

## Chapter 2251

### What a Good Person

“General Ghost Bone, you are to receive so many benefits off me, can you at least let me die as an educated man?” Han Sen spoke it strangely.

General Ghost Bone stopped his cackling and said, “Thank you for doing so much for me, but I am afraid I do not have the time to talk with you. All you need to know is that the relic you recovered is a key that enables the opening of Sacred leader’s treasure box. When I get the relic from the holy monument, I will use your body to travel around the world. Your body will most certainly be a famous one. You will not be dying in vain.”

“So what if you have a key? Do you even know where the holy monument is?” Han Sen asked.

“If I did not know, what would the point be in me taking that plate? The holy monument resides on this very planet. I just need to get out of this body. Then, I can go to the monument and recover the leader’s relic.” General Ghost Bone seemed to be very excited. He appeared to be drowning in his own dream.

Han Sen was only just a Duke, and back then, General Ghost Bone was incredibly strong all around the world. He would even look down to all the King class elites, but now, he had no choice. Given the opportunity for something else, he wouldn’t have settled for a Duke, though.

Back then, if he selected a deified body, he would have to consider.

Now, a Duke was in his control. He thought that it was his item already, and Han Sen was not so sure he could escape this.

Han Sen, after hearing a bit, acknowledged it was mostly General Ghost Bone’s dreaming. He had not told him where the monument was exactly. When he was just about to ask more, his body trembled. The Ghost Bone Mask was reduced to dust across his face. General Ghost Bone’s will was headed into his own will sea.

Right now, Han Sen had become a holy Bone. He looked as if he was a crystal or a statue made from bone. It felt as if people that saw him would definitely wish to obey him.

Han Sen knew that his body had finished the modification process. It was too late for him to ask General Ghost Bone anything now.

“Everybody, I am back! Shake beneath the quake of my footsteps.” General Ghost Bone’s will was something truly demonic. He was screaming into Han Sen’s own will.

General Ghost Bone, when entering Han Sen’s will sea, became shocked. “Why is your will sea like this?”

General Ghost Bone looked at the will sea. There was a tower in the middle of it, and inside, there was all sorts of beasts and xenogeneics around it. It was like a little world all of its own. General Ghost Bone had not seen anything like that before.

“It’s actually called a Sea of Soul.” Han Sen’s voice sounded inside the Sea of Soul.

“I do not care about what this Sea of Soul is, when I am here, this is my territory.” General Ghost Bone’s powerful willpower was suppressing the Sea of Soul. He wanted to claim that place and destroy Han Sen’s will. Once he accomplished that, he could fully claim Han Sen’s body for himself.

But as soon as his soul arrived there, in the corner of the Sea of Soul, a black crystal armorset suddenly came to life and lit up in his eyes. A scary will took over the entire Sea of Soul.

General Ghost Bone’s powerful deified will was destroyed when that will came. He did not stand a chance.

“Impossible... Impossible... Argh...” General Ghost Bone did not have the opportunity to escape the Sea of Soul. He screamed, and that scary will of his was crushed into nothingness.

The black crystal armorset’s power faded. It was like nothing had happened all that time. A general’s will had oh-so quickly been entirely dismissed.

“Why was he in such a rush to commit suicide? He did not even tell me where the holy monument was!” Han Sen knew this was going to happen. Nothing would end up well for someone who sought to invade his Sea of Soul.

Han Sen might have felt a little sorry for what happened, but he was ultimately made happy. General Ghost Bone’s leftover power was still inside Han Sen’s body, and that was his own now. He could become better with it.

Much Ghost Bone power gathered up in Han Sen’s body. If he refined all that Ghost Bone power, he could become a Duke.

That being said, it really was just leftover power from General Ghost Bone. It would not be as effective as a perfect and raw power. Still, it was deified power. The strength and purity was naturally far better than a Duke’s. Every ounce of that power was utterly priceless.

Now, Han Sen’s body was filled up with deified Ghost Bone power. His body was like a treasure in itself. He did not have to locate any more resources. He only had to refine that power, and likely level up from it.

And it wasn’t just his Dongxuan Sutra and Blood-Pulse Sutra that would level up. Even his The Story of Genes might level up to become Duke. It had the possibility of even going further.

“General Ghost Bone was nice. It was a shame he died so early. It would have been perfect if he was able to tell me where the holy monument is.” Han Sen sighed.

Han Sen was thinking for a bit, and then, he opened his eyes. He saw Fox Queen standing in front of him.

“My Dear, thank you so much,” Han Sen coldly said, as he looked on Fox Queen. Now, his body was like Ghost Bone’s. Fox Queen had not seen what had occurred inside the Sea of Soul, so she was not yet aware that he had died. Now he could disguise himself as General Ghost Bone, and in doing so, fool Fox Queen.

Fox Queen looked at Han Sen and laughed, “You look very evil. Ghost Bone, do you think I will help you? You locked me up here for a billion years, all to make me suffer. I have waited for this for so long. Now that you have a body and you cannot use your power for a while. You are just a Duke, too, so the time has come for me to kill you.”

Han Sen was shocked. He did not expect this. He wanted to disguise himself as General Ghost Bone, all so he could fool her. He thought he could get some secrets from her, too. He did not know this was going to happen.

Fox Queen looked strange. The substance chain around her body was tangling her. Her white hair was waving and her fox tail was trembling. She was going to break the air.

The chain and the shackles were full of a black smoke. Five ghostly hand tried to hold onto Fox Queen’s neck, wrists, and ankles.

Fox Queen’s substance chain blocked those black hands, though. The hands could not stop her. Fox Queen reached her hand out, and the substance chain was going right for Han Sen.

“Hang on! I am not General Ghost Bone, I am San Mu!” Han Sen quickly said.

“Maybe that trick might work on others, but it won’t work on me.” Fox Queen did not believe Han Sen, and the substance chain kept going for him. It was not going to relent.

Fox Queen believed this was her only chance. Her body was tied up, and she had spent most of her power suppressing the metal chains. The actual power she could use was a very small amount to her total, and she needed to kill General Ghost Bone while his body was still only a Duke. If it was any later, she would not have that chance.

Fox Queen had waited many years for this opportunity.

## **Chapter 2252 I Really Am San Mu**

Han Sen quickly retreated, and he summoned his gold Demon Bug King Bai Sema to shield his exterior.

Boom!

The invisible substance chain came down upon the gold Demon Bug King Bai Sema. The Bai Sema kept trembling, and squeaky noises sounded loudly. It sounded as if it was going to break.

Han Sen was shocked. Most of Fox Queen's power was being used in dampening the chain's restrictions on her. Even so, the Demon Bug King Bai Sema could not withstand a small amount of her total power. If she was to repeat that same action a few more times, she was sure to break it.

"A deified elite sure is scary. Just a little amount of power is able to beat any sort of creature." Han Sen was thinking about how he might escape this extremely difficult situation he had found himself in.

Fox Queen was not surprised Han Sen had been able to block her first strike. She thought he was General Ghost Bone, and so that was why she was not surprised he had managed to deflect the hit.

The substance chain she slashed did not relent. It was like a chain that snared the Demon Bug King Bai Sema, and it tightened and tried to throttle it.

Han Sen saw that the Bai Sema was flickering. A lot of its gold dust was being scraped away by the tightening noose. He frowned.

"Fox Queen, when I first came here, do you remember the first thing I said?" Han Sen was talking with Fox Queen while he was still inside the Bai Sema.

"Ghost Bone, save it! This is the day you die," Fox Queen coldly said.

Han Sen quickly thought for a moment, and then said, "What about the things we spoke about during our time in White Bone Big Hell? Ghost Bone could not have heard that, surely! You said my name of San Mu is bad! You said one wood was boring enough, and the fact that I have three wood makes me super boring."

Fox Queen was shocked. She frowned and looked at Han Sen, and it seemed as if she was starting to believe his claims.

"General Ghost Bone's will was destroyed by me. I was afraid you might want to enact revenge on me, and so that is why I initially maintained the disguise and pretended to be him. I am really not Ghost Bone," Han Sen said.

Fox Queen gazed at Han Sen for a while, and she then asked, "What was the xenogeneic you saw inside White Bone Big Hell?"

Han Sen immediately described the face of the xenogeneic. After Fox Queen heard what he said, she believed him even more.

Fox Queen hesitated for a moment, and then she asked Han Sen, "When you were brought here by Little Black, I did not talk to you. What did I say?"

"You did talk to me." Han Sen thought, and then he said to her, "Come..."

Fox Queen, when hearing Han Sen, looked to be startled. The substance chain on the Bai Sema started to fade. Her eyes opened wide, and with a look of disbelief, she looked at Han Sen. "You really are San Mu?"

"I really am San Mu. I am not Ghost Bone. How can I make you believe me?" Han Sen felt as if he was going to cry. He should not have tried to disguise himself as General Ghost Bone. He should have been honest with her.

"The way you think and speak is different, but Ghost Bone is evil..." Fox Queen was still a little hesitant to believe him. She did not believe Han Sen could overcome and destroy the will of General Ghost Bone.

General Ghost Bone was of the top ten generals of Sacred. Her and General Ghost Bone were deified, but not even she could come close to defeating General Ghost Bone. Han Sen was merely a Duke.

"I really am San Mu." Han Sen felt bad. He did not know of a surefire way in which he could prove his identity to her.

"How did you destroy General Ghost Bone's will," Fox Queen looked at Han Sen and asked the question.

Han Sen answered, "I am talented. My willpower exceeds the willpower of deified elites. For General Ghost Bone to invade my will with his own was nothing more than a death wish I could grant."

Fox Queen still did not believe it, and she looked at Han Sen. She knew General Ghost Bone well, and he really did not sound like him while speaking.

Han Sen thought and said, "Even if General Ghost Bone overtook my body, he would not have access to my memories."

"It is possible. Consuming one's will and taking over their memories is not a difficult task for Ghost Bone," Fox Queen said.

Han Sen stayed quiet. He could not explain this.

Fox Queen suddenly smiled. "It is easy to prove if you're Ghost Bone. Follow me to White Bone Big Hell and we will see."

"Why?" Han Sen asked.

Fox Queen smiled. "The xenogeneic in White Bone Big Hell is the product of a mistake on Ghost Bone's part. Ghost Bone did not know what was going on outside, and when he returned, it was only as a Ghost Bone Mask. He never entered White Bone Big Hell again, and so he does not know there is a xenogeneic inside. And that xenogeneic was approved to be there by White Bone Big Hell. Ghost Bone used to be the boss in White Bone Big Hell, so, if you are Ghost Bone and you go to White Bone Big Hell, the xenogeneic will sense your presence. It will fight you. White Bone Big Hell cannot have two leaders."

"I can try," Han Sen said.

Fox Queen did not say much, and so she simply walked to the other side of the main hall. She used the key to open the hellish skeletal gate. Then, she brought Han Sen back to White Bone Big Hell.

Han Sen stood atop the peak of White Bone Big Hell, and he did not feel anything special.

Han Sen had been worried this his Ghost Bone power would trigger White Bone Big Hell. Fortunately, nothing of the sort happened.

Fox Queen kept staring at Han Sen, ready to kill him at a moment's notice. But when Han Sen entered, White Bone Big hell did not have any reaction. The xenogeneic did not come looking for Han Sen, and so this surprised her a good deal.

"You really are San Mu." Fox Queen started to properly believe Han Sen now.

"Sis, I really am San Mu." Han Sen presented her with a wry smile.

Fox Queen brushed her hair and looked at Han Sen queerly. "Ghost Bone would never believe he'd have been killed by a Duke."

Hearing her say that, Han Sen breathed a big sigh of relief. It seemed as if Fox Queen well and truly believed him.

"Fox Queen, Ghost Bone is dead. You and I have no grudge with each other, so there is no need for a fight. How about we search for a way in which we might be able to leave here? That way, you can go back to exploring the world," Han Sen said, while looking at Fox Queen.

Fox Queen sighed. "If I could break the lock, I would already be out. Why else would I be guarding here?"

"You cannot leave this place alone. Maybe there will be the way with both of us. Tell me about the lock, and maybe I will have a way to break it." Han Sen wanted to keep Fox Queen, and he wanted to find out if there was a way to leave that place.

That past month, Han Sen had spent time examining the restrictions and boundaries put upon the palace. He used his Purple-Eye Butterfly to see things, but he did not find a way in which to break the restrictions.

Now, things were different. Ghost Bone had used the rest of his power to give him a Ghost Bone body. Han Sen could now break the restrictions, he wagered.

### **Chapter 2253 The Hope to Break What Binds**

Ghost Bone's will had been destroyed by the black crystal armor. The Ghost Bone power was now left inside Han Sen's body, and although Han Sen could not make much use of it, his power was the same as that restrictive power. That provided him a new possibility.

Han Sen needed to find a way in which he could break the restrictions, and by doing so, perhaps be able to escape that place.

But with Fox Queen there, she would not allow him to go and try various methods willy-nilly. If it came to a fight, Han Sen would not be able to defeat her. So, he had to find a way in which he could pretend to be nice and then break the restrictions.

“These trappings are something that not even I am able to break. What makes you think you can do it?” Fox Queen rolled her eyes at Han Sen. “But it is good that you can stay here. At least there will be someone here that can talk to me, and possibly prevent boredom settling in again.”

“That sounds good. But no matter how pretty you are, it’ll be boring after a while. I don’t have the mood or want to stay with you explicitly,” Han Sen thought to himself.

“Um... you cannot say that. Ghost Bone changed my body to a Ghost Bone body. But I can still make use of a Ghost Bone power. I think the restrictions that trap this place are associated with the Ghost Bone powers. It would not be impossible to break,” Han Sen said.

Fox Queen looked rather bored now. “The restrictions here aren’t solely of Ghost Bone powers. Even if Ghost Bone was reborn, he would not be able to unlock them because he wasn’t deified. That is especially true of you. Just stay with me here, and things will be fine.”

After that, Fox Queen returned to the palace. Han Sen followed her back to the palace, too.

It looked like the Fox Queen was not putting much stock in the prospect of escaping, and neither was she in much of a mood to talk about it. Han Sen could only examine and analyze the restrictions of the palace alone.

Han Sen was not going to look at Fox Queen’s restrictions just yet. Right now, he was examining the restrictions in the walls. If he was able to break them, Little Star could take him out of there.

Using Dongxuan Aura to observe the restrictions in the wall, he noticed they were perfect. The substance chains were bound tight, and they had a strange formation. Even if he was to use Super Spank, Han Sen’s power would not be sufficient enough to break the chains.

If that was in the past, Han Sen would have no possible way of doing this.

But now he had a Ghost Bone body. And on top of that, he had the Ghost Bone power of a deified being. It was not impossible.

If Fox Queen was able to break one of the lines and let him slip through before, Han Sen thought he could make a way out himself.

Han Sen used the Purple-Eye Butterfly to check out the entire palace. He was trying to see how the palace was built and in what manner.

The restrictions were not added separately. They were wound and built into the core of the construct itself. The stone of the palace was a part of the restrictions. Even Fox Queen herself was a part of that

restriction. Unless the whole palace's restriction was wiped out, Fox Queen would never be able to leave. He wanted to break the palace's entire restriction, but by doing so, he would be challenging Fox Queen's own power. That was why she was not hoping to escape.

General Ghost Bone was smart. He himself came up with the palace's design, and then went ahead to build it.

"The restrictions here are quite amazing, but it was all made through the Ghost Bone Technique. Now that I have a Ghost Bone body, if I can identify a flaw in the construct I might be able to escape, even if destroying the entire trappings will be difficult." Han Sen continued his analysis of the palace.

Suddenly, Han Sen's heart jumped. In that palace that was full of restrictions, he did indeed manage to find a very small flaw.

That should not have even been called a flaw. It was just a loose substance, but to Han Sen it was a veritable hope.

Where Han Sen found it was near the fish statue near the pond. That was where he first entered the place from.

"If I have guessed correctly here, there is a flaw. And that is because Fox Queen kept using her power to force that precise spot open so the little beast can go in and out in the effort to lure other creatures here. Although Fox Queen's power was unable to break the restriction entirely, after a long period of getting ripped a bit, the substance chain there loosened." Now, Han Sen had a way in which he could escape.

On Planet Ice Blue, a group of people were hiking deep into the mountains. If Han Sen saw this, he would be quite surprised. And that was because all of Ice Blue Base's big characters were there.

Mister White, Crime, Ice Blue Knights, a few King class Ice Blue Knights, Inspector Edward, and others. That team was the backbone of the Ice Blue Knights.

"Mister White, with the amazing powers you have, not even you are able to deduce where Han Sen might have gotten to?" The Ice Blue Knight next to Edward coldly said.

"Mister White would not lie," Crime madly responded.

Mister White waved his hand to stop Crime from speaking any further. He coldly said, "My powers would not lead me astray, and all I can do is guess where he is right now. The only possibility of me not learning where he is, is because some strong power prevents me. All I can suggest, is that we prepare to fight. And in that case, I suspect a big fight will ensue when we do find him."

"We will listen to all you tell us," Ice Blue Knight King quietly said.

Edward stopped the Ice Blue Knight from talking. They followed Mister White and continued their onwards march.

The group of people were far in the mountains. Mister White kept leading them all, all the while calculating something.



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“Why do you keep walking around and around? Come and talk to me.” Fox Queen was staring at Han Sen while she lay down on a jade bed speaking to him.

“I am looking for a way in which we can break the restrictions binding this place, so that we can leave.” Han Sen knew he would not be able to hide it from her, and so he told her straight.

Fox Queen, when hearing him, did not believe Han Sen could break the restrictions there.

“A night of fun is priceless. Stop wasting time and show some care to the people around you.” Fox Queen’s voice was layered in seduction, and she was like an enticing devil.

“Do the rest of the Ghost Bone Masks have half-deified powers?” Han Sen looked at the Ghost Bone Masks in the side hall.

Fox Queen smiled. “Of course not. This is just where General Ghost Bone used to live. When he was here, they did have power. But now that his power inside your body, those masks are useless now.”

Han Sen had thought of a way in which he could leave, but he was still too weak. He could not punch through the restriction that had loosened, and so, he had to find a different way to accomplish that.

Han Sen grabbed a mask, and indeed, there was no power. It was, however, very sturdy.

“Can you open White Bone Big Hell for me to have a look?” Han Sen asked.

Since the Ghost Bone Masks were useless, Han Sen turned his mind to the blood kirin. If he was able to enlist its help, it would be far easier for them to leave.

“Why would you want to go in there?” Fox Queen asked Han Sen.

“I want to see if I can tame it. If I gain its power, I might be able to break the trappings.” Han Sen was honest, as that was exactly what he was thinking.

“Ah, okay. That is good thinking. Alright, you go do that.” Fox Queen threw the black bone key that hung around her neck at Han Sen.

## Chapter 2254 Breakthrough

Han Sen was a Duke and he wanted to tame that blood kirin. Fox Queen thought that was a ridiculous notion.

The blood kirin was as exemplary as a King could be. It might not lose a fight against a half-deified being, even. And on top of that, it was the fostered son of White Bone Big Hell. That was its home turf, and that could see it buffed by belonging there.

It was lucky that Han Sen was able to make use of that shield of his to stay alive, but Fox Queen thought it was an absolute joke that he wanted to try and tame the blood kirin.

But since she had nothing else to do, it might have at least helped to stave off boredom for a little while.

After Han Sen entered White Bone Big Hell again, he headed for the lotus-like mountaintop. If he did not have what it took to tame the blood kirin, he'd instead resort to practicing Blood-Pulse Sutra, and at least bring it up to the rank of Duke. Then, he could use Jadeskin and Super Spank in the hopes that would be enough to break that chunk of the palace's trappings.

Fox Queen was standing in front of the hellish skeletal gate. She was watching Han Sen's movement. Han Sen had a Ghost Bone body, and in the blood kirin's eye, that made him a perfect bevy of nutrients. Something interesting was sure to happen if the blood kirin sensed his coming.

Just like Fox Queen thought, Han Sen was fifty miles away from the lotus peak when a roar sounded from his destination.

A moment later, the blood kirin came down from the lotus mountaintop with its red cloud. Its bloody eyes were staring right at Han Sen. Then, the creature leapt towards him with the sounding of a strange cry.

Han Sen saw a red gust coming towards him like a bolt of lightning. That scary power came right before him, and he could not teleport. So, he summoned the gold Demon Bug King Bai Sema.

Katcha!

The blood kirin's talons were carrying a red light, and they came down on the gold Demon Bug King Bai Sema. It left a few hefty scratch marks on its surface. It almost broke the Bai Sema completely, which gave Han Sen a bit of a shock.

Without saying a word, Han Sen turned around and ran. The blood kirin was stronger than Han Sen had believed it to be. Although it was King class, it was there in White Bone Big Hell. It was likely most half-deified beings would be unable to defeat it.

Fox Queen watched Han Sen making use of his gold shield in his hasty retreat. She laughed. "So, you still want to try and tame it, do you?"

Han Sen saw that the blood kirin seemed to be afraid of Fox Queen, and thus, it quit its pursuit. He felt a great deal of relief. He put away the gold Demon Bug King Bai Sema and said, "Let me think of a better way."

Fox Queen laughed. She returned to the palace, while Han Sen sat in front of the hellish skeletal gate. He thought about how he might deal with the blood kirin.

That blood kirin was roaring at Han Sen from a great distance away. Its blood power was booming far and wide, while the crimson clouds grew deeper and darker in the skies. The downpour began to increase in volume.

Han Sen sat there in the blood rain. He stared at the blood kirin and frowned. He used Purple-Eye Butterflies four pupils for examination, and in his eyes, the four images started to spin.

The blood kirin was very much like Ghost Bone. They were both born in White Bone Big Hell, but the blood kirin was not one of the Bone. Its powers were completely different to those of General Ghost Bone.

The Bone and their blood powers were different. It was impossible to use General Ghost Bone's power to tame the beast, and if he tried to do that, it would end up consumed.

Han Sen could not think of a better way to accomplish that which he wished to. He sat on the peak and started to practice the Blood-Pulse Sutra. If he was unable to tame the blood kirin, then he would have to take that up to Duke in order to break the trappings of the palace.

Han Sen's body had so much deified Ghost Bone power still in it. Han Sen used Blood-Pulse Sutra to refine it slowly, so he could extend the practice of Blood-Pulse Sutra.

Deified powers were very thick. Just a little power would enable Han Sen to practice all day. It made the Blood-Pulse Sutra swiftly improve, as well. It made Han Sen believe that General Ghost Bone was almost a good person.

Fox Queen went to visit Han Sen a number of times in an attempt to seduce him, but Han Sen never said a word to her. It made her feel as bored as ever, and her visits reduced in frequency.

Fox Queen liked it when people were clean. A place like White Bone Big Hell was not somewhere she was fond of.

Han Sen was sitting atop the peak practicing Blood-Pulse Sutra. Whenever that blood kirin came out to absorb the blood bone air, it would roar at Han Sen. But it was also scared of something. It would never attempt to go near the hellish skeletal gate. Again, it would just roar at Han Sen and that was it.

After a long amount of time went by, the blood kirin would occasionally take to coming a bit closer to watch. It had at the very least stopped roaring at Han Sen.

With the deified power's help, the Blood-Pulse Sutra's growth came quickly. When Han Sen studied the Blood-Pulse Sutra, the Blood-Pulse power was all over him. The blood would start to melt like the sea, and the Ghost Bone body would even have a layer of "bloodlight.

"I wonder what element it is, when Blood-Pulse Sutra becomes Duke. It cannot be an element to make babies." Han Sen thought about the Blood-Pulse Sutra's possible element and he felt strangely.

He thought Blood-Pulse Sutra's element would be more suitable for a woman. A big man should not have been learning a technique that was designed for making babies. That made no sense.

But the Blood-Pulse Sutra did have many benefits. It always made Han Sen want to stay and not give up.

After almost a month went by, Han Sen had already managed to absorb five percent of the Ghost Bone power. And it was around that time when Han Sen's Blood-Pulse Sutra started to break through to the Duke class.

"I hope when Blood-Pulse Sutra reached Duke class it will have an element in which I can fight with," Han Sen thought to himself.

Han Sen ran the Blood-Pulse Sutra again, and then, a red air appeared everywhere. It made Han Sen's cheeks look very rosy in color. That red color eventually covered him all, and had him looked like a red statue.

That blood kirin somehow inched its way atop the peak. It stared at Han Sen practicing the Blood-Pulse Sutra, and the look inside its bloody eyes was a very strange one.

The blood kirin usually appeared after the rainy blood had subsided, but the blood rain had not begun right now. It was not yet active. And with it there, staring at Han Sen, it was difficult to determine what it wanted.

Han Sen had not noticed, and this was his most important moment in breaking through with the Blood-Pulse Sutra. He did not have the time to concern himself with something else.

The blood kirin was scared of Fox Queen, and that is why it did not wish to get close to the hellish skeletal gate. But today, it was behaving differently. It may have still been a little hesitant to, but it walked around the peak while staring at the blood-air-looking Han Sen. It gritted its teeth and then walked towards the mountain where the hellish skeletal gate was.

The blood kirin used to be cruel, but now, it was approaching the white bone as if it was sneaking. It headed towards the peak, without the intent of alerting Han Sen.

Han Sen's body became a blood crystal. It was the important moment now, which would see him become a Duke. The Ghost Bone power kept getting refined, and it was turning into a strong blood power. It made his body's blood power get stronger. It was like an endless tsunami striking the end.

### **Chapter 2255 Blood-Pulse Level Up**

Although he was leveling up, the blood kirin was still being very careful in its approach. Even so, Han Sen was able to detect its coming. Consequentially, Han Sen looked cold. He wondered whether or not he should summon the Demon Bug King Bai Sema and holler for Fox Queen.

The reason for Han Sen leveling up there, instead of the palace, was because he did not actually want Fox Queen to see him ascend in rank.

He did not think the blood kirin would dare get so close, due to the current time not being the usual time it would emerge from the lotus mountaintop. So right now, it was likely not a dangerous time.

But the blood kirin had indeed emerged, and it had bravely made the climb there.

Observing it be all sneaky, though, Han Sen chose not to do anything. He remained still in his inspection of it.

The blood kirin was being more careful the closer to the peak it got. It looked terrified.

When it was only a few hundred meters away, the blood kirin took cover behind a rock. It peeked at Han Sen, but it did not come any closer.

Han Sen kept up the process of leveling up to Duke, all the while watching that blood kirin. If it did something, he really would have to call for Fox Queen and make use of his Demon Bug King Bai Sema.

But all the blood kirin did was watch. It kept looking Han Sen's way, but it did not approach.

Han Sen believed it was too afraid, and so, he kept his focus on the leveling up process.

The blood inside him was boiling and his heart thumped like thunder. It was like a machine. His heartbeat was throbbing like a drum.

When the heart pumped, it made the blood inside him spin. The temperature of his blood rose.

Seeing it reach a critical point, Han Sen did not have the time to watch the blood kirin. So, he summoned his Demon Bug King Bai Sema to commit to the final push.

Han Sen was like a bloodman. The blood seeped out of his skin, spreading all over. It hardened to create layers of blood crystals.

That was not because something awry had happened with Han Sen's leveling up process. The blood that was coming out was like the skin of a snake. It was him releasing his old blood, to be replaced by a newer blood that possessed a strange power. When the blood was exchanged, that power inside him increased.

The body was wrapped up in that old blood, and it made Han Sen look like a bloodstone. He sat where he was, unmoving. His body was drowning in an ecstatic feeling.

Leveling up his Blood-Pulse Sutra to the rank of Duke was a smooth and prolonged process. It was not a sudden change. The blood, from being Marquise, became Duke. And eventually, the leveling up process was over. And Han Sen was now Duke again.

Han Sen came out from an empty mind. His face felt wet. He opened his eyes and he was shocked. He saw a red tongue lick his face. The blood kirin was there.

"How did it come inside... the Demon Bug King Bai Sema did not work..." Han Sen was shocked, and so he stumbled back. But that kirin followed him. It remained next to him, as Han Sen's speed was slower than it.

The blood kirin did not release any power, though. Again, it just licked Han Sen with its tongue. Han Sen was terrified, and he realized the blood kirin was licking his old blood.

Han Sen stood where he was, afraid of inciting the blood kirin's wrath. It was so close, and if it was made angry, then Han Sen would have no chance of escaping. He would have to make use of his super god spirit mode.

Luckily, the kirin did not have ire. It only wished to lick Han Sen. It licked away the old blood that was around his body, and it looked as if it was enjoying it. It was as if it was eating an ice cream.

"This guy likes blood. It's not going to finish drinking my old blood and then develop a hankering for my new blood, is it?" Han Sen thought to himself, as he eyed the Demon Bug King Bai Sema.

The Demon Bug King Bai Sema was not broken, but Han Sen expected that. If the Demon Bug King Bai Sema had been attacked, Han Sen would have noticed. It would not have just allowed the blood kirin to rush right in.

Now, the Demon Bug King Bai Sema was in perfect condition, and yet, the blood kirin was inside it. That confused Han Sen.

Ever since Han Sen possessed the Demon Bug King Bai Sema, he had never before encountered an opposing power that could breach the item's shield without actually breaking through. Not even Little Star's Starsea Travel could work against it.

While Han Sen was thinking about this, the blood kirin finished licking up all his old blood. It then stared at Han Sen while it licked its lips.

"Eating all my old blood, and then wanting some fresh blood, too, huh?" Han Sen gathered his strength and readied himself for a fight.

But all the blood kirin did was look at him. Eventually, it turned around and returned to the lotus mountain.

Han Sen froze and thought to himself, "What is wrong with that guy?"

After the blood rain was gone, Han Sen did not see the blood kirin appear again. That made Han Sen think it to be very strange. It was no longer absorbing blood and bone airts.

"Did my old blood fill it up?" Han Sen wondered.

Over the next few days, Han Sen did not see the blood kirin again. But he did not care much for its absence.

Even with the Blood-Pulse Sutra becoming Duke, Han Sen did not think he would be able to defeat the blood kirin in combat whilst in White Bone Big Hell. And Han Sen had yet to figure out how the blood kirin had managed to get through his Demon Bug King Bai Sema.

After Han Sen investigated the Duke class Blood-Pulse Sutra, he wanted to learn what element it was associated with. And he wanted to know if his dual-element ability could bypass its restrictions.

After opening the Blood-Pulse Sutra's element, Han Sen's fitness was greatly increased. It was not as effective as Jadeskin, but it was not all bad.

Aside from that, there was nothing else special about it. And that factoid depressed Han Sen a little. He felt that the Blood-Pulse Sutra possessed a strange power, but he could not make use of it because he did not know how to make use of it.

It was like a human's organ. Humans now knew where they were and what they did, but before technology had been developed, they did not know what they did.

"This power will not only be available for the children, will it?" Han Sen felt depressed, and so he decided to ask the members of Blood Legion and learn more about what Blood-Pulse Sutra. It would be a waste to reserve it only for the act of making babies.

Jadeskin and Blood-Pulse Sutra's two elements were both quite strong. Han Sen calculated he had a chance to break the restrictions.

But to ensure it would work, Han Sen decided to help Little Angel become Duke first. With Little Angel's power, it should go swimmingly.

Han Sen's body was imbued with a lot of Ghost Bone power, and if he was to give some to Little Angel, it would be far easier for her to become Duke. But while Han Sen was in the midst of doing that, he realized Little Angel went against the Ghost Bone power. She was unable to absorb it.

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Han Sen had just remembered that Little Angel was associated with a holy element. Ghost Bone powers seemed to be afraid of light or something like that, as those two powers did not connect. There was nothing too unusual about Little Angel being unable to absorb that stuff.

"In that case, there is only one thing to try. Dongxuan Sutra and The Story of Genes are difficult to level up, and even with the Ghost Bone powers here, bringing them up to Duke won't be something that can be achieved in a short amount of time.

Han Sen was thinking about how he might be able to break the trappings of the palace and get out. It was then that the blood kirin came running out the mountain.

Han Sen did not realize it, at first, as it always used to keep running out. It was something that Han Sen had gotten used to. But now that he took a look, he was given a shock.

That blood kirin's body was demonstrating some new changes this time. It was the size of a bull previously, but it was smaller now. Now it was the size of an adult lion.

Its scales were like jade. Its colors that were previously dark red were now bright red. The horns on its head were also transparent now, too.

As Han Sen was looking at the blood kirin, he thought something about the guy had changed. He couldn't tell what had changed, though.

Amidst Han Sen's confusion, that blood kirin came running to the foothills of that mountain. It looked up at Han Sen, and in its mouth, it was holding something.

Han Sen looked closer, and he noticed it was a red vine. The vine was holding a fruit on it. It was similar to a pear and it was around the size of a fist. The body of the fruit was red, but you could see its core in its center.

The blood kirin tossed the vine and shouted at Han Sen. It used its legs to nudge the vine towards Han Sen. What it was doing was obvious.

Han Sen was shocked, and so he thought, "Is this guy feeling grateful about being allowed to drink my blood? Is he giving me this pear as some form of payment?"

Seeing Han Sen not make a move, the blood kirin shouted at Han Sen again. And once more, it pushed the vine forward. Then, it took a step back and shouted at Han Sen. It was as if it was telling Han Sen that there was no need for him to be afraid.

Han Sen was not afraid. He walked down the mountain and picked up the vine.

The blood kirin, when he saw him pick up the vine, turned around and ran back towards the lotus mountain.

Han Sen could feel the blood pear possess a strong lifeforce. It was certainly not something common, but his body had a lot of Ghost Bone power inside it already. It would be a waste to consume more nutrients before the former had been refined.

Han Sen let Bao'er out, and he decided to give her the pear. Bao'er looked very happy receiving it, and she picked the pear off of the vine.

But strangely, when the pear left the vine, the blood vine became blood. It just vaporized.

Seeing Bao'er bite into the pear, the juice went everywhere. The sweetness that permeated the air smelled so good. And that lifeforce was bursting out everywhere.

"I do not know what kind of fruit that is. Pears should grow on a tree, but that was growing on a vine. It should be a different species," Han Sen thought to himself.

Bao'er ate the pear, but there were no changes to her. She was still the same as usual. When she grew to her form of around a five or a six year old child, her growth had come to a standstill. She had not continued to grow.

That made Han Sen wonder whether or not Bao'er would require an extra gourd if she was to grow up further.



Han Sen returned Bao'er to Destiny's Tower, even though she was not fond of the place.

Han Sen returned to the palace. He wanted to investigate the weakness of the trappings, and gauge whether or not he was strong enough to break it yet.

If what he tried did not work, then Fox Queen would grow suspicious. That would mean he would be unable to escape there.

"I do not know what you men think of all day long. Is practicing more fun than playing with a pretty woman?" Fox Queen's body was spread out across the jade bed. Her eyes were staring at Han Sen in a seductive manner.

The entire time he had been there, Fox Queen had used all manners of tricks to try and seduce Han Sen. It was fun, but Han Sen never acted on anything. That just annoyed her.

She was a deified fox. She had a talent when it came to luring others, and countless amounts of deified men had been forced to kneel beneath her skirt. Han Sen did not do anything with her, though, and that was something of an insult.

So, Fox Queen used all her skill to deliberately seduce Han Sen. But even so, nothing she tried worked. That surprised Fox Queen.

If a deified man would manage to not fall for her charms, then that was okay and rather expected. But Han Sen was only a Duke. It was very surprising that he did not do anything, and it altered her perception of him.

"It is no wonder he was able to destroy Ghost Bone's will. He is remarkably talented. His will must be as strong as a deified elite for sure." Fox Queen started to admire Han Sen.

But that did not mean she would stop trying to seduce Han Sen. Being imprisoned for so long was a very boring and lonely thing. She had just found a toy to play with, so she was not going to give it up so easily.

Fox Queen was not someone who did not have any patience. So, she had been watching Han Sen with the determination to find out what sort of woman Han Sen liked.

But sadly, what made Fox Queen so upset was that Han Sen was not a picky man. Fox Queen tried to approach Han Sen with every type of woman, and she was easily seen through. Han Sen admired her, but it was a different type of admiration.

That is what made Fox Queen feel so strange. With her experience, she knew those type of men were the easiest to seduce. But Han Sen could withstand her seductive ways and it was rather confusing.

Fox Queen was not going to give up, though. And that was mainly due to the fact it was so boring otherwise. And she wanted her deified pride back. So, Fox Queen prepared Han Sen a large meal.

Han Sen looked around and saw the mouth of the fish statue, where the water was coming out from. That seemed to be the most likely way of exiting. If Han Sen did not look at there, Fox Queen would not have grown suspicious.

Han Sen kept looking, though, and he said, "Have you not heard of that old saying?"

“What old saying?” Fox Queen toned her voice with a sultry drawl.

“Life is precious, and love is even more valuable. If we died for freedom, both of them would be lost. Now that I do not have freedom, how can I think of anything else?” Han Sen sighed.

“You are such a wood. Have you not heard of the saying, ‘Life is short’, and so you should have as much fun as you can?” Fox Queen spoke with a lustful voice.

“I have...” Han Sen looked at Fox Queen, but the look he saw froze him. Fox Queen’s big, black and white eyes were extremely attractive. It looked as if there was a power inside them. They made Han Sen lose his focus, and he suddenly found himself attracted to her via the eyes.

## **Chapter 2257 Stunning Soul-Taking Eye**

The Stunning Soul-Taking Eye was the highest-class geno art that the Foxes possessed, and learning the skill required the talents of a Fox’s eyes.

A thousand different people could be polled on a single subject, and they would most likely give a thousand different responses. Everyone’s interests, opinions, and desires were unique. So, it was all very possible for certain people to fall in love with people that others would deem to be ugly. For both men and women, love-at-first-sight was a very important concept.

When a Fox made use of the Stunning Soul-Taking Eye, it would allow the Fox to capture the desires of their target. They would look perfect in the eyes of their prey, like a dream come true.

So, no matter what Fox Queen did, her target would believe her to be absolutely perfect. Every movement was soul-snaring, too alluring to be denied or escaped from.

The amazing thing was that the skill wouldn’t deprive the target of their will. The target simply became captivated by the woman they saw. It was the woman of the target’s dreams, after all.

Han Sen stared at Fox Queen in surprise. Today, Fox Queen was looking exceptionally beautiful. But at the same time, she looked the same as she always did. Her eyes had just become intoxicating, and her beauty was making it difficult to breathe.

“Today, you look remarkably special.” As Han Sen looked at Fox Queen, his expression softened.

“What would you say is remarkably special?” Fox Queen smiled.

Han Sen smiled back, his cheeks coloring slightly as he did so. His eyes brightened.

“Very beautiful,” Han Sen managed to say, after a moment of thought. He couldn’t think of an adequate way to describe the beauty of Fox Queen right now, and so that was all he could fumble out.

“Was I not beautiful prior to this?” Fox Queen spoke evilly.

“You were always pretty, but today you look extra beautiful. There is something different...” As Han Sen spoke, he looked very nervous.

It was like he had been thrust back to his days of first love. The first time he spoke to the girl he had a crush on. It was a feeling that made his heart pound. It was so strong, like his heart was actually trying to leap out of his chest.

“Do you like how I look right now?” Fox Queen asked, as she stared right at Han Sen.

“I like it.” Han Sen gulped.

“Then why are you still standing there?” Fox Queen turned her body to lay on her side, and as she did, she loosened her robe. She revealed her soft shoulders and delicate legs.

“I... I...” Han Sen’s face was extremely red. He didn’t know where to place his eyes or his hands.

Fox Queen took deep, satisfied breaths, and she thought to herself, “No matter how strong your will is, beneath my Stunning Soul-Taking Eye, you won’t even be able to resist the temptation to suck my toes.”

Han Sen seemed as shy as a nervous virgin, and Fox Queen stood up and walked before him. She raised his hands and brought them up to brush the soft skin of her face. She rubbed her face against Han Sen’s hands, and stared at the man lasciviously.

Although Fox Queen did not say anything out loud, her eyes spoke on her behalf.

If Han Sen’s face got any redder, it was going to start bleeding. He mustered the courage to hold her stunning face with two hands. He nibbled his lips. It looked as if he greatly desired to kiss her, but he did not dare to.

Fox Queen closed her eyes and raised her pretty face, like a princess waiting for her prince. That pretty face now seemed to suggest that Han Sen could do anything he wished to.

Feeling Han Sen’s deep breathing and hot body, Fox Queen felt as cocky as she did disappointed. She had beaten Han Sen so quickly, and the interest she had in him seemed to evaporate.

Fox Queen was thinking of new ways in which she could play with him when he fell fully under her spell. She wanted to see what ways she could make him suffer for her.

“Maybe I’ll tie him up when he loses control. That would be an interesting sight,” Fox Queen thought, but Han Sen’s lips were yet to come up to hers.

Pang!

Fox Queen heard a loud noise. And then, Han Sen’s presence just disappeared from right in front of her. She was so shocked that she had no idea what had just happened.

And then, she understood. She opened her eyes and peered at the fish statue. The bindings of the palace were weakened there, and Han Sen and Little Star had slipped right through that tiny gap.

“He ran... he ran... I can’t believe he actually ran...” Fox Queen stood where she was, completely frozen in place. She couldn’t believe Han Sen had actually fled.

Fox Queen hadn’t believed that Han Sen had even a tiny chance of breaking through the walls of the palace, and the way that Han Sen had shrugged off her Stunning Soul-Taking Eye was inconceivable.

When she realized what had just happened, her face darkened with fury. She had just been manipulated. A deified Fox had just been played by a Duke.

Fox Queen wanted to take her anger out on him, but she was unable to: Han Sen had already fled. Even swearing revenge would be utterly pointless, since she still had no way of escaping her cage.

Han Sen combined himself with Little Angel, and after summoning the powers of Jadeskin and the Blood-Pulse Sutra, he used Super Spank to strike the mouth of the fish.

The loosened restriction was widened more and more. He mounted Little Star and escaped the palace right through its mouth. He moved fast, and he didn’t dare to slow down.

It was his best chance to escape. Fox Queen believed him to be under her spell, so she couldn’t react in time to prevent him from leaving.

And just as Han Sen thought, it played out all too smoothly. He almost struggled to believe it had worked out so well.

“I left! It is great to have a beautiful woman with you, but I could not stay there forever.” Han Sen rode Little Star and traveled through the stone. He felt so happy that he started to sing songs. He thought to himself, “I am so talented. I could totally have become an actor. If I ever plan to make a movie, Little Li would have to work for an additional fifty years to become worthy of my film.”

Han Sen allowed Little Star to follow the metal pipe out. He would return to the underground cave system before thinking about what to do next.

Quickly, Little Star took Han Sen back to the underground river. Little Star deactivated its Starsea Travel ability, and its body regained its corporeal form. Han Sen continued to sit comfortably on its back as it swam toward the surface of the river.

Little Star brought Han Sen out of the underground river with a splash, and they floated along the surface.

Han Sen sighed. He looked around, and he froze.

Ice Blue Knight King, Crime, Mister White, Edward, and others were standing on the shore not too far away. Their mouths hung open as they stared at Han Sen, who was still dripping with water. They all looked at each other for three seconds.

It was very quiet, and there was only the sound of the river water to be heard. It was like time was standing still.

## Chapter 2258 Back to the Stone Hall

“Sh\*t! Why are they here?” Han Sen reacted immediately, directing Little Star to dive back into the dark river.

Before Little Star escaped beneath the dark waters, Han Sen felt a frightening wash of power come for him. Within one second, the river was vaporized into nothing.

Han Sen summoned his Demon Bug King Bai Sema to block that frightening attack, but the shield was damaged so much that it cracked. It was on the precipice of shattering completely.

Fortunately, Edward didn't really want to kill Han Sen until they knew if he was carrying the relic. If they killed him right where he was, and he didn't have the relic on him, there was a chance they'd never find it. If they had simply wanted him dead, then the Demon Bug King Bai Sema wouldn't have been able to survive their attack. It would have broken.

Even so, the Demon Bug King Bai Sema could no longer be used. So, Han Sen put it back in his Sea of Soul.

After Han Sen blocked the initial attack, Little Star ran into the stone to try to escape.

But that stone wasn't enough to stop Edward. A scary power enveloped him, and the rocks were torn asunder in a path that extended a thousand meters ahead. Crime ran forward as well, waving his fists.

Han Sen guided Little Star onto a different route. It looked like their pursuers had enough power to accomplish anything. The underground rocks were like bubbles to them. One punch could cleave a thousand-meter trench through the stone. Wherever Han Sen went, they could catch up with him quickly.

It was like they had placed a tracking device on Han Sen. Even though he and Little Star were keeping ahead of them, he could never truly shake their hot-heeled pursuit.

“Han Sen, this matter doesn't concern you! Give me the item, and you can be allowed to live,” Mister White said.

“The item is mine. Why do I have to give it to you?” Han Sen asked as he continued his flight. The stone plate was not theirs by any right, so Han Sen had no plans of returning it to them—not in the least.

“You don't have the option of keeping the item. If you want to live, you have to give it up. Do you want to live? Or do you want to die because of it?” Ice Blue Knight King said.

“I want to live, but I also want the item,” Han Sen said.

Because Edward wasn't willing to send a lethal strike after Han Sen, the rocks were still shielding him adequately. So, Han Sen could evade capture for the time being.

But he couldn't keep running like that forever. Han Sen gritted his teeth and let Little Star take him back to the palace.

Fox Queen was so angry. She was still grinding her teeth when she suddenly heard a loud noise. She turned to see Han Sen and Little Star bursting back out of the fish's mouth.

Han Sen looked at Fox Queen, who was just gazing back at him. He smiled awkwardly, “Pretty lady, I have been thinking... I miss you so much, I couldn't help but return.”

When Fox Queen saw him, a frown crossed her face. It was as if she was trying to hear something, but she eventually squinted and smiled back at Han Sen. “It looks like you have offended many people. They are already right outside the palace. And they are certainly quite strong.”

“Uh, those are not of any importance. You can feel free to ignore those guys. They cannot break through the restrictions of this place, anyway. Pretty lady, should we carry on with our kissing game?” Han Sen said with a cough.

“I don't want to play it now. I want to play something more exciting.” Fox Queen waved her hand, and invisible cords of power lashed around Han Sen and Little Star. She hung them from one of the high beams of the palace, upside-down.

Fox Queen gripped a whip and approached the hanging Han Sen and Little Star. She stroked Han Sen's cheek and smiled. “You gave me a big surprise earlier. How should I repay you?”

After that, Fox Queen raised her little whip. Han Sen hastily pled, “Don't do it, Pretty Lady! We should talk.”

“I only want to do this. I don't want to talk!” Fox Queen's pretty face looked cold.

She used to be so strong in the geno universe. She had been known as a powerful negotiator, and even negotiating with deified elites didn't put her at a disadvantage. She absolute hated Han Sen, and she now wanted to teach him a lesson more than ever.

As they spoke, Fox Queen raised the whip in her hands. She wanted to give him a deep lesson to vent some of her frustration.

“Pretty Lady! Let us strike a bargain. I will help you escape this place, and then there will be no reason for a grudge between us,” Han Sen quickly said.

Fox Queen was shocked. She would have rolled her eyes if Han Sen had made this offer before, but he had just proven his ability to escape the palace. Now, she was starting to believe him.

“Are you playing games with me again?” Fox Queen smiled, but her eyes looked frighteningly cold.

“If I lie to you, Big Sister, I will go straight down to hell,” Han Sen frantically swore.

Fox Queen smiled, and she brushed Han Sen's cheek and said, "Such a good brother, always happy to give me surprises. How could I possibly let you die?"

After that, Fox Queen's smile turned cruel. The whip in her hand straightened like a spike. And then, Fox Queen used it to stab.

The spiky whip pierced through Han Sen's pants, almost catching the family jewels as it went through. It slammed into the wall behind Han Sen, and the lower half of his body turned to ice.

"If you lie to me again, I am going to make a eunuch out of you." Fox Queen grunted coldly, then returned to the jade bed. She settled herself and looked at Han Sen. "Tell me, how are you going to help me escape?"

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"What is this place?" Edward looked at the wall in wonder.

They had chased Han Sen deeper and deeper into the planet, clearing away the rocks as they went. But once they reached that point, they were unable to break the stone anymore.

Even Ice Blue Knight King's power could only trigger small puffs of black air. The stone wall could not be damaged.

Edward began destroying all the stone that he could still break, and they quickly realized that it was an underground stone palace. Even their combined powers couldn't harm it.

"I believe that Han Sen is hiding inside this stone palace. That is why my power is unable to tell us where he is," Mister White said, as he stared at the stone palace.

"Mister White, is there a way we can gain access to the stone palace?" Edward asked politely.

"I'm not very good with things like this. You would have a better chance of breaking through than I would." Mister White shook his head.

"I don't know who constructed this stone palace, but even our own power isn't enough to break through its perimeter. One thing is for sure, though: whoever built it must have been a deified elite," Ice Blue Knight King said.

"Opening the palace with brute force is impossible. If we dig up the entire stone palace, we might be able to find an entrance, though," Edward quietly said.

They had no choice. If they were to find an entrance, they had to dig up the entire palace.

Han Sen had only come in and out of the palace via the waterway. He didn't know where the main entrance was, either.

## **Chapter 2259 The Secret of Sacred's Leader**

“General Ghost Bone was too devious. He integrated your body into the prison’s structure. If I fully broke down the walls of the palace, I would have to destroy your body as well. Breaking the restrictions would kill you.” Han Sen looked at Fox Queen seriously.

“Keep going.” Fox Queen, hearing Han Sen say this, believed him even more.

If her powers truly were woven into the palace, then they would have to be very careful as they attempted to escape. A single wrong move could have devastating consequences for her.

“Pretty Big Sister, can we talk more... freely?” Han Sen asked, nodding to the cords that bound him.

Fox Queen huffed and released the power binding Han Sen. He was a free man again.

Little Star was still hanging upside down with wide eyes. It looked like the creature was going to cry.

“Um, if Little Star did something wrong, I will correct him. Please let him go, Pretty Big Sister,” Han Sen quickly said.

Fox Queen rolled her eyes at Han Sen, but she still complied and brought Little Star down.

When Little Star was free, he ran behind Han Sen and refused to reveal himself. He was obviously scared of Fox Queen.

Han Sen sighed and went on to say, “Breaking out of here without injuring you will be difficult. Even a deified elite might not be able to break the restrictions without bringing you an ounce of harm.”

“Skip to the chase,” Fox Queen said in annoyance.

Han Sen smiled and said, “Fortunately, I am good with matters that require such skills. I’m confident that I can take you out of this place safely. But I am just a Duke, and I am weak. The entire process will be rather complicated, and it cannot be done in any short amount of time.”

When Fox Queen remained silent, Han Sen coughed and said, “But if you are willing to cooperate with me, I believe the process can be sped up.”

“What are you asking me to do?” Fox Queen gazed at Han Sen with absolute mistrust.

“You are a part of this prison, so you can control a smidgen of it, can’t you? We should start from the section you are able to control. We can use that weakness to pull you away from the core. If we succeed in separating you from the main structure, then even your power will be able to break the restrictions,” Han Sen said.

“Sure,” Fox Queen said.

“But there is one thing I need to ask you,” Han Sen added.



Fox Queen knew what he wanted, and so she told him directly, "If you can free me, I will help you get rid of those guys hounding you outside."

"Thank you so much, Sister." Han Sen looked happy, but he didn't actually have much confidence in the plan.

Han Sen had asked Fox Queen to continue stretching the loosened section of their prison to stall her. It also allowed Han Sen to understand the palace on a deeper level.

Han Sen gave Fox Queen a steady supply of work to keep her occupied, but taking her out of the prison really wouldn't be easy. He focused less on the efficacy of the plan, and more on keeping her distracted.

Now that Han Sen was temporarily safe, he thought about how he might escape. He was surrounded by terrifying enemies. If he was a King class elite, perhaps he could fight his way out. But for now, he could only hold on.

"The stone plate connects with the Sacred Leader's relic. Perhaps it will come in useful when I seek to rescue Littleflower. I can't let Edward get his hands on it." Han Sen made his mind up, deciding to go after the Sacred Leader's relic no matter what it took.

But right now, he couldn't get out. And he had no idea where the monument was supposed to be. It wouldn't be easy to claim the Sacred Leader's relic, that was for sure.

"Pretty Big Sister, why did Ghost Bone erect this palace here? Is there a reason why this place was chosen?" Han Sen was hoping to glean some information about where the holy monument might lay.

Fox Queen was General Ghost Bone's wife, so there was a chance she knew a thing or two.

Fox Queen shrugged. "I know he made a big mistake, and Sacred Leader sent him here to explore. I don't know anything else."

"That means you think there was some contention between them?" Han Sen could hear Fox Queen's concern behind her words.

Fox Queen had been locked away for so long, and her boredom had grown to immense proportions. She seemed to like having someone to talk to, so she went on to say, "General Ghost Bone looked murderous, but he was incredibly loyal to Sacred Leader. He was practically his right-hand man. How could he make a mistake that would force him to come to this sort of place? Something else must have been happening behind the scenes, but General Ghost Bone was a quiet man. He never really told me what he was doing here."

Han Sen couldn't tell if Fox Queen really was clueless or if she was just pretending to be. He thought for a moment, then said, "I found a place called Ghost Bone Town out in a desert. Is that where he lived?"

Fox Queen frowned. "After General Ghost Bone came to live here, he didn't build homes anywhere else. Why would there be a Ghost Bone Town? Tell me what the place looked like."

Han Sen told her about the town he had discovered, but he didn't say anything about how it was in disarray.

When Fox Queen heard Han Sen's description, the expression on her face morphed through a variety of emotions. After a while, she said, "I see... I see..."

"What are you thinking?" Han Sen asked.

Fox Queen smiled. "If I am guessing things correctly, the town you found was actually a haven for the Sacred Leader. Ghost Bone Town was just an outpost. No wonder he was there."

"What is that place?" Han Sen was so happy. He was finally getting to the meat of these mysteries.

Fox Queen considered his question. "You told me that Sacred was destroyed a long time ago, so talking about it shouldn't matter anymore. If the Sacred Leader was still around, I would not dare speak."

After a lengthy pause, she went on to say, "The Sacred Leader led the Sacred. He beat every being that came against him, and he almost became the king of the entire geno universe. But every creature has a lifespan, and that law even applied to someone as powerful as the Sacred Leader. No one is able to fight time, and death finds us all one day. That powerful man didn't want to die like everyone else, though. And so, he sought to live forever."

"In the pursuit of immortality, Sacred Leader conducted many tests. I know there were at least a hundred of them." Fox Queen seemed to be struggling to remember. "I was Ghost Bone's wife, and Ghost Bone was the Sacred Leader's most trusted right hand. I learned a bit about all this from Ghost Bone, and although I was told little, I could tell that the leader was ambitious. He sent people to the disaster on Planet Yuanli, the strange thing in Buried Dragon Valley, the holy spirits in the sanctuaries, and the demi-god's space. They were searching for the key to immortality all because of Sacred Leader."

"The holy spirits in the sanctuaries? What are those?" Han Sen's heart almost leaped out of his chest, but he forced himself to look merely curious.

"I don't know much of the details, as it's only something I heard Ghost Bone say. In Sacred, there is a strange xenogenic space they called the sanctuaries. The leader tried to research the undying spirits there," Fox Queen said after some thought.

"Spirits?" Han Sen thought, his heart trembling.

## **Chapter 2260 Haven**

"If the sanctuaries that Fox Queen mentioned are the sanctuaries that I came from, then the undying spirits she mentioned might be the spirits that I'm familiar with. Only the spirits in the sanctuaries are capable of living forever. If they are killed, they can always respawn at their spirit stone. As long as the spirit stone remains intact, they can live forever." Han Sen believed those spirits were the spirits that the Sacred Leader had researched.

When Han Sen considered this research, he thought of two distinct possibilities. One possibility was that the Sacred Leader was merely researching their means of living forever. The other was that the spirits were actually products of that research, created by the Sacred Leader himself.

Regardless of which explanation was true, the Sacred Leader's research ultimately failed. Otherwise, he would not have died.

Xie Qing King was one of the spirits that Han Sen had known longest. In the sanctuaries, he could never die.

Han Sen had once asked Xie Qing King about this, and he was told that when the spirit entered the Alliance's universe, he became disconnected from the spirit stone. Xie Qing King believed that if he died now, he could never come back.

Han Sen wanted to ask Fox Queen more about the sanctuaries, but that was all she knew. She had learned most of what she knew by overhearing General Ghost Bone's musings.

Han Sen regretted having killed General Ghost Bone so easily. If he had been able to speak further with the ancient elite, there was the chance that the man might have answered many of Han Sen's questions.

But the black crystal's power was beyond Han Sen's control. General Ghost Bone had acted rashly, and at the end of the day, Han Sen wasn't the one to blame.

They lapsed into silence for a while before Fox Queen said, "I would guess that the Ghost Bone Town you saw was the haven of the Sacred Leader. The place was probably named Ghost Bone Town to disguise its true purpose."

"What is a haven, exactly?" Han Sen had heard the term mentioned many times, but he was unclear about what it actually meant.

Fox Queen replied slowly, "The idea is a little complicated, as it can be used for many different situations. Simply put, the Sacred Leader found a way in which he might live forever. But he hadn't developed it enough to be usable. It was something that would require some time."

"But I didn't see anything special in that town except for a broken pool," Han Sen said.

Fox Queen smiled and said, "It was a secret project. Do you really think it would be so easy to find? The town was probably just some a facade or entranceway to the real haven. There might have been an item there that would allow you to access the haven. You might have to search the place more thoroughly."

"What Fox Queen said doesn't match up with what General Ghost Bone told me. He said that the holy monument lies someplace else," Han Sen thought. Then he asked, "But I saw General Ghost Bone's statue there, and it was merely guarding the gate. There was another statue inside. Was that the Sacred Leader?"

Han Sen described the human emperor statue once, and then he waited for Fox Queen's answer.

Fox Queen shook her head. "To be honest with you, I never saw the Sacred Leader. I'm afraid that not even all of the top ten generals were permitted to see what the Sacred Leader actually looked like."

"How is that possible?" Han Sen looked at Fox Queen in disbelief.

"It's not that strange, really. The Sacred Leader was always clad in armor that hid his face. No one even knew if the Sacred Leader was a man or a woman. All I know is that his shape wasn't too different from yours or mine. But that was just the shape that could be discerned through his armor, after all. With his strength, it wouldn't have been difficult for him to change his body or even reshape his genes," Fox Queen said.

There was little more that Fox Queen could tell him. Although she wanted to continue the conversation, she didn't actually know very much. She could only relay the offhand comments and casual references that she remembered from her time with General Ghost Bone.

Han Sen examined the chains that held Fox Queen. When he needed a break, he went to White Bone Hell to practice. He used The Story of Genes to refine the Ghost Bone power.

Han Sen put off practicing his Dongxuan Sutra for the moment, as The Story of Genes required non-native power, and that was what he currently had.

The blood kirin, when it noticed Han Sen's return, immediately emerged from the lotus mountain. It grabbed another one of those blood pears and came running over to Han Sen.

Han Sen tried to get closer to the blood kirin, as it didn't seem hostile at all. It made Han Sen feel rather joyful. "Maybe I really can tame this thing. If I had this King class fighter on my side, perhaps I could square-off against enemies like Edward."

Han Sen tried to touch the blood kirin, and when he did, the blood kirin didn't shy away. Still, it was a very withdrawn creature, and getting close to it was difficult.

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At the same time, Edward and the others finally found the door of the palace. They were unable to open it, however, so they were still stuck outside.

"Why is there a palace here? Did the Sacred Leader leave it behind?" asked a King class Ice Blue Knight.

"Look at the architecture of this place. I don't think it belonged to the Sacred Leader. If I'm not mistaken, this place's style is reminiscent of General Ghost Bone's handiwork," Mister White said.

"Regardless of who built this palace, we must find a way to get it open. We cannot go to the monument without the relic that Han Sen took." Edward looked at Mister White. "Mister White, you are very good when it comes to unraveling restrictions. Do you have a way to open the palace's gate?"

"This palace's walls are profoundly special. I have never encountered anything like this before. Breaking it might take a few decades, perhaps even a century!" Mister White exclaimed.

“That would take too long. Is there a faster way?” Ice Blue Knight King asked.

Mister White rubbed his chin in thought. “The best way to get inside would be to force open a small section of the construct. If we combine all our power, then that might work. But first, we will have to make some preparations. And for that, I will require everyone’s cooperation.”

“I will listen to whatever it is you have to tell us.” Edward and Ice Blue Knight King nodded.

“I need some things that aren’t currently available in the base, so I will have to go elsewhere to fetch them. It will probably take me about a month. In the meantime, I would like you guys to stay on guard here,” Mister White said.

Mister White then took Crime with him and left. Ice Blue Knight King and Edward remained close to the palace, in case Han Sen ducked out and tried to escape.

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As Han Sen spoke casually with Fox Queen, he kept his focus on the structure of the prison itself. Almost unexpectedly, he found a way in which he could save Fox Queen, too.

But Han Sen didn’t really want to save Fox Queen. It would only bring him harm. Who knew if she would wish to attack Han Sen the moment she got free?

The Shapeshifting Foxes weren’t the nicest of races, and she only spoke to Han Sen so much because she had been trapped there for so long and become profoundly bored. Who knew what she would do when she had her freedom?

Han Sen knew that the beautiful Shapeshifting Foxes had arranged the downfall of entire races. More than a few species had become extinct because of them. That was another reason why Han Sen didn’t want to talk to Fox Queen too much.