

“I never told anyone this because my dad returned not because he was strong, but because he was weak. He was a hero for his whole life and I had never seen him cry out of fear. But on that night, my dad was wailing and screaming! My dad had always been my hero, but ever since that night, my faith in him was shaken. What could possibly have made my dad become like that? What exactly happened at the Holy Water Ritual? I have to find out so I did everything by any means necessary to become stronger. I was afraid of failure!” Mo Canglong’s rims were red by now.

“So from what your dad meant, the people that joined the Holy Water Ritual were not dead but were brought to another place?” Chen Hao asked, bewildered.

This was similar to what happened to Su Tongxin. She had received a token like the Holy Water Order and had vanished without a trace.

All along, Chen Hao had suspected that Su Tongxin wasn’t killed but was taken away instead.

Now, what Mo Canglong said confirmed his suspicion.

Were they really taken away after receiving the Holy Water Order or the tokens with the Sun symbol?

But the world is such a big place, where could they be?

“There is a place that my father dared not go,” Mo Canglong said.

Then, he knelt down, begging, “Please, let me die at the Holy Water Ritual!”

Chen Hao was speechless. This old man could really do just about anything!

“I would spare your life upon three conditions,” Chen Hao said coldly.

“Go ahead!”

“Firstly, every time a member of the Mo Family sees that of the Chen Family, they would avoid them.”

“I-I promise!”

“Secondly, before the Holy Water Ritual officially begins, if you were to step out of the Mo residence, I will kill you. Just so you know, you are no match for me now,” Chen Hao said coldly.

“I understand, I won’t go anywhere!” Mo Canglong promised hastily.

“Lastly, your Magical Mirror will temporarily be in my possession.”

On that note, Chen Hao waved his hand and the Magical Mirror in Mo Canglong’s hand flew into his own.

“Also, I have planted a Gu worm in your body. Don’t even try to force it out. If you violate any of these three conditions, this Gu worm will devour your insides. Of course, if you insist on forcing it out, it’d be suicide for you,” Chen Hao said coldly.

“What?” Mo Canglong’s mouth twitched.

This Chen Hao is too cruel!

He might as well kill me now!

Alas, Mo Canglong had no other choice. He had to live.

“F-Fine, I promise!”

“Now, leave!” Chen Hao waved his hand.

He let Mo Canglong go not because he was merciful.

He did it because Chen Hao’s grandfather knew nothing about the Holy Water Ritual and it was his first time attending it.

He had to play safe and keep someone who knew about the Holy Water Ritual around him.

Nobody knew what would happen at the Holy Water Ritual.

Mo Canglong was the perfect candidate.

Now that he had control over him, no matter how cunning Mo Canglong was, he had to remain honest around Chen Hao.

It was less than three months before the Holy Water Ritual would begin.

Chen Hao still needed to solve the mystery behind the Longevity Coffin.

Furthermore, even though he had already surpassed the state of a Grandmaster, he wasn't sure if the prophecy about his death would come true.

Hence, Chen Hao left the desert quickly.

He then arrived at a small town.

Along the road, Chen Hao tried to look for Qin Ya but there were no traces of them.

Some remaining tracks indicated that they had already left the desert.

Unsurprisingly, Chen Hao found them at the North Sand Inn.

But, many had already left.

Only a handful of people from the tour group stayed behind as well as a girl from the inspection team.

It appeared that she stayed and was working at the inn.



“Chen Hao, it’s so great to see you!”

The girl’s rims turned red as soon as she saw Chen Hao.

“Miss Qin Ya, why are you still here? I already told you, I’m not Chen Hao. I’m Chen Xuan,” Chen Hao corrected her.

Seeing that she was well and unhurt, Chen Hao finally relaxed.

He didn’t expect her to still be here.

“Are you still trying to lie to me? I know you’re Chen Hao. You can change your appearance or temperament but you can never change your eyes. You’re Chen Hao!” she said insistently.

Qin Ya put down the plates in her hand and ran over to him.

Chen Hao glanced at her again.

“Why didn’t you return with the inspection team? Are you going to give up on such a good job?”



Chen Hao avoided her eyes and asked.

“I don’t want it anymore. I was waiting for your return. If you hadn’t appeared today, I would have waited for you still. I would wait for you as long as it takes, be it a year or ten!”

Qin Ya wept. “I just want to ask you, why would you lie to me? It’s impossible for two identical persons to exist in this world. You can lie to me but your eyes can’t. Now tell me, why did you lie to me?”

Qin Ya’s sobs attracted the stares from the customers.

Deep down, Chen Hao was very touched.

This girl seriously plans to wait for me her whole life!

But Qin Ya, I couldn’t bear to hurt you again, do you understand? Chen Hao cried out inwardly.

“Miss Qin Ya, I think you have really mistaken me for another person. Give me a year and I promise you, I will help you

find the Chen Hao you want,” Chen Hao said.

“Well, we have already caught up with each other so you better get back to work, Miss Qin Ya.”

On that note, Chen Hao turned to leave without intending to ever return to the inn.

Plop!

Suddenly, he heard something dropped on the floor behind him.

It was Qin Ya, she had collapsed onto the floor.

“Qin Ya!”

Chen Hao glanced behind and hurried to her.

“You... Are you still trying to say that you’re not Chen Hao? Your voice has changed and it’s exactly like his.”

Qin Ya struggled to grab his shoulder. “I’m not letting you go again. Even if I have to



follow you like this throughout my life, I'm willing to do it."

She clutched tightly onto Chen Hao.

Chen Hao frowned. "Are you insane? I helped you because we were friends, and now, you even tried to deceive me? I don't want to carry a burden around. Good luck to you!"

As soon as he said those words, he turned to leave.

"Chen Hao!"

Qin Ya got up and chased after him.

Chen Hao's pace was quick. Nevertheless, Qin Ya put in all her effort to chase after Chen Hao.

As soon as she got out of the town, she saw an endless path and at the end of this path was the highway.

There was not a single soul on this road, only rows and rows of pine trees.

Qin Ya didn't know how long she had been walking on this road. Her face was pale and her lips were parched but she still raced toward the direction that Chen Hao had gone.

"Chen Hao, I won't let you get away again. Why are you avoiding me? Why?" she mumbled.

Her feet were covered in blisters and her white shoes seemed to be seeping with fresh blood.

She then felt the same dizziness that had been there ever since she returned from the desert.

In fact, earlier, she did not pretend to collapse.

She knelt down suddenly because she was completely drained of energy.

Even then, she still stood back up with her teeth clenched.

Her eyes were filled with tears as she continued chasing after Chen Hao.

The sky grew darker and she felt that her legs were growing numb.

Finally, she saw the highway and there was a beverage stall in front of her.

“Hey, young lady, do you want a cup of tea? You look terrible,” the owner asked with a smile.

“How... How much for one?”

“It’s cheap. Only ten dollars,” the owner replied.

Qin Ya searched her pockets. However, she was in a hurry to leave just now and didn’t have time to grab her possessions. Therefore, there wasn’t even a dollar on her...



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“Hey gorgeous, what’s the matter? Did you run out of money?”

A couple of thugs came over to Qin Ya.

They reached out to touch Qin Ya’s jaw.

Qin Ya hurriedly dodged.

The thugs grabbed her arm and wanted to sexually assault her.

Qin Ya struggled with all her might and bit one of them.

“Ahh!”

The thug screamed in pain.

His finger was covered in blood.

They didn’t dare make a move on her again because the intention to kill flashed across Qin Ya’s eyes. They could only look at Qin Ya in shock.

However, Qin Ya’s sudden flare of anger made her pain greater. She felt dizzy and collapsed onto the floor, nearly passing

out.

“Boss, she’s too ruthless. You didn’t say she was like this! My finger almost got severed!”

The thug complained to a young man who was walking over as Qin Ya struggled to get up.

The young man tossed a credit card at them. “This is for your medical fee. The password is today’s date.”

“Dang, thanks boss!”

The thugs were elated.

Apparently, they were ordered to scare her.

As soon as Qin Ya heard the young man’s voice, she slowly lifted her head.

He was Chen Hao.

“I knew you wouldn’t leave me behind!”

Qin Ya’s tears flowed unceasingly.

To be honest, although Chen Hao had been lightning quick and managed to shake off Qin Ya, he returned afterward because he was afraid that something would happen to her.

He didn't expect Qin Ya to chase after himself for the entire day.

Chen Hao thought she would give up after losing sight of him, but she didn't. So, he found someone to scare her off.

But Qin Ya...

Sigh!

Chen Hao only wanted Qin Ya to give up on him completely and lead a normal life. It was better to get it over with sooner rather than later.

Chen Hao had been watching her the entire time and he felt his heart squeeze now and then.

After Qin Ya finished speaking, she passed out on the floor.

“Qin Ya!”

Chen Hao ran over to her, full of guilt as he hugged her.

“Huh?”

As soon as he touched her body, Chen Hao discovered that something was wrong.

“Why are you so ill?”

Chen Hao thought Qin Ya was pretending to be sick but after feeling her pulse, he found out that she was seriously ill.

Chen Hao held Qin Ya in his arms and immediately left.

When Qin Ya woke up, she felt like she was floating in the air.

She heard the sound of helicopter blades.

She thought she was already dead because she was in excruciating pain at that moment.

But now, her body felt much better.

She was lying on a recliner with a jacket covering her upper torso.

Beside her sat Chen Hao.

“Chen Hao! A-Am I in a dream?” Qin Ya said excitedly.

“Why are you so silly? You are seriously ill. If you didn’t run into me, your life would have been in danger.” Chen Hao frowned slightly.

“You finally admit that you’re Chen Hao. Why did you lie to me? Were you so unwilling to see me? I had already decided that if I couldn’t find you, I’d rather die.”

Teas welled up in Qin Ya’s eyes.

Chen Hao looked so much more mature compared to a year and a half ago.

Qin Ya wanted to know more about him because she felt safe whenever she was beside him.

“Where are we going?” Qin Ya asked.



“We’re going back to the Chen residence in Nanyang. Specialist doctors will look after you,” Chen Hao replied.

Looking at Qin Ya, Chen Hao didn’t know how to face her.

He was hesitant about her.

If he said he had no feelings toward her, he would be lying.

Anyway, he wanted her to be happy.

“Where have you been for the past one and a half years?” Qin Ya asked Chen Hao.

“It’s a long story. The important thing is that you rest now. I’ll tell you the rest later.”

“Young Master Chen, we’re getting close to the island but it seems like something is happening. There’s a crowd down there,” one of the bodyguards of the Chen Family said.

It was natural that Chen Hao would return to the Chen Family first after finding the longevity coffin because there were too

many unsolved mysteries.

So, he took a helicopter home.

Of course, he was worried about Qin Ya so he accompanied her back.

“Huh?”

Upon hearing that, Chen Hao stood up and glanced down.

His grandpa and his family were indeed down there.

They didn't seem to be welcoming him though because there was another girl there. She seemed to be discussing something with them.

“Take care of Miss Qin Ya. I'm going down to take a look,” Chen Hao said.

Then, he opened the door of the helicopter and jumped.

“Chen Hao!”

“Young Master Chen!”

Qin Ya and the bodyguards were stunned.

They were eight hundred meters above ground!

Everyone broke out in a cold sweat.

They had forgotten that Chen Hao was no longer an ordinary human.

Chen Hao landed nonchalantly on the ground.

“Y-Young Master Chen has returned!”

The bodyguards of the Chen Family were in shock.

Did Young Master Chen just fall from the sky?

Chen Diancang and Chen Jindong were astonished as well.

“Chen Hao, you’re back!”

Chen Diancang was elated and his eyes glittered.

“Yes, grandfather. I’m back.” Chen Hao walked over to them.

“Haha. Look, Mi Fan. Your dad has returned!”

Then, a girl holding a baby stepped forward from the crowd.

She spoke to the baby in her arms when she saw Chen Hao.

Chen Diancang and Chen Jindong were all speechless, and they didn’t know whether to laugh or cry.

“Zhao... Zhao Yifan?”

When Chen Hao saw the girl, his eyes widened.

“What do you mean, your dad has returned? Why are you holding a baby?”

Chen Hao inhaled deeply.

Ever since Zhao Yifan got him drunk and made him miss the chance to meet Tongxin, Chen Hao had broken off all

contact with her.

Chen Hao even hated her.

But a year and a half later, she was actually here at their residence?

“This is our daughter, Mi Fan. She’s six months old,” Zhao Yifan said smugly.

“O-Our daughter?” Chen Hao’s eyes widened. “Didn’t you say we didn’t do anything that night?”

“If I didn’t lie to you, would you have let me off that easily and allowed me to give birth to our daughter? Knowing you, you would never let me have the baby.”

Zhao Yifan’s hair was tied up like that of a young mother.

“Y-You’re despicable!”

Regret flashed across Chen Hao’s eyes.

“W-What did you say? I’m despicable?”

Zhao Yifan’s temper flared up.

She looked at Chen Xiao, who looked stunned, and said, "Sister, did you see how he treated me?"

Chen Xiao scratched her head and looked away.

"Mom! Look at him. Look at how he treats us!" She turned to Yang Yuping to complain.

Yang Yuping smiled stiffly. "Don't be in such a hurry to call me mom yet. The most important thing is to sort the whole thing out. After all, Chen Hao had never told us about it."

"I was thinking along the same lines. This is the child of the Chen Family anyhow. Go ahead and sort it all out if you want!" Zhao Yifan glanced at Chen Hao.

She looked at Chen Jindong and said, "Dad."

"Here!"

Chen Jindong replied automatically but then quickly shook his head. "Child, there

is no need to hurry. It's very windy out here. Get in the house with the child first. I have already asked the doctor to come over."

Chen Jindong was vexed as well.

Chen Hao still hadn't recovered from the shock. "I'm a father?"



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