

1 Month To Doomsday But I Awakened Before That

Chapter 19: Meeting Another Awaken Human at the Gold Store

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Soon, Su Chen arrived at the largest gold store in the city.

[Shuangxing Gold Store]

Before entering the shop, Su Chen saw three people sneaking around the entrance. They were eyeing the place.

Su Chen glanced at them before entering the gold store.

The shop was decorated with exquisite lanterns and there were many people.

‘Looks like business is booming.’

A number of customers were choosing jewelry at the counter. Most of them were in pairs or small groups.

Every salesperson was busy attending to the customers.

The display on the wall showed the buying and selling prices for gold.

“Selling: 456 dollar/gram”

“Buying: 356 dollar/gram”

Su Chen could not help but sigh.

How unfortunate!

This was how businesses worked.

Something would be purchased at a low price and then be resold at a higher price.

The difference in price would be the profit!

Su Chen walked through the crowd to the counter at the back.

A saleswoman had just finished attending to a customer.

“May I exchange gold bars for cash?” asked Su Chen.

The saleswoman tidied up some jewelry before looking at Su Chen.

She sized him up and said in an unpleasant tone, “Sure, but the amount can’t be too little. Otherwise, you can just exit this shop, turn left, and cross the street. You’ll find a smaller gold store there. They’ll accept a gram or two. We’re such a big shop that we do not have time to entertain such small businesses.”

Then, the saleswoman snorted arrogantly.

Su Chen could not help but laugh.

Why was he so unpopular?

In his opinion, he was a handsome and muscular man.

He looked at the clothes he was wearing. They might not be branded, but they were clean.

‘So this is how a salesperson judges their customers.’

Su Chen smirked and said to the saleswoman scornfully, “I have about 300,000 dollars worth of gold. Get ready.”

Once she heard this, the saleswoman’s expression changed.

She immediately smiled and led Su Chen to the VIP lounge.

Then, she poured him a cup of tea and prepared some snacks.

“I want to exchange these two gold bars for cash as soon as possible.”

As Su Chen spoke, he took out the two gold bars and placed them on the coffee table in front of him.

The saleswoman looked at the gold bars. Her eyes lit up and she laughed as a way to cope.

“Of course. Sir, please wait for a moment. I will handle this matter for you right away.”

After saying that, the saleswoman picked up the gold bars and went to the warehouse behind to weigh them.

Before she left, she smiled in an embarrassed manner at Su Chen.

It took all her strength to lift up the gold bars and carry them away.

At the time being, Su Chen had nothing to do. He looked around the VIP room.

It was not very big, but the decorations were very fancy.

The VIP room and the big business hall outside were separated by a glass wall.

Through the glass wall, one could clearly see everything that was happening in the business hall.

There were not as many customers as before.

There was a man wearing a black outfit.

He caught Su Chen’s attention.

The man was not picking out jewelry from the counter.

Instead, he was walking around and checking out the place.

Su Chen was feeling suspicious, but his thoughts were interrupted by the saleswoman.

“Sir, here’s your cash. Based on today’s price, the total is 320,000 dollars. Please count them.”

The cash was twice the size of the gold bars.

“Bam.”

The saleswoman placed them on the coffee table.

“No need. Just put them in this bag for me,” said Su Chen calmly.

The saleswoman was so shocked that her eyeballs almost fell out.

She hurriedly replied, “Okay. I’ll do that right away.”

Before putting the money into the bag, the saleswoman wanted to hand Su Chen her business card.

“Sir, this is my business...”

Before she could finish her sentence, they heard a loud noise coming from outside.

It was the sound of a hammer breaking through glasses.

Three masked men in black appeared.

They waved the pistols in their hands.

One of the shorter men shouted loudly, “This is a robbery! Stay down and don’t move! I’ll shoot anyone who gets up!”

“Bang! Bang!”

He fired two shots into the sky to intimidate the crowd.

“Third brother, clear those two cabinets. I’ll take the other two!”

“Sixth son, take those gold bars by the door and stay on guard.”

The staff and customers were all screaming in fear.

It was a mess.

Everything was in chaos.

The robbers started to smash the counters with their hammers. They snagged all the valuables and put them in their bags.

Su Chen witnessed everything in the VIP room. He sighed in his heart.

‘Is this for real? How interesting!’

The saleswoman who was serving Su Chen was scared out of her wits.

She squatted on the floor while trembling.

Then, she whispered to Su Chen, “Sir, if we don’t make a sound, they won’t notice us. They can’t see through the glass. The door can’t be open from outside either.”

Apparently, a person could see through the glass from the inside, but not outside.

Su Chen sat inside and watched the performance unfold.

The short man in black caught his attention.

Although he was short, he was very strong.

He managed to overturn an iron cabinet in an instant.

“That man... did he just...”

One of the staff whispered in fear.

The short man continued to flip over everything effortlessly

He even shook one of the safes to see if there were any gold bars in it.

“That safe was originally nailed to the wall,” said a saleswoman. She was so frightened that she was about to collapse.

Su Chen looked at the short man. He was thin, small, and barely had any muscles.

His figure definitely did not match his physical strength.

Perhaps he also had some special abilities like him.

Suddenly, one of the robbers noticed the VIP room Su Chen was in.

“Boss, look. A VIP room. I bet there’s a lot of money in there!”

The short man was the boss.

Once he heard the words “money” and “VIP”, he immediately perked up.

A greedy smile appeared on his face.

“There must be plenty of gold bars in the VIP room.”

He immediately rushed over.

“Bang! Bang!”

Two shots broke the lock of the door.

The short man had successfully broken in.

As soon as he entered, he saw the pile of money in front of Su Chen. His eyes lit up.

He excitedly called out to the other two robbers.

“Hey, come quickly. There’s plenty of loot here!”

Su Chen was still sitting on the sofa. He looked at the robber calmly.

At the same time, he also activated the “Black Hole Shield”.

The short man saw how calm Su Chen was despite the impending disaster.

‘He must have something hidden in his sleeves.’

Upon thinking that, the short man raised his gun and fired a shot. He wanted to quickly end Su Chen.

It would not be ideal if he managed to cause problems and waste their time.

Despite that, even after he fired the shot, Su Chen did not react at all.

The bullet also disappeared into thin air.

The short man fired another shot, but the same thing happened.

Su Chen did not even raise his eyebrows and continued to look at the robber silently.

The short man became anxious. He just wanted to pick up the money and run.

However, his hand that was holding the pistol was pressed down by Su Chen.

“He’s a whole head shorter than me.”

Su Chen frowned.

The short man noticed that someone could actually contend with his strength. So, he struggled vigorously and actually broke free!

Su Chen immediately stepped forward and grabbed the robber’s neck.

Then, he pushed him onto the ground.

Much more strength was needed to deal with him in comparison to an ordinary person.

While the short man was struggling, Su Chen thought to himself, ‘I’m sure his strength is not something a normal human could achieve.’

This also confirmed his previous premonition that others had similar powers to him!

Meanwhile, the other two robbers got scared after witnessing the scene and fled.

“Brother, let’s talk this out. We can make a fortune together!”

The short man tried a different technique to save himself.

Su Chen glanced at him.

Then, he swung a violent punch at his head.

That immediately knocked the short man unconscious.

All the staff and customers began clapping their hands.

Some of them even had tears in their eyes.

Shortly after, the police arrived and took the robber away.

Su Chen turned around and left the gold store. He quickly headed to the nearest car dealership.

It was just as he had predicted.

‘Other people had started to awaken their powers.’

Su Chen became even more alert! He needed to become stronger as soon as possible!

Only then could he survive the disaster that was going to happen in a month!

When he arrived at the car dealership, Su Chen did not say anything. He just picked a car, paid, and left!

Without any hesitation, he headed towards Xiao Mei village!

Chapter 20: Searching for the True Image of the Village. Attacked by a One-Horned Hyena

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It was not long before Su Chen arrived at Xiao Mei village.

There were actually quite a number of houses in this area.

They were all built on a small hill.

Nonetheless, the atmosphere of the village was very strange.

There were no people or animals around.

It was so quiet that people may think no one lived here.

There were also barely any birds in the sky.

“Sir, why are you here?”

An old man asked Su Chen as soon as he stepped out of his car.

Su Chen looked at the old man.

He was about fifty years old.

The old man sat on a stone at the village’s entrance.

Next to him was a pile of rattan. He was weaving items like dustpans.

There was also a little girl playing beside him. She looked about four or five years old and was chasing a small animal around.

Su Chen continued to stare at the old man in front of him.

His face was haggard and his limbs were thin, but his abdomen was abnormally swollen.

There seemed to be a ball hidden under his clothes.

Su Chen deduced that the old man had probably caught a strange disease caused by the radiation.

“Old man, I heard that there’s an abandoned nuclear power plant nearby. Can you tell me the direction?”

Upon hearing Su Chen mention the nuclear power plant, fear flashed across the old man's eyes.

Then, he raised his hand and pointed at a mountain behind the village.

“Go through the village and over that hill. Young man, what are you going to do there?”

The old man advised, ‘Don't get too near. It's not safe.’”

He continued anxiously, “I used to work as a handyman in that nuclear power plant. Everything was fine until one day, the higher-ups fired everyone and shut the place down. Ever since then, the people and animals around here have all become abnormal. Look at my stomach. Even if I go to the hospital, nothing could be done. I just have to live with it. Basically, I'm merely waiting for death.”

As he spoke, the old man's eyes dimmed.

“Big brother, don't you think my little rabbit is cute?”

The little girl interrupted the old man.

This little girl looked no different from a normal child.

She was also cute and well-behaved.

However, when Su Chen observed carefully, he noticed that both of her ears were missing.

The little girl raised a ball of white fur and showed it to Su Chen.

He smiled and looked at the rabbit in the little girl's hand.

The rabbit also had no ears.

‘I'm positive the nuclear power plant is leaking.’

The nuclear radiation had caused the surrounding people to fall sick and animals to mutate.

‘I have to be well prepared. It’s important for me to check-in at the abandoned nuclear power plant.’

Su Chen thought to himself and instantly headed to the nuclear power plant.

He went through the village and noticed that most of the houses were idle.

The doors and windows were broken.

Occasionally, he would pass by some houses with residents.

However, they just looked at Su Chen with blank eyes.

They had no reactions at all.

This added to the strange atmosphere of the village.

The fallen leaves on the mountain grounds were obviously different from regular leaves.

They were rust-copper in color and showed no signs of decay, like fossils.

The radiation had completely killed off all bacteria and the leaves would probably not rot for a thousand years.

There were also mushrooms growing on the ground and they were equally strange.

The mushrooms had many warts on them.

Additionally, the spider webs on the trees were distorted. Unlike normal spider webs, these webs were big on one side and small on the other.

The spiders had probably been affected by radiation as well to form these kinds of webs.

In other words, there were probably mutated spiders around.

Su Chen continued to move forward.

Suddenly, he saw a long black strip.

It was an eighty-inched long fish.

As expected, even the waters had been affected by the nuclear leak.

The fishes and shrimps had also begun to mutate.

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Meanwhile, in front of the nuclear power plant, there was a group of one-horned hyenas with green eyes.

They were gnawing on a mutated wolf that was as big as an ox.

These one-horned hyenas were not much bigger than normal hyenas.

The most obvious difference was the sharp, dagger-like horns on their head.

It was definitely caused by nuclear radiation.

Blood spurted out from the mutant wolf's neck.

Its body twitched before it finally died.

The single-horned hyena's claws were extremely sharp. They could pierce through bones without much difficulty.

Furthermore, their jaws were very strong and could even bite through steel!

Soon, the mutated wolf was torn into pieces.

It was a bloody mess.

Then, only a pile of white bones remained.

Just then, one of the one-horned hyenas noticed Su Chen's presence.

It immediately opened its mouth and let out a thunderous roar.

Without any warning, It bared its sharp teeth and attempted to pounce on Su Chen.

Another one-horned hyena let out a roar.

It jumped up with its agile body and aimed its claws directly at Su Chen's face.

Su Chen could even see the glint on the hyena's claws.

Before the one-horned hyenas could reach him, Su Chen dodged them.

Simultaneously, the Thunder Blade in his hand brushed past the neck of one of the hyenas.

It split into two.

“Bam!”

The one-horned hyena fell to the ground.

Su Chen slightly sidestepped to avoid another attack and a second hyena fell to the ground.

The hyena did not even see how Su Chen retaliated!

Three, four, five.

More and more one-horned hyenas fell one after another.

Upon seeing this, the other hyenas stopped attacking.

They turned around and fled back into the woods.

Su Chen went through the forest and finally arrived at the outer area of the nuclear power plant. It was a quarantine zone.

As far as he could see, the quarantine zone was quite large and deserted.

The buildings near the edge of the quarantine zone were still in good condition.

However, the further he went in, the more damaged the facilities were.

The walls were falling apart.

There were weeds growing everywhere because nobody maintained this place.

Furthermore, the bones of small animals could still be seen sporadically.

As for the paths leading to the nuclear power plant, they were blocked.

There were also guards patrolling the intersections.

Outside the quarantine zone, there was a large cemetery.

It seemed that people still came here to pay their respects.

Some flowers on the tombstones had yet to wither.

Suddenly, Su Chen noticed something strange.

Many black things were growing between the cemetery and quarantine zone.

To be precise, they were gray mushrooms!

Fungi!

These fungi were full of melanin.

They could absorb radioactive components and convert them into nutrients.

The more it absorbed, the darker its color. It could also reproduce faster.

It seemed that the fungi outside the quarantine zone did not absorb too much radiation because their color was not gray yet.

The closer they were to the leak, the darker the color of the fungi.

Su Chen carefully looked around the periphery of the nuclear power plant.

He needed to find a suitable entrance.

Most importantly, he needed to get a nuclear radiation detector.

It would help Su Chen find the core of the nuclear power plant in the shortest time possible.

Su Chen turned around and activated his scamper skill.

He quickly ran back to his car and returned to the city.

This was all to look for a nuclear radiation detector..