

Heavenly star 1

Chapter 1: Ye Wuchen

“Wake up, you have slept for far too long... wake up.....” An insubstantial voice drifted toward him over the boundless sea of consciousness.

“Who’s that? Who’s calling me?”

He finally opened his eyes, but all he could see was the dark, unmoving world that surrounded him.

“Night?”

Suddenly, his head split open in pain. He clutched it between his hands and shook. Then, he began to look around him.

His eyes were confused, but they recovered quickly and pierced the darkness like a sharpened blade. With his vision returned to him, he was then able to assess his surroundings. He was a slender youth with morbidly pale skin, either seventeen or eighteen years old, and dressed in snow-white clothes. His face was pale and handsome, yet very feminine. His dark black hair hung over his thin shoulders in a natural way, and even under the curtain of darkness, it occasionally gave a faint shimmer with a dark kind of luster. He had slender fingers and thin wrists that looked normal but were weak in reality. His appearance was certainly the type to be looked down upon by others and especially by those of Tianchen Continent, since they valued strength above all else.

“Where am I?”

He had no idea how long he had slept, but his body was as stiff as stone. With great effort, he managed to stand up. To the average person, his surroundings would appear to be dark. To him, this setting was as bright as day. He was in a small, thatched hut. The crisp, fresh air was filled with the flavor of straw. He frowned slightly when the voice of an elderly man drifted into his ears, and pushed his sore body up, and left the hut with stiff steps.

It was a somber night. There was no moon, and there were no stars. An old man was sitting on the ground under the curtain of darkness, surrounded by seven or eight children. Their eyes were fixed on the old man, captivated by the fables he had told countless times before.

“The Devil Kingdom’s attack brought calamity and disaster to the entire continent, and threw its people into an abyss of abject misery. The four countries which had historically coveted each other’s lands were forced to unite and fight the Devil Kingdom’s invasion. However, how could mere humans obtain victory over such strong residents of Hell? Just as the continent was about to be driven off the edge of a cliff, humanity had no other choice but to beg the Godly Kingdom, and at the very last moment, the Godly Kingdom dispatched its saviours. They were the only two daughters of the God. One of them was snow-white from head to toe. Her hair, her clothes, her huge pair of wings were all white. She was called the [White-Winged Angel]. Her sister was all black. Black hair, black eyes. Even her black wings looked like those of a Demon, and so she was called the [Black-Winged Angel].”

“Using their strong powers, the two angels spent a month driving away the demons. Eventually they fought their final battle with the Dreadlord of the Devil Kingdoms in the northern part of the mainland. Although he was only one of the Dreadlords of the Devil Kingdom’s Empire, he was very powerful and it

was he who brought his fellow countrymen from the Devil Kingdom's lands to invade the continent. The battle lasted for three days and three nights, but no one knows who was victorious. All we know is the demons had been driven away, and the Dreadlord and two angels vanished. To this day, no one knows where they went. Some say they perished together, while others believe that the two saviors killed the Dreadlord before returning to the God Kingdom. The truth remains a mysterious riddle, but since the demons never returned, the two angels who saved the continent are now forever remembered as saviours by humans from one generation to the next."

The old man stopped there and seemed to glance in his direction. The teenager's heart suddenly began to throb. Even though he saw a mild, old man telling a story, for just a moment, he could see a set of cold eyes that were like lighting in the surrounding darkness.

"Grandpa Chu, the angels from the God Kingdom, so they must have been very beautiful right?" One of the children asked with curiosity. His question perked the others' curiosities as well, and their eyes focused on the old man.

"They might be, but no one could get a clear view of what they looked like. Humans don't have the honor to see what angels look like." The old man spoke with a smile.

The children showed their disappointed faces. Then, the old man smiled. "My children, I will stop here today, so you can all go now. I will let you all know when your brother Da Niu returns."

Those kids left so quickly, they did not even bid the old man goodbye. The old man stood up and walked towards the teenager with a cane in his hand. His steps were strong and steady, without any sign of weakness at all. And so the cane seemed to be merely a prop for him.

"You woke up." The old man exclaimed in an aged, peaceful voice, and looked him up and down.

The teenager nodded and then asked, "Where am I?"

The old man narrowed his eyes, and for a moment did not answer the teen's question. Eventually he responded peacefully. "I saved your life when you were seven or eight years old from a ravine in the west. You remained unconscious even as I used almost every conceivable method to help you recover. You've been unconscious for ten whole years. You neither ate nor drank, yet there was no sign of your vitality waning away. I was surprised to see that you were even able to grow taller during that time! I've seen a lot during my lifetime, but I have been completely amazed by you over these past ten years. Can you tell me your name and your story?"

"ten years?!"

The teenager was shocked, but calmed down very quickly. He tried to remember everything, suppressing the waves of emotion that threatened to overwhelm him.

"What is my name? Who am I....."

".....born in Hua Xia... lived in Jinghua..... Jinghua is the capital city of Hua Xia..... My father is..... mother is..... I am....."

Fragments of past memories trickled by, but he failed to remember everything. He could only recall the country he was from and everything about it. He could also remember everything he had learned, but he could not name any one related to himself.

Could it be selective amnesia? He felt his headache worsen from the surrounding chaos. In response he covered his face with his hands until he was able to come to terms with his mind.

Why did I lose my memory? What did I do before losing it?

After a long silence, he sighed and dropped his arms. His soulless eyes looked into the sky. Perhaps only god could give him an answer.

The old man looked at him pensively.

A soft breeze brushed by and brought with it a refreshing coolness. It lifted into the air a single withered leaf, which dropped slowly back towards the ground. Subconsciously, the teenager reached out, and pinched the leaf between two fingers. He looked out again into the cloudy sky with no moon or stars. The old man blinked in confusion at what he was doing.

To have no memories is to have no past. The mind is fated to wander aimlessly like falling leaves in attempt to find its way back. The teenager sighed, brushed the leaf away, and proclaimed loudly, "I am Ye Wuchen!"

The old man smiled. "Is that your real name?"

Ye Wuchen showed a slight grin. "I am Ye Wuchen... at least until I get my memories back."

"I see. It's a real pity. But, you are absolutely not an ordinary teenager so you should be able to retrieve your memories very soon." The old man said.

Judging from his reactions, the old man had been able to surmise that the teenager had lost his memory. In addition there was no trace of the teenager's past memory. Had it been twelve years ago, the old man would have spared no expense in exploring everything about the mysterious teenager. But he was old now and had been trapped there for decades, and so he was tired.

"What should I call you?" Ye Wuchen looked at the old man.

"What should you call me? For an old man like myself, it's almost difficult to remember my name. If you don't mind, you can just call me grandpa Chu like the other children do, or just call me old man" he said with a smile.

Ye Wuchen thought the old man just was not willing to tell him his name, so he said, "Alright, grandpa Chu, I will certainly pay you back for saving my life."

The old man shook his head and sat next to Ye Wuchen on the grass. He said to him, "You have only slept since I saved your life. It isn't a big deal. If you were an ordinary teenager, you would have died many times during the past ten years."

Ye Wuchen also sat. Even though his body was still stiff, he could at least move with some freedom.

"No matter what, I still owe you. Grandpa Chu, where are we now? How far is it from Jinghua?"

“Jinghua? Where is it?” The old man turned to him, confused.

Ye Wuchen frowned slightly and said. “Jinghua city is the capital city of Hua Xia. Isn’t this Hua Xia?”

Despite the confusion, the language they were speaking was definitely that of Hua Xia.

The old man shook his head. “I have never heard of a country named Hua Xia. I walked to almost every corner of the continent when I was younger, and I’ve never heard of the name. When someone loses his memory, some of the fragments that resurface may be imagined. So maybe everything that you’ve remembered isn’t real.”

“Really?”

Ye Wuchen closed his eyes and thought about what the old man said. He asked. “What on earth is this place called then?”

“The world is divided into five continents and five oceans. The continent we humans live on is named Tianchen. Beyond it lies Tianchen Ocean. There are four countries on Tianchen named Dafeng, Tianlong, Kuishui, and Canglan. Each occupies their own corner of the continent. Dafeng is the most powerful of the four. Only by combining their strength can the remaining three countries hope to compete with Dafeng’s strength. Their alliance struck a balance against Dafeng, and it has maintained the peace and stability that exists today.”

The old man seemed to yearn for the old days after recounting this, as if it had been too long since he had seen the world of which he spoke.

Tianchen Continent?

Ye Wuchen’s thoughts were chaotic. What were the Hua Xia and the earth that existed in his memories? Where they false memories or

He had traveled from his earth to some new unknown world!

He recalled one of the words from his memories—traversal.

“Does everyone here speak a common language?” Ye Wuchen asked.

“That’s right.”

“Where are we now?”

The old man was silent for a moment and sighed. “This is the extreme north of Tianlong, an area that was forgotten and sealed off. It has existed for a long long time. It is common knowledge in Tianlong that it is impossible to leave this place once you step into its boundaries. But fifteen years ago, I broke through the barrier sealing this place in arrogance, and I have never gone back. I even implicated my own grandson. Now, those fifteen years seem to have passed in the blink of an eye.”

Noticing Ye Wuchen’s surprised face, the old man continued. “Since I then, I have discovered that there are no natural disasters or monsters here, but there is a strong enchantment that only lets people in but not out. I have attempted many times to break it but every attempt has ended in failure. So, I lived my

life here just like the other people that have been trapped here. They have no choice but to settle down and live out their lives.”

Ye Wuchen’s face stiffened in silence.

A sealed place. If there is no way to get out, then how would he recover his memory and explore the course of his life? Perhaps he should just choose to settle here like the other people?

No!

Chapter 2: The White Haired Girl

The sound of hurried steps and a man’s labored breathing approached from the distance. Ye Wuchen glanced in the direction of the sound, and discovered a tall man drenched in sweat running toward him with a large bamboo basket on his back. The man seemed to be pretty young, though with a weathered face, and his physique was stout and muscular to a degree that was almost ridiculous.

Upon spotting the old man, the man in the distance abruptly quickened into a sprint and dropped the basket on the floor, exhausted. Only half conscious, he gasped. “Grandpa, I filled the basket with fruit I picked and ran thirty laps with it on my back... so today’s work....”

Suddenly, he paused for a moment, focusing his eyes on Ye Wuchen. Then, he jumped as if he saw a monster. “You, you, you..... woke up?”

Ye Wuchen laughed at his surprise. “Grandpa Chu, who is he?”

“This is my grandson. He just recently had his twentieth birthday, and he took care of you while you were unconscious. Considering you’ve been dead for the past ten years, it’s not unusual for someone to be startled to see you awake.”

Ye Wuchen stood up and nodded. “I’m Ye Wuchen, thank you for taking care of me over these past ten years.”

The tall man still seemed a bit bewildered. He looked Ye Wuchen up and down before realizing his reaction was somewhat impolite. Embarrassed, he rubbed his head and said with a simple, honest smile, “I’m Chu Jingtian. Eh, it isn’t the best sounding name so you can just call me Da Niu like the others.”

Chu Jingtian. Jingtian, a title of genius. He was definitely not an ordinary person.

Ye Wuchen smiled. “Alright then, I’ll call you brother Da Niu from now on.” Even though his demeanor seemed a bit indifferent to everything, he still made people feel at ease.

“Haha....”

Chu Jingtian laughed nervously, a bit shy. He was not the most talkative person.

“Uhh.... Brother Wuchen, let me hand out this fruit first. Then we can sit down and chat or something.”

Chu Jingtian turned around, inhaled, and then yelled at the top of his lungs. “Everyone come here! Your brother Da Niu is back!”

Ye Wuchen jumped in surprise, startled by the sudden shout. Ears still ringing, Ye Wuchen looked towards Chu Jingtian, and noticed that his eyes had subtly changed — It was impressive that there was a person like Chu Jingtian in such a small, sealed-off region of land.

There was no doubt Chu Jingtian's voice went very far. Almost immediately, the chaotic sound of numerous footsteps approached from the distance. It belonged to the wave of children running towards them, carrying a wide variety of containers. There were baskets, boxes, stone bowls, anything that could carry something. The children lined up in front of Chu Jingtian with eager eyes and shouted together "Hello, brother Da Niu."

Chu Jingtian just stood there, an embarrassed grin on his face. "Sorry for being late. I fell into a ditch and it took a really long time to get back out. Now come here. There's some for everyone, and it's no less than usual.

The old man watched the scene in front of him with. This was one of Da Niu's daily requirements. It practiced his agility and endurance, and cultivated a sense of responsibility. The next generation did not have to be the kindest, but it could not be allowed to be evil.

Grabbing two with each hand, Chu Jingtian continued to fill each child's basket with fruit. He was obviously satisfied to see the kids leave with excited faces. Ye Wuchen watched quietly from the side. He was pondering his own life when he suddenly became aware of an acute tingling sensation that felt like he was being watched. It came from a nearby tree, and when he turned his head to face it, his gaze met a pair of bright, glittering, and almost translucent eyes that belonged to the white shadow hiding there, which suddenly shifted a little, perhaps surprised at being discovered. The shadow seemed scared, and immediately ran. But instead of running away, it hid behind the tree as if waiting for something.

Eventually, the last kid cheerfully shouted "Bye brother Da Niu!" and disappeared. Chu Jingtian rubbed his hands together, almost as if he was sad not to have anyone left to give fruit to. He had taken this task as a sort of daily pleasure a long time ago. Brought here as a five year old by his grandfather, Chu Jingtian had not experienced the harshness of the outside world. As a result, he was very innocent and kind; almost annoyingly so.

Only then did the small white shadow emerge quietly from behind the tree and stand before Chu Jingtian with her head facing the ground. She called out shyly. "Brother Da Niu."

The girl had attracted Ye Wuchen's attention from the moment she emerged, his eyes sticking to her like glue. She seemed to be only ten or so, and Ye Wuchen could only describe her as small and exquisite. She wore a long, flowing white dress that was wrinkled but almost impeccably clean. What caught Ye Wuchen's attention the most though was her long, snow-white hair and the two intersecting scars on her face.

Two scars ran from the corners of her forehead down to her earlobes across her face like a huge letter X, destroying her beauty.

Chu Jingtian hurriedly reached into his basket for more fruit, but his expression stiffened when he pulled out a large fruit that seemed to be an apple. Embarrassed, he rubbed his head and apologized. "Sorry white-haired sister, it seems that I miscounted today. This is the only one left. But, it's the biggest."

The girl accepted it carefully and smiled. "That's ok. Thank you brother Da Niu."

She nervously glanced over at Ye Wuchen because he had been watching her before running out of sight.

After watching her exquisite shadow disappear into the darkness, Ye Wuchen was left thoughtless for a moment.

"Who was she?" He asked.

The old man looked at him and said, "She showed up a week ago. I guess she just broke in by chance and couldn't get back out. But.... ah. you saw for yourself, her face is too scary, and her hair is just like that of the cruelest race of back then, the Snow Wolves. So, everyone here rejects her, and drives her away whenever they see her. But, she doesn't seem to be evil at all. She seems young, she can't survive on her own. It could be that the fruit she gets here every night is her only form of nourishment."

Ye Wuchen remained silent and walked in the direction the girl disappeared in. Chu Jingtian called out to him, confused. "Brother Wuchen, where are you going? I still want to hear your stories."

Pretending not to have heard him, Ye Wuchen disappeared from sight. Chu Jingtian scratched his head and muttered "Did he go pee?"

The white haired girl was squatting next to a creek, quietly washing the fruit she got earlier with clean water. The sound of water babbling over the rocks in the creek filled the air. Amidst the cool breeze, the silhouette of her small frame looked lonely and pitiful.

When she finished, the girl stood up and dried the fruit with her clothes. Suddenly, she sensed something and turned around subconsciously. At a loss of what to do, she just watched as Ye Wuchen approached her. She knew he was the one watching her earlier.

Ye Wuchen slowly walked up to her and gazed gently into her eyes. It was her starry eyes that conquered him completely. Loneliness. Panic. Confusion. Helplessness. All were hidden in her starry eyes.

Chapter 3: Ye Ning Xue

The girl stepped back subconsciously but didn't escape like what she did just now. She sees his face even his eyes clearly under faint light. He is good-looking, she can't help thinking of this. His eyes that are full of sadness and vicissitudes seemed not to match with his age, but wouldn't cause hatred at all, on the contrary, even were filled with breathtaking evil charm as if people would be addicted to it when they had a look at his eyes.

They looked at each other for a long time, the girl stared at him as if her soul were taken out, looked at him and then timidly looked at the fruit in her hand, swallowing. She then slowly held her fruit and timidly said to Ye Wu Chen timidly. "Elder brother, would you like to eat this?"

Ye Wu Chen couldn't help to laugh, then squatted himself down and shook his head with a smile. He then reached his hands to slowly get closer to her face and gently touched the two terrible scars on her face. At this time, weak colorless light shined from his fingertips. The girl was completely shocked, widening her eyes and mouth. She even forgot to dodge, standing still as if she was immovable.

Several seconds later, Ye Wu Chen took his hands back and frowned. He asked, "What is your name, little sister?"

The girl was still shocked till several seconds later, she said in a weak voice, "I..... I don't have a name."

"No name? Where is your family? Why would you show up here?"

"I don't have a family.....I have been here since I woke up, so I have no idea of what happened to me.

"The girl shook her head. His gentle voice slowly made her beating heart calm down.

"You can't remember what happened, right?"

The girl got shocked again then nodded with helpless eyes. She has no family, no past memories, she even forgets her name. Almost every person here hates her, hitting her with sticks or stones when they meet her. But she can only try very hard to escape and hide then cry in an empty corner. She just instinctively tries to survive, even if no companions, and no goals.

"I see" Ye Wu Chen smiled to her again, they shared similar experience. both showed up inexplicably, both lost their memories. This might be called doomed destiny. Some tender affection came out of his bottom of heart, so he said, "Do you want to have a brother who won't make you starve or even be bullied."

The girl looked at him in surprise with her vacant face, at this moment, she had no idea on how to answer this.

"Let me be your brother okay? I won't allow you to starve or be bullied."

The girl widened her eyes, and totally felt all at sea holding the fruit which is even bigger than her palms. She felt bitterness from her heart and eyes, even something from her heart was rising. She cowardly said, "May..... May I? They all hate me, hit me, because I...."

Ye Wu Chen stood up and took her small hands. "Follow me, from now on, you are my sister. No one can bully you without my consent."

The girl stared at him and felt the warm from the strange hand which was holding her left hand. Unknowingly she found her eyes were all tears.

He took her hands and promised to protect her when she felt vacant in head, when she was hated, when she thought she was discarded by the world. From that moment, his image was branded deeply into her heart, permanently. She could not stop her emotional attachment to him just like how people got addicted to the most poisonous of opium in the world.

Just from this moment, Two courses of life which are impossible to cross finally crossed together.

Ye Wu Chen had no explanation to the old man and Chu Jing Tian why he took her back. But they didn't ask more or object to it. At that night, the bed that he has slept for 10 years becomes the girl's first bed. Ye Wu Chen stood outside the room looking at the boundless sky silently as if thinking of something.

In the silence, he stretched out his left arm and used the fingers on his right hand to slightly swept over it. All at once, a short cut showed up on his arm and began bleeding. He then used the fingers on his right hand to touch the cut, but the cut surprisingly disappeared and did not even left a trace.

He put down his hands then frowned with confusion. In his memories, he knew that he has such kind of magic, but why he could not remove her scars just now?

Was that really a scar?

“Brother.”

Hearing a sweet voice, Ye Wu Chen turned his back and looked at the girl who only revealed her half face then said to her, “It’s late, why are you still awake?”

After a short hesitation, the girl said with an eager face. “May I sleep on the same bed with you, brother?”

“Alright.” Ye Wu Chen promised and smiled. He would never like to see any disappointment on her face, or to see her inferiority because of her hair color and scars. At least, he has to let her know that he will never hate her or reject her.

“Really?” The girl said loudly with excitement. She was then picked up by Ye Wu Chen and put on the shabby wooden bed.

“Fine, little girl, now get ready to sleep.” Ye Wu Chen hugged her in his chest and said this in a gentle voice like doting on a cute baby.

“OK!” She replied happily and moved her body closer into his warm chest. And finally, she found a comfortable position and lazily closed her eyes. However, tears stains were continually showing up on her smiling face, she just felt so happy that she could not help shedding tears.

“What name should I call you?” Ye Wu Chen talked to himself while touching her long white hair. The girl looked up on him with a confused look. She has extraordinary white skin and releases her snow-white skin luster in the dark night. Ye Wu Chen frowned his eyebrows and whispered, “Your skin and hair are all snow-white like frozen snow, how about calling you Ye Ning Xue? Do you like it?”

“Ye Ning Xue.....” She repeated it in a low voice and nodded heavily, “I like it so much because it is my brother who gives me this name.”

She has never slept so peacefully like tonight, no misery, no coldness, no fear, because she has someone who can protect her—her brother.

Ye Wu Chen dared not move his body until she fell asleep. He finally sighed and looked into the sky with fascinated eyes till he slowly fell asleep.

Who am I...

The next morning When Ye Wu Chen opened his eyes, he saw Ye Ning Xue curling up in his chest like a lazy kitty and sleeping well. Ye Wu Chen can’t help but smile, lying in bed, he kept motionless and listened to outside voice in order not to wake her up. It is really more noisy in the daytime than at night. And it may be breakfast time so it sounds slightly restless. By chatting with Chu Jing Tian yesterday, Ye Wu Chen knew that there are hundreds of people here during the years’ of reproduction. They scattered in several areas and nearly had no communication. There are around 30 people (kids and adults) in the place which Chu Jing Tian lives. Usually, the 30 people sit and have meals together.

Being woke up by the noise, Ning Xue Slowly opened her hazy eyes, then began to look for Ye Wu Chen in panic while she happened to see Ye Wu Chen look at her with a funny look. She also smiled gently then curled up into his chest again and finally closed her eyes comfortably.

Chapter 4: Light Punishment

“Alright, get up now otherwise we won’t have any breakfast to eat.” Holding her, Ye Wu Chen sat up then patted her small face gently. She had delicate white skin like snow, and, at first glance, her small face looked cute like a doll. However, the two long scars completely disrupted her beauty. They looked like someone had compulsively dug out two dirt-colored ravine on a flawless white snowfield. (Editor’s note: Harsh much?!?)

“Breakfast?” Ning Xue opened her eyes and looked at him at a loss. “We have something to eat in the morning?”

Ye Wu Chen’s heart suddenly hurt a bit, but he smiled. “Ning Xue doesn’t eat food in the morning?”

“Yea.” She nodded with her sleepy eyes, “Because... I couldn’t find anything to eat. Except at night..... brother Da Niu would give away fruits.”

Ye Wu Chen delicately used his hands to arrange her hair and clothes. All the while, Ye Ning Xue was watching him carefully, as if she was enjoying the very sense of his touch. Wu Chen put her onto the ground then took her hands. “Let’s go. I told you that I would not let you starve any more.”

The ground, which was empty last night, is now filled with people of all kinds including the elderly, full-grown adults, and children. Their coming, however, immediately attracted most people’s attention immediately. Right away, their eyes showed unfriendliness, several kids even made exaggerated sharp sound.....

“It is... It is that ugly girl!”

“She is coming again... Dad, I don’t want to see her, she looks so scary!”

“Come, let’s hit her, hit her!”

Not only the children, even those adults, who wore shabby clothes, showed obvious disgust. Ye Ning Xue’s face became pale, and she hid her weak body behind Ye Wu Chen. She then tightened her hands around his clothes, and while her eyes were sparkling with tears.

Noticing several small stones were thrown at them, Ye Wu Chen frowned his eyebrows, then proceeded to catch all the coming stones. He followed by throwing those very stones back to the children who threw them. The children were stunned for a moment, then simultaneously cried out loudly. His manner was like stirring a beehive and inevitably caused some people to shout at him, soon an irritable middle-aged man shouted loudly. “What are you doing?!” Then the man immediately threw the bowl in his hand down towards Ye Wu Chen.

Chu Jing Tian was about to step forward but was stopped by grandpa Chu who shook his head solemnly. Chu Jing Tian felt very confused, but he never felt the need to go against grandpa, so he had to sit there and kept his silence.

Grandpa Chu narrowed his old eyes, carefully watching Ye Wu Chen's every move. Others didn't look carefully enough, but he clearly saw that those stones were flying to the lower part of his body. Ye Wu Chen had just casually waved his hands, but those stones seemed to act like magnets and flew into his hands, rather than actually being caught.

Grandpa Chu clearly knew that he could deal with the problem easily by himself, but Ye Wu Chen didn't reveal any power from start to end which he found odd.

The middle-aged man's hands were tightly holding Ye Wu Chen. Suddenly, Ye Wu Chen's eyes became cold, and he bent his wrist. Hearing a crunching sound, the middle-aged man's right hand broke, and he screamed like a dying pig. The group quietly started to mess before them. Then, several people came at Ye Wu Chen all together, while the rest threw the things in their hands at Wu Chen and Ning Xue.

Ye Wu Chen gave a contemptuous laugh, gently let go of Ning Xue's small hands, then stepped forward. His right hand grabbed someone's right arm, while his left hand grabbed that person's left hand, then incredibly used his slim body to throw out that person till he heard two crunchy sound of bones breaking. Another person was tripped by him, as Ye Wu Chen took a casual step forward and stepped onto that person's ankle. It was as if he was using some uncanny power to break his left foot bones.

The things that were being thrown, returned at high speeds back to where they came from, directly at their throwers face. He didn't use his full strength. In the end this much strength wouldn't really hurt them, but they would be in agony for quite a few days.

Instantly, several adults and middle-aged men all fell into the ground, covering their wrists and ankles, and showing painful faces. Those aggressive children, who had gotten purple bruises on their face, now cried out even more loudly after seeing their fathers got beaten up. Only those trembling old men and several frightened women were not hurt at all.

"You..... Why did you hurt us?" The middle-aged old man who first attacked asked with pain.

"Because you offended me," Ye Wu Chen answered coldly.

"We just wanted to drive the ugly girl away." The middle-aged man pointed at Ning Xue.

"Oh? I am her brother, drive us away if you want." Ye Wu Chen said.

The middle-aged man widened his mouth but couldn't say anything.

"What's wrong? You dare to not do it now?" Ye Wu Chen laughed and stepped onto that man's chest, looking down to him. "Exactly. She is weak and not able to resist. You are stronger than her, and this is the reason why you gave yourselves the right to drive her away and bully her? Ok, now I am stronger than you, does this mean that I can bully you like you do to her? I can even kill you easily. If you treat her like this, then how can you complain that I treat you this way?"

He kicked that middle-aged man away then lifted up a child who looks 7 or 8 years old, shouting. "Stop crying!"

The child was so frightened that he stopped crying immediately and looked, looking at him with two eyes that are filled with tears.

"Who is your father?" Ye Wu Chen asked coldly.

"It is him..... him." The child wanted to cry but dared not cry, he sniffled softly with his nose and pointed to the man who had his ankles broken just now.

"Did he ever teach you not to bully?"

"He, he taught me."

"Then why did you still bully her?" Ye Wu Chen pointed to Ning Xue.

"Because, because she looks too ugly and others bully her, so....."

"Oh? I will make you look like an ugly monster and let you feel how bad when others bully you, will it be okay?" Ye Wu Chen stretched out his fingers and moved slowly on his face. The child was so scared and burst into tears, "No, I won't, I won't bully her any more....."

Gently putting him onto the ground, Ye Wu Chen walked to his father without any emotion. "Since you taught him not to bully, and he bullied Ning Xue for such a reason, why didn't you stop him? He is a naive child, but you as an adult also bullied her., Or are you a naive child as well? Now that you treated a 10 years old child like this, then you shouldn't blame others for treating you this way too. What, you want to banish me now? Would you like it if, if I beat you everytime I see you!"

The middle-aged man moved his lip for a while but could say nothing. This was, because he clearly knew that Ye Wu Chen was definitely not joking., This sense of terror spawned from just judging by Ye Wu Chen's cruel expression.

"Let it go."

The old man finally stood up and said in a mild way, "Young man, they are really wrong, but they are not bad people. They did it out of instinct. I guess they won't do it again. I will ask them to apologize to Ning Xue, and you can let it go this time just to do a favor for me, is it okay?"

Ye Wu Chen turned his back, and the anger on his face vanished at once. He, then he smiled. "Grandpa Chu saved my life, I won't go against your will. But it is unnecessary to apologize. If it happens next time, I will hit them again, hehe."

He used his foot to stretch a stone bowl then held in hand while, flatly saying. "This time it was just a small lesson. I will crush his bones if I ever come to know someone who bullies Ning Xue from now on!" He tightened his right hand, and that hard stone bowl was crushed into powder. Finely powdered stone flowed from his fingertips, which frightened their faces with pale face. The rest who still tried to rebel, were directly scared silly, so they finally had to keep quiet.

"You can go now." The old man waved his hands. This place was a complete mess, so he guessed that no one would continue eating.

People leaved in a hurry. Ye Wu Chen took Ning Xue's hands and walked towards the old man, "Grandpa Chu, I am sorry for bringing you trouble."

The old man didn't nod or shake. Instead, he sighed. "It is human beings' instinct to reject ugly things. They are wrong, but we can not blame them for everything."

Ye Wu Chen nodded. "Yeah, I know, so I just gave them a light punishment. It is useless to reason with those isolated people, so I guess violence may be a better way to make them remember it."

The old man smiled, but made no comment.

Chapter 5: Legend of the Woman of the Divine Wrath

Chu Jing Tian finally couldn't restrain himself from being quiet, and he suddenly jumped towards him with glittering eyes then said with an eager face. "Brother Wu Chen, I never thought you are so powerful, how about exchanging pointers between us?"

Wu Chen smiled then shakes his head.

Chu Jing Tian rubbed his hands with an itchy heart. He inherits Chu family's natural instinct of obsession with fighting, but in this sealed space the only opponent is his grandpa and without a doubt he is defeated every time. Now another strong man comes, how can he give up such a good chance?

He just wanted to continue to pester but hearing a light cough from grandpa. "Da Niu, you should not force him to fight with you."

Chu Jing Tian had to stop pestering and revealed unhappiness on his face. But soon he rolled his eyes and said, "Brother Wu Chen, now that you are this strong, how about hunting with me together in the future? There are many kinds of beasts in that forest, and a flame lion which is a Rank 10 monster, even such a strong man as I, can't win over it. But with your company, I guess we can have the honor to eat its meat."

Rank 10?

On second thought, Ye Wu Chen smiled. "Okay, let's go now."

"Now?" Chu Jing Tian felt surprised but then nodded excitedly. "Alright, let's go now." After saying this, he immediately took the bamboo basket that he takes every day on his back, because he was very worried that Ye Wu Chen would go back on his words, and then picked up a rusty sword to put into the basket.

Grandpa Chu said nothing but looked at them with a smile.

Ye Wu Chen bent down to Ning Xue. "Did I scare you just now?"

Ning Xue heavily shook her head, "Not at all. Brother did that to protect me..... Brother, they all hate me but why are you still so nice to me?"

Ye Wu Chen gave a gentle smile to her. "Because you are my sister."

He straightened up. "Come and hunt with us."

Ning Xue answered innocently then walked behind them. Chu Jing Tian scratched his head as if he wanted to advise not to take this little girl in case she gets in danger, but finally said nothing since he was afraid Wu Chen wouldn't go with him.

On their way he two men talked with each other at times but it was just some boring topics. Ning Xue walked just behind Wu Chen, her crystal-like eyes were observing the surroundings with curiosity. When

they reached the edge of the forest, Ye Wu Chen eventually said: "Da Niu, the Rank 10 you mentioned was divided by martial arts ranking?"

"Martial arts? What is that?" Chu Jing Tian widened his big eyes but immediately understood, "Yes, it exactly explains the power ranking in Tian Chen Continent."

No martial arts here? Ye Wu Chen frowned his eyebrows and asked. "Then what does the people usually practice in here?"

Chu Jing Tian scratched his head, "Too many. They study sword, bow and arrow and high speed assassination..... Oh, some people even study magic, in a word, too many. But generally speaking, most people study swords, anyway, sword is the king of all weapons."

"What about the rankings?" Ye Wu Chen asked while thinking about it.

"Hmm, judging by power, we ranked from Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 3....till Rank 10. You are already very strong if you can reach Rank 8. But over Rank 10, those people are taken as super strong, according to the realm, they are Spirit Realm, Heaven Realm and God Realm. You are the king of the heroes if you reach Spirit Realm, a Grandmaster if you reach Heaven Realm, the King of the World if you reach God Realm. According to grandpa, there are only four deity level experts who reached God Realm in the whole Tian Chen Continent, they are without exception, living a godlike existence." Chu Jing Tian said with admiration.

Ye Wu Chen nodded. "The four should be the supreme power of the whole Tian Chen Continent."

"No!" Chu Jing Tian shook his head, "There is still another one. She is the most powerful in the whole continent. No one knows her name because she never talks and her weapon is called [Divine Wrath], so people call her [Woman of the Divine Wrath]. Grandpa told me that she has the nature to massacre and to kill lots of people. The four deity level experts joined hands and finally caught her through demon lock magic. And she was finally stuck in Devil's Tower and locked with indestructible demon chains, even god couldn't destroy the demon chains. Even if she was stuck in the tower, nothing could hurt her, not even a sword, gun, fire and water."

"[Woman of the Divine Wrath]? She is a woman?" Wu Chen was surprised by it.

"Yes. But things didn't stop there, some evils who were kept here died in a night since she was locked in, even the trees and flowers around the Devil's Tower dried up and died. What is more, since then no matter who entered into the Devil's Tower, they either never went back or return with bloody face and bite people like a madman then died no more than half an hour. No one knows what they saw inside, since then no one dares to go inside. Later, there is a saying in Tian Chen continent, 'We would rather go into a prison than be lock in the Devil's Tower'"

Chu Jing Tian took a long breath and continued, "So the [Woman of the Divine Wrath] is the most terrible person. I could imagine even with my toes that the devil woman must have eyes like bells, a big mouth full of blood, wide face and big ears, in a word, too scary, even though I never saw her."

Ye Wu Chen nodded, the [Woman of the Divine Wrath] and Devil's Tower, he kept the two names in mind.

"Da Niu, what rank did you reach according to your power?"

"I..... Barely reach rank 10." Chu Jing Tian scratched his head with some dissatisfaction as if he was very unsatisfied with his power, because his grandpa set a high standard for him, which made him think his progress was always slow. But at such a young age and already reached rank 10, comparing him with the people outside he could be taken as a genius.

"How about my power? What rank did I reach?" Ye Wu Chen asked.

Chu Jing Tian widened his eyes and looked all over him then shook his head, "I can't judge. Generally speaking, it can be easily judged by certain level's features when you reach certain level. You can crumb stones into powder, at least reach level 6, but I couldn't feel any feature of you..... hmm, it is just like you don't have any power and you look more like a scholar."

Chu Jing Tian feels more confused when he looks at him, but finally he can just sigh, maybe it's because he is not that powerful to get insight into this.

Ye Wu Chen gave a faint smile and moved his mouth. "Your prey is coming."

"Prey? Where?" Chu Jing Tian asked with confusion then realized the sound behind him and turned his body back immediately, held on his iron sword, whispered, "It's strange that brother Wu Chen's ears are more alert than mine."

Judging by its steps, it must be a big beast. Chu Jing Tian screamed with excitement loudly and ran to the beast according to its sound, then left a word, "It must be a big one, it's dangerous for you to go, so I will go instead. I will be back soon."

Chu Jing Tian subconsciously took the effeminate Ye Wu Chen as a scholar that grandpa often said.

Chapter 6: Wu Chen Spell

Another commotion in the forest just after Chu Jing Tian left. All of a sudden, a snow-white creature came towards Ning Xue, Ning Xue got scared and quickly hid behind Wu Chen. Ye Wu Chen looked at one side and moving his feet, a 10 cm long twig got kick and shot through the creature's throat like a sharp arrow. It stumble while running and it roll a few circles on the ground then it stopped moving.

Ning Xue popped her small head from the back of Ye Wu Chen, looking at the motionless creature with curiosity, then asked. "Brother, what is this?"

Ye Wu Chen pick it up and observed for a moment then said. "This looks like a rabbit, but it's much bigger than the rabbit I have seen."

In this world he now lives, this creature might be a different kind of rabbit.

"Ning Xue, are you hungry?" Ye Wu Chen suddenly ask with a smile. He and this little girl didn't even have their breakfast yet, which is one of the reason why he went out to hunt. Ning Xue looks skinny and weak, even a gust of wind is enough to put her down.

Ye Ning Xue first shook her head, then finally with a pitiful face nodded.

Ye Wu Chen smiled, "Turn around."

Ye Ning Xue turned around timidly. Ye Wu Chen found a clean branch and stringing through the strange rabbit, extending his right index finger, then his fingertip surprisingly burning with red flames. Devilish flames instantly burnt over the rabbit's whole body when the flames touch the rabbit, the rabbit's fur burns away. Ye Wu Chen slightly moved his fingertip, flames slowly turned from red to dark red and burnt all over its body, then delicious smell of meat came out. Ning Xue couldn't hold back her hunger, she use her nose to smell the delicious smell and sneakingly swallowed her saliva.

More than 10 seconds, the rabbit meat was cooked. Ye Wu Chen took back the flames and waved his palm in the air. Suddenly, blue icy air flew over and lowered the temperature of the rabbit meat. If Chu Jing Tian was here he would be amazed at this. It is already very rare to meet a person who owns two elements, but now it is unbelievable to see Ye Wu Chen owning both water and fire elements. Water and fire are incompatible with each other, which is a common sense known by the whole Tian Chen Continent.

Ye Wu Chen smiled with satisfaction, tore down a rabbit leg and passed it to Ning Xue, "Ning Xue, have a taste."

Ning Xue was almost drooling, she has been eating little fruits but no meat at all. She can not help drool just because of the smell. She instantly took it in her hand and smelled, but she didn't instantly taste it, she just gave a sweet smile to Ye Wu Chen. "Brother thank you."

Seeing her biting the meat slowly as if she doesn't want to eat up too fast, Ye Wu Chen revealed a smile on his face. Without any doubt Ning Xue is the only adornment of his empty world.

It tastes really good with delicious smell by taking a bite. Ye Wu Chen felt a bit amazed at the rabbit meat's delicacy for it is far more delicious than any other rabbit meat in his memory. Just then, there came a sound of heavy steps and stuff rubbing on the ground.

All of a sudden, the footsteps stopped then sped up at once, Jing Tian Chu approaching whispered, "I smell Lightning Rabbit's meat? So odd... Was it...?"

Chu Jing Tian was dragging a strange-shaped wild boar that was even bigger than his body and walks quickly towards them, then followed the smell and his eyes fell on Ye Wu Chen's hands. He quickly stepped closer and widened his big eyes. "It really is... Lightning Rabbit, I actually never want to forget its smell."

"Was Lightning Rabbit very powerful?" Ye Wu Chen passed the rest to Chu Jing Tian, Chu Jing Tian didn't pretend to kindly refuse but threw away the wild boar then took the rabbit with two hands and smelled it greedily with enjoyable face. "Lightning Rabbit runs very fast even though it doesn't have attack ability. It looks like white lightning while running, under this condition, it is hard to catch it. Even I just caught them 3 times over the past decade. Even though its hard to catch, when it comes to its meat delicacy, nothing can be compared with it. You really have great skills, Ye Wu Chen!" Chu Jing Tian thumbs up then crudely gobbled.

He was careless, he simply never thought how it was cooked when it was just caught.

"It was just a coincidence." Ye Wu Chen said then casually asked, "What level can this rabbit reach?"

“It is a Rank 3 Demon Beast and counted on powerful monster, comparing it to other low rank monster. From rank 4 to 7, they are called middle-ranking Demon Beast, while Rank 8 to 10, they are high-ranking Demon Beast. They are graded the same way as human, different rank represents different power.” He spoke with his indistinct voice as he was biting the rabbit meat, then gave a kick at the big wild boar on the ground. “This is a Rank 5 Demon Beast, whose power was equal to a Rank 5 Strong Man. It is unlucky to come across it if it is ordinary people.” (TL note: any better name for this

Ye Wu Chen nodded and didn’t ask more.

“Oh, Ye Wu Chen,” Chu Jing Tian wiped his mouth, “What skill have you practice? I couldn’t feel anything of you, I guess it must be because of the skill you practice.”

“What I practice?” Ye Wu Chen whispered, was absent-minded for a moment, then shook his head. “I don’t know either.”

Chu Jing Tian gazed blankly then smiled to him. “I almost forgot that you couldn’t remember anything.”

Ye Wu Chen silently felt his flowing breath in his body and said. “Now that I have my new name, my skill should have a new name too. I prefer to call it Wu Chen spell before knowing its real name.”

Mysterious power, shouldn’t belong to the world he lives now, so there will never be a second Wu Chen spell.

“Wu Chen spell? Alright, alright...” Chu Jing Tian answered casually, he didn’t even know if it was a good name, but the rabbit in his hands was almost eaten up like how a wind blew over remnant clouds. He threw the bones away, and licked his lip as if he wanted more. He realized that he didn’t leave some meat for Ye Wu Chen till he took up a leaf to wipe his hands. His face turned stiff immediately, but then he could only laugh and shyly scratch his head.

Ning Xue finally finished eating as well, she gently pulled Ye Wu Chen’s cloth and said in a low voice. “Brother, I am full.”

“Okay.” Ye Wu Chen replied then kneel and wipe her mouth by using his fingers, he then wipe her hands in the same way. He took her small hands, and look ahead “Let’s go deep into the forest. ”

“Okay.” Chu Jing Tian took back his basket and followed behind them while single-handedly drags the wild boar. He looks like he doesnt have a hard time dragging it but looks as if he was dragging a grasshopper. When it comes to brute force, even 10 Ye Wu Chen could never be compared with 1 Chu Jing Tian.

Chapter 7: Flame Lion

The 3 people kept moving forward, on their way there are some unlucky big and small beasts, but they were all basically knocked out by Chu Jing Tian with one punch. Compared with those low level beasts, Chu Jing Tian was more like a beast. After an hour, he has filled his basket. Dragging a dozen tied big beast plus the full basket on his back, even if it’s Chu Jing Tian, he felt kind of hard moving forward. But Ye Wu Chen insist to keep moving so Chu Jing Tian had no choice but to move.

Walking deep into the forest, it sounded more silent. Another half an hour passed, Chu Jing Tian finally sits on the ground and grasping for breath said. “How about stopping here? If we continue moving

forward, it is the place which the Flame Lion hunts. I can run if I am unable to defeat it, but you and your little girl may get in trouble.”

“Flame lion?” Ye Wu Chen realized that it is the mentioned level 10 Demon Beast that Chu Jing Tian can’t subdue. He looked into the distance and asked. “What is the place that is beyond the Flame Lion’s territory?”

Chu Jing Tian took a light relief and said. “It is the edge of this isolated area. It is the terrible barrier which only lets people in but not out, even my grandpa……”

Ye Wu Chen kept quiet then pulled Ye Ning Xue and moved forward.

“Hey, buddy, it is dangerous there!” Chu Jing Tian instantly ran after him, just then, a roaring sound of a lion was heard. Chu Jing Tian was astonished so he sped up his steps and stood in front of Ye Wu Chen. “Brother Ye Wu Chen, we have entered the flame lion’s land, you and little girl escape now!”

Just then, another roaring sound came. A tall lion over 2 meters whose body burns flame all over it, came into sight. It gets exceptionally angered when it comes across its enemy. It roared with anger while it saw Chu Jing Tian then it dash its body straight to him. Without even getting close to him, it has already enlarge its mouth, then a huge fireball rush out.

The cautious Chu Jing Tian took a side jump and managed to dodge the fireball, he then took up his iron sword and was about to stab the Flame Lion when his eyes suddenly narrowed and realized Ye Wu Chen and Ye Ning Xue stood behind his back, hurriedly shouting. “Dodge now!”

Flames were coming to them, Ye Wu Chen was about to take Ye Ning Xue and dodge when a strange feeling controlled his mind, his eyes moved and then he even extended his hand to catch the flames.

The flames that even Chu Jing Tian dare not to touch were caught directly by Ye Wu Chen, then it died out fast when it touched a flashing blue light on Ye Wu Chen’s hand just like how flames touched cold water.

Chu Jing Tian widened his big eyes as if he saw the most unexpected thing in the world.

Ye Wu Chen took a look at his palm…… intact, not even a hair was hurt. He only felt the warmth of the flames but not its scorching hotness.

Not only Chu Jing Tian but also the Flame Lion were all astonished. The Flame Lion growled and fired out 3 fire balls to Ye Wu Chen, then it ran to him with a heavy momentum, yet it forgot its original target.

Ye Wu Chen didn’t catch it with his hand this time, and didn’t even dodge. The 3 fire balls just directly hit his body and made him step back 3 steps in succession, but it didn’t hurt him at all, even his clothes didn’t get burned. Facing the Flame Lion, he waved both hands to form two cold ice spikes, then cast the ice spikes to the Flame Lion.

Ice Spike magic, on Tian Chen Continent, is the lowest level magic of the water element, it can be used by a Rank 1 Water Mage, normally, Ice Spike will be melted before getting close to a Rank 10 flame lion. However, the two ice spikes ran extraordinary fast, just a moment, they mercilessly stabbed into the Flame Lion’s weak eyes.

After a miserable roaring the Flame Lion heavily fell down. Chu Jing Tian would never miss such an opportunity, he suddenly jumped up, focusing all strength on his hands, then after the loud lion's roar he stabbed his iron sword into the Flame Lion's throat. The Flame Lion due to the pain it couldn't resist at all, its throat was cut through easily. It stopped moving after a fierce struggle.

Chu Jing Tian took out his iron sword, poked the Flame Lion then laughed. "It died? So easily? I still remember that I didn't succeed in killing it even though I fought it many times but instead got several clothes burnt." Chu Jing Tian thumbs up to Ye Wu Chen. "Brother Ye Wu Chen, you are really amazing. I was thinking of stabbing its eyes before but I didn't succeed even once. But you hurt its two eyes without any problem..... hmm, are you a Water Mage?"

Ye Wu Chen's face looked pale, shaking his hands. "It is just a coincidence, maybe I know a little about water magic, but at most know how to use basic ice spikes."

Ye Wu Chen told the truth, because he had felt that in his body a particular power was used to form two simple ice spikes.

"Brother Da Niu, how about you taking the Flame Lion back first? Ye Ning Xue and I still want to hang out here, it is safe now anyway."

Ye Wu Chen absent-mindedly seemed to say this in a plain decisive voice.

Chu Jing Tian was startled at first, then nodded. "Alright then. I also feel a bit tired with so many stuffs, but promise me to come back soon."

Soon, he put the flameless Flame Lion on his shoulder and dragging his spoils in his back. He then tried to sneak back to see what Ye Wu Chen was about to do.

"Let's go." Ye Wu Chen took the small Ye Ning Xue and walked towards the distance with a attentive face. After walking around 100 meter he, all of a sudden stopped, because he felt that a transparent wall stopped him. After pondering, he suddenly lifted up Ye Ning Xue then put her 10 meters away and seriously said "Just stay here and do not move."

Ye Ning Xue nodded her head timidly, then with her unblinking eyes watched him go back to his original position.

This is the barrier which isolate here from the outside world?

Ye Wu Chen inhaled, concentrating his attention then with great efforts controlled several air flows in his body. He concentrated the strength of Wu Chen spell on his right hand and let his whole right hand be covered by a transparent light. He made a low sound, then form his palm into a blade then with full strength cut the transparent barrier in front of him.

There is no unexpected crushing and booming sound but a slight sound, after the sound, he was bounced back by a huge force. He rolls on the ground then after a few breath stood up, while his left hand held his painful right hand with cold sweat on his forehead.

"Brother!" An anxious yell, Ye Ning Xue ran to him hurriedly, her small face full of panic. Ye Wu Chen smiled and looked at her tearful eyes, then said in a gentle voice. "Ning Xue, don't worry about me. I am fine, I was just bumped by something."

Chapter 8: The Nan Huang Sword

“Brother..... did you get hurt?” Ye Ning Xue anxiously look over his body, with a tearful voice. Ye Wu Chen helplessly smile and pick her up, and put her in her previous position, touching her small nose and said. “Listen to me, obediently stay here. I promise that nothing will happen this time.”

Ye Ning Xue was about to say something but finally didn't, she looked at him and held her small hands tightly instead. She knew her brother was doing something dangerous.

Ye Wu Chen walked in front of the [Barrier] again, but this time he didnt look at the [Barrier] but on the ground which he was standing on. He lowered his head and walked back and forth with extraordinary dignified eyes. He then bent down and kept quiet for a while, lifting his right fist and gathered all the recovered strength and then brutally hits the ground.

A loud roar made the ground shake a bit, in front of Ye Wu Chen, a shallow pit which was more than half a meter deep and half a meter wide emerged. Ye Wu Chen felt a bit dizzy after using up all his energy again and tried to balance his body then he focused his sight and looked down to the ground. The shallow pit's soil is surprisingly smooth, as if a mysterious power was protecting the soil which was below half a meter of the ground from being damaged. While a sudden flash of a golden light which made Ye Wu Chen's eyes contracted was actually a sword hilt, it shone with blinding golden light. The sword was buried into the soil, but just the sword hilt which was exposed outside of the soil had a power of making people hold their breath.

What is this...

Ye Wu Chen put his hands onto the sword hilt without any hesitation. Immediately, soft golden light covered his hands. He then slightly pulled the sword out, the golden sword was slowly being pulled out of the ground with a 'sizzle' noise, shortly after, it completely came into sight.

Just after the golden sword was pulled out, the ground began to fiercely shake. Successive huge broken sound was heard. For the time being, the [Isolated Land] which no one could know how many years it has been isolated just fiercely shook just like a severe earthquake, all people and beasts was surprised and panic. In front of the grass house, the old man who was conserving his energy with closed eyes, the old man then opened his eyes and looked into the sky, then suddenly his expression change. “ The [Barrier]..... was broken!”

The shaking ground and roaring sound didn't attract Ye Wu Chen's attention at all, he just stared at the big sword in his hands. The sword has a handle of more than 30cm, a body of more than 2 meter, a cutting edge of more than 10cm. The whole sword is all golden and smooth like a mirror. No matter if it's the sword body or the handle, he can't see any other lines on them except a small word “南” being sculptured on the sharp end of the sword. Just then, an ethereal voices reverberated in his mind..... (TL Note: 南 you read it as Nan and it also means southern)

“At the beginning of the Heaven and Earth, Chaos, gave birth to two of the earliest life form. They were born at the same time, and were sworn enemies. One took up the south of the world, while the other took up the north of the world. They separately called themselves [Nan Huang] and [Bei Di]. They had been fighting with each other for many years with no result, but it cause Chaos to break and it then formed the heaven, earth, humans, gods and demons.....

The voice in his head was suddenly interrupted just like being abruptly cut off without more contexts.

“You were calling me just now?” Holding on the sword, Ye Wu Chen with closed eyes asked in his mind.

“It is... it is me.” It was a girl’s voice, she revealed an obvious nervousness in her voice.

“Who are you?”

“I... I don’t know.”

“Why were you calling me?”

“I don’t know.”

“Then... you know who I am?”

“I... don’t know.”

Ye Wu Chen’s forehead showed 3 black lines. “Then what the hell do you know!”

The girl’s voice became more terrified, “Please don’t get angry with me master, I really have no idea of who I am..... I just know my name is Nan Er and I was sealed in the sword. And you are my master and the only person who can save me.”

“Reason.” Ye Wu Chen wiped the cold sweat on his forehead. She knew everything but said she had no idea like a fool just now.

“I really don’t know... ah, that feeling. I slept really too long then woke up suddenly because I could feel that my master came to me. So I was desperately calling to you, master.” The girl’s voice became cheery. (TL Note: A wild harem girl candidate appears!)

Ye Wu Chen frowned then asked. “You said that I can help you get out, now you should tell me what I can do to help you.”

“I don’t know.”

“.....”

“Forget it.” Ye Wu Chen’s whole body felt powerless. “You, from now on follow me, someday you can then tell me if you recall the way how to help.”

“Thank you master, thank you very much.” The girl answered happily. The sword in Ye Wu Chen’s hands instantly turned into a golden light and shot between his two eyebrows which isn’t noticeable.

A girl who was sealed into the sword... a sword turned into energy and still attached to the girl... Such a thing is unthinkable, why was Ye Wu Chen didn’t feel surprise but felt a familiar feeling.

He shook his head then looked to the front. The [Barrier] was destroyed, and the sword was the source of the [Barrier]. What was the story of that sword, why as it buried here, and how did the [Barrier] formed?

And what were the memory fragments in his head about the [Nan Huang] and [Bei Di]?

He didn't expect an answer from the girl called Nan Er, because whatever he asked, she would not be able to give an answer.

When Ye Wu Chen came back with Ye Ning Xue, the old man still sat there peacefully like an unshakeable mountain. Beside the old man, Chu Jing Tian was saying something to the old man from the left to the right of the old man, was tantalizing like an ant on hot pot. However, the old man said nothing which made Chu Jing Tian so anxious that he almost jumped.

Chu Jing Tian eyes lit up when he saw Ye Wu Chen came back and instantly ran to Ye Wu Chen, shouting to him. "Brother Ye Wu Chen, I have good news to tell you. We can get out of the isolated area because the weird [Barrier] disappeared all of a sudden."

Ye Wu Chen gave a light smile but said nothing.

The old man looked at Ye Wu Chen up and down with sharp eyes like a blade. Ye Wu Chen felt a huge power pressing on his chest just like a heavy sheet of iron. The old man looked back and smiled, "Young man, what are you planning to do now since the [Barrier] has been broken?"

Ye Wu Chen felt frightened at the bottom of his heart but still pretended to be calm on his face, and said with a smile. "Let's talk about this in the future."

Ye Ning Xue blinked her big eyes then peeked at Ye Wu Chen, but she had no idea of what they were talking about.

In the coming days, the only thing that Ye Wu Chen is doing is to take Ye Ning Xue out and play with her, they go wherever Ye Ning Xue wants. Sometimes, they go hunting in the forest or picking fruits. Ye Wu Chen even run after some butterflies like a kid with Ye Ning Xue.

In such a short times, they almost went to every corner of the isolated area. Chu Jing Tian followed them every day like a follower. He went wherever they went, just like a heavy life guard. He did this because grandpa Chu asked him to, but he himself was not reluctant to do it at all.

Ye Ning Xue was happy every day like a set free bird. Her laugh moistened Ye Wu Chen's heart again and again because she was the only decoration of his empty world and she could easily touch the softest part of his heart.

It was just..... Looking at her petite white body, he sighed in a low voice.

Chapter 9: A Dragon Getting Out of The Sea

The sky is just turning bright in the east. Ye Wu Chen stood up lightly and blankly stared at the sleeping Ye Ning Xue. Two weird scars damage her beauty, but she has the most innocent heart. He gently kissed her face then reluctantly walk outside.

"You are leaving?" The old man sat on the stump which he has been there for many years, with his walking stick in hands gently striking on the ground. Chu Jing Tian stood in front of Ye Wu Chen with unwillingness on his face then a moment later said with eager eyes. "Brother Ye Wu Chen, are you really leaving?"

Ye Wu Chen nodded his head, "Take good care of Ning Xue for me. The road ahead of me is probably full of danger, I can't take her with me..... I will pick her up when I get everything settled. If you can't wait, you can take her to find me as well."

Chu Jing Tian was about to vow to ensure when the old man said. "Don't worry about this. We won't leave here within 3 years, and won't even let Ye Ning Xue be bullied."

"3... 3 years?" Chu Jing Tian widened his eyes staring at the old man and his tears almost dropped. "Grandpa, are you... serious? 3... 3 years!"

The old man ignored him then turned his palm up to the sky. It was a black thing that was thrown to Ye Wu Chen. Ye Wu Chen took it and saw a black ring which didn't look special except a tiny word "楚" sculpted on it. (TL Note: "楚" read as Chu)

"What is this?"

"It is a storage ring which is not counted as rarity on Tian Chen Continent but should be of some use for you." The old man said peacefully.

"Storage ring?" Suddenly astonishment crossed his eyes, he nodded then wore it on his left index finger. "Thank you grandpa Chu, I must someday repay your kindness to me"

"Repay? You actually already repaid it." The old man said while smiling. He broke the [Barrier] which set them free from the "cage" and gave them a reborn freedom. This is real kindness.

Ye Wu Chen didn't argue more with him, he slowly turned his back then gently waved his hands. "Grandpa Chu, Brother Da Niu, take good care of Ye Ning Xue for me, we shall meet again soon."

He didn't look back but slowly walked away. Chu Jing Tian suspended his hand that was waving to Ye Wu Chen in the air, with tearful eyes saw Ye Wu Chen's shadow disappear from his sight.

"He just left us?" Chu Jing Tian was nagging with reluctance when he suddenly thought of something, so he jumped to the old man and distressingly asked. "Grandpa, is it true that we won't leave here within 3 years? But I....."

"It's true, at least 3 years or we will never go out." The old man said calmly with profound eyes.

Chu Jing Tian almost knelt to the old man. he has been stuck in such a god-forsaken place for 15 whole years, he has been looking forward to his dream of someday getting out of here, but that day miraculously came but getting such a result. If the old man does not agree, he cannot escape no matter what method in the palm of his hand is used.

"He is like a dragon getting out of the sea, while you must be like a fierce tiger going downhill. Before you become a fierce tiger, you are not allowed to get out." The old man was sitting there then stood up while he said this without mercy.

"A fierce tiger? When will I become fierce tiger?"

"When you get a little understanding of Heaven Realm, you can get out of here." The old man looked into distance and said with a calm and dignified voice.

“Heaven Realm..... But I couldn’t even reach spirit level in the past 5 years, how will it be possible to reach spirit level then break through Spirit Realm and reach Heaven Realm within 3 years?” Chu Jing Tian said this with grievance on his face.

“Humph!” The old man was always calm but gave a cold hum sound this time, and yelled.

”Each generation of our Chu family must stand on the highest peak of the Dao of the sword on Tian Chen Continent. Your father died young, now we have pinned all hope of Chu family on you. If you have no confidence in reaching this goal, how do you deserve to be a descendant of the Chu family and Chu Cang Ming’s grandson namely my grandson?”

Chu Jing Tian shamefully lowered his head and dared not to say even a word.

The old man suddenly use his walking stick to strike the ground, with a crashing sound, the walking stick turned into 4 pieces. A slender sword which shines with faint blue light showed up in the old man’s hands. He yelled in a low voice then the sword burst into blue light. The blade which was less than 1 meter shone an over 1 meter blue light, even the slender sword body expanded 3 times.

“From today on, this sword belongs to you. 3 years later if you are not powerful enough to deserve the sword I will take it back.” The old man swung his arms, then the sword turned into a blue arc and fell down into the ground in front of Chu Jing Tian. Chu Jing Tian immediately pulled it out and his arms was trembling with excitement.

“Cang Ming Sword... known as the magic sword.” Chu Jing Tian was so excited that with glittering eyes he even wanted to kiss the sword in his hands. He was only excited but not cautious or afraid at all, which made the old man almost slap his head.

“If you win it over in 3 years remember that you use it to kill evil and help the weak. On the contrary, you have to follow it if you can’t win, you understand?”

“I understand, understand.” Chu Jing Tian instantly answered and with his thick hands, touched the Cang Ming Sword again and again as if he was touching a girl. Finally, his eyes turned sharp and he waved his right arm to use Cang Ming Sword to draw a blue arc, then patted his chest and vowed solemnly. “Don’t worry grandpa, I will try to reach Heaven Realm within 3 years just to deserve the Cang Ming Sword!”

The old man nodded his head then with a subtle smile on his face turned his back. He was taken as a rare genius when he got a little understanding of Heaven Realm when he was 30 years old, he reached Heaven Realm at 35, reached God Realm at 60. Now, he aspire to see his fairy tale being broken by his grandson. And he would look upon him with delight.

In the morning, a sleepy head Ye Ning Xue stretched herself then slowly opened her sleepy eyes but only to find that her brother was not here. She shrugged her mouth with unwillingness, because she could always see her brother when she wakes up every time. Lightly jumping down from the wooden bed, she fixed her hair and arranged her clothes then ran out of the house.

“Brother!” She shouted with a crisp voice but didn’t get any reply. Outside of the house, she only saw Chu Jing Tian and the old man.

“Where is my brother?” Ye Ning Xue rubbed her sleepy eyes.

“Hmm...” Chu Jing Tian scratched his head then smiled. “He has left.”

“Left? Went to the forest? I will go find him right now.”

“No, no.” Chu Jing Tian waved his hands instantly, speaking in a halting way. “Little girl, your brother has left here and been on the way to Tian Long country, but he said he will pick you up soon.”

Chu Jing Tian’s words were stuck in his throat and couldn’t say anything, his heart suddenly jerk heavily, because instead of sadness or anxiety he saw... fear on her face.

Chapter 10: Full Moon Night

“Brother..... left...” All of a sudden Ye Ning Xue’s face turned stiff, nagging absent-mindedly. Her wandering eyes instantly turned grey as if the world in front of her eyes suddenly collapsed.

Chu Jing Tian subconsciously stepped back and immediately said. “Little... little girl, your brother is worried that you will be in danger if he takes you with him. But he said that he will be back to pick you up soon.”

“No...” Ye Ning Xue whispered, then suddenly she ran to Chu Jing Tian like a madman, which was different from the weak and tame Ye Ning Xue, bursting into tears, she constantly hit Chu Jing Tian with her fist. “You lied to me! lied to me! Brother won’t leave me, you lie... I don’t want to separate from brother, No!”

Her fierce reaction was far more than they expected. Chu Jing Tian instantly lift up his hands. “Calm down little girl, your brother will really be back soon.”

“You lied to me... you all lied to me! I don’t want to leave my brother.....” She loudly cried. She was left alone in the world if her brother left her, she couldn’t imagine a world without her brother. All at once, she wiped her tears when she thought of something, then held Chu Jing Tian’s clothes and shouted. “Tell me, where did bro go? I have to go find him!”

Chu Jing Tian hurriedly shook his head and almost burst into tears. “My little ancestor, spare me. Your brother will really pick you up. You can’t catch up to him since he has left for a while.”

“Tell me... Please tell me which direction my brother walked into... please.....” She looked up with tearful eyes and a tear-stained cheeks, then stared at Chu Jing Tian stubbornly, which made Chu Jing Tian afraid of looking at her eyes.

“Brother Da Niu... Please tell me, I don’t want to leave my brother....”

“Tell me... I don’t want to leave my brother, I can’t leave my brother...”

The old man silently watched them at the beginning, his face turned from emotionless to emotional, then horrified.

Chu Jing Tian suddenly felt as if he is losing his breath so finally surrendered, then points to the south. “He is on the way to Tian Long country in south, but...”

Ye Ning Xue took her hands back and recklessly ran to the direction he pointed. Chu Jing Tian was surprised, he was about to catch her when he found his body stuck there as if it was fixed. He gritted his teeth to struggle a bit then shouted. "Little girl, come back! Come back now!"

That small white shadow was getting farther and farther then soon, under the cover of the trees, disappeared from his sight.

Chu Jing Tian turned his back, struggling and shouting. "She will be in danger if I don't chase her. Why did you stop me from chasing her back?"

The old man sighed and said. "If you could read her eyes, you wouldn't chase her back. It's a desperate obsession which can't be stopped by anything. If you forcibly stop her, she won't stop struggling even with her last breath."

"Then let me go with her or you take her. After all, she is just a 10 year old little girl, she can't catch up with him because Ye Wu Chen brother has left for a while. What's more, she may encounter all sort of danger. A random beast that is over Rank 2 can..... Grandpa!"

"No!"

Unexpectedly, the old man still refused with cold expression.

"Grandpa, you have the heart to watch a little girl get in danger? Moreover, she is Ye Wu Chen's sister!! Chu Jing Tian shouted to the old man anxiously. This was the first time that he shouted to his grandpa, because this time he was really harsh.

"I told you no!" The old man shouted in a more loudly voice and overpowered Chu Jing Tian. Chu Jing Tian clenched his fists, violently stamped his feet, then finally kept quiet.

"Don't worry, she will be fine." After a while, the old man said this slowly and meanwhile was beset with doubt in his heart.

At that moment, her unintentionally released momentum chilled him..... Is this really just an ordinary girl?

Passing over the forest, there was a wild grass, then another forest beyond the grass. Ye Wu Chen was walking to the south from early morning to evening and silently calculating the distance, then he talked with Nan Er at times.

"What is your name, master?"

"Ye Wu Chen."

"Wow, nice name."

"....."

"Where is your hometown, master?"

".....Hua Xia."

"Wow, even your hometown has a nice name."

“.....”

Ye Wu Chen was using mind, then the golden sword was already in his hands. He waved his arms gently to form a golden arc. He could feel unbelievable power contain in the sword, just relatively speaking, his own power was so weak that he couldn't unleash the sword's real power.

What on earth kind of sword this is...

“Nan Er, do you remember the name of the sword?” Ye Wu Chen asked.

“Let me think... uh, it's Nan Huang sword, and it's called..... Zhan Xing.” Nan Er said in a halting way as if with efforts recalled it from her blurry memories bit by bit.

“Nan Huang—Zhan Xing?!” Ye Wu Chen lift the sword, then stared at the word “南” sculpted on the sharp Nan Huang sword?

At the beginning of the world... Nan Huang and Bei Di.....

Suddenly those fragments of ancient memories resurfaced in Ye Wu Chen's mind once again. He can't help but think: this is Nan Huang sword, so is there a Bei Di sword as well? Nan Huang and Bei Di, were the first two people that existed in the world, and can even be said as the creator of the world.

“.....They had been fighting with each other for many years with no results, but broke the chaotic world and then formed the Heaven, Earth, Humans, Gods and Devils...”

If it is real, then the world of Gods and Devils do really exist. The fairy tale Grandpa Chu told that day will also be real.

All was blank to Ye Wu Chen since he just came to Tian Chen Continent. Now that he had to start a new life, then he had to speed up his own pace. He somehow came to the continent and lost his past memories then obtain the mysterious Nan Huang sword..... What was waiting for him?

Another forest came into sight.

The sky became darker and darker as sunset came, and dark clouds all over the sky came early. Several hours later, when the curtain of the night fell, the dense forest looked terribly dark while Ye Wu Chen's heart cast a shadow.

What is this feeling of oppression? He touch his heart which was fiercely beating, fast and slow.

He couldn't help sped up because he didn't want to live in such a dense forest which had too many unknown dangers. According to the old man, walking through this small forest. there should a small town. But he doesn't know how far he still needed to go until he finally reach the capital city of Tian Long country.