

Paradise 101

Chapter 101: The Rubbish Bin that Disappeared

Lin Huang thought the only clue he had now was the rubbish bin that disappeared.

“The third rubbish bin must have disappeared together with Lin Xin. If we find the rubbish bin, we should be able to find Lin Xin.”

Lin Huang got the security personnel to contact their leader, Chen Wei.

“Mr. Lin, we’ve received the room number of the girl in ponytails. She’s staying in Room 321 on the ninth floor. I have contacted the girl’s father and got them to wait in their room. We can go over now.” Chen Wei brought them this piece of news when he picked up the call.

“We can put that on hold first. I got another clue; a lady who managed a store around the area said there were three rubbish bins when it was around 5:40 p.m. but now, there are only two. The time the rubbish bin disappeared matched the time my sister went missing too. I’m suspecting the person who that rubbish bin also took my sister.” Lin Huang presented his theory to Chen Wei.

“I’ll come to you now to look at the video taken around 5:40 p.m..”

“Sure, I’ll get my two colleagues to stay in the area for further clues.” Chen Wei nodded.

After they hung up the call, Lin Huang rushed to the monitor room. Chen Wei had paused the video of the time which Lin Huang requested. He then played the video. The video began from the time Lin Xin threw the rubbish until the time when Lin Huang and the other two arrived at the location. There were all confused after watching the video, including Lin Huang.

“Nobody removed the rubbish bin?!” Lin Huang frowned, that was strange.

If Lin Xin disappeared with the rubbish bin, she would be taken away while she was still in the rubbish bin. Aside from the monster taming token, there’s no other storage item that could contain a living being and the monster taming token doesn’t even work on humans.” Lin Huang shook his head.

“Furthermore, who would want to purposely steal a rubbish bin full of rubbish?”

“What should we do now?” Chen Wei was as helpless as Lin Huang was.

“There are only two possibilities. One, the lady we met earlier could be lying to distract us. The other possibility would be there really was a third rubbish bin in the camera’s blind spot.”

“Please get your two colleagues to ask the other merchants if they noticed the third rubbish bin. There were a couple of people throwing rubbish at the location during the time your sister disappeared, please contact them.”

“What kind of business does the fat lady do?” Lin Huang queried.

“The fat lady has been with us for 26 years. She sells cigarette and alcohol, she was here before I joined the company, she has no reason to lie.” Chen Wei knew the fat lady very well. “She may, however, be wrong about the number of rubbish bins, that’s all.”

“Let’s ask the rest then.” Lin Huang understood the complication.

Soon the two security personnel had finished asking all the merchants around that area. Besides the fat lady, another shop owner said she saw the third rubbish bin too. Chen Wei contacted the six guests who appeared on the video. Three of them said they saw the third rubbish bin while the other two could not recall and one of them only saw two rubbish bins. The girl in ponytails was one of the six people, she could not remember how many rubbish bins there were.

“From the information gathered, there really was a third rubbish bin in the blind spot.” Lin Huang concluded. One of the guests said he saw two rubbish bins at 5:58 p.m. The guest seemed certain of his answer, he said, “Of course I remember there were only two rubbish bins. The rubbish was leaking out from both bins and it took me awhile to get my empty can in, how can I forget that?!”

“Now the only certain clue is that the rubbish bin disappeared between 5:40 p.m. and 5:58 p.m. However, your sister’s disappearance was between 5:42 p.m. to the time when you guys arrived which was 6:23 p.m. During that period, nobody got rid of the rubbish bin.” Chen Wei sat at the workstation in the monitoring room.

“That means the person who took my sister must have used some technique that we don’t know of. He must have taken both the third rubbish bin and my sister.” Lin Huang was triggered by all sorts of theories now.

“We are out of clues...” Chen Wei shook his head and sighed.

“Let’s talk to the girl in ponytails on the ninth floor then.” Lin Huang refused to give up.

Chen Wei called the girl’s father to confirm the visit time and brought Lin Huang together with his personnel to the ninth floor of the spaceship. They rang the doorbell and the girl in ponytails opened the door.

“Daddy, we have guests.” The girl said loudly to the man sitting on the couch.

The man stood up and smiled at them, “Please come in.”

Lin Huang realized that the man was the one who glanced at Lin Xin at the floating elevator entrance, the man in the white shirt. Knowing that the man had a daughter who was the same age as Lin Xin, he let his guard down because as a parent himself, it was normal to look at other kids who were the same age as his daughter.

“Lily, please get us some tea.” The man said to the girl.

“Okay, daddy.” The girl skipped to the kitchen.

“Please have a seat. I’ll try my best to help.” The man smiled.

“There’s no need for tea, Mr. Wei. We’re here to talk to your daughter, it won’t take too long.”

As Chen Wei was chatting with the man, Lin Huang observed him. This Mr. Wei seemed to be in his 40s. He was about 1.85 meters, had fair skin and a good fashion sense. He was still wearing the white shirt with black slacks. He wore a gold frame glasses, he was a man with style.

“No offense but may I know what do you do for a living, Mr. Wei?” Lin Huang asked.

“I was a teacher, now I have my own business.” Mr. Wei replied Lin Huang.

“Why the career change?” Chen Wei was curious.

“Unfortunately, the salary was low.” Mr. Wei laughed.

“That’s true, it’s especially hard when you have a wife and a kid.” Chen Wei understood him as he was almost the same age as Mr. Wei.

“Mr. Wei, you’re here with your daughter? Didn’t your wife come along?” Lin Huang asked.

“My wife passed away many years ago, I only have a daughter now.” Mr. Wei shook his head and said.

“I’m sorry to hear that.” Lin Huang did not expect that answer.

“Don’t worry about it, it has been so long.” Mr. Wei waved his hand.

Lin Huang noticed a green gem on the ring on his left ring finger but he did not ask further.

Soon, the girl in ponytails came to them with tea.

“Daddy, I brought tea.”

“Please serve the guests.” Mr. Wei nodded.

The girl placed the tray on the coffee table and served the tea to everyone. Later on, she went to the man.

“Sit down, Lily.” Mr. Wei got her to sit on his lap. Lily was obedient; she did not say a word but sat quietly.

“That’s a good girl. My daughter is almost the same age as yours.” Chen Wei admitted.

“I used to be a teacher and so I trained her too. You are most welcome to send your daughter here too; I could train her as well.” Mr. Wei seemed passionate.

“That’s too much trouble.” Chen Wei was embarrassed.

“No trouble at all, I have too much time on my hands right now. I study with her and teach her manners.” Mr. Wei said and sensed that he was getting off topic, “I almost forgot why you guys came here for. Please, do talk to Lily.”

“Daddy...” Lily seemed shy. Now that she knew they were here for her, she hid in Mr. Wei’s embrace.

“Don’t worry, we only need to ask you a couple of questions.” Mr. Wei patted Lily’s shoulder.

“Little girl, don’t be afraid. We are the security team on this spaceship and we’re here to make sure that everybody is safe.” Chen Wei said.

"She's just a little shy." Mr. Wei nodded to Chen Wei.

Chen Wei then showed him Lin Xin's photo, "Have you seen this little girl before?"

Lily shook her head without an expression.

Mr. Wei who was sitting behind her hesitated and asked, "I saw this girl at the floating elevator entrance. That was more than an hour ago, what happened?"

"She's missing. We hoped that your daughter might have seen something." Chen Wei explained.

"Missing? Shouldn't there be surveillance camera on the spaceship?" Mr. Wei raised his eyebrow.

"There are a couple of blind spots, the girl disappeared at one of the blind spots." Chen Wei was embarrassed when he said that.

"Is that so, hopefully you could find her as soon as possible." Mr. Wei did not ask further.

"Little girl, do you remember drinking on a bench at 5:40 p.m.?" Chen Wei asked Lily. Lily nodded.

"Do you remember how many rubbish bins there were?"

Lily shook her head, "I don't remember. Two, or maybe three..."

After a couple of questions later, it was obvious that Lily did not seem to know anything about the incident. Lin Huang and the rest left Mr. Wei's room in desperation...

Chapter 102: Who is the Culprit?!

After leaving Mr. Wei's room, they walked towards the floating elevator. They entered the staircase; Chen Wei could not help but looked at Lin Huang.

"We don't have anymore clues now, what do we do?"

"Please send me the video clips. I need some time to think. If I help, I'll contact you again." Lin Huang pressed the seventh floor in the elevator.

Soon the floating elevator arrived at the seventh floor and Lin Huang stepped out of the elevator while the rest stayed within the elevator. Chen Wei hesitated for awhile and told the security personnels behind him, "You guys head to the room and send the video clips to Mr. Lin. I'll see the captain.

"Leader, is it really necessary to alert the captain?" The security personnels looked concerned.

"If people found out about a missing person on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship, our reputation will burn and if we do not catch the culprit, the security team is at fault. Not only would we lose our job, we might have to pay the compensation. If we did not inform the captain now, we will be in serious mess if the issue worsens." Chen Wei knew how serious the incident was so he dared not delay any minute.

"We understand now." The security personnels nodded while heading to the monitoring room.

There was a lady in her 30s in a high-slit black dress in the cockpit. Her half covered dress made her even sexier. Although the door was opened, Chen Wei knocked anyway. The lady turned around and gave him a sweet smile, "Team Leader Chen, it's been awhile since you visited."

"Captain, something happened on the spaceship." Chen Wei was staring at her pair of fair, long legs instead of her eyes. He was embarrassed and looked at the ground instead.

"Please come in and tell me more." The lady remained poised.

Chen Wei walked into the cockpit with his head down. He only took two steps forward; the lady in black dress stood less than one meter away from him. Her pair of fair, long legs were showing between the slit. Chen Wei then looked up and his eyes stopped at her cleavage. He took a deep breath and closed his eyes instead.

"Leader Chen, your heart is beating so fast." The lady placed her hand on Chen Wei's chest. He felt warmth on his chest and had a boner. He then opened his eyes and took a step back.

"Captain, we have an emergency."

"Look at you getting all worked up. Tell me, what happened?" The lady peeked at his boner and smirked. Chen Wei tried to maintain his cool by not reacting to the sexual tension.

"There's a missing girl on this spaceship. We have been looking for her for the past one hour."

"What time did she go missing?" The lady asked.

"Around 5:40 p.m."

"It is only less than an hour. How would you know she's missing?" The lady asked curiously.

"The sister's brother reported at six and we have checked the surveillance camera, the girl disappeared from the blind spot..." Chen Wei told her the story.

The lady frowned, "If she's really missing and we do not catch the culprit, we will be fully responsible. Not only would we have to pay a huge amount of compensation to the brother, the spaceship will be suspended from flying. It would take a couple of months for investigation, we can only get it up and running after confirming that the spaceship is fine. Moreover, all of the staff, myself as the captain, the security team will be investigate for a long time. Things will be so troublesome. Let's not waste anymore time, we must find the culprit!"

"The spaceship docks at Dong Xuan City at 9:20 tomorrow morning. It's a company rule that our flight schedule cannot be delayed for even a minute so we must find the culprit by then. We cannot let any skeptical person slip away, including the brother of the girl who is missing!"

"The girl's brother?" Chen Wei looked at the captain in doubt.

"He might be the mastermind behind all this, it is possible to he killed his sister so that he could get the compensation. Moreover, we aren't even sure if the girl is really his sister." The lady included Lin Huang in the suspect list.

“Understood, we will do our best to find the culprit.” The lady made sense so he included Lin Huang into his list of suspects.

Of course, Lin Huang would not know what happened in the cockpit. After he got back to his room, he received the video clips that were sent by the security personnels and played them immediately.

The first one showed Lin Xin disappearing. Lin Huang launched his boundless eyes, and looked far behind from the moment when Lin Xin walked towards the rubbish bin. He kept thinking that he must have missed something, it was impossible for Lin Xin to disappear together with the rubbish bin just like that.

He repeated the video clips three times and finally noticed one tiny unusual part. The girl in ponytails had an Emperor’s Heart Ring on her left middle finger when she was throwing the rubbish while there was no ring on her right hand. But after she threw the rubbish, Lin Huang noticed that she flicked her right hand in the blink spot, a ring appeared on her right hand. After watching that part repetitively, Lin Huang confirmed that there was an additional green ring on the girl’s right hand. However, as her hand was moving and the paused screen was blur, Lin Huang could not get a clear look on the ring. He only managed to see that the ring was green.

He contacted Chen Wei immediately. Chen Wei was just looking for Lin Huang, seeing that he called, he picked up immediately. Before he could even say a word, Lin Huang spoke nervously.

“Leader Chen, I’ve found something. Take a look at the last video clip. When the girl, Lily was throwing the rubbish, there was no ring on her right hand. But when she left, there was a ring on her right middle finger. You should have people who could get a better look of the ring, right?”

Chen Wei played the video clip immediately after he heard what Lin Huang said and fast forwarded to the part where Lily threw rubbish. It was just like what Lin Huang said.

“Xiao Wang, please get a better image of this ring!” Chen Wei paused the video and got a long haired young man to get this done.

The long haired man nodded. He then projected the image with his Emperor’s Heart Ring, downloaded the image and started editing. In less than a minute, he produced a clearer image. It was a ring with green precious stone.

“Why does this ring look so familiar?” Chen Wei tried to recall where he saw this ring before.

“Is it done?” The communication device was still on, Lin Huang spoke again.

“I will send it over to you now.” Chen Wei took a photo of the image and sent it to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang squinted when he saw the image. He recognized at an instant that the ring with green precious stone was the one on Mr. Wei’s finger.

He didn’t know how but he was sure that he was the culprit. “Mr. Wei...” Lin Huang called out his name, he was ready to kill.

Chapter 103: Rescuing Lin Xin

On the ninth floor of Demonic Crystal Spaceship, room No.321.

Mr. Wei sent Lin Huang and the rest of them away, smiling. After shutting the door, he turned back and looked at Lily. He seemed angry.

Lily knelt on the ground, her body trembling. "Daddy..."

"You are an idiot. You messed up!" Mr. Wei kicked her and she fell.

Lily immediately got up and tried groveling, "Daddy, please don't be mad at me. I know it's my fault..."

"You have been with me for so long. You should know how to handle something so simple!" Mr. Wei kept his hands behind his back.

"Daddy, please don't sell me away..." Tears rolled down her cheeks as she pleaded, "Lily wants to be with daddy forever. Lily wants to serve you..."

"Lily, you are the best among all of my daughters. You're the only one I keep by my side. But today, you have disappointed me..." Mr. Wei's eyes were still cold.

"I know it's my fault. Daddy, please punish me. Please don't sell me away..." Lily's face was full of tears and she quickly took off her clothes. She was so skinny and there were visible scars from her collar-bone to her ankle. These were lash marks, scalds, and scars formed when the skin was cut with a sharp object. There were injuries all over her body...

Mr. Wei gave off a scoff and swung his left hand. The emerald ring on his ring finger released a beam of green light and a green-skinned monster that was two meters long appeared.

The monster looked like a giant green worm and the diameter of its mouth was around one meter. When the giant green worm opened its mouth, it spat out of a girl.

"Please bathe her and send her to my room." Mr. Wei said while taking off his glasses and unbuttoning his shirts.

"Daddy, let me serve you..." Lily looked nervous.

"Lily, do you want me to repeat myself again?" Mr. Wei stopped unbuttoning his shirts and stared at Lily.

Lily lowered his head while carrying Lin Xin and walked towards the bathroom.

Mr. Wei was already naked. He walked to the bedroom after folding his shirts and placed them on the tea table.

In the bathroom, Lily immediately took off Lin Xin's clothes and threw her into the bathtub. She let the cold shower water splash onto Lin Xin's head and Lin Xin regained consciousness at once.

When she saw her naked body in the bathtub and a young naked girl with wounds all over her body, she screamed.

"Who are you? What is happening?!" She reacted immediately.

“My name is Lily. I am my daddy’s daughter. My daddy wants you to be his daughter too. That’s why you are here.” Lily answered.

“Are you crazy? You sound forced.” Lin Xin realized that the young girl was rehearsing lines. “Contact my brother, he will save us!”

Just as when Lin Xin was opening the communication page, Lily grabbed her wrist. “Daddy said that you are not allowed to contact anyone!”

“I don’t know who your daddy is. Judging by the wounds on your body, He does not seem like a good father. Why is he controlling your life?!” Lin Xin shook the girl’s shoulders.

“I want to be with daddy forever. I don’t want to leave my daddy!” Lily shouted back.

She was completely brainwashed. Lin Xin won’t be able to convince her for now so she tried her best to quickly call Lin Huang but Lily pulled her hair and her head fell back.

“You are not allowed to call anyone!” Lily knocked Lin Xin’s head against the edge of the bathtub.

Lin Xin fainted. At that moment, the door creaked open.

Lin Huang pulled up his feet and walked into the room. When he saw the green worm monster in the room, he finally understood everything.

The worm-like monster, also known as the Formless Worm, could transform into a variety of shapes and sizes. The monster must have transformed into a dustbin and swallowed Lin Xin. Then, it was transformed into a ring and Lily took it away.

Lin Huang frowned. He could not kill the Formless Worm as he would hurt Lin Xin if she was in the worm’s body.

“Wei! Show yourself!” Lin Huang yelled, his voice echoed across the room.

Mr. Wei walked out of the room with the bedcovers wrapped around his body.

Lin Huang rushed into the room but Lin Xin was not there.

He turned back and looked at Mr. Wei, “Where is my sister.” “Bro, I don’t know what you’re talking about.” Mr. Wei denied.

“Ask this Formless worm to spit my sister out!” Mr. Wei’s facial expression changed.

“I have no idea where your sister is. You’re mistaken.” Mr. Wei panicked. At normal times, he would definitely choose to report to the security guard and they would come to stop Lin Huang. However, Lin Xin was in the bathroom now. If he were to report to the security guard, they would discover that. He had no choice but to play it cool.

The iron weapon on Lin Huang’s hand immediately turned into a saber and Lin Huang grabbed it.

“Stop it. It’s the Demonic Crystal Spaceship here.” Mr. Wei did not even achieve iron-level rank-1. He knew that he would not be able to defeat Lin Huang.

Lin Huang lifted the saber and Mr. Wei retreated a few steps. He stumbled over the Formless Worm and fell.

Before he could get up, Lin Huang pointed the sword at his neck.

"I said, give me my sister!" Lin Huang was ready to kill.

"I really have no idea what are you talking about." Mr. Wei insisted.

Lin Huang made a cut and a large amount of blood oozed out from the wound. Mr. Wei yelled in pain.

Lin Huang chopped off his left arm.

"My patience is limited. I repeat once again, where is my sister!" Mr. Wei did not expect Lin Huang to be this brutal.

However, he knew that if he were to reveal where Lin Xin was, he would probably die. "I really don't know where your sister is..."

Lin Huang slashed again, chopping Mr. Wei's right arm off.

"I am no fool. I guess there aren't many things left for me to chop off from your body..." Lin Huang cut through the bedcovers covering Mr. Wei's lower body and the tip of his saber moved up along his leg and stopped at the position between his inner thighs.

Mr. Wei felt a chill shooting upwards from his lower body.

"I'll give you three more minutes. Otherwise, this is the next part I will chop off from your body..." His saber's tip pressed slightly and cut the part between his hip, a streak of blood to ooze out from his wound.

"Stop it. She is not in the Formless Worm. She's in the bathroom!" Mr. Wei gave up.

"For your sake, you better be right!" Lin Huang immediately summoned Bai and commanded, "Bai, please check the bathroom."

It was only then that, Mr. Wei knew that Lin Huang was an Imperial Censor.

Bai quickly went to the bathroom. He saw Lily sitting next to the bathtub. Bai directly carried Lin Xin out of the bathtub. Bai wrapped her up in the cloth that was beside her and walked out of the bathroom.

Lin Huang stared fiercely at Mr. Wei when he saw her come out of the bathroom.

"She is fine. Lily brought her to the bathroom to bathe her. We haven't done that yet..." Mr. Wei tried to cook up a lie.

"Whether you have done it or not, you won't be using this anymore!" Lin Huang's blade sliced across his lower body. Mr. Wei yelled in pain, blood oozing out between his legs.

"Go to hell!" Mr. Wei cursed.

"If you are looking for death, I'll help you!" Lin Huang's saber turned into a long, black shadow and he was about to cut through his neck.

A black shadow appeared abruptly at the moment and blocked Lin Huang's fatal attack.

"Mister, why are you so angry? Since you have rescued your sister and he has learned his lesson, what is the point of killing him?" A woman in black dressed held Lin Huang's saber in between her fingers. She was polite.

"Who are you?"

"Mr. Lin, she is our captain."

Chen Wei walked into the room as well. He was relieved when he saw Lin Xin in Bai's arms. "Mr. Lin, you should know that we have our rules. You can't kill anyone on this spaceship. He is severely injured now. Let us handle him. We have checked his background and he is involved in many crimes. He did not even achieve iron-level. The government will keep him behind bars for at least 300 years, enough to keep him until his death."

Lin Huang kept quiet for a moment. He then raised his leg and stepped on the piece of meat that he had just cut off from Mr. Wei's body, instantly turning it into minced meat.

He lifted his saber once again and killed the Formless Worm in front of everyone.

He ignored Xiao Hei's notification regarding the complete set of monster card that he had obtained. He turned back and asked Chen Wei, "How about the girl with him?"

"The girl is a victim. We will send her for professional psychotherapy to erase her memories and help her start living a normal life again." Chen Wei explained.

Lin Huang did not say anything and walked towards the door, "Bai, let's go."

Chapter 104: Killing Wei Shan

The female captain licked her lips as she saw Lin Huang leave the room, "He is quite the character. I like it.

Chen Wei could not sympathize with Lin Huang for what has happened to his sister and him. He felt pity for Mr. Wei instead, as he was rolling on the ground, groaning in pain. He thought in his heart, "Mr. Lin is young but he's a ruthless man."

"Where's Lily?" Chen Wei asked Mr. Wei.

"In the bathroom." The female captain answered.

Chen Wei hurried up to the bathroom. After a short while, Lily came out with a robe on.

"Daddy!"

Just as Lily got out of the bathroom, she wanted to pounce on Mr. Wei but Chen Wei stopped her.

"Lily, he is not your dad. His name is Wei Shan. He is a human trafficker who sells and kidnaps underage girls."

“You have been brainwashed by this rubbish. You don’t know his actual identity. You need help.” The female captain spoke gently to Lily.

“Pull this guy away. He is an eyesore to me. I’m afraid that I’ll accidentally kill him on purpose.” The female captain saw the wounds on Lily’s leg and gave a murderous stare at Wei Shan.

Chen Wei immediately instructed two people to carry Wei Shan to the clinic. He would definitely die if he lost any more blood.

The female captain then called a number and said, “Cleaner, please clean up room No.321 on the ninth floor.”

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Lin Huang held Lin Xin in his arms and they went back to their room. He put her to bed and slowly, she regained her consciousness.

She felt dizzy as she opened her eyes and held her head tight. She was so happy to see her brother that she pounced on him.

“Brother!”

“Everything is fine. It’s fine...” Lin Huang rhythmically patted her back.

Hearing her brother’s voice, Lin Xin burst into tears.

Lin Huang did not say anything. He let her cry, her tears and mucus on his clothes.

After some time, Lin Xin was emotionally stable once again. Her face reddened, she pulled back and said, “I’m sorry, brother. I shouldn’t have walked away from you.”

“It’s not your fault. Don’t apologize.” Lin Huang rubbed Lin Xin’s head “I’ll look for a doctor to check up on you.”

After a short while, the clinic appointed a female doctor to diagnose her.

“She is fine, she is just frightened. Although she hit her head, there are no signs of a concussion. You can apply a cold pack from time to time and you should be alright in no time.”

“Thank you, doctor.” Lin Huang was relieved.

After sending away the doctor, Lin Xin sat up and said, “Brother, I’ll take a bath and change my clothes.”

“Alright. Be careful, the floor is wet.” Lin Huang nodded his head.

Lin Huang walked to the balcony and called Chen Wei.

“Mr. Lin, is there anything I can do to help?” Chen Wei answered the call very quickly.

“What time is that fellow getting off the ship?” Lin Huang asked directly.

Chen Wei kept quiet.

“After getting off the ship, what happens to him has nothing to do with you. Are you protecting him?” Lin Huang’s sentence was powerful enough.

“Alright. He deserves it. He is getting off at Dongxuan City tomorrow morning at 9.20 a.m. There will be officers from the coalition government waiting for him at the get off point. It won’t be easy for you to finish him off.” Chen Wei told him the exact time.

“I just need to know the time. I’ll plan the rest.” Lin Huang was about to hang up when Chen Wei shouted at him.

“Don’t hang up yet. Regarding Wei Shan, he has a notorious background. He has gotten away with so many crimes. He has connections with members of the royal family. He is a human trafficker. Many of the girls have become slaves and he has trained them to serve people with special fetishes. If you kill him, many people would lose their supply of women and they will come after you...” Chen Wei said.

“It is important that he dies! His survival will ruin the lives of many young, innocent girls.” Lin Huang never wanted to let Wei Shan go. He only left the room because he clearly knew that the female captain who looked like a transcendent was not going to allow him to kill Wei Shan.

After hanging up, the urge to kill grew stronger.

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Lin Xin ate her breakfast and played Gun Master in her room. This was around 9 in the morning.

Lin Huang arrived at the deck. He was standing somewhere near the spaceship’s exit, leaning against the shipboard staring blankly at the clouds below.

When it was about 9.15 a.m., the spaceship began its descent.

Wei Shan was escorted by Chen Wei and another security guard.

His arms had been stitched up. Wei Shan grinned as he saw Lin Huang at the exit. “There is no use standing here. You will not be able to kill me on the spaceship or even after. Sending me to the coalition government is useless too. I’ll be out on bail after three days. The only thing you could do is seeing me remain at large...”

Lin Huang kept quiet and took a quick glance at him. He continued looking at Dongxuan City that was getting closer and closer.

Soon, the spaceship landed on one of the plazas in Dongxuan City. Wei Shan was sent away.

Lin Huang did not follow because he gave up on thinking of ways to kill him.

At the end of the spaceship’s exit, by the stairs, both of them handed Wei Shan to officers from the Union Government.

Chen Wei’s expression was incredulous.

“You little brat, I’ve told you before, you can’t do anything to me!” Wei Shen turned back and smiled at Lin Huang. “You must remember there is deep enmity between us. One day, I’ll sleep with your sister and send you the video...”

“That day will never come!” Lin Huang grinned.

A white-haired young man suddenly appeared behind Wei Shan like a ghost. There were two golden wings extending from his spine, turning into two sharp blades.

One of the blades penetrated through Wei Shan’s heart and a gigantic golden hook protruded from his back. He was hanging in the mid-air. The floor was bloody.

Wei Shan had not died yet. He was terrified, lowering his head to look at his chest and bloodied shirt.

The next moment, another golden blade that resembled a long sword penetrated his head from the back of his head, leaving a huge hole in his head.

“Daddy!” Somewhere near the shipboard, someone gave a shrill scream. Lin Huang saw it was Lily.

Lin Huang was not aware that there was a man in the crowd, dressed in a black suit taking photos of Lin Huang using the Emperor’s Heart Ring.

After a few shots, he walked out of the crowd and called a number, “Wei Shan has died. The one who killed him was a young man. I’ve sent you the photos. Check his background and if there is nothing special about him, kill him.”

Chapter 105: Arriving at Xiagong City

Wei Shan’s death was too sudden and the two personnel were not prepared to react in time. They witnessed Wei Shan’s death by a vampire and the vampire vanishing after it completed the kill.

Both of them shifted their gaze towards Lin Huang because of the rift between them. However, there was no evidence showing that Lin Huang was the murderer.

While both of them still hesitated, the Demonic Crystal Spaceship took off. They looked at the spaceship helplessly and called their superior.

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“What? He killed him right on the street? Why would Lin Huang do that?” Yi Yeyu received a call from Yi Zheng in the middle of the night. She was furious!

“He was a human trafficker. He threatened Lin Huang’s sister on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship...” Yi Zheng told her the whole story.

“He deserves it. Lin Huang did the right thing!” Yi Yeyu would definitely stand by Lin Huang’s side.

“The main problem is that there were forces pressuring them, requesting to arrest Lin Huang as soon as the spaceship lands at Xiagong City.” Yi Zheng said.

“I guess only those human traffickers were affected.” Yi Yeyu immediately understood what was happening then.

“Yes, these people indeed fueled the situation. However, it’s a serious crime to kill someone in the foothold. There is evidence now and the situation has become a lot more complicated.” Yi Zheng was

having a headache. "What worried me the most is if he were convicted, he might not be imprisoned in the coalition governments but their personal prison? If that happens, it would be better if he was sentenced to death..."

"Brother, if they catch Lin Huang, everything will be ruined!" Yi Yeyu nervously said.

"I have asked some of my friends about this. The issue won't be solved anytime soon." Yi Zheng shook his head.

"I'll seek help from daddy!" Yi Yeyu immediately decided to do so.

"That's the only way if you want to save Lin Huang but the relationship between them and our family would be even worse." Yi Zheng sighed.

"Our relationship was never good. They are hypocrites. Why do we have to maintain a good relationship with them?" Yi Yeyu was obviously upset. "The Yi family used to live with dignity; we don't need them as our allies!"

"But I'm not sure if daddy is willing to help out." Yi Zheng was being realistic.

"I'll ask daddy now."

"It is 12..." Before Yi Zheng could say 12.30, she hung up the call.

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At Division3, Leng Yuexin received a message while she was on her way back to the hotel to rest. She immediately called back.

A middle-aged man dressed in a blue striped suit appeared in the video call.

"Uncle Li, what happened to Lin Huang?" Leng Yuexin asked nervously.

"You asked me to pay more attention to Lin Huang before you left. I have been following his whereabouts. Yesterday afternoon he killed a person in Dongxuan City on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship. He killed a human trafficker..." Uncle Li, the housekeeper told her.

"Miss Yi, do you want to save him?"

"Yes, of course. Lin Huang has saved my life. Be it right or wrong, I can't just allow this to happen. He's in grave danger. To me, he's done nothing wrong!" Leng Yuexin explained.

"But if you're going to be involved in this matter, your dad will definitely find out." Uncle Li reminded her.

"Let him, I'll explain to him." Leng Yuexin said without hesitation.

"There is something that I have to tell you. We can meddle in such matters but for matters that they're doing the dark, it'll be..." Uncle Li reminded again.

"Even that is not allowed! Ask Uncle Feng to go there and whoever dares stand in our way, kill them all!" Leng Yuexin interrupted Uncle Li.

“Yes, I understand. I’ll do it now.” Uncle Li hung up the call.

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Soon, the families who were trying to fuel the situation noticed that the events surrounding what had happened were quite strange.

“Didn’t you say that there was no one supporting him? Why did the head of the armed forces from the Yi and Leng families, some of the most powerful families among the six royal families be involved in this issue?”

“It seems like we can’t kill him. Otherwise, our relationship with the Yi and Leng families will worsen. We can only kill him quietly...”

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After Wei Shan had been killed, Lin Huang was in a good mood. What he did not realize was that his small act of killing a human trafficker left the royal families in an absolute mess.

Because of this, Lin Huang asked Lin Xin to move into his room. During daytime, she would play games while Lin Huang practiced his skills in the living room.

Lin Xin tried not to disturb her brother after she left the game cabin. Lily was sent to one of the psychotherapy agencies nearby the foothold on the second day of Wei Shan’s death.

Three days had passed and everything was peaceful. The female captain and Chen Wei did not ask Lin Huang to pay for the damage he caused on the ship. Lin Huang had accumulated about 110 card pieces of *Army Attack Tactics*. The time needed to complete one cycle had been shortened from half an hour to 15 minutes.

On the eighth afternoon on board the spaceship, Lin Huang and Lin Xin arrived at Xiagong City.

The female captain had a rather complicated expression when Lin Huang got off the spaceship. She mumbled, “This fellow was not supposed to have anyone protecting him. Why on earth would the most powerful among the six royal families, the Leng family and the head of the armed forces from the Li family help him?”

Lin Huang knew nothing about this. He checked into their hotel. It was a suite with two rooms. Since the incident, Lin Huang was not going to let Lin Xin out of his sight.

“It is 4.32 p.m. now and it was still too early for dinner. Show me your itinerary for this trip!” Lin Huang said.

Lin Xin showed him the itinerary she planned for their trip and explained the details to Lin Huang.

“Today is the day one at Xiagong City. I estimated that we would arrive at the hotel at 4.30 p.m. Since it’s already quite late, we are not going to visit any places today. We are going to look for some good food at a night market, somewhere near the hotel. It’s called Xia Street. Some traditional shops sell snacks there...”

Chapter 106: The Attack at Xia Street

Xia Street was actually not the name of a street. It was the name for the night market which was located at the center of Xiagong City.

The night market was set in the middle of many crossroads, with more than 10 lanes branching out from it. The lanes were not too wide and they were very crowded at night.

The shops usually opened at five o'clock in the evening and would get livelier after dark.

Lin Huang and Lin Xin were walking from the hotel and they reached the night market at around 6.30 p.m. The sky was getting darker by then.

The hanging red street lanterns were lit up in an impressive Chinese design.

"The lanterns are so pretty!" Lin Xin squealed. It was the first time she saw such a scene and it was something new for her.

"Let's look for some food first and walk around after eating," Lin Huang suggested. Both of them had not had their dinner yet since they were waiting to try the food here.

Lin Huang and Lin Xin were enticed by many of the peculiar things that were there as soon as they arrived at Xia Street. Other than food, there were many interesting toys and gadgets to fiddle with, and there was even a roadshow performance.

There were a few people in the crowd who shifted their focus to Lin Huang as he walked around. Suddenly, they turned and started walking slowly towards him.

Lin Huang could vaguely sense that something strange was happening. He felt a sinister vibe coming from the people that were surrounding him. However, he could not identify from which direction it was coming from.

He then noticed that there was an apparel store located not far away from them. He pulled Lin Xin in that direction and they ducked into the shop. Almost at the same time as they entered the apparel store, he summoned Bai.

"Brother, what happened?" Lin Xin asked. She was familiar with Bai and she knew when he appeared it meant that Lin Huang was preparing for a fight.

"Nothing happened. Just choosing a shirt for Bai," Lin Huang answered. He then chose a cloak with a cape in the apparel store and put it on Bai's body.

It fit Bai very well and his eye-catching white hair was covered by the cape as well.

"Boss, I'll buy this," Lin Huang said to the shop owner, pointing at the cloak that Bai was wearing. He then paid for it and headed for the exit.

Bai did not take off the cloak after wearing it. He was completely covered by the cloak and followed Lin Huang and Lin Xin as they walked out of the apparel store.

Despite it being summer time now, there were still many people who dressed oddly in this world. No one noticed Bai wearing a cloak in the heat.

As soon as Lin Huang walked out of the shop, the group of men immediately approached him.

However, there was a beam of green light that flashed in front of them and they all disappeared.

The speed of the green light was so fast that the people around them did not even realize something strange had happened, nor did any of them notice the men had disappeared as well.

"Hmmm? Was it an illusion?" a passerby muttered in confusion from the green lights.

Walking out of the apparel store, Lin Huang felt uncomfortable. The murderous vibe that he sensed earlier had disappeared.

"This guy is quite alert. Although he is only an Iron Hunter, he is capable of sensing the deadly aura exuded by a silver-level assassin," a middle-aged man thought to himself and grinned, standing in front of a stall nearby. He had waist-length hair and wore a green robe. He was good-looking with an eccentric personality that set him apart from the people around him. Even stranger though, nobody seemed to notice his existence despite him standing there the whole time.

Lin Huang did not let his guard down although the murderous aura that he felt earlier had disappeared. He had been on Lin Xin's left side while Bai escorted her on her right side. Lin Xin walked between them.

"Brother, let's go to that shop!" Lin Xin chirped cheerfully and pointed at a barbecue shop.

"Alright," he said. Many people were already waiting in queue although the shop had just opened.

"I have reviewed this shop's site before and it was said that its signature recipes have been passed down for more than three generations over a span of more than 50 years," Lin Xin told Lin Huang.

"I guess the shop has quite a good reputation as the queue is so long despite it having just opened," Lin Huang replied and nodded his head as he joined the queue with Lin Xin.

Suddenly, Lin Huang frowned right after he joined the queue. He could sense the murderous aura once again.

It was so crowded and still, Lin Huang could not determine which direction the person was coming from. He could only feel the person somewhere very close to him.

He tensed up in preparation for an incoming attack. All of a sudden, the deadly aura disappeared again.

"It is impossible that it is an illusion this time!" Lin Huang thought to himself. He was sure that the murderous aura was really there. However, he had no idea why they suddenly vanished. He had a feeling that the people who intended to kill him were quietly being taken out one at a time.

At a corner of a building not far away from Lin Huang, a man in a suit dialed a number.

"Boss, the second team had been killed. Up to this moment, I have not discovered who the killer is yet..." As soon as the man in suit finished his sentence, a man who was in a green robe appeared in front of him, with a wide grin on his face.

"You are..." the man in suit exclaimed, stunned. Obviously, he could recognize the man in the robe.

"I would like to speak to your boss. You are not qualified enough for me to pay attention yet," the man in green robe said with a wry smile.

"Who is that?" A person with a deep voice asked over the communication device.

"He is..." the man in the suit stopped talking immediately as a semi-transparent small green wolf appeared out of nowhere and clutched at his throat.

"Let's meet up and you'll know who I am," the green-robed man said calmly once he knew the man on the line was listening.

"Sure. I would like to know who you are, troublemaker." The boss answered after a brief pause.

"Alright. Let's meet at the clock tower. See you," the green-robed vigilante said.

Upon hanging up the call, the semi-transparent small wolf suddenly grew bigger, opening its mouth and it swallowed the man in the suit.

However, people that were about two meters away from them did not notice what had happened and it seemed as if the man in the suit and the green-robed man were hollowmen.

The green-robed man pointed his toe on the ground and transformed into a beam of green light. Soon, he arrived at the clock tower which was located beside Xia Street.

He raised his head, seeing that a man in a black robe was standing at the top of the clock tower. The brim of his hat shadowed his face and he could not be seen clearly.

"Oh, it's you, Feng Zhuoran," the black-robed man greeted him as he recognized him instantly, and sounded frightened.

"Don't you feel hot wearing that on a summer's day?" Feng Zhuoran asked and smiled cunningly.

"Is the Leng family going to protect this little brat?" The man in black robe ignored his question and asked.

"I'm already here. What do you think?" Feng Zhuoran shrugged his shoulders.

"What's the relationship between him and Leng family?" The black-robed man asked.

"I wanted to ask you too. The ones who have died were just unimportant people. Although, why would a transcendent be appointed to kill an iron-level brat? Does he have a hidden identity?" Feng Zhuoran asked, scratching his chin, confused.

"So, the Leng family would meddle in this issue no matter what?" The black-robed man ignored Feng Zhuoran's question again and asked.

"I have been instructed to kill any assassins!" He immediately activated his skill right as he finished his sentence.

He waved his sleeves and a large pack of green giant wolves appeared out of nowhere and sprang towards the black-robed man.

“Feng Zhuoran, are you trying to start a fight?” The black-robed man yelled at him. A bloody long sword streaked across the sky, making its way through the giant wolves. It then transformed into a beam of crimson light and sped off.

“He fled quickly,” Feng Zhuoran mumbled, sounding disappointed. He then waved his sleeves again and the horde of green giant wolves disappeared. He then walked slowly towards Xia Street.

Chapter 107: The True Identity

It was almost 10 o’clock at night when Lin Huang and Lin Xin went back to the hotel. Feng Zhuoran was staying at the same hotel too and his room was just next to theirs. However, Lin Huang did not notice him there at all.

When they got back to their room, Lin Xin fell asleep almost immediately. On the other hand, Lin Huang tossed and turned the whole night.

“I felt people are coming at me, twice. It is not an illusion but how could the feeling just disappear? Did someone actually kill them?” Lin Huang could not figure out what had happened. However, he did not know that he was so close to the truth. He would never have thought that it was related to Leng Yuexin who was at Division3 though.

He emptied his mind and still, he could not fall asleep. He opened the Heart Network, surfing the news updates on the web.

One of the recommended local news headlines published on the Heart Network caught Lin Huang’s attention.

“Recently, the number of cases involving murder committed in foothold No.7B61, Xiagong City has increased. A series of murders have happened in the last four days alone. The death toll stands at 16 on the first day and the total number of deaths until today is 121. Those who had been killed are ordinary people and those who are of an Iron-level. None of the bronze-levels have been killed yet. This incident attracted a great deal of the Union Government’s attention...” it read.

“It has been four days but the murderer has not been arrested yet...” Lin Huang thought. He had doubted the security system of Xiagong City for quite a while now.

Lin Huang started to feel sleepy when it was almost 12 o’clock. He then closed the Heart Network and fell asleep.

In the next room, Feng Zhuoran was sitting on the sofa and dialed a number.

After a short while, a video popped up in front of him as soon as the call was answered. The person who appeared in the video call was Uncle Li and he was the one talking on the phone with Leng Yuexin the other day.

“Dear housekeeper, good evening!” Feng Zhuoran greeted.

“How’s it going?” Housekeeper Li asked.

“It’s going quite well, I guess. I have been wearing a mask these days, there shouldn’t be any problems,” Feng Zhuoran said as he straightened his body, folding both arms across his chest.

“You sound uncertain. Did anything happening?” Li asked as he could read Feng Zhuoran’s mind by his body language.

“Yes, something did really happen. They appointed a transcendent to kill him. However, I scared him off,” Feng Zhuoran replied.

“They asked a transcendent to kill Lin Huang?” Housekeeper Li said and then frowned. “Did this problem really stem from the guy who died or does Lin Huang have some other secrets that we don’t know about?” Housekeeper Li questioned.

“We have checked Lin Huang’s background many times now. There shouldn’t be any problems. I’m guessing something was wrong with the guy who died,” Feng Zhuoran guessed. “I asked the transcendent before but he did not say anything. Seems like he was trying to hide something. The problem is more apparent now,” he said.

“I’ll try to see if I can get any more information. Thanks for your hard work,” Li said and hung up the phone immediately, catching Feng Zhuoran by surprise.

“Housekeeper Li always hangs up the phone so unexpectedly...” Feng Zhuoran said as he looked at the screen turning black all of a sudden.

He dismissed the communication page and started chatting with his friends in his chat groups. It was not necessary for a transcendent to sleep every day. Therefore, he had plenty of time.

At around 1 a.m., Housekeeper Li sent him a message.

“Something is wrong with the guy that Lin Huang killed. His dead body disappeared and all clues linked to this were destroyed,” the message read.

Feng Zhuoran frowned as he read the message. He shook his head and sighed, “Lin Huang...Ah, Lin Huang, who you are messing with...”

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A few hours earlier, a crimson light shone into the forest. A black-robed man looked back at the sky behind him and sighed in relief.

“Fortunately he didn’t come after me!” He muttered.

He took off his hat, activated the communication page of the Heart Network and dialed a number.

“How’s it going?” A voice came from the communication device.

“Failed. Feng Zhuoran from the Leng family was there to protect him. He said that Leng family will intervene in this issue no matter what,” the black-robed man said.

“The Leng family...” The guy paused for a moment and said, “Fine, ask them to withdraw the hitmen. It would not benefit us if things get messy.”

“But how are we going to tell Mr. Huang about this?” The black-robed man asked.

“I’ll explain to him. Since the one who died was his distant relative, I think our business is more important. He asked for our help since he wanted revenge but we have tried our best. We would pay dearly if things go south...” Zheng Yuan said and hung up the phone.

The Zheng family was just a middle-class royal family in Division7. They were incomparable to the Leng family. However, he could not offend the other party as well. Things were difficult for him.

After having a video conference with a few other royal families for more than an hour, eventually they had decided to give up on their operations. As the initiator of this operation, he had no choice but to report to Mr. Huang regarding the matter.

In his room, he called his number after he closed all the windows.

The call was answered after it rang several times.

“Tell me..” a voice asked over the line. It was the sound of a man, but his age could not be identified.

“Mr. Huang, our operation to kill Lin Huang was obstructed by the Leng family...” Zheng Yuan said, and then told him everything that happened.

He kept quiet for a long while and said, “Alright. There is no need for you and the rest of them to do business in Division7 anymore.”

He hung up the phone after finishing his sentence. Zheng Yuan was really puzzled.

“What is happening?” Zheng Yuan called back once again but his number had been barred.

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At Division2, in a castle that was beautiful beyond imagination, a 30-year-old woman in a purple dress was patting a skull.

“Shan Er, why didn’t you listen to Mummy. You said that you like the little girls and I asked Lao Huang to build such a business for you at Division7. You would have only been in charge of the things that happened behind the scenes and Lao Huang would’ve taken care of everything else. Then, you wanted to be involved in the business and I asked Lao Huang to create a fake identity for you, saying that you were a distant relative of the royalty in Division7. With them looking after you, you could’ve been a supplier,” the old woman said calmly.

“It’s fine that you wanted to be a supplier. You were born with a broken Life Wheel and you can’t use your Life Power. You know that you can’t use defensive equipment and relics. You need Lao Huang to protect you all the time. However, you always look for girls when he’s not with you and that was what caused this to happen today!” She shouted, suddenly bursting into a rage.

The eyes of the skull glowed with a blue light. Its jaw moved up and down and the voice of a man was heard. If Lin Huang was there, it would definitely have sounded familiar to him. This was because it was Wei Shan’s voice, the one he had killed.

“Mum, please help me take my revenge on him! After Lin Huang is killed, cage his spirit and make it into a Corpse Slave!” The skull shouted.

“Shan Er...calm yourself. Of course, we must take revenge but you have to be patient. The Leng family is very influential in Division7 and they are somehow related to Division3. I will attract the attention of Division3 if I get too involved in this issue. I will plan your revenge. You have to stay in this spirit fostering bottle for the next three years. Three years from now, when your spirit has become stable, I will look for the body of an undead species. You can then live on as an undead creature,” his mother explained.

“Mum, what’s your plan?” The skull asked.

“Bring her in,” the woman in the purple dress said and clapped her hands.

A girl with pigtails was brought over by a maid. She looked at the purple-dressed woman in fear.

“Lily!” The skull shouted happily.

“Daddy!” Lily immediately pounced on the skull without fear.

“Lily, your daddy will come back to life in three years, alright? Do you want to help your daddy take revenge on the one who killed him?” The purple-dressed woman smiled, looking at Lily.

“Yes!” Lily nodded his head.

“If you want to, be strong, it will be very difficult. You might even die. Are you afraid of that?” The purple-dressed woman asked the girl, with a smile.

“I’m not afraid at all!” Lily shouted and shook her head.

“Alright, I’ll send you to the Phoenix Island for one-year of training. If you are able to survive that, I’ll send you to Division7. Then, you’ll have to kill Lin Huang within one month,” the lady said. After finishing her sentence, the purple-dressed woman looked at the maid and nodded her head.

The maid left together with Lily. The purple-dressed woman patted the skull again and said, “I guess you’ll be happy to have your daughter execute your revenge.”

“Mum, you’re the one who understands me the most...” The skull said happily and his voice trembled, “Lily, please don’t disappoint Daddy...”

Chapter 108: Unknown Item

It was late at night, and the streets were bare under the moonlight. In a quiet alley in Xiagong City, a man in a black robe stabbed a drunk middle-aged man in his chest. The man did not even manage to say anything as he fell straight onto the ground. The man in the black robe pulled out his knife and pressed his hand on the dead body’s wound. His clean hand seemed to be covered by a layer of asphalt as a black liquid flowed into the wound.

Awhile later, the man in black robe removed his hand and stood up. He took off his hat and removed the skin from his face that looked like tree bark. His face then transformed to reveal a layer of human skin.

“Ahh!” A lady screamed when she saw the man in the alley. The man in black robe chased after her.

“Help! A monster is killing people!” The lady kept screaming.

After a few moments of chasing the lady, the man in black robe saw somebody approaching so he ran away. A couple of security guards who were doing their rounds blocked his way....

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In the morning, Lin Huang was sitting at the dining table, reading the news on the Heart Network after breakfast. He saw a featured local article so he clicked on it and read it.

“Before dawn today, a security guard of Xiagong City caught a murderer. From the dead body at the location, the murderer seems to be one of the culprits of the recent murder cases in the city. The murderer’s identity and the reason for the murder are still unknown and is still under investigation...”

“Brother, what are you reading?” Lin Xin who sat across him asked when she saw him frowning at the news.

“They caught a murderer who committed a recent murder,” Lin Huang looked at Lin Xin, and then noticed that her plate was empty.

“Are you full? If you aren’t, you can have more,” he said to her.

“I’ll get some fruits,” Lin Xin said and got up to get a plate of fruits.

“Brother, why did you frown at the news just now? Isn’t it a good thing that they have caught the murderer?” Lin Xin asked curiously while eating the fruits she got.

“Nothing, I just feel that the murderer is not human but from what the news reported, the culprit they caught was a human,” Lin Huang closed the news page. Although he thought the news was strange, he didn’t want to dwell on it.

“Maybe they got the wrong guy,” Lin Xin mumbled. She trusted her brother’s instincts.

“Let’s not talk about this anymore, it has nothing to do with us,” Lin Huang said and tossed a red berry into his mouth. “It seems like the safety of Xiagong City is still unstable. We’ll explore the city during the day and come back before dark. We’ll try to end our trip around four or five o’clock and come back for dinner. Maybe we should stay in at night,” he said to Lin Xin.

“Then we would have to change our schedule...” Lin Xin said in disappointment.

“We can spread out the activities. It’ll be okay if we take our time to explore the city. You have almost two months of summer break. Excluding our travel time, you’ll have at least one and a half months of holiday. There are not that many attractions in the city center. We can finish them even if we extend our trip for just another week. Before the murder cases are solved, it’s better that we stay in the hotel at night,” Lin Huang explained.

“Alright then...” Lin Xin said, with a pout. Although she was reluctant, she accepted Lin Huang’s suggestion as she knew that it was not safe to be out in Xiagong City at night.

The both of them left the hotel after breakfast. Under Lin Xin's guidance, they rode on the Viridian Wolf and arrived at the first attraction in the city center – the Xiagong Museum.

"The Xiagong Museum mainly features items that were excavated from the ruins. Most of them were from the ancient city back in the olden days. A couple of collections came from the Xiagong Ruins and they're currently the centerpiece of the hall..." Lin Xin explained to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang knew about all the information she was saying as he had read them all up on the Heart Network. Since his sister seemed to enjoy being a tour guide, he listened without interrupting her. He had little interest in museums. When he was on earth, he only had one thought of museums – The items in there cost a bomb! That was why he hardly visited any museums whenever he traveled. However, it was different in this world as there were many interesting things to see. He could learn more about this world by studying the historical items in the museum.

The Xiagong Museum had free entrance admission but identity verification was mandatory. After completing their verification at the entrance, they entered the museum and realized that there were many visitors.

"Hi, are the both of you together?" A young lady in white uniform asked as she approached them. They both nodded in unison.

"If that's the case, I can be your tour guide," she continued.

Lin Huang knew that the tour guides here were a complimentary service but some people preferred to be on their own instead of following a tour guide. He turned to Lin Xin and asked, "Do you want a tour guide?"

"That would be nice..." Lin Xin replied as she looked around at the collections of artifacts. There were many of them and some of them were not featured on the network.

"We'll have you join us then," Lin Huang said as he nodded at the tour guide.

"Please follow me..." The lady led both of them along to the exhibitions.

Lin Huang had learned a lot from the tour guide. Lin Xin was curious too. She asked a lot of questions and the tour guide managed to give her detailed explanations to each and every one of them. An hour later, they finally made it to the hall. The hall was not that big and was just a little less than 300 square meters. Lin Huang saw the collection that was presented as the centerpiece once he stepped into the hall. The one in the middle caught his eye but made him squint to confirm what he saw. He walked hurriedly to the center and as he approached, his eyes widened in surprise. The both of them saw him and followed.

"What's wrong, brother?" Lin Xin asked Lin Huang curiously.

"Nothing, I'm just curious about these items," Lin Huang suppressed how stunned he really was. He stared at the item in the middle for a very long time.

It was a laptop. It was laid open and placed inside a transparent case. The computer screen was completely shattered and there was a hole in the middle of the keyboard that was the size of a fist. It

was burnt on the sides but the keyboard buttons were still intact. He was stunned as he had never seen a computer or a laptop ever since he came to this world.

“What is this?” Lin Huang could not help but ask the tour guide. It was his first question since he entered the museum.

“These items were excavated from the Xiagong Ruins. Both items on the sides are decorations. As for the one in the middle, the archaeologists have been trying to figure out what it was but none of them know what it is for. Since nobody knows what it is, they called it the unknown item,” the tour guide explained, embarrassed that she had no answer to the first question he had asked that day.

“The unknown item...” he mumbled. Hearing the tour guide’s answer, Lin Huang could almost confirm that this laptop was brought by another traveler that came into this world.

“It seems like I have to make a trip to the Xiagong Ruins then!” He thought to himself.

Chapter 109: The Ruins of the Ancients

Lin Huang had his mind occupied with the Xiagong ruins ever since he saw the laptop at the museum. There were not many changes to their schedule during the trip. He would visit tourist attractions with Lin Xin in the foothold during the day and return to the hotel around four to five o’clock for dinner. After dinner, he would practice *Army Attack Tactics* until 10 at night. He would then look for information about the Xiagong ruins on the Heart Network before he slept at 12.

Five days had passed without incident. His *Army Attack Tactics* skill rotation was now only 10 minutes per cycle and he had obtained 228 card pieces. He was close to obtaining 400 card pieces to upgrade to level three. There was not much information about the Xiagong Ruins on the Heart Network and the Hunter Network. All he found out was that the ruins were found more than 300 years ago when Division7 was built. Many experts had conducted some form of research on the ruins and found out that there were many things in the ruins of the palace that were not present in other places. The discoveries include decorations which were different from those that were excavated from other ruins and because of this there were various speculations about these ruins on the Heart Network. Some even speculated that the palace was built by the Gods.

Seeing that they had almost visited all the attractions in the city center, he would finally have the chance to visit the Xiagong Ruins. Lin Huang felt obliged at first but he called Yi Zheng anyway in order to get more information about the ruins. However, after the call was connected, it was cut off after two rings. Soon, Lin Huang received a message.

“I’m in the middle of something, let’s talk tomorrow.”

Lin Huang raised his eyebrow. He did not want to bother Yi Zheng, so he called Yi Yeyu instead. On the second ring, his call was picked up. Yi Yeyu was wearing a black dress with expensive jewelry on her neck. Hearing the noise in the background, Lin Huang asked, “Where are you and why are you dressed so formally?”

“Nothing much, it’s just a gathering,” Yi Yeyu shook her head and teased. “So tell me, what kind of trouble did you get yourself into again?” She continued, rolling her eyes mockingly.

“Nothing! Do I look like a troublemaker?” Lin Huang asked.

“You don’t look like it, you ARE a troublemaker!” Yi Yeyu shouted as she remembered what Lin Huang had done a few days ago.

Lin Huang did not say anything in response... Yi Yeyu was a member of royalty. It was normal if she had found out what he had done on the spaceship. As he thought about it, he realized that it must have been Yi Yeyu who covered for him as the Union Government did not pursue him after he killed someone.

“They’re calling for me. If you have something urgent, say it now,” Yi Yeyu muttered firmly. She thought what she had said earlier was rude so she changed the topic to move on.

“I wanted to ask for your help to find out more about the Xiagong Ruins. I couldn’t get anything informative with my search restrictions,” Lin Huang said, finally telling her his intentions.

“Xiagong Ruins? Many people have excavated the ruins before, why would you want to know more about it?” Yi Yeyu asked as she thought Lin Huang’s request was ridiculous.

“I just wanted to know more about it. I will be going there two days from now. The information would be helpful as I’m acting as a guide for my sister,” Lin Huang said, cooking up an excuse.

“There are professional tour guides there, I don’t understand what’s with you wanting to be a know-it-all to your sister. Alright then, I will do what I can for you after the dinner. It might come late at night,” Yi Yeyu promised him.

After the phone was disconnected, Lin Huang realized that it was 12. He did not wait for Yi Yeyu’s reply and went straight to bed. The next morning, before he got up, he saw a couple of messages on his phone. They were all from Yi Yeyu. She had sent all the information about the Xiagong ruins to him. There were many pages with pictures, so much more than what he managed to find the past few days.

“The Xiagong ruins existed in the ancient epoch, even before the old epoch? The old epoch was 30,000 years ago which meant the time the traveler with the laptop arrived was about 30,000 years ago or possibly even earlier...” Lin Huang frowned at that piece of information.

“Humans below the level of transcendents cannot live for more than 720 years. The longest a transcendent can live is 1,800 years. Although I have no idea how long a demigod can live, it’s not really possible that one could live up to 30,000 years,” Lin Huang thought, basically confirming that the transcendent had died many years ago. “About the laptop, the traveler wouldn’t bring something that was useless here, that could have been his Goldfinger. Since his Goldfinger was destroyed, his chance of survival would have been really slim...” He concluded.

Lin Huang was disappointed. He always wanted to meet someone who was like him. Although they might not be able to teach him anything, a simple chat would have sufficed to warm his heart to the life he was living in a different world. He then continued to read and found another helpful piece of information. An expert suggested that Xiagong was related to a person called Xia Hao in the Ancient Epoch. There were historical records mentioning a man named Xia Hao that appeared in the Ancient Epoch and he managed to level-up from an ordinary person to a Demigod within a couple of years.

He was called the No.1 Genius during the epoch. However, he disappeared all of a sudden. Some said he was dead while others speculated that he traveled to another world.

After reading that, Lin Huang was sure that if this Xia Hao really existed in the Ancient Epoch, he was the traveler that he was looking for. Only travelers with Goldfingers could level-up to become Demigods within a couple of years.

Yi Yeyu left a message at the end.

"I have tried to look for more information about Xia Hao for you but there isn't much to go on. There is very limited information about the Ancient Epoch, and the restrictions are even tighter. I've sent you all that I've found," she said.

"Thank you, I've received them!" Lin Huang replied Yi Yeyu's messages right after he read them.

"Brother, wake up!" Lin Xin shouted and knocked on his door.

"Alright, I'll be right there," Lin Huang yelled back and then got up from his bed.

They arrived at the hotel restaurant 10 minutes later. After getting food from the buffet, they sat by the window.

"How many attractions have we yet to visit within the city center?" Lin Huang asked as he ate.

"We're only left with one more. It can be done before noon," Lin Xin said and asked Lin Huang right away, "Will we be staying in the city center for another few days or do we go straight to the Xiagong Ruins?"

"We will go to Xiagong Ruins tomorrow morning," Lin Huang replied as he was in anticipation of what the ruins had to offer too.

Chapter 110: The Truth about the Murder

After they were done with the last attraction in Xiagong City, they decided to make their way back to the hotel. It was already one o'clock in the afternoon when Lin Huang and Lin Xin reached the hotel. Just when they got into their room, Lin Huang's Emperor's Heart Ring vibrated. It was Yi Zheng who requested a video call with him. Lin Huang accepted the call.

"Were you looking for me last night?" Yi Zheng asked. He immediately cut to the chase once the call was connected.

"I needed your help to check something but it has been settled now," Lin Huang replied and nodded.

"Oh, I was in the middle of something last night," Yi Zheng explained. "I heard you're in Xiagong City now?" He continued.

"Yea, I'll be visiting the Xiagong Ruins tomorrow," Lin Huang said.

"Xiagong City has been chaotic recently. I'd advise you not to stay there for too long," Yi Zheng warned him.

“You’re talking about the murders, right? I’ll take note of that,” Lin Huang replied. He knew Yi Zheng said that out of sincere concern.

“You don’t seem to have a sense of danger. Nevermind, I shall tell you this then,” Yi Zheng said and shook his head.

“The result of the murder case that you were talking about was out this morning but the Union Government has been keeping quiet about it. Seven people who were involved in the murder have been caught in the past few days. They were humans infected by a species of parasites,” he said.

Lin Huang frowned and asked, “How is it possible that the parasites passed through the security systems at the city gate undetected?! It would have been possible in a small foothold but Xiagong City is a B-grade large foothold, the security system should be better than that.”

“I heard it’s a new type of parasite which had never been seen before. Not only that, its parasitic form is different from the rest which cannot be detected by the security systems. Fortunately, such a parasite does not seem to be contagious as the host could not spread the parasite to others just through touch or airborne means so it won’t spread all over the place,” Yi Zheng explained.

“However, the biggest issue now is that Xiagong City has hired many magicians to remove the parasites, but all have failed. This is the reason why the Union Government refused to announce the truth about the case so that an uproar can be avoided,” Yi Zheng told Lin Huang the truth. Lin Huang did not expect that to be the case. “All failed?” he thought.

“Although it will not spread, if the security system still doesn’t work, it will cause more parasites to invade Xiagong City...” Lin Huang frowned as he said. He knew how severe the issue was. “Has the Union Government come up with a plan yet?” he asked.

“There are three strategies that they are implementing right now. One is to strengthen the security system by monitoring the people who enter the city. Secondly, they will be strengthening the security in the city and lastly, they will accelerate research on the new species of parasites to develop an identification method,” Yi Zheng said while he shrugged his shoulder.

“That doesn’t solve the root problem...” Lin Huang shook his head.

“There’s nothing more they can do. Would you want them to tell all the citizens that there’s a problem with the city gate’s security system and unknown parasites have invaded the city and that there’s no way to remove them?” Yi Zheng asked and raised his eyebrows.

“It might work for small footholds, but now that it has happened in a B-grade large foothold, if the news were to spread, who would still trust the Union Government? Perhaps the people would only feel safe if they move to an A-grade foothold,” Lin Huang said.

Lin Huang shook his head. He knew that there were no other viable strategies that could be executed right now. The issue would be worse if there was an uproar among the citizens. Emotions were contagious and fear would spread like wildfire. Lin Huang recalled the days when he was on earth. Whenever people heard news about water pollution, many would rush to the supermarket to get clean water. If people heard that there were deaths caused by flu, many would stock up medication such as Radix Isatidis at the pharmacies. That was the effect spreading fear.

“Don’t stay there for too long, it would mean trouble if you were infected by the new species of parasites,” Yi Zheng reminded him again.

“I know, thank you for telling me all these. I have something in mind, but I will leave in two days after I have settled it,” Lin Huang said and nodded. Hearing such unusual news from Yi Zheng did not prompt him to leave immediately. He saw the laptop left by Xia Hao and he would not leave until he got to the bottom of it.

After the phone was disconnected, Lin Huang had his mind occupied with everything about parasites. Parasites were one of the most hated species by people in this world as most of them could infect humans. Moreover, it would be very unpredictable once they invaded the foothold.

According to the information they had on different species of parasites, they were categorized into five types.

The first one was an invasive species of parasites. The parasite would enter the host body and take control of everything. Those who were highly evolved would even pick up human knowledge as they had amazing intelligence.

The second one would be leech parasites. The parasite would release a massive amount of leech pods and those who were infected would become a host for the parasite. Such parasites could control up to tens of thousands of hosts at once. It was destructive and were usually done by plant-based parasites.

The third one would be through eggs-laying parasites. The parasite species would lay eggs into the host and use the host as food and shelter for baby parasites to allow the continuation of their offspring. Most insect parasites would usually use this method to propagate their species.

The fourth one would be soul parasites. It was rare as the parasites used a unique way to attach themselves to the host’s soul and wipe away his or her consciousness to take over their body. It could even completely inherit the host’s memories and continue to live like the host. It was almost impossible to detect.

The fifth type was an uncategorized mutated parasite. Similar to the soul parasite, it was extremely rare. From what Yi Zheng said, this case was possibly caused by invasive parasites or leech parasites. Lin Huang was not afraid of these parasites as invasive parasites could be spotted with the naked eye. As long as he was aware of it, it would not difficult to get rid of them. As for the leech parasites, they could be avoided by putting on some armor. As long as the armor prevented the host from touching the leech pods, the host would be safe.

Lin Huang did not think he would be affected but he frowned when he thought of Lin Xin, “Xiagong City isn’t safe now, it would be worse at the ruins. It seems like I shouldn’t bring Lin Xin along then,” he thought. After some hesitation, he knocked on Lin Xin’s door and told her the news that Yi Zheng told him. Lin Xin was shocked.

“Brother, let’s leave Xiagong City tomorrow morning then,” she mumbled.

“I still have to drop by the ruins to settle some stuff,” Lin Huang told her. He had come up with an arrangement for Lin Xin, “Bai will stay here to protect you. Try not to head out when I’m not here. Order room service if you’re hungry and get Bai to open the door for you,” he instructed.

“This is for you, didn’t you always want this?” Lin Huang said while he handed her the GrayEagle17 with a couple boxes of ammunition. He did not need that gun anymore.

“What about you?” Lin Xin asked.

“I have a BlackEagle33 and a monster that can fly, if I encounter any danger, I will run away, don’t worry,” Lin Huang smiled and explained.

“Must you go?” Lin Xin was still worried that something might happen to Lin Huang.

“It’s quite important, I have to,” Lin Huang nodded in all seriousness.