [As expected of Xiao Jing. Of course, he wouldn't cry because the latter is crying. He is only worried that his toy is broken.]

System Yue is the only one who is not taken aback by his Young Lord's response. Ye Jingxia, like all the other offspring of his lords, has most of their negative traits. Mo Xuejing was momentarily stunned and picked up his weeping child.

Mo Xuejing said, "Don't cry, my baby. Maybe it's not broken. Let Papa fix it for you." He grabbed the crying nightmare beast from his son's hands and threw it towards Ye Jieye.

"A'Ye, fix it," Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye gave a nod, then gave the nightmare beast a squeeze while using his light components to heal it.

"You're healed. Turn back into a dinosaur. My son hasn't played enough!"

The wailing nightmare beast was so terrified by the man's aura that it stopped sobbing, and his remarks were so vicious that he gave off a warning that he would be slain right then and there.

System Yue's second comment. [A family of Devils.]

The Nightmare Beast regrets coming out of his cave.

(TT ^ TT) Sniff! Devils.

The little round thing once again morphed into a Tyrannosaurus Rex, and almost immediately, Ye Jingxia looked at him with an excited gaze. This time, as if afraid of breaking his toy, Ye Jingxia no longer thrashed the little one around. Instead, he carried it to the garden to show off to his younger sister.

Ye Jingxia said, "I'm going to share with Xiaxia my new toy!"

Leica followed over to stop the young lord, as if she knew what Ye Jingxia was going to do next—the tiny princess, who has just fallen asleep, is still too small to play with something so deadly.

Leica said, "Ah! Young Lord, stop! The little princess had just gone to sleep!"

Mo Xuejing stomped on his husband's feet and said, "Just what kind of toy did you give to Xiao Jing? That's the creature of that trial, right? What is that thing?"

"Baby, calm down. I can explain," Ye Jieye said with a teasing smile.

Mo Xuejing pinched his husband's waist, making him twitch in pain. "Still not answering, hm~"

"Ow. It's a nightmare beast. A unique creature of the land. It can be considered an evil creature as it feeds on human's dreams and nightmares. Well, it's still too young to do any further harm to humans. Wife, my waist!" Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing asked, "So it's not dangerous?"

"To us, it's not. It won't harm the cubs as they are stronger than it is," Ye Jieye said.

Mo Xuejing said, "That's good then. How about the ones behind you?"

"They were pulled out before their dreams were completely controlled. There should be no harm, but... the dreams they experienced are real, so they might be a bit traumatized," Ye Jieye said.

He felt a hand grab the corner of his garments abruptly, and turning around, he saw Su Jin staring at him with bloodshot eyes, as if he had lost his soul.

"Those dreams are real. Does that mean my brother is still alive?" Su Jin asked. He forgot all the manners he had before because of urgency.

Mo Yuhan, sensing his cousin's shift in expression, felt a chill run down his spine and yanked Su Jin's hands off Ye Jieye's arm with such force that Mo Xuejing's gaze went cold. He stares at the blanket, holding his husband's arms, as if debating whether or not to cut it off.

"Su Jin, calm down and let go."

Lu Ming scowled at this sight and cast a gloomy glance at Mo Yuhan. Su Jin felt the anguish of his nails nearly breaking by force as Mo Yuhan did so.

Lu Ming said, "What are you doing?"

"Idiot! Don't look at me. Look at our brothers' faces," whispered his sworn brother.

All three of them turned around and met Ye Jieye's dull eyes and Mo Xuejing's cold gaze. They collectively stepped back when they met, their eyes full of indifference.

Su Jin woke up in reality when he saw those cold and frightening eyes.

"I-I'm sorry..."

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Su Jin forgot that this couple is not usually close to anyone outside of their family; they are people used to standing on top, so nobody can even touch the corner of their clothes, with the exception of their family.

When those pairs of cold eyes fell on him, Su Jin woke up completely from his dream, forgetting for a moment the shock of seeing his brother in a dream, and he let go of Ye Jieye's clothes.

Su Jin said, "I'm sorry. I really don't know what came to my mind. I..."

"Though I know you're shocked by what you experienced in that trial, you should realize it yourself. Once a person is gone for a reason, he is gone," Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye had to carry him away in order to prevent the children from being scared any more after calming his wife's fierce temper. Su Jin was shocked by Mo Xuejing's remarks, and his face went white. Normally, Lu Ming would console him in situations like this, but not today. The young man realized that the good man who had saved his life might not be as straightforward as he had assumed.

Lu Ming was unsure of how to bring up the subject, and Su Jin was not in the right frame of mind.

Lu Shang, who stayed intentionally to guide them, approached their group. He pats his brother's shoulder and whispers, "Unless you ask how you will know what you want to know,"

"Big Brother, I..."

Lu Ming instantly stopped talking and decided to give it more thought after Lu Shang shook his head and motioned to his brother to direct those remarks toward the person he had chosen to give his heart away rather than to him.

"Okay. Follow me to the core region. The others are already there. It's dangerous to stay in this place," Lu Shang said.

Mo Yuhan asked, "Brother Shang, will my cousin be alright? He seems to be angry."

"Don't worry. The Lord will handle the rest," Lu Shang said as he took the lead towards the path of the core region, followed by the other three.

Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming were taken aback by the paradise scene that unfolded before them as soon as they entered the core region. Interestingly, a dragon, a dinosaur-like creature, and two small children were playing near a large dog. The scene was so magical that the other participants could not resist lingering to watch the children play.

Leica was there, keeping an eye on the cubs, but Ye Jieye and Mo Xuejing are nowhere to be found.

Lu Shang asked, "Honey, where are the lords?"

"They went to the warehouse to get some baskets. It seems we are going to the orchard next," Leica said.

Mo Yuhan looked confused as he noticed that there were no orchards in this region.

"Is there an orchard in this place?" he asked.

Lu Ming said, "Since they said there is one, maybe there is really one."

Su Jin, who probably realized what Lu Ming intended to ask, decided to be clean with everything, and the three young men felt embarrassed sitting in one place while observing the others. Mo Yuhan sensed that the pair had something to talk about and decided to leave and give them space.

Su Jin said, "You don't need to leave. If you want to listen, then go ahead. Please call Ji Yoonjun over, please."

"Ah? Okay, I will call him over," Mo Yuhan said.

After Mo Yuhan left their group for a moment, Su Jin looked at Lu Ming, who was holding his hand yet felt a bit distant and too quiet.

Su Jin looked at him sincerely and said, "I will tell you everything you want to know. Maybe you won't believe what I will tell you, but I vow that all my words are real. Whether you believe it or not depends on you."

"Okay, I am willing to listen," Lu Ming said.

Though they had no intention of becoming involved, Lu Shang and Leica watched the movements in their groups. However, Ji Yoonjun happened to be sitting close by, and when Mo Yuhan requested him to come over, the pair noticed as well.

Ji Yoonjun asked, "You want me to come with you? Xiao Jin wants to talk to me?" His eyes narrowed dangerously at Mo Yuhan and he thought of what they had watched during the trial just now.

"Is this about what happened during Su Jin's trial?" he asked.

Lu Ming obviously wanted to question about this issue because, after all, the Ji Yoonjun in front of him and the Ji Yoonjun he saw in the trial are very different from one another. Mo Yuhan felt powerless and just shook his head.

Lu Shang spoke, "Go ahead and say whatever you want to say. Without existence in this world, the Heavenly Laws are more casual. Just mention what needs to be said but nothing more."

Ji Yoonjun saluted before standing up and following after Mo Yuhan. The two heads go to where Lu Ming and Su Jin are. Leica watches them without saying a word

Leica asked, "Is that alright? When Lu Ming realized that we aren't what we are supposed to be, would he despair?"

"Despair for what reason? His brother isn't dead. He will wake up anytime he wishes to. I usually only take over when spending time with you and when the lords are around. Most of the time, his brother is awake. Unlike the original Ji Yoonjun, who had gone to another world, his brother will always be here.

He had nothing to despair about," Lu Shang said.

Sigh~

Leica said, "This world is so fragile that we can't do much. Maybe even our hidden enemies can barely make a move themselves. Divine Laws are more strict when it comes to lower realm worlds like this one."

"We should be alright. We have the lords with us after all," Lu Shang said.

Four men gathered on the opposite side of the scene. Ji Yoonjun was brought there by Lu Ming, Su Jin, and Mo Yuhan at their request. Lu Ming's expression became somewhat serious when he saw Ji Yoonjun again. He compared the Ji Yoonjun from the trial to the one in front of him, noting that they were completely different from each other in terms of their demeanor, aura, small gestures, and gaze.

The Ji Yoonjun in front of him is too uncaring, appearing distant as if he does not care about anything around him. In addition, the depths of his eyes are cold, suggesting that he and the others are not on the same level.

Su Jin apologized profusely to Ji Yoonjun; in reality, he had no desire to reveal to others that he was not the real Ji Yoonjun, only that Nightmare Beast had made things difficult for them.

"Sir, I'm sorry." Su Jin lowered his head to apologize.

Ji Yoonjun said, "No need. The fault wasn't with you but with that beast. It's just that you are so lucky. If my mission isn't different from usual, I would have to alter your memories to the right track."

Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan were taken aback by his words. They had anticipated that this man was a distinct Ji Yoonjun, but they could not decide which was the real one—the one who had shown up in the trial or the one standing in front of them. After hearing Ji Yoonjun's words, they realized that the man in front of them was unquestionably not Ji Yoonjun and might not even be a human.

They watched him warily.

Mo Yuhan and Lu Ming reacted abruptly, "You...!!!"

There was a flicker of scorn in his eyes as he saw Lu Ming and Mo Yuhan's disdainful response. These were disregarded by the three men in front of him; the distinction between a mortal and a deity is too large to be compared, thus it was expected that Ji Yoonjun would dismiss the humans in front of them.

Ji Yoonjun said, "You shouldn't make useless actions. It is no use." A slight release of his aura was enough to pressure the two men into being unable to do anything.

Even though they were taken aback, it did not mean they were not expecting it. It was only when they relaxed their guard that Ji Yoonjun let them go. Of the three, only Su Jin—who remained motionless—was spared. The other two were panting, appearing as though the mere suppression of Ji Yoonjun's aura had suffocated them.

Ji Yoonjun said, "I know what you want to know. I am indeed not the original Ji Yoonjun. The real one is the one whose soul was invited to enter that trial within the dream realm. As for what I am... you can just treat me as an outsider in this world. It can be said that I am one of the beings that exist in each world to keep the world in balance.

My existence is to repair errors. In your world's knowledge, I can be the one you called God."

The three of them were stunned this time; Su Jin knew he was not the genuine Ji Yoonjun, but he did not know who or what he really was either; and now that he had declared his existence to be on par with a god's, they did not know how to respond.

Mo Yuhan asked, "Then how about the rest? Are they also... I mean, you are too respectful towards them."

Lu Ming was too shocked as he glanced at his elder brother from a distance. He couldn't help but feel a desire to cry.

But as if Ji Yoonjun noticed his queries, "Your brother isn't like me. This vessel is mine in this lifetime as the one who was originally in this body had been cut off from this world. Your brothers are different. Their vessels were borrowed by the Venerables, but they aren't gone. Or else you would have already noticed that your brother isn't your brother right from the very beginning."

"Then the one whom I spoke to and met in Somatic Town is... my real brother?" asked Lu Ming.

Ji Yoonjun snorted, "Hmp! Of course. Do you think a God would waste time talking with you? Only when you aren't talking to them will the Gods take over; other than that, they are most of the time your brothers."

"How about my cousin?" Mo Yuhan asked.

Ji Yoonjun hesitated for a moment and decided to answer truthfully. "Your brother is different. His soul is an incarnation of a God from another world. He is your real brother yet at the same time a God in reality. Lord Ye is also one. It's just that that their divinity had recently awakened,ed, maybe because both of them had experienced death once that their divinity finally woke up."

"How about that person? The one in my cousin's real body. Is he a god as well?" Mo Yuhan asked.

Confused, Ji Yoonjun asked, "I don't know about your cousin. My mission only involves the one Ji Yoonjun wanted me to watch over. It means only the lives of Su Jin and Lu Ming. If you wanted to know about your cousin, you could only ask him or his husband instead. I don't know the secrets of my superiors."

"Superiors? Then the souls in our cousins, my big brother and Brother Leica, are stronger than you?" Lu Ming asked.

Ji Yoonjun said, "Even gods had differences in strength and standing. I am only a god. The ones residing in those bodies are celestials and sovereign gods."

Mo Yuhan asked to know why the gods were different in strength, but Ji Yoonjun only looked at him, clearly not intending to elaborate, since it is not beneficial for mortals to know more about the realm beyond theirs.

Suddenly, Mo Xuejing approached them without them noticing and said, "What are you guys gathering here for? Let's go. It's time to pick up fruits."

All four of them were startled, as they hadn't noticed when Mo Xuejing approached. Seeing their shocked expression, Mo Xuejing looked confused.

"What's wrong with you guys?" Mo Xuejing asked.

Ye Jieye also came over carrying the children and said to his wife, "Baby, let's go. Shang and Leica will watch over them. I'm going to show you the pet gramps gave me."

"What pet?" Mo Xuejing asked as he let his husband drag him away from the group and approached the shore of the huge pond before them.

He whistled once close to the pond and waited for a while, and then, right in front of everyone's eyes, the pond's surface began to ripple and the land began to tremble.

As everyone turned to look at the pond, they saw a massive turtle emerge from beneath the deep pond, and on its back lay a small island covered in countless trees and a vast expanse of land that was surprisingly divided into four seasons.

Grunts~

Ye Jingxia wanted to put out a hand as the enormous turtle head approached them, and Mo Xuejing and the kids gazed at it with excitement.

Ye Jingxia happily calls, "Turtle. Big turtle~"

"BHIG~ BIG~ TURTELE!" Anxia shouted, echoing her brother's words.

"Is this the real core of the Death Forest? A good-grade existence, Earth Forest Turtle," Mo Xuejing said.

Ye Jieye nodded his head and said, "Un. Gramps gave him to me. The small island on his back is our family's orchard. Well, you guys can give him a name."