"Wait!"

Before Lei Lie could even take a step, a few ghosts stopped him.

The ghost standing in the middle stepped out and walked in front of Lei Lie. He stared at Lei Lie as he said, "Leaving after winning isn't something that can be easily done."

"What? Are you scared to continue to play? Or are you just a sore loser?" Lei Lie stared back at those ghosts as he coldly replied. He hadn't imagined that these ghosts would behave exactly the same way as regular humans in the modern world; they would begin to throw temper tantrums when they lost. Even though they were ghosts, they just had to be scoundrelly ones; Lei Lie had to admire this aspect.

"Heh, either you continue to stay here and play until your pockets are empty, or you leave by handing over all your money. You got just two choices; take your pick!" The ghost in the middle gave a cold laugh as he warned Lei Lie, the ghost's eyes still fixed on him.

It seemed like these ghosts had no

intention in allowing him to leave.

If that was so, then Lei Lie wouldn't let them have their way.

"Really? Then what if I choose neither?" Lei Lie continued to stare at them as he asked.

"Then don't blame us for taking off the kiddie gloves!" the ghost in the middle scoffed. Then, he waved a hand to signal the other ghosts.

With that, the surrounding ghosts charged their way toward Chen Hao and Lei Lie.

Since those ghosts had begun their move, Chen Hao definitely wouldn't hold back on them.

Chen Hao instantly pulled out the Yuchang Sword and sliced once.

#### Woosh!

The Yuchang Sword decimated those few ghosts in an instant.

Seeing this, the ghost in the middle immediately showed a startled expression.

He hadn't thought that Chen Hao would be this powerful and possessed such an incredible weapon.

"Y-You are not a ghost. You're a human!" the ghost in the middle exclaimed, shocked.

"Hehe, so long as you know that. So, what about it? Are you still going to get in my way?" Chen Hao revealed a sinister smile as he asked the ghost.

The ghost in the middle no longer had the courage to continue being as aggressive. The ghost hurriedly lowered his head and said to Chen Hao, "No, no, I won't get in your way anymore. Please, take your leave!"

Hearing this, Chen Hao smiled as he felt pleased. Then, he left the casino with Lei Lie.

Once they left the casino, Chen Hao and Lei Lie found somewhere to sit.

"Wow, so much money!" Chen Hao looked at the huge sack of coins in Lei Lie's arms, a glint appeared in his eyes.

"Hehe, this isn't money from the real world. This is money from the Ghost Sect," Lei Lie chuckled lightly as he explained to Chen Hao.

This money could only be used in the Ghost Sect, so it couldn't be used in the real world at all. No matter how much ghost money one had, it would be worthless in the real world.

"Lei Lie, I'm hungry. What should I do?" Chen Hao asked Lei Lie. His belly had already begun to rumble thunderously.

"Okay, let me take a look around to see if there's a place that has edible food. We've got to spend the horde of money we have somehow!" Lei Lie immediately suggested to Chen Hao after hearing the latter's words.

With that, Lei Lie and Chen Hao began to search throughout the entire Ghost Sect.

Soon, Lei Lie arrived at a rather large restaurant. This restaurant looked more or less the same as a restaurant in the real world.

Lei Lie brought Chen Hao with him and

entered the restaurant.

"Boss!" Lei Lie shouted once he entered the premises.

A man dressed in white came dashing from the inside; he smiled as he welcomed Lei Lie and Chen Hao.

"Hehe, what would you two like to order?" the owner of the restaurant asked them both.

Upon hearing this, Lei Lie and Chen Hao froze in surprise; they hadn't thought that the owner would be able to see Chen Hao.

"You... can see me?" Chen Hao asked the owner, somewhat taken aback.

The owner grinned as he answered Chen Hao, "Of course!"

Upon hearing this, Chen Hao immediately looked at Lei Lie. Worry began to bubble within him.

"Lei Lie, the potion can't have worn off, right?" Chen Hao asked Lei Lie in astonishment. He then quickly pulled out his phone to check.

He saw that it hadn't been twelve hours yet; only two hours had passed.

But why was this restaurant owner able to see him? This baffled Chen Hao to no end.

"Boss, how can you see him?" Lei Lie asked the owner. He was curious as well.

"Hehe, it's because I'm a human like you both!" said the owner, who smiled shallowly as he explained.

It was then that Chen Hao understood why the owner could see him—it was because the owner wasn't a ghost.

"You're a human-ghost hybrid too?" Lei Lie asked, curious.

The owner nodded. "That's right, I'm exactly that. Let me introduce myself. I'm Huang Gang, and I'm the owner of this restaurant. I'm in charge of receiving people who come from the real world."

"Nice to meet you, Mr. Huang Gang. I'm Lei Lie, and he's my friend Chen Hao. We're a tad hungry, so we hope to get a bite to eat here. Since we aren't human-ghost hybrids, we've no way of eating Ghost Sect food!" Lei Lie introduced Chen Hao and himself to Huang Gang, and then explained the reason for their arrival.

"Of course that's no problem. Rest assured, the food here is edible for humans!" Huang Gang immediately answered.

With that, he led Lei Lie and Chen Hao over to a table and seated them.

"Mr. Huang Gang, do people from the real world come here often?" Lei Lie asked Huang Gang after he sat down.

"Nope. Most of the people who pass through here are ghosts. Rarely do people from the real world come here. Besides, I only operate the restaurant when gates of the Spirit World are opened. You two are the first people I've seen who are from the real world," Huang Gang explained to them.

"Oh, right, judging from how you look, you probably aren't a regular person. You're a cultivator, right?" Huang Gang looked at Lei Lie as he asked.

Lei Lie froze suddenly at those words. He

hadn't thought that Huang Gang could detect that.

"How did you know?" Lei Lie asked, baffled.

"Hehe, everyone who comes to my restaurant is a cultivator. No one else ever comes!" Huang Gang laughed lightly again as he explained.

"Then, doesn't that mean you're a cultivator too?" Lei Lie fixed his eyes on Huang Gang. Since Huang Gang was also a human-ghost hybrid, he had to also be a cultivator.

"Hehe, I can't be considered one. I only ended up like this because of a mishap." Huang Gang laughed bitterly, sounding a little exasperated.

In truth, not many people could become human-ghost hybrids; some became hybrids because of accidents, while some relied on research.

However, Lei Lie and Zhen Ji only turned into human-ghost hybrids because of an accident.

Huang Gang soon brought a smorgasbord of food and served them to Lei Lie and Chen Hao. All of the dishes were food from the real world.

Their eyes lit up upon seeing the food.

"Here, eat up. There's more food if that's not enough for you!" Huang Gang said to them both.

With that, Chen Hao and Lei Lie immediately began to wolf down their meal.

"Oh right, you two are probably here for the Ghost Spirit Bead, right?"



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"Ghost Spirit Bead?" Upon hearing that, Chen Hao's expression morphed into one of curiosity.

He had never heard of this Ghost Spirit Bead before; this was the first time.

"What? Don't you know?" Huang Gang asked, looking startled when he saw Chen Hao's confusion.

Chen Hao and Lei Lie shook their heads.

"The Ghost Spirit Bead can be said to be the treasure of the Ghost Sect. It's rumored that the Ghost Spirit Bead can raise your cultivation level by several fold. That's why many cultivators want to get their hands on it. You actually don't know about this?" Huang Gang was looking at Chen Hao in absolute astonishment as he explained; his expression was one of incomprehension.

"Then, where can you get this Ghost Spirit Bead?" Chen Hao asked.

Since this Ghost Spirit Bead was such a precious item, Chen Hao's interest was greatly piqued. He thought that he could consider obtaining it.

"It's not that easy to get it. The Ghost Spirit Bead is in the Ghost King's possession. It's the Ghost King's treasured possession. Obtaining the bead won't be a simple matter. Many soul cultivators have already died at the Ghost King's hands!" Huang Gang's expression was troubled as he told those two.

From Huang Gang's words, Chen Hao could tell that this Ghost Spirit Bead was certainly an absolutely unique item. Then, there was the Ghost King, who was the ruler of the Ghost Sect; he wasn't someone that any regular person could defeat.

"Where is the Ghost King?" Chen Hao continued to ask in curiosity.

"The Ghost King resides in the deepest depths of the Ghost Cave. That's his territory, and there's plenty of ghost soldiers guarding it. It's practically impossible to slip in easily. Even if you do get in, it's difficult to take the Ghost Spirit Pearl," said Huang Gang, who immediately detailed the Ghost King's general whereabouts to Chen Hao.

"How long is the Ghost Sect open for?"
Chen Hao asked Huang Gang after a brief

pause.

To tell the truth, this was Chen Hao's first ever foray into the Ghost Sect.

Although he had heard Mr. Fan mention it before, this was still the first time he had ever personally come here and experienced the place; it was truly a different experience from what he knew.

"One month. However, it closes during the day and only comes to life at night!" Huang Gang immediately answered Chen Hao's question.

Upon hearing that answer, Chen Hao nodded with a meaningful look on his face.

Since the Ghost Sect would be open for a month, that meant that he had ample time to think and draw up a plan to obtain the Ghost Spirit Bead.

Had he not known about the Ghost Spirit Bead, he wouldn't have been bothered about it.

But now that he knew about the bead, Chen Hao would not let such an opportunity slip by him.

"Alright, Mr. Huang Gang, I need your help. I want to get the Ghost Spirit Bead!" Chen Hao said to Huang Gang, each word heavy and purposeful.

Huang Gang was greatly taken by surprise at that. He wouldn't have thought that Chen Hao would desire the Ghost Spirit Bead.

"But Chen Hao, didn't I say that the Ghost Spirit Bead isn't something that can easily be obtained?" Huang Gang was worried as he reminded Chen Hao of that fact.

"Yeah, I know. I'm interested in it exactly because of that. The more difficult it is to obtain something, the more I want to try and get my hands on it. Who knows, I might even be able to succeed!" Chen Hao exclaimed to Huang Gang with a steadfast look on his face.

Huang Gang had no other choice but to agree after hearing Chen Hao's words.

"Alright, alright. What do you need me to help with?" Huang Gang cut right to the point.

"I haven't thought of a plan for the time being. I'll tell you what to do once I've drawn up a plan!" Chen Hao didn't mince words with Huang Gang. On the contrary, he just gave Huang Gang a reminder.

"Sure, that's fine. Give me a heads-up once you've thought of a plan. I shall endeavor to help you to the best of my abilities!" Huang Gang agreed readily without an objection.

By then, Huang Gang already considered Chen Hao and Lei Lie his friends.

Since they were friends, naturally they had to help each other.

"That's right, I have something nice here that you can give to your disciple!"

Right at that moment, Huang Gang seemed to have thought of something as he stood up, then ran deeper inside the building.

After a short while, Huang Gang walked back out with a plaque and handed it to Lei Lie.

"What is this?" Lei Lie asked, baffled, as he

took the plaque.

"This..."

"A Ghost King Token, am I right?" Before Huang Gang could explain, Chen Hao directly named the plaque in Lei Lie's hands.

"That's exactly right. It's a Ghost King Token. It's something that ghosts have with them. That way, your disciple will be able to freely come and go from the ghost sect. Even if his potion wore off, it won't matter!" Huang Gang explained to Chen Hao.

Upon hearing this, both Chen Hao and Lei Lie were delighted. Who knew that Huang Gang would have such a thing with him?

"Thank you so much, Mr. Huang Gang!" Lei Lie hurriedly thanked Huang Gang.

"Alright, dawn should be approaching soon. The gate to the Spirit World is about to close, so I have to tidy up and get ready to leave this place!" Huang Gang took a look at the time and realized that it was nearly daybreak, so he hurriedly told this to Chen Hao and Lei Lie.

"Mm hmm, okay, Mr. Huang Gang. We'll be off then!" Chen Hao stood up to say to Huang Gang.

After they had bade their farewells, Chen Hao and Lei Lie left the establishment.

The two of them immediately left the Ghost Sect.

When they exited through the Ghost Sect's gate, the sky outside was already brightening, indicating that day was right around the corner—the gate to the Ghost Sect was about to close.

"Whew! Fresh air is awesome. It feels so good!" Lei Lie looked up at the sky and exclaimed the moment they got out.

At that same moment, the waterfall behind them had returned to normal. Water splashed continuously and endlessly, signaling that the gate to the Ghost Sect had officially closed.

"Chen Hao, I've got a class reunion tonight with my classmates. You want to come with me?" Zhen Ji asked Chen Hao.

"What time?"

"Seven!"

"Sure, no problem!"

After a brief exchange, Chen Hao agreed to attend the gathering with Zhen Ji.

Since it was Zhen Ji's class reunion, Chen Hao would of course accompany her.

Zhen Ji smiled gratefully when she heard Chen Hao agreeing to her request.

Night came when Chen Hao drove Zhen Ji over to her gathering at the Grand Dynasty Hotel in Celestial River City.

Chen Hao smiled as he jested, "Zhen Ji, your classmates seem to be quite loaded."

Zhen Ji also smiled as she replied to him, "I haven't seen them in ages. I only know of the gathering because they sent me an invitation!"

Having finished speaking, Chen Hao parked his car and then brought Zhen Ji into the hotel.

"Zhen Ji!"

Right at that moment, someone called from behind them.

Chen Hao and Zhen Ji immediately turned around to see who it was—it was a woman clad in a long, purple dress. She grinned as she approached them.

"Ruoting!" Zhen Ji suddenly cried out in surprise.

After exchanging greetings, the three of them headed upstairs.

The reunion was held in a gigantic banquet hall.

"I heard that the class leader is the one paying for this reunion. Looks like a lot of money's been spent on this!" Zhen Ji chatted with Gu Ruoting as they walked.



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