



THE BATTELE

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From the author....

I hope you'll find this interesting....

YEN - main character (girl)

JIN - main character (boy)

CHENG - sub character (boy)

YIN - sub character (girl)

**LORD OF DEATH - (the character who was misunderstood. But soon
become a sub character.)**

*The bold words will help you to improve your Chinese language. Happy
reading.....*

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Foreword

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the *Mahamaya* as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past *Yatiwara* writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, Karadana Atthadassi Thero. The *Pirivena* student monks have also taken up book writing “The *Herana Gatkarani* “project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and *Pirivena* education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

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CHAPTER 01

YEN LI



I woke up as I heard someone's voice near me (it was a really loud voice that made me jumped, I almost scream). I was on a train with a group of students. I looked around. Next to my seat there was another girl, looking at me. She looks worried. Then she turned to me and asked, "*Nǐ hái hǎo ma?* (Are you okay? In Chinese)" I nodded, (I was absented minded at the moment. I even don't know what my name is.) Then the girl asked, "Do you remember who you are and who I am". This question made me quiet surprise. I shook my head slowly so no one will notice.

"Ok, I'll tell you the basics. Your name is YEN LI and I'm YIN JI, we are going on a school trip and our school is GUDAI XUEXIAO," she posed and smiled,

Then began “you had fade on the way and hit your head on the floor, Mrs. Xiao said to look after you as I’m your best friend, but if

You don’t like me that’s fine you can choose someone else” she said politely. I noticed that YIN JI is very nice, and she would be a great friend.

We continued our journey looking out from the window. After a while we went through a tunnel. Everyone (except me and yin) screamed loudly. After a while our teacher Mrs. XIAO came and gave us a slice of cake with a help of another lady.

I asked “Yin who is she, is she is a teacher?” She looked puzzled. She shook he head “I never seen her before. Not even at school. I think she’s just a helper?”

For a moment the train went quiet. Everyone is seated and having their cake slice quietly. (From that I noticed it was raining heavily) Yin looked out from the window, and I joined to her.

After several minutes the shouting began, but this time it wasn't much loud as it was been before. The rain made everywhere so wet.

All the girls closed their shutters but some of the boys put theirs wide open. That made the train room so cold the teachers shouted to the boys to close the windows.

The journey continued. We passed hills, fields and forests for hours.

All that moment I'm kind a remembering thing that I forgot from the little accident. I remembered some of the student's names.

After a long while we reached to our destination. It was a big hotel on the hill. It was so beautiful. We were so excited. We all went out of the train one by one. Then Mrs. Xiao said us to have a partner each other. Me and yin grouped up and went inside the hotel. Whatever most of the girls were trying to group up with boys but Mrs. Xiao said no.

Talking about the hotel it was like an old castle. There were so many waiters and they welcomed us happily. They gave us rooms. (This is the part I hate to say) we have to be in a room, but with another team.

But the worse thing is it was two boys. We went to the room with a heisted feeling. But it wasn't that only. There were the most reaches, most handsome and most popular boys of the school. We heard the girl's whispering about it when Mrs. Xiao told us the roommates.

I still don't get it why we have to be roommates with them.....



CHAPTER 02

THE DRAGON STATUE

At 7.00 o' clock we all settle down. We woke up at 5.00 in the morning and me and yin tried to get away from the room so the boys wouldn't notice, but we failed, the boys were woke up and dressed. We went away from the room without a word. Mrs. XIAO told us to have the breakfast in the dining room. The food were delicious. On to my right the boys were sitting next to me and on to the left was yin and next to her was a group of girls. I was sick about the whisperings of the girls. They were talking about us and the roommates. So me and yin finished eating and went away from the table. We went to see around the hotel. On the way we met and old lady who wears a beautiful HANFU.

She smiled at us and asked “*Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?* (What's your name?)”

“I'm YEN LI” I said “I'm YIN JI” answered yin.

“Wow your names rhyme each other.com on I’ll show you around.” we went with her, then we heard two voices calling “wait for us. Can we join to?” I saw yin’s eyes, she was surprised and shy. I looked behind and saw our too much popular roommates.

“Oh come on.” We said together. “Why they always follows us”

The lady smiled and nodded. Then we continue the tour. We saw most of the things were very old. When we go further passing halls and rooms the lady was acting strangely. Jin (the most richest and handsome boy, that girls who really wish to be his girlfriend) called me in whispers. “Don’t you feel strange about this lady?” I nodded looking at the lady. I also felt the same. Then we entered to a grate big hall. It was like a back garden room. There was a dragon statue. The old lady didn’t want to stay in this room much longer. I saw the lady was panicked. I and Jin watched her closely. Yin hold my hand and we ran to the statue. Jin and Cheng (The other boy who with Jin) came following. The statue was so big. Suddenly we heard a roar. Yin and Cheng was busy studying the statue. But I and Jin looked behind. The lady was trance forming into a giant beast. We so surprised I all most forget to breath.

Jin drag me behind him. Then the other two looked behind. Yin screamed with fear. The beast got sharp teeth and she grew bigger and bigger. She was looking at me and Jin “She’s looking at you, cover yourself from me.” Jin said in whispers. I obeyed. The beast jumped in front of Jin. Yin screamed “**yen, Xiǎoxīn** (lookout)” and she hugged Cheng with horror. The beast keep attacking me and Jin. We ran all over the place. Then we split up. Then ran all over to get away from the beast. Then we heard Cheng’s voice.

“Over here, come on hurry” he pointed at a huge rock near by the statue of the dragon. We covered ourselves from the beast. The beast roared and screamed. We tried our best to be quiet. But I was so panicked. “Why it’s following us why!!!” But my voice had been hard by the beast and it screamed more than loudly. Jin puts his hand over my mouth, signaling me to be silent. The beast came near the huge rock and sniffed. I saw Yin shivering with fear. Then Jin spoke in whispers “Look at the statue!!” The statue was glowing. At that movement the huge rock had been lifted by the beast. We ran to the statue to cover ourselves. Then suddenly the statue had turned in to a real life dragon. The dragon roared and made a big shield to cover us.

Then there was a lot of lightning strings that caught the beast tight. She screamed and vanished. We were horrified. After few minutes staring I realized that I was so close to Jin, so I step aside. He looked at me but I haven't looked at him.

Then the dragon came in front of me and Jin. The dragon gave me a hair pin and for Jin it was a flute. Then the dragon glowed brightly and vanished. We were out of feelings. We had no idea what had happened. We went back where the others were eating, they all were completely normal.

We can't believe ourselves. Why no one is acting strange, didn't they heard the screaming and roaring? Yin was still holding Cheng really tight. She was scared more than anyone.

We tried our best to stay normal. But I don't think yin can. She felt sick after a while and I had trouble at that night too .I tried to sleep but I couldn't. I stayed at bed for few hours and got up as I was frustrating. I went out from the room without a noise.

When I went outside I sow Jin. He also can't sleep. We were alarmed about every person who nears us.

We don't know whether there are more.

Also we still don't understand about the hair pin and flute. It's still a mystery.....



CHAPTER 3

SNOW DRAGON MEETS YEN AND JIN

The next day, our teacher Mrs. Xiao told us to go out. It was snowing and we had permission to play on the snow. Even though we are 16 years old we were playing on the snow like babies. We were playing with the other girls. But not for long all the girl's eyes met to our roommates who came with couple of boys. We continued with our game. We were making a snow island. We had trouble with making houses, so we continued our work without looking at the boys. After while the snowball fight began. But this time we made the game a bit deferent.

First we played hid and seek then the finder who finds the others finds others and hit them with a snowball. The game was really fun. We played the game for hours until Jin told me he wants to talk to me privately. I followed him.

We went away from the others and he began, “today morning the flute from the dragon glowed brightly and at that movement I felt strange. Where’s the hair pin?”

“It’s with me, in my pocket.” Then I felt dizzy. I sat on the floor. Jin came toward me and asked

“Nǐ méishì ba, yǒu shé me shì mā?” (Are you okay, what’s wrong?)”

But I couldn’t answer. I was too tired to talk. Then everything went black. I felt sick then I heard yin’s voice. I opened my eyes and look around. Yin was sitting next to me. Then she said “you had fade outside, Jin carried you back to the room. He was worried. Mrs. Xiao said you fade because of the low temperature.” She posed and took a deep breath.

“Um.... Are you okay now” I nodded and Yin went away from the room smiling.

Everything went silent. Then I felt cold and sick. Then there was some kind of version in my mind. I was in the past. About 10 years back in time where I lived at my grandma’s place. I was six at that time. I was in a small house in a pleasant place when suddenly everything went dark and cold.

Then I heard people screaming and fighting. I went outside, I saw my parents and grandma hiding me from something but I wasn't sure what it was. The flashing light made every people die. No longer, my parents been caught by the light strings. I saw my own parent's death In front of me I felt my heart is beating very fast and I felt sick more and more. I shouted "N..... o...o.....o...." then I opened my eye. Someone was entering to the room. It was Jin. "Nǐ hái hǎo ma? (You ok?)"

I couldn't hold myself. I started crying. Jin came closer. "Zěnmeliǎo (What's wrong?)" I haven't answer but I cried even louder. Jin hugged me to make me feel better. But I couldn't help myself, I cried even louder.

"Why do I saw my parent's death? Why I get to be the chooser of these bad versions? Jin pated me and said. "There must be reason. Don't worry I stay by your side, we can solve this. Hǎo? (Okay?)"



After lunch we went out. Jin said he'll stay with me. It was a fully snow day. Yin and Cheng seems to be well doing together. But I'm still scared. Somehow Cheng and Yin was far away. I and Jin was still thinking about everything that happened.

These things made me sad and I was tearing. Jin put his arm around me. Then we saw something shinning. We followed it. Then there was an untidy place with dried leaves and there was a strange door with no walls.

We went closer to see. The door wasn't locked. We went there and opened it. We saw a forest with dark shadows and it was horrifying. It was gloomy and cold. Also it was scary. But it was covered in snow. It was so cold that I felt I was about to freeze. We went inside. At that moment I felt dizzy, I was so weak that I almost trip over. But Jin caught me. Then we heard someone, someone that behind us. We looked behind and to our surmised it was another dragon. It was a snow dragon.

The dragon roared. The snow from the tall trees began to fall. The ground started to shake like a jelly. I and Jin felt on the ground. The cold breeze began to flow through us. I felt strange, like I'm about to vomit. And I did I vomit blood about for 5 seconds. I felt so weak that I almost fade. But I manage myself to hold on myself for little longer. Then the dragon roared again then there was a brilliant light.

There was two headdresses in front of us. We had no choice to but to take it. Then a massive light shone and we were standing right next to our rooms. I was so confused. Then Jin said to take rest as I vomit blood. I don't know what is happening but it is a big stress for me.

I said to Jin "I don't need a rest yet. I'll stay with you a little while."

No longer, we met Cheng and Yen with the others. "Oh where have you been, we haven't saw you a while."

"Well we came inside as I was a bit cold" I answered. Jin laugh.

"Nǐ wèishéme xiào? (Why you are laughing?)"

"Wèishéme? (Why?) Well I just remembered someone was almost tripped over" and he laugh. I went pink. I didn't speak but looked at the ground. "Come on, you should get some rest or else your sickness get even worse." Jin said holding my hand and taking me towards the rooms. Oh well now we discovered two of the dragons. But there are still more. We still got a lot of mysteries to solve. About the headdresses, hair pin. Flute, the other two dragons and the lord of the death. But all these secrets are only between me and Jin.....



CHAPTER 04 THE FESTIVAL.

The next day Mrs. Xiao told us that there will be

A festival and “every boy and girl have to wear the **HANFU** which known as the traditional dress for ladies and **MANCHU-STYLE** For boys. Are you all understand? ” there was a problem. No one got the dresses with them. A Girl’s hand raised up. “Mrs. Xiao where can we find the dresses. We don’t have the **HANFU** with us?” Mrs. Xiao had bought dresses for all of us. I can’t imagine she bought dresses for two hundred students. I mean she might have to pay a lot to that. There are 100 boys and 100 girls in the trip and she had pay all the cost by herself. She must be a rich teacher.

Whatever the dresses were all light colors. Mrs. Xiao said “You can do any design you like. The festival will be on tomorrow morning, and remember anyone can’t go out or anyone can’t shout loud. Keep your disciplines students”

However Yin and Cheng were very close these days. Yin said “I’m going with Cheng. Yen you should go with Jin as he will be along as I’m with Cheng.”

However I caught Jin’s eyes. “Ur... are you coming” he asked. I nodded. On the way. I asked “Do you have any idea, um...about the dragons?”

“No it’s just a long mystery, I suppose. Well there won’t be any more trouble about the beast, so relax” Then I and Jin started decorate our dresses. We had fun decorating the dresses. But I don’t decorate mine’s a lot like yin. Here dress completely changed. But it suits her perfectly.

The next day we woke up early. We dressed up then yin spoke giggling.

“Well I suppose I should give you and Jin some space.”

“Shénme? (What?)”

Yin giggled and went away from the room. Then Jin came in. I felt a bit shy.

“You look nice with that,”

“Xièxiè (Thanks)”

“Well you know, today we can take the things we got from the dragons. It won’t be notice as everyone’s going to take them to the festival.”

“Um... okay. But I’m afraid, who knows what will happened”

“Oh yen... you are thinking too much.” Then Jin took the hairpin which was on the table and placed on my hair bun and placed the headdress on top of my head and suddenly a big flash of light came and made me a lot like an ancient queen. Jin and I was so surprised. Then Jin placed his headdress and nothing happened. Then he place his flute and as me, it happened again. His Manchu-style dress changed too. Then there was a minute of nasty silence. Then Jin started “Did these things changed our dresses?” Before I start we heard Mrs. Xiao’s voice “LIATEN EVERYONE... PLEASE COME TO THE COMMON ROOM. WHICH ON 2ND FLOOR 5TH ROOM” her voice was so loud for a moment I thought my ears will explode away. After the announcement my ears pained. Then we went out we soon met Yin and Cheng. They liked our dress but we didn’t told them the truth. We lied to them. We don’t want them to be scared. If we do we have to tell them the whole story about the snow dragon.

Well it's not that bad to lie....

We followed the others to the common room. It wasn't how we expected actually. It was dusty and old. There was no decorations and there was nothing special in it. Everyone felt disappointed and they started whispering to each other. Then a bell rang and Mrs. Xiao started speaking and within a second everyone fell in silence. Then she began

“**Dàjiā, zǎo ān!** (Good morning everyone!) You should be wondering about this place. Actually the festival is not here. Follow me everyone. But remember to stay on line and please be with your partners. Come this way...”

Jin and I were partners and Yin and Cheng were partners and we followed Mrs. Xiao to outside. Actually it was so pretty. There was so many decorations. The place was so large and it got a great view of the sky which is good at night. There was a large table full of delectable food.

Red color lanterns were lighted for the festival and it almost about to sunset and the surrounding was so calm and the mood is very nice. Everyone cheered to the festival place. Jin extended his hand to me and I accepted it with a soft smile.

Everyone had fun they were eating and chatting. Then the music start and every boy extended their hands for the girls to dance with them and everyone did so everything went well so far and that was a relief for me but my hopes were too soon.

I and Jin saw something shinning above the sky. We watched closely. We noticed that it was the dragons. We were terrified to see them. If others sees it, it will be a problem. “What are you looking at? Stars?” the voice made us jumped. It was Cheng and he also looking at the sky. “Well there aren’t many stars at the sky today.”

“**Nǐ shì shénme yìsi? Nǐ kàn bù chū lái ma?**” (What do you mean? Can’t you see?)” Began Jin.

“**Kàn? Kàn shénme?** (See? See what?)” Cheng asked.

“Nothing actually, Jin is trying to trick you.” I said giving a warning look to Jin. And Cheng began “Well you two are really matching each other” and he left us to the food table where yin sat. I sight with relief.

“Shall we go and see what’s going on. Um... Jin what’s wrong?”

“Did you notice that Cheng didn’t saw the dragons like we did?”

“Yeah I wondered the same but let’s go Jin”

And we're off to find the dragon. Actually they were right above the forest. We made sure that everybody is busy with their own work and wouldn't notice our strangeness. And we left the place to meet the dragons. Whatever I felt strange about the forest for a minute. The forest exuded eerie gloom, with long shadows stretching ominously and unsettling noises echoing through the trees.

Then a massive, bright light suddenly pierced the darkness, glowing very brightly and illuminating the entire forest with an intense almost blinding radiance.

Soon after we met the dragons but this time they were not alone. There were two goddesses. One is gold and one is white and it looks like they are the owners of the two dragons that we met before. The white god smiled and started to speak "The world will destroy. The lord of death had arrived."

I and Jin exchanged a puzzled look each other. We had no idea what she's telling. Then the golden goddess came front and made a light ball with her power and it glowed very brightly. It almost blinded us. Then she began...

“Long ago in ancient china when the dynasty’s rule the china, there was three sons. One belongs to the emperor of god and one belong to the emperor of devil. The devils and gods were friend with each other. But the last son was belongs to the emperor of darkness and death. This emperor mostly stayed alone. They didn’t wanted to have relatives but they did helped to protect china like the rest of the two emperors. Everything went well. The gods and devils stayed together and emperor of darkness stayed alone like he was powerless. Most of the gods and devils invited him on the special events that they held but he never accepted them. But soon after things began changed. The emperor of darkness and death wanted to rule china for himself. The two other sons were murdered by him. And from that day on he was known as the lord of death. The gods and devils went away from the earth to the heaven for their protection. But they are still trying their best to protect china but the lord of death had raised his power. We were finding the right choosers to help the gods and devils to defeat the lord of death. Gods and devils had made a hair pin, a flute, two headdresses, a lightning ball and a necklace. You had already found some of them, you only need to find the lightning ball and the necklace”

Then the white god began. “The most important thing of all is that you two always stay together. Promise us that you two never broke apart.” We nodded. Jin hold my hand as he started speaking. “We promised to stay together and we’ll help you to destroy the lord of death.”

“Then we will leave”

“**Děngdài!!(Wait!!)**” I began “I have something to ask from you.do you know my parents. And do you know what happened to them. I saw a version and is it true. Does it told the truth? And does the lord of death know me and my um... family and do they want me too?”

The goddesses smiled and said “you’ll find it very soon Yen. Stay together. Good day.” A bright light engulfed the scene, its radiance so immense that it seemed to pierce through the very fabric of reality. In its luminous glow, the ethereal figures of the goddesses faded away, leaving behind an air of mystery and awe. Then something started to happen. Not sure what it was but a bright glow illuminated us and there was a map appeared in front of us. The map opened by itself and it started writing itself too. The writing says, **I’m known as the MANGOLAND map. I’ll help you whenever you need.**” and it closed Jin took it and placed in his pocket. We went back to where the festival held. We were happy that no one notice. We acted as nothing happened. Then we heard Mr. Xiao’s voice. **“Xuéshēng.....XUÉSHĒNG (Students... STUDENTS) PLEEEASE BE QUIET. THIS IS ENOUGH FOR TODAY. NOW EVERYONE OFF TO BED. GOOD NIGHT!”** And we went one Jin was still

Holding my hand and I won't bother to get away from it. Then we met Cheng and Yin.

“Oh there you are. Well today is very fun is it? Let's go hurry up. It almost midnight”

SO IT LOOKS LIKE I AND JIN WILL STAY TOGETHER AND I KNOW THIS IS A NEW START FOR A NEW CHAPTER IN MY LIFE AND I THINK IT'LL BE THE SAME FOR JIN TOO....



CHAPTER 05

THE MAP...

We had no idea how to um... well you know um... to start or made it work. We even can't open it. "Maybe there is a spell or something like in *harry potter*. (*You might have known harry potter, well if you haven't read them yet. Please read it*) "

"Well maybe I hope. But like what"

Jin began to tell funny words like *ACCIO, RESPECTO, ESPORENSO, and LOCOMOTO EXPRESSO.....* well it haven't worked. Jin was disappointed. I think it really made him like loose hope. Then I thought to talk to him as he haven't talked to any of us during lunch. I felt terrible about it. After lunch I went over to see Jin in his room alone while Cheng and Yin were out for a walk. He looked pale and disappointed. He had closed his room's door. I went over and slowly knocked the door.

"Um... Jin... it's... m... me... Yen... um shall I ... come in... I need to talk to you." The door opened and Jin was standing looking surprised.

“Jin I know you are disappointed but I don’t like to see you like that. So please don’t stay like that. It makes me feel weak and disappointed. And I don’t want you to be sad” tears start leaking from my eyes and I notice Jin felt terrible about it. He came a little closer and pulled me to him and hugged me tightly. And began “I am so sorry Yen, I didn’t mean it. I promised not to make you ever sad about me” I smiled and Jin smiled too. And he said something that I didn’t expected from him “**Wǒ yǒngyuǎn ài nǐ** (I always LOVE you)” and he hold my hand.

When he hold my hand the MANGOLAND Map started to open. “So holding hands was the spell or um... the magical something?”

And then the map began to write itself.

“HELLO, YIN AND JIN. THE WORD LOVE ISN'T THE MAGIC WORD OR THE SPELL THAT MADE ME OPEN. IT'S THE LOVE THAT BELONG TO YOU TWO. SIMPLY KNOWN AS YOUR RELATIONSHIP AS PARTNERS!”

I looked away as I went slightly pink. I notice Jin was still looking at me but I wouldn't dare to watch him. Then the *MANGOLAND* map start writing...

"IF YOU TWO NEED HELP FROM ME JUST HOLD YOUR HANDS TOGETHER AND I WILL OPEN ASSOON AS POSSIBLE." And the map closed. Leaving a mountain of embarrassment and shy. I thought to leave the room and give him some space. So I began "well um... I should go yin said she and Cheng going out and they'll waiting for me outside. So um... yeah... um... I'll go...um... bye!!"

"Wait May I um... join with you too?"

I couldn't say no to him after all this happened so I nodded. He held his hand for me and I accepted it with a shy smile and we're were about to leave but something strange happened.

The *MANGOLAND* Map start glow and it opened and it began to write.

QUICK, YIN AND CHENG ARE IN DANGER. THE BEAST IS NEAR. THERE ARE TALKING WITH THE BEAST. HURRY AND TAKE THEM AWAY.

We were gazed and we ran to find Yin and Cheng. We found them near the entrance. They were talking with a lady waiter. I looked at Jin, in horror. Then I went over and said “Hey you two! Oh... sorry have I disturbed you.”

The waiter smiled and said “oh... not at all, well see you soon Miss Yin and Mr. Cheng.” And she left.

Then Jin began “Shall we go for a walk”

“Ó dāngrán wèishéme bù ne (Oh sure why not.)”

And we’re off for a walk. I felt a bit unpleasant and scared feeling and I noticed Jin realized me. He was still holding my hands like a charming prince.

Then Jin began with a low voice to the other two... So... what have you two been talking with that waiter? Is she nice?”

“Oh yes she is... she’s really nice. Well she told us about the history of this hotel. Well it’s really strange you know.”

“Really? What about it can you um... tell us... if it doesn’t matter?”

“What are you talking man! You’re think I’ll hide something from you, never. Well... she told us about the owner actually it was a lady.

She didn’t have parents but she worked for a person named *HULAN* but no one called him like that he used that name only for the signature and for banners and stuff.

Actually his real name was well... something um...lord....Lord...of....lord of... something...can’t remember”

This made me and Jin gazed on each other.

I can’t believe the owner of the hotel is our own enemy. I really don’t wanted to wait for another minute in here I wanted to leave this nasty place at once. Jin who was now holding my hand so tight cleared his throat and then began...

“And what else she said? Um... did she told about where he lives or where he’s now?”

“Um no. she changed the subject when we asked about the same thing. I think she didn’t wanted tell us everything... um... Yen? Is... is everything okay? You turned white like a ghost... is that story really scared you?”

“Oh... no... no... not really. I just remembered that I have a really big amount of medicine to drink after the walk.”

“Oh yen... don't be a baby...”

“Oh don't worry yin, if baby yen cry there's someone who will cheer her” Cheng eye went to Jin and then they started laughing. I went slightly pink and look away. And Jin was looking at the ground without another look at me nor Cheng.

“Oh all right... all right now. Shall we continue our walk?”

Before we start Mrs. Xiao came running. She looked so white. Whiter than me. It looks like she saw a ghost right now. And then she began with a shaking voice “everyone go to your rooms right now and don't come out till I tell. You don't want to end up like the waiters”

“What's wrong Mrs. Xiao?” asked a girl

“Someone or something killed all the lady waiters in the hotel right at the backfield. So... no more questions get to your rooms NOW!!”

The news of the death waiters made every girl scared and weak. Yin felt sick. I couldn't eat very well. Soon after I felt so weak. Cheng and Yin stayed the room normally where the boys stayed while Jin stayed with me in my room. Jin was always stayed in alert. I felt sick for see the same. The desk, chair, bed, lamp... Jin moved his stuff to the room while Yin moved her stuff. There was a bit of a puzzle. The beast we met first was a lady but then why all the lady waiters die or murdered? And why can't we leave this place at once? Soon after the dark flows through the sky and no longer, the silence of the night began to whisper through our mind. We were at the living room, it was quiet small but peace full but no one was happy or relaxed. Everyone in every room stayed in fear. The words that the white goddess said echoed in my mind, "the world will destroy, the lord of death is arrived."

Jin turn off the light and turn on the lamps and began "let's go to sleep."

"I can't sleep. I'm too scared, what if that murderer came to our room and kill me and Yen."

“Alright then you and Cheng can sleep in our room and I’ll stay with Yen. Is it okay?”

I said okay shocking my head and yin went to our room and took her stuff to the boy’s room and Jin did the same. He took his stuff to mine’s and we washed up, put on our pajamas and said Wǎnān (Wǎnān 晚安 is good night in Chinese) I couldn’t sleep so did Jin. He looked at the roof.

“Jin...”

“Mm...”

“Don’t you think the beast we met was the murderer?”

“Mm... well not sure. But we could suspect her. But yen don’t think about that now. Go to sleep or you will be sick, thinking about that all the time.”

“Mm... okay I’ll try, but it so hard to get that thought away.”

Then we heard a scream outside. We came out from the room to the living room. Then the scream happened again. I and Yin notice that voice at once. It was one of the girls who whispered about us and the boys jealously. Then we heard she said *“please don’t please don’t kill me I beg please I haven’t done anything. I... please ...no....”*

Then we heard a sword cutting sound and a loud scream. Then everything went dark and quiet. Jin got a knife from the kitchen and so does Cheng. Yin was shivering with fear. Jin came front of me and held the knife toward he the door and Cheng did the same. Then someone cam and knock on our door.

We didn't answer but stayed quietly and it knock again and we heard a men's voice. "Food!"

We didn't answer and waited. The sound food trolley fade away from our door way. Jin and Cheng put their knives down and we turn back to go to our rooms but suddenly we heard another loud ear scratching scream from the hall. It echoed all over the hotel. It was a lady voice. And it was too heroic to listen. Then she screamed again and this time it was louder than before. Cheng hastily ran to the walls and turn off the lights and put finger signaling us to be quiet. Then Jin and Cheng went slowly and lifted the sofa and place it behind the door so no one can't open the door from outside. Then they locked the windows and cover them from the curtains. Now it completely. Jin came over to me and hold my hand and sized me. Actually it made me a bit better.

“Let’s go to our rooms. But don’t make any noise okay”

But before we move there was a cold voice raised right outside of our door. “**Zài nǎlǐ?** (Where?)”

We didn’t stop but kept going to our rooms and closed the doors slowly and turned on the nightlights. There weren’t bright actually there weren’t bright at all. Jin got his phone and started chatting with Cheng. And I chatted with Yin. Well it made me a bit more scared cursed that she chatted about that thing outside. I can’t take it anymore. I throw my phone under my bed and put my face on my legs. Jin stopped chatting and looked at me. Then he sat right next to me and put his hand on my head and started chatting. Then there was another knock. That made me jumped and scared but as long as Jin with me I don’t want to be scared curse I know he won’t let anything happened to me. A loud scream echoed and someone or something was now hitting very hardly on the door. Jin embrace me. It made me a bit better.

At that moment I notice Jin’s heart was beating very fast. I sized him so tightly to make a bit better for himself.

Abruptly there was voice saying “Where’s Mrs. Xiao? **Zài nǎlǐ??** (WHERE??)..... I know who is staying in here.” Tell me..... If you love your life answer meif you want to get out this place tell me where is she... boys if you want to save your loving girlfriends answer... **HUÍDÁ WŎ** (ANSWER ME).....”

He squeezed my hand so tightly and began “She never told us where she stays”

“And we never asked from her” said Cheng

“AHH...” there was a loud scream. Then there was a flash of lightning cracked from outside. Then a heavy rain started to fall down from the sky.

I hold Jin tightly. Then we heard the food steps leads away from our door step.

“**Ó tiān a.....zhè hěn zāogāo.....nǐ hái hǎo ba Yen?** (Oh my... this is bad.... You okay Yen?)”

I nodded “Well that thing is gone now... don’t worry”

Then something unusual and sad thing happened. Our phones started to glow and then there was a huge lightning cracked outside and our phones exploded like a bubble gum.

“Oh my phone!!” I said. My eyes were full with surprised and I notice Jin is the same.

Then Yin and Cheng came and cried “our phones are disappeared like bubble gum.

“Okay guys, let’s get some sleep and discuss about the situation tomorrow.”

I couldn’t sleep and so was Jin. It seemed the time is going really slowly. I felt like I’m going to be killed any second. Everything went completely dark and cold. Jin turn on the lamp and looked at the Celine.

“Jin...”

“Hmm...”

“Do you think that thing came to kill us?”

“Mm... not sure...” And he put his arm on my head and smiled “whatever happened I’m with you, I’ll never leave you. Now... go to sleep okay” he patted my head and I smiled.

“Wǎn’a Yen! (Good night Yen)”

“Wǎn’a Jin! (Good night Jin)”

Soon after we went to sleep.

Next morning I and Jin and woke up with astonishment. The *MANGOLAND* map was glowing. The map tried open. We hold hands... the map opened and started to draw. There was someone that unknown in the great hall. A girl named Lily San was there too. And according to the map she lying on the floor. She was dead. And Mrs. Xiao was there hiding the body or something. The beast stood still and then the map closed. We exchanged a scared look.

The thing just happened was a mystery for us. Cheng and Yin came to the room and sat on our bed. Then we heard a scream but this time we notice who it was, specially me and Yin. It was the main girl who was jealous about or roommates. Then we heard her calling for help and not for long it fade away after a sword blade sound. Something fell down the floor. In fact it was someone. From that we realize that she was dead. Another student had been murdered by the beast.

Soon after everything went silent and dark spread over the place.....



CHAPTER 06

THE FIRST ESCAPE.

After days and days screaming and murders got worse and worse. So at Last we decided to leave this place, We are about to escape from here.

So I, Jin, Cheng, and Yin packed ourselves but only problem was the food. We don't have much food.

“**BÙYÒNG DĀNXĪN** (Don't worry) we can manage that somehow. There will be some resorts.” Cheng said while packing. I and Jin packed very careful curse there are lots of things that very important to us. Then Jin said

“We should wear our traditional costume so no one will notice.”

Cheng and Yin agree too and smiled at Jin and thought *he's not only handsome but also smart*. Even though I felt panicked and scared. I feel like I'm going to die... Jin notice me and came over.

“**Nǐ hái hǎo ma?** (Are you okay?)” I didn't answer but stared at the window. He put his arm around me and began

“Bù huì yǒushì de yen, wǒ bù huì ràng nǐ fāshēng rènhé shì
(It’ll be okay yen. I won’t let anything happen to you.)”

Then we changed our costumes and we wore our magical tools. Then we went to find a way out and Yin found the perfect one. There was a window facing to the entrance of the hotel. Jin and Cheng go two ropes. They tight one end on the window fens and the other end out from the window. Then they throw down their bags and began.

“Wǒmen xiān zǒu ránhòu nǐmen liǎng gè. Hǎo de? (We’ll go
first and then you two okay?)

Then Jin and Cheng went on. They climbed down from window with the help of the ropes. I and Yin stayed in alert. If we heard someone coming we should act fast. Soon after the boys were down and right outside.

“Lái ba nǐmen liǎng gè. Nǐ xiànzài kěyǐ xiàláile. (Come on you
two. You can come down now.)”

Then we went on. It was a bit scary but the best is not to look down and keep holding the rope tight. When we came nearer the boys helped us to get down and soon after we all are outside the hotel. Then at once we heard foots steps coming towards us...

“Nǐmen sì gè shì shéi? (Who are you four?)”

“Wǒ.....wǒmen...wǒmen shì... (W...we...we are...)”

“Wǒmen shì fǎngkè... (We are visitors...)”

“We don’t have space here. Better to leave here at once.”

We were delighted. He didn’t recognize us. And he told us to leave and that’s the exactly thing we are going to do. We ran to the gate and escape from this nasty place forever. It was still snowing and it was a clod day but nothing to be done. Jin caught hold my hand and we kept walking. We kept walking through the snowy ground. Soon we discovered the gigantic forest. But this time we’re not scared. Now we are far away from the monstrous place. We walked for hours and then soon after we found the end of the creepy forest, which was beginning of a village. We were delighted to see the village and I was a large place but actually it was not like it used to be. It was an old city but only few people are left. Most of them are old people but they were happy see us.

“Where these young kids are going like that?” an old lady asked.

“Oh, we came to a festival and we are going back to the city,
but we are kind a lost....”

She smiled and looked at us.....

“Um... can we have some place to get change please?”

“Oh sure... that’ll do” she said pointing to a house near her.

The boys changed first then we (Yin and I) changed.

“Do you like something to eat?” asked the lady.

They served some food and well..... The food was... a bit odd.
And well it was a bit bad and umm..... You know....

“**Nàme, shíwù zěnmē yang?** (So how is the food?)” The lady
asked.

“Umm... it’s really delicious.” Cheng said hastily

“Umm.... Can you tell us which way is the nearest way to the
city.” Jin asked

“Mm... the closest way is ... that way...” she said pointing
towards a path.

“**Ó xièxiè** (oh. Thanks)” we all said together.

So we left the place at once.

We walked through the narrow path for hours. Then for our sudden surprise there was a loud sound of an explosion and everything went dark. The sky went black and lightning began to crack through the sky.

I and Jin thought to keep the secret as a secret but I don't think we can.

“Ó, fāshēngle shénme shì (Oh what's going on?)” cheng asked.

“Umm...We... I mean Jin and I have something to tell...”
Jin told the whole story making their mouth wide open.

“Why haven't you told that before?”

“Well um... we thought you might think we are lying, curse who's going to believe us...”

“Oh mate... you think I won't believe you”

“And yen we are besties and we made a promise each other to believe each other every time.”

“Ó... Yǒngyuǎn zuì hǎo de péngyǒu... (Oh best friends forever.)” I hugged yin tightly.

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“And we are going to help to defeat this enemy.”

“And we never leave you till the end”

We gave a warm group hug.

So... it's begun. The war between
the death and live...



CHAPTER 07

LORD OF DEATH AND THE LIGHTNING BALL...

The war of deaths was begun. After few hours
Several deaths had been happened and everyone is full with
fear. We all were panicked and scared after hearing them.
The word death is so popular these days in china and we knew
we had to find an answer soon. But the only problem is we don't
know what to do.

“Shall we ask help from the dragons or gods you been telling”

Yin's idea was grate but we never knew how to call them
when we need.

“Yeah but, how to find them? We never call them. Infected they
just appear suddenly.”

“Well they appeared for a reason, try to think...”

“Um...well...” I looked at Jin and he seems to have no idea.

I'm sure that you think there are so many sudden surprises, but what to do It happen again, The dragons and the goddesses appear from no way...

“Ó... Wa... Xiànzài zhè shì yīgè rùkǒu (oh, wow... now that's an entrance.)”

The snow dragon and the goddess stood in front and began “Find the lightning ball. Use the help of the MANGOLAND map...” And they simply disappeared leaving us a thousands of questions. Then the mangoland map start t glow, then we (Jin and I) Hold our hands and opened the map. Then it began to write itself...

“Do you need my help...?”

“What? It write itself too.” Yin said with a surprised voice.

“Yup” we answered.

“Wow” we can tell how they were surprised and I think there will be more too.

“Can you tell us how to find the magical lightning ball to defeat our enemy?”

“Sure... go to the dark forest and according to my details there's a magical tree. And the tree's flower will give you what you need.”

“Oh, that's looks easy enough” Jin said. But the map began to write again...

“The flowers will only bloom when there is a solar a clips.....

And it will wither when it over... so you have to hurry and find it before times run out.

“But when will be the solar a clips happen, it can be years at least....” Cheng said rather puzzled and disappointed.

Then the map began to write down itself again...

“Just you Waite...”

According to my calculation there will be a solar clip tomorrow and if you made it to the magical tree..... You might get a chance. Be careful there will be *blooddelicans* on the way...”

“Blooddelicans?”

“Who’s that?”

“No idea...”

“Well then... let’s go... it almost evening.... And keep a
lookout for blooddelicans or something”

And we began our journey to the dark forest. We were on our way to the forest by the help of the mangoland map’s guide.

After a few long walks we finally reached for our destination. The dark forest stand in front of us giving us the fear to our minds. It was almost midnight and we were so exhausted.

“Let’s spend the night here shall we?” Jin said putting an arm around me.

Yin gave a little giggle. I gave her a warning look telling her to stop. She went over to Cheng. I couldn’t sleep well that night. There was a lot of thoughts on me. The lightning ball, the lord of death, my parents and many more. Some of them were very stupid. Really... after a minute or two there was a loud noise came over the bushes and beyond the trees and also from the sky...

The sky looks like thundering and lightning. I opened my eyes with a shock and looked around. Jin and others woke up too.

“What was that?”

“Is it about to rain or..... but before cheng finish the sentence there was another sound. It was going like *crack*. Then we saw a nearby bush starting to shake and footsteps began to come this way. We notice that someone was there. Then there was a short pause and then a monstrous creatures appear in the woods right in front of us. They were covered in blood so we realized that it was the blooddelicans. They looks really like a figure of a zombie who covered in blood and going crazy. It make a yucky feeling. (It might be the same if you saw it in your own eyes. Its looks disgusting.)

They seems to be getting more and more the army keeps getting bigger and bigger. And the fear is raising inside us higher and higher.

. The moon hung in the night sky as I, yin, Jin and cheng faced the Horde of blooddelicans. Their eyes were glittering with malice. The air crackled with an unsettling energy and the quartet tightened their grips on their weapon.

Cheng got a sword with him and moved with grace. He twirled and laughed, leaving a trail of defeated blooddelicans in his wake. Yin who got a long stick swung in wide arc creating a barrier of fear to them.

Jin and I fought back to back with our own weapon, the flute and the hair pin. When the battle begins the both tools turned in to two swords.

As we continued their relentless assault on the blooddelicans, a subtle shift occurred in the atmosphere. The creatures sensing impending defeat began to retreat with growing unease, we all exchanged puzzled glances wondering what had triggered this sudden change.

“**Tàiyáng!** (The sun!) Their feared for sun!” Cheng exclaimed. Realization drawing on him.

The blooddelicans began to fade as the first light of dawn illuminate the battlefield. Soon after the blooddelicans fade away from the illuminated battlefield.

"We have to hurry. Everyone is okay?" Jin asked. I was exhausted. It feels like that there was a big builder on my head.

"Yen open the mangoland map to ask direction"

I obeyed him. Yin was on the ground breathing fast and Chang is still on the lookout because of fear .I open the mangoland map and ask for Direction. Then it opened and began to write itself.

"How can I help you?"

"Where is the magical tree with the magical flowers?"

"Go straight west and you will find it. You got only one hour... hurry. Don't worry about the blooddelicans. They won't bother you."

Yin got the compass out of Cheng's bag. And held it out. The West was on my right hand, but for Jin it was his left hand and Chang was facing the way.

"Right then." I began letting out a big breath. "Let's go. We don't have much time."

And we are off to find the magical flower tree. We walked about 30 minutes and finally found what we need. The magical tree was standing Straight against the sunlight and almost ready for the bloom.

"Well, we had to wait till the solar eclipse. So let sit down."

I know that Jin is not in a good mood. Usually he is the one who always starting to settle down. I went over him and sat beside him. Cheng and Yin went to collect Woods for the fire to light the surrounding when the solar eclipse began. I'm on the other hand waiting with Jin.

"Jin are you okay? You haven't talked to me after the fight."

"Yeah, I'm fine. Thanks for asking Yen. Shall we go and collect some branches for a shelter"

Jin give his usual handsome smile to me. He held his hand and go to his feet. We start working around looking for big branches still holding our hands. Soon after we found branches and big leaves. Cheng and Yin came with the wood for the fire.

We had wait for five minute or six then the solar a clips began to raise its head.

"Remember, when the solar a clips began and the flowers will bloom. Pick a flower for each." Jin said carefully

"And be on lookout" cheng said looking around.

Then there was an unexpected thing happened. The tree of magical tree began to grow tall it's even taller than Jin and cheng no way me and yin pick those flowers on the ground.

“Zěnme bàn? (Now what?)”Yin asked

I shook my head looking at the tree. The solar a clips will start soon... “I know, we lift you up and you’ll pick 2 for each.” Said Jin.

We nodded well.... Shyly We have no other choice... The boys look tiered. I went over yin and began to whisper.

“Don’t you think they look so tiered?”

“Yeah, well what should we do?”

“Let’s stay awake to night for lookout and let them rest”

“O....” but before yin finished Jin and cheng began

“Hey you two... what are you whispering?”

We lost word. What should we tell them? We were disappointed about you and we decided to stay awake and give you time for rest? Not really.... “Um....”

“Well.... No nothing it’s just well our own businesses....”

“Yeah

“Oh really, is that business have to do something about us?”

Oh grate... I know what you thinking now we are trap with lost words. What should we tell them?

“Um...noNot really” we lied. The boys exchanged looks and smiled.

“Oh really?” then they came towards us....and bend a bit

“Ah....let’s wait till the solar a clips” I said hesitantly and yin and I went away a bit and sat under the tree. Jin and cheng sat next to us. Jin put his arm over my shoulders and looked at the sky. I smiled and join him.

Then everything began be dark. The solar a clips is starting....

“Oh the solar a clips are starting! It’s starting!” Yin started to shout.

We went over the tree and waited patiently. When everything went dark I felt something wrong. I felt sick and dizzy. But I kept myself strong and waited. Then a bright light illuminated the surroundings. It was from the tree. The magical flowers started to bloom. It smells so nice and it looks so beautiful. Yin and I forgot about plan. The plan of how to pick the flowers. We didn’t notice anything. Not even the boys who came nearer.

Then they lift us up. We almost screamed. “What on earth you think you doing?” yin said angrily.

“You should have told us before you lift us”

“Well we didn’t wanted to spoil the flower watching” both said smiling to each other.

We rolled our eyes and picked two flower for each and after a minute or two the solar a clip began to end. And the magical flowers began to wither. And the flower we picked was glowing. Mine’s turned in to a necklace and a pendent with a heart and Jin got the same. Cheng and yin got a necklace with a star pendent.

“Um..... Where is the lightning ball?”

“No idea, maybe I’ll asked the map” I went over and asked the mangoland map about the lightning and the map began to write itself as usual.

“Put all the necklaces together and say Héping (peace)”

We did it says and what a surprise there was a bright light illuminated the surrounding and the lightning ball is glowing right in front of us. We were all thrilled we were jumping and shouting. Yin jumped on cheng’s back and both laugh. Everyone was feeling well except me. I felt a bit strange and sick. I try to tell Jin but I thought not to curse I didn’t want them to end their happiness. I felt dizzy and then everything went dark.....

I'm not sure how long I've been sleeping (or in other word faint). I opened my eyes and realize I was next to Jin, he was patting me on my head. It was late night and cheng and yin was faster sleep. I slowly turned at Jin and whispered. "Sh....Jin?"

He quickly turned to my side and I continued....

"Mm....what really happened to me.... Did I fall asleep without knowing...?"

"More like you faint....yen, if you feel uncomfortable please let us know. For a moment we were very scared..."

"Dui buqǐ (sorry)"

"Don't think much.... Rest well...Now you fine? No dizzy"

I nodded and smile. I thought to myself.... *I'm so lucky to have friend like these...* "You know as you say about resting I think you should rest too Jin. Resting is really needed to everyone. Especially you and cheng."

"Hǎo (fine)"

The sun began to raise and we woke up early. There was a little stream near our place and we washed up.

“Good morning guys, yeh how do you feel” cheng asked.

“Better now, thanks”

“That’s good....” Yin replied.

The next thing we planned to do is finding food, actually we had no idea how to but well, doesn’t matter.... We’ll find a way.... Hopefully.....

There was a purse and everyone started to look round.

Then I began... “So.... How do we find food?”

“No idea” Jin replied.

“Shall we asked the map? About where or how to find food in this creepy forest?”

“Yeah,” so I opened the mangoland map and asked how to find food.... Then the map started to glow and began to write....

“Check your bags!”

“Our bags?” we repeat together. Yin and I took our bags and checked... to our surprise `the bags were full of foods. Jin and cheng came and looked, they were surprised too.


“But how.... What.... But.... You?” cheng said to the map.
The map glowed brightly and began to write
“Have a grate breakfast” then it closed by itself.

Sometime I really can't understand the map nor its
behavior. And some magic are really are strange.....



CHAPTER 8

VENGADIUM PLANT



After an unexpected food appearance we sat down and started to have our breakfast. After our breakfast we started to work with our newest problem.... The lightning ball.

“So what or how do we make this work..?”

“Should we tell another magical word or something like the other things?”

There were so many questions but neither of us can answer nor give an idea about it...

I have no idea how, but I kinder remembered about the snow glops that used by people as decorator. “Maybe... everyone turned their face to me hopefully... well I don’t know its just well.... Why don’t we shake it a bit... like a snow glop?”

“Well Worth a try” Jin replied, getting into his feet.

Yin took the lightning ball and shake it gently. Actually it really worked. The lightning ball began to glow and showed us a version, actually more like a story... there was a voice inside the lightning ball....

*“Your enemy hates love. Your enemy don't have a heart of kindness. To win the battle you must understand your situation. Find your real enemy. Find the magical tools to make the golden heart and when you put it in the right place you won... but remember.... **Find your enemy**”*

As soon the voice faint something horrible happened. There was a sound from the bushes. Jin put a step toward and at that moment a gust of dark mist came from the bushes and strait at Jin and covered him

“Jin.....” I shouted “jin are you okay? Jin?”

Cheng went there but the mist throw him away.... “Cheng...” yin ran over to him. A minute or two the mist kept on covering Jin. We tried everything but the mist was too powerful. No matter we shout there was no respond from Jin. And that made me worried a lot. Then finals the mist fade by but it didn't made any better... Jin was lying on the ground, without any word

“Jin!!...” I went to him. He was so cold. “What should we do?”

Cheng and yin came too “yin hide the lightning ball” cheng said while coming.... “Yen, help me to carry him near to the lake.” So I did. “I’ll go and get some water. You two stay here.” So cheng went to get some water. Meanwhile I opened the mangoland map. “Yin tell what happened to the mangoland map while I look Jin”

“Hǎo (okay)”

I took Jin’s coat and made it look like a pillow and lied him on the ground. “Yen! Kàn (look)”

The mangoland map started to glow and start to write

Don’t worry yen. He is going to be okay. It’s just a curse... Well more like a spell from your enemy...

“Oh that lord of death...!” yin said angrily.

Remember kids... FIND YOUR ENEMY....and forces”

“Huh?”

Doesn’t matter about it now. Yen tell cheng to find the Vengadium plant in the other side of the river...you can make a special drink. And then give it to him” then the map closed.

Then cheng came with the water and then we described about the Vengadium plant. “Okay then, I’ll go and find the Vengadium plant while yin, you go and find wood for the fire. Yen, you stay here with Jin and remember to take a good eye on the lightning ball too. We won’t be late...”

And they split away. I was alone with silence and fear. I didn’t know what to do. Curse everything is mixed up in my mind.

“What does really it means? Find your real enemy.... What really it means....why he or she attacked Jin....” I thought... then yin came with the wood and cheng came with the Vengadium plant.

We made the juice, other word the medicine. At that time Jin started cough. “Oh Jin...Jin? Are you okay...? Jin?”

“Hold on there...buddy... your medicine is right here” said cheng.

“Well jin, I began... he looked at me... “Um...not sure about the taste curse... well the ingredient we use well...no idea what it is”

“Yeah so best not to think about the taste” cheng replied.

“Hope he won’t be sick because of the taste” yin whispered to me. He took his medicine. He said it was tasty, but I can’t imagine it was... seriously... I mean normally herbal medicine is a bit out of taste.

“Jin I think it is best to rest a bit more. We’ll find a way what we have to do next.”

So we gather around while he was resting. “So...”yin began “what should we do next, really?”

“We have to find the tools to make the golden heart. But one problem is that what that voice said and also the map” I said thoughtfully.

“What did they told you?” cheng asked.

“Well don’t you remember? **Find your enemy.....**”

“Oh yeah, I was wondering that?”

“Well, after you left, the map repeat it again...”

At that moment the goddess appeared. “Your last tool is the necklaces. If you put all the tools together you’ll get the golden heart. And remember..... Then there was a purse. **Find your enemy....**

“What do you mean” but before I finished they vanished away.

“I think something is wrong. When we first met the goddess said that lord of death was our enemy, but looks like it’s not. But why then they said about his past?”

“Maybe there’s something have to do with you. maybe?”

Jin woke up after a while later. Then we packed ourselves and left the place. We walked through a narrow path in the forest.

It was almost night, and we reached at a lake. So we took our dinner. And rest for a while. Curse we were so tiered after walking. We were talking about the necklace.

“Let’s take a break. I’m so sleepy” yin said half a sleep

“Yeah I agree lets sleep” said Jin.

Yin cuddle herself with cheng. Jin got hold my hand and drag me toward him and sized me tightly.

Everything went really well and I hoped it would be in the future to. But until the next day.....



CHAPTER 09

ARGUE...

Another day began with a loud scream from the sky.

“What? What was that?” I asked. And a bright light came from the sky. It was so bright that I barely opened my eyes. I felt strange. Then the birds began to sing, flowers began to bloom and everything went normal.

“Yen.... What just happen?” yin asked.

“I... I have no idea. Jin? What do...” but Jin reject me and went away. I was confuse. Then yin talked to cheng. But he also reject her. We both were confused after this.

“Um...jin are you okay?”

“Like you cares, it’s none of your business.”

“What? Jin...you?”

“He already told you it’s not your business” cheng said meanly.

“Cheng? What is wrong with you?”

“What’s wrong with you huh?”

We were taken back by the fear. We had no idea what had just happened. But its heart broke a lot.

“Fine guys enough acting, please.”

“Who do you think you are? Get off from here.” Cheng said angrily. Yin couldn’t hold to her emotions ran away.

“Yin!” I ran away with her. I know just how she feels. I took a deep breath and controlled my emotions and the pain. I found yin crying. I went over her and comfort her. I remembered that we didn’t took our breakfast yet.

“Yin, wait here. I’ll get the breakfast.” So I went to take the food. I saw the boys were far chattering. I took three plates and took the breakfast. Two for the boys and one for yin. I was not hungry. I took the two plates to the boys.

“Here’s your breakfast” I said normally.

“Don’t you understand to leave?” And Jin hit the two plates to the ground. I step back. Look at both of them with tearful eyes. I ran away with yin’s plate. I gave her the plate and sat silence.

“Yen? What happened?”

“**Méiyǒu** (nothing)” I replied. But what should I do? Why they act like that? I opened the mangoland map and asked about the strange acting of the boys.

“It is a curse...Yen...It was your enemy...But don’t worry the curse won’t least till long...”

“Oh well, how many curses do we have to face?” yin said rather disappointedly.

I didn’t said a word but kept looking at the lake. It made me a bit comfort but I felt a bit lonely but I have to stay strong. It was almost middle of the night. The time travelled like the wind.

“Let’s get some sleep” yin said in a pale voice.

So we went to sleep in the cold ground with painful tears. My sleep was not a good one, it was full of bad nightmares. In the early morning I heard footsteps coming over this way. I watched slowly to see who it is. It wascheng. He was carrying yin back. But there was no site of Jin.

“Maybe he is still mad at me” I thought. “But...yin is now okay” I went back to sleep. The sun began to raise. I woke up and went over to the lake. I don’t know what to do. Others are over there, may be discuss about the lightning ball and I well, staying alone. Then I heard footsteps coming from behind. I thought it was yin. So I began to talk without looking. “Yin, you can stay with cheng. You deserve it.” But there was no respond. So I turned to see why, actually, it was not yin it was Jin. For a moment there was purse. Then Jin came to me and drag me toward him. I was shocked. After a moment later he kissed me. That was my first kiss.

“**Duìbùqǐ (sorry)**” he said rather disappointedly.

“It was a curse Jin, I’m not mad at you”

He smiled.... “Shall we go then?” I smiled and we went to the resting point. When we went to the rest point it looks like there was a trouble between yin and cheng again.... They were sitting far away from each other and they were really angry. No idea why?

“Um..... Did something happened?”

They said nothing but grunt.

“Um...okay....so...what’s this all about”

“He done it”

“What do you mean? Have I done something wrong?”

“Can someone please explain me what’s going on?” Jin said a loud.

“Well I carry her to here in early morning and she says that it was wrong.”

“Wrong? Why is that?”

“Well, he done a mistake and he should apologize first”

“Oh come on guys....we just sort one misunderstanding....and now this? Come on let this go away... let’s focus now....”

The rest of the day was happy and excited. We talked about the lightning ball, the curses, and about the sentence which was popular *find your real enemy. . . .*

I really can’t think what that means but I’m sure that we been misunderstood about the enemy.... I think lord of death is not our enemy.....



CHAPTER 10

THE NECKLACE

We woke up in the next morning. Others were still half a sleep and I was fully awake. I went to the lake, I washed up and stared at the lovely view. Jin came from behind and put his arms around me.

“Good morning!”

“Good morning!”

“You woke up early....”

“No I’m not, you woke up late....” And I smiled and Jin began to laugh.

“You are really becoming an empress now aren’t you?”

“Really?”

“You are my empress”

I went slightly red. I looked away and went away a bit. Jin pulled me toward him and kissed but I broke off and looked away. I was turning very pink.

Jin came over to me, his eyes fixed intently.

"Zěnmeliǎo? (What's wrong?)" He asked in a gentle voice, his concern evident.

"Nothing," I replied, trying to dismiss it, but he just looked away with a soft smile.

"Whatever you do, stop laughing at me, okay?" I said, feeling the heat rise to my cheeks.

Jin wrapped an arm around my shoulders and murmured, "You look very cute when you're embarrassed."

"Ah... stop it, Jin," I mumbled, nudging him away playfully.

We waited for the others to arrive. After a few minutes, we sat down to breakfast, and our discussion turned to the necklace. I unfolded the map, asking for guidance. Slowly, the map revealed a path, directing us toward the northern part of China—to Liaoning Province.

And so, our journey began. The day was overcast, with clouds thick in the sky, muting both light and warmth.

It felt as though nature itself was shielding us from our enemy. We walked through a dense, dark forest, where the tall trees loomed overhead and a thick mist began to blanket the ground.

As night fell, the darkness became absolute, blinding. We had no lights, relying only on the faint glow of the moon, which hung like a watchful eye in the unsettling night sky. Hours passed as we trudged onward, our bodies aching. My muscles felt as if they were burning, and I glanced at the others. Their faces, weary and drawn, showed the same exhaustion. We needed rest; the strain of the journey was wearing us down.

We soon found a decent spot to rest, and for once, I actually felt safe. The boys lit a fire, and we gathered around it, warming ourselves in the quiet comfort of the flames. For a while, everything was calm, even peaceful. But then, I started to feel a shift.

Something was wrong. A deep unease crept over me, gnawing at the edge of my thoughts. I felt a strange sickness in my stomach, an instinct warning me that something—or someone—was coming. Usually, I would consult the map, but this time, I reached for the lightning ball instead.

As I shook it, the ball glowed and began to reveal a vision. My heart seized with fear as an image came into view. It was unmistakable: the Blooddelicans were tracking us, following our exact path.

“J... Jin...” My voice shook.

“You might want to see this.”

Jin came over, and the color drained from his face as he looked at the vision.

“I don’t think we’re safe anymore,” he said, glancing around at the rest of us with worry.

The Blooddelicans. Again? Yin broke the silence, her tone grim.

“That’s... not good.”

Our rest was over all too soon. Curse our enemy’s army—they were right behind us, closing in with every step.

“So, where should we go now?” Cheng asked, glancing back nervously.

“We...” But before I could respond, a gust of wind swept past us, and the moonlight began to dim—a sure sign our enemy was near.

“We have to leave. Now!” I shouted.

Without hesitation, we sprinted into the darkness. Jin grabbed the Mangoland map, quickly seeking an escape route.

“What does it say, Jin?” Yin called out, her voice tense.

“We need to head east!” he replied, barely pausing as he ran.

“East?” Cheng echoed, keeping pace beside us.

I pulled out the compass, watching the needle as it pointed to the left. “Everyone, turn left!” I shouted.

We adjusted our direction, each of us running as fast as we could. Our breaths grew heavy as we pushed forward, the shadows of the forest closing in around us.

But soon, the Blooddelicans’ screams pierced the night. We ran faster, but then, just ahead, we saw something that froze us in our tracks—a dead end. We were standing at the edge of a high cliff, with a cold, dark river churning far below. We stopped just in time; one more step, and we’d have plunged over the edge.

“Now what?” Yin asked, her voice trembling.

Jin hesitated, holding up the map. “Well... it’s not my idea, but the map says we have to jump.”

“Jump?” We all stared at Jin in shock.

But there was no time to debate. The Blooddelicans were closing in, their cries growing louder. We had no choice. Grabbing each other’s hands, we jumped together into the darkness.

As we plummeted, Yin let out a scream, and I squeezed my eyes shut, trying not to think about whatever might be lurking in the river below. We hit the water with a huge splash, and the icy cold knocked the breath out of me. It was like plunging into a frozen world; my chest tightened, and it felt as if my heart had stopped.

We sank beneath the surface, then kicked back up, gasping for air.

“Everyone okay?” Jin called out, shivering.

“Yeah, we’re fine,” Cheng replied, teeth chattering.

I spotted a shadowy shoreline in the distance. “Look—there’s a shore!” I pointed, and we began to swim toward it, each stroke heavy in the icy water.

We were exhausted and freezing, our clothes soaked through. Huddling together, we managed to light a small fire, grateful for its warmth as it pushed back the chill of the night.

“Jin, do you think the Blooddelicans will follow us here, too?” I asked, my voice barely a whisper.

He shook his head uncertainly. “Not sure. But we should be safe for a little while, at least.”

“And we know they fear sunlight,” Cheng added, glancing up at the dark sky. “We just need to hold on until sunrise.”

Yin let out a tired sigh. “Let’s get some rest, shall we?”

We nodded in agreement, lying down around the fire, each of us silently praying that we’d be safe until morning.

It was still dark—maybe around 3:00 a.m.—when the Mangoland map began to glow softly, casting a faint light that pulled me from sleep. I opened the map carefully, watching as words began to write themselves across the page as if guided by an unseen hand.

“Shuǐ”.

The word shimmered on the map's surface. **Shuǐ**—**water**, in Chinese. My heart skipped a beat as I realized this might be important.

Without thinking, I shouted, “Water?” The sound was loud in the silence, and the others jolted awake, startled by my outburst.

“Water?” Yin muttered, rubbing her eyes. “What’s wrong? Are you having strange dreams now?”

Just then, the map continued to write, the ink appearing as if someone were scrawling it in real-time.

The fake Blooddelicans are afraid of water and sunlight.

“Oh, great. Now we know another one of their fears,” Cheng said, sounding both relieved and curious.

But I was still puzzled. “What does fake Blooddelicans mean?” I asked, glancing around at the others.

Jin shrugged, putting an arm around my shoulders in a reassuring way. “Not sure. But there’s a lake nearby, so maybe that’s what the map is hinting at. If we’re close to water, we’ll be safe for now.”

We all exchanged looks, feeling both relieved and unsettled. What did “fake” Blooddelicans mean? And how long would we really be safe?

We settled down to eat, each of us feeling an aching weight of exhaustion from the night before. As usual, we reached the magical bag— a small but remarkable item that we'd grown depend on. No matter how often we dipped our hands inside, the bag always offered food: bread, fruit, and even warm soup on colder days. It felt strange, almost eerie, to rely on something so unnatural, but in moments like these, we were simply grateful to have it.

As I nibbled on a piece of bread, though, my thoughts kept drifting back to the map's message from earlier: The fake Blooddelicans are afraid of water and sunlight. But what did it mean by fake Blooddelicans? Were there real Blooddelicans out there, too? The thought unsettled me, casting a shadow over my meal.

Then, a sudden chill swept over me, like a cold breath from the shadows. My skin prickled with Goosebumps, and instinctively, I looked up. My gaze traveled back to the cliff we had jumped from just hours before. There, standing silently against the pale dawn light, were dozens of shadowy figures. I froze, feeling a weight settle in my chest as I squinted to make out their forms.

The shapes were dark and still, hovering at the edge like a row of statues.

My heart sank as I realized what they were.

“Um... guys...” I murmured, my voice shaking. “Do you... see what I see?”

Yin, looking puzzled, glanced over at me. “See... see what, Yen?”

I pointed silently to the cliff, and slowly, each of them looked up. A wave of horror crossed their faces as they took in the sight of the figures, unmoving yet somehow menacing, like predators lying in wait.

“Blooddelicans,” Jin whispered, the color draining from his face.

“They found us...” Cheng breathed, his voice laced with fear. I could see him swallow hard, his fists clenching in a mix of frustration and dread.

“What do we do?” Yin’s voice was barely audible, but the desperation in it was clear. She was staring at the figures as if they might descend upon us any second.

“We’re... doomed...” she added, her voice quivering as she faced the same terrifying realization I had.

We huddled closer together, the warmth of the magical bag and the fading fire feeling like fragile shields against the creeping dread that surrounded us. It felt as though the shadows were closing in, waiting, and we were alone, praying for the first rays of sunlight to come and save us.



CHAPTER 11 GOD OF WATER

"Fúcóng wǒmen de nǚ zhǔrén! Obey our mistress! Fúcóng wǒmen de nǚ zhǔrén!"

The Bloodelicans' voices echoed through the air, chilling and hollow, as though the words came from somewhere far beyond their bodies. "Fúcóng wǒmen de nǚ zhǔrén!" they repeated, their tone sharp and unnerving, like the shriek of a raven in the dead of night.

Their chant grew louder, relentless, filling the silence around us. The sound was haunting, almost hypnotic, as though they were under a spell themselves. I felt a cold shiver run down my spine as I tried to understand the words.

"Fúcóng wǒmen de nǚ zhǔrén? Obey their mistress?" Cheng's voice broke the trance, anger flaring in his eyes.

“Why do they keep saying that? We’re not anyone’s servants!”

"Mistress?" The word struck a nerve, and a sudden thought flickered to life in my mind, bringing an uncomfortable realization. “I always thought the Lord of Death was male...” I murmured to myself, almost unwilling to believe what I was hearing.

Jin turned to me, his brows furrowed in confusion. “What do you mean?”

I shook my head, piecing the clues together. “If they have a mistress, then... does this mean the Blooddelicans have a different leader than we thought? Or is this... somehow connected to the fake Blooddelicans?” My mind raced, questions building one after another, like a puzzle forming before me but with so many missing pieces.

We all exchanged wary looks, our minds reeling. And then, as if in response to our confusion, something strange began to happen. The air around us grew thicker, the mist swirling in the shadows. It was as if the forest itself was holding its breath, waiting for something to emerge.

The chanting continued, echoing through the trees, haunting and cold. It felt as though the world was shifting, and I knew we were on the edge of discovering something powerful—something that might answer our questions, or perhaps lead us into even deeper danger.

The river beside us began to glow, shifting from dark, rippling water to a blaze of light. The water shimmered like fire, casting golden reflections that danced on the trees. We all froze, watching as a massive wave rose up from the river, swirling into the sky. It lifted higher and higher, sending the Blooddelicans scattering into the shadows. The wave pulsed and then started to shift, changing shape before our eyes. Slowly, it formed into a towering human figure, defined by graceful curves of water and light.

Suddenly, a bright glow illuminated the entire area, revealing a godly figure clad in flowing blue robes that resembled a traditional Manchu-style dress, rich in deep shades that rippled like the sea. He stood before us, his eyes wise and serene, exuding an aura of calm power.

“**Wèn hòu nián qīng rén,**” he greeted us, his voice like the rush of distant waves. **“Greetings, young people.”** He inclined his head, a faint smile on his lips.

“I am the God of Water. I am here to help... to aid you in defeating your enemy.”

We looked at each other, stunned and trying to comprehend the divine presence standing before us. His words sank in, and my heart raced with awe and excitement.

I stammered, **“Xiānshēng nín hǎo... òng... xièxiè nín wèi wǒ men rēng diào nàxiē xuèxīng túshā...”** Greetings, sir... um... thank you for throwing away those Blooddelicans for us...”

He chuckled, a soft, deep sound, like the soothing murmur of a stream. “Oh... you’re welcome.”

Jin took a small step forward, gathering his courage

“Umm... sir, do you happen to know anything about a magical necklace?”

The water god’s gaze softened, and he nodded slowly.

“Oh yes. It is right in front of you...” He gestured to the river behind him.

For a moment, I wondered if he meant that he himself was the necklace we sought, but then realization dawned: he was pointing to the river.

“What do you mean, sir?” Cheng asked, tilting his head in confusion.

“**Shuǐ xià,**” the god replied, his voice calm and steady.

“Wait... So the necklace is underwater?” Yin asked, her eyes widening with surprise.

The god nodded again, and with a gentle smile, he stretched out his hand, producing small, oval-shaped objects that looked like glossy seaweed wrapped in shimmering blue.

“Eat these,” he said, extending them to us. “They will allow you to breathe underwater.”

Each of us took one, hesitating only a moment before popping them into our mouths. They tasted like salted seaweed, earthy and slightly bitter, but we swallowed them down, trusting the god’s promise.

Yin looked at our bags, a slight frown crossing her face.

“We should probably leave our bags here... otherwise, everything inside will get wet, won't it?”

The water god shook his head, smiling with a knowing look. “No need. When you return, everything will be dry, as if untouched by water.”

The god's words filled us with a sense of security, and we exchanged glances, feeling both nervous and excited for what lay beneath the surface. It was time to dive in and see what mysteries awaited us in the depths of the glowing river.

We took a deep breath and dived into the river. At first, the water was shockingly cold, prickling against our skin and stealing our breath. But as we continued, the chill seemed to fade, replaced by a strange warmth, as though the water itself welcomed us.

Around us, the underwater world unfolded in breathtaking beauty. Sunlight filtered down in glowing beams, casting everything in a magical blue light. Schools of fish swam in harmony, their scales shimmering like precious gems. Towering coral formations rose up on either side, vibrant with colors we'd only dreamed of, creating a landscape as intricate and alive as any forest.

Who could have guessed that beneath the surface, the river would be an entirely different world?

The God of Water swam ahead, moving with the fluid grace of someone born in these depths. He led us toward a dark, looming cave nestled among rocks and tangled seaweed. As we approached, a strange feeling settled over me. Somehow, this place felt... familiar, as though I had been here once before. But how could that be possible?

We swam closer, the entrance of the cave looming like a mouth in the rock, shadowed and eerie. The god turned to face us, his form casting a faint glow in the dimness.

"This is as far as I can lead you," he said, his voice soft but carrying a sense of finality.

"You must find the necklace on your own from here."

With that, he reached out, handing each of us a small, glowing seashell. The shells gleamed with a soft, otherworldly light, illuminating the shadows around us. They were delicate, fragile-looking things, but they made the dark water feel a little less daunting.

"Kǒngjù hěn hǎo," he said in parting—Fare well.

And with those words, the god's form shimmered, dissolving into bubbles that drifted upward, vanishing into the dark water above. We watched in awe, feeling both grateful and a little abandoned.

"Um... that's a bit dark, isn't it?" Yin whispered, her voice shaky as she clutched her glowing shell. She shivered slightly, eyeing the entrance of the cave warily.

"Yeah, but we don't have a choice. We have to find the necklace." Jin's tone was firm, his eyes fixed on the dark passage.

"Come on, let's go."

With our glowing shells lighting the way, we swam into the cave. Shadows closed around us, the walls draped in swaying seaweed that reached out like ghostly hands. The narrow path was littered with massive rocks and debris, as though some ancient battle had taken place here, leaving destruction in its wake.

The further we went, the stranger and darker it became. Among the rocks, something caught my eye, and my heart skipped a beat. Scattered across the cave floor were bodies, frozen in eerie, lifelike poses, preserved by the icy water.

Their faces were locked in expressions of terror, their armor rusted but still clinging to them. Some clutched weapons, while others seemed to be reaching out, as though in a final, desperate attempt to escape.

A chill crept over me as I took in the scene.

“It... it looks like a war happened here,” I whispered, my voice barely audible.

The sight of those lifeless figures made the legend of the necklace feel all the more real—and all the more dangerous.

The silent cave seemed to close in around us, filled with the memories of battles long lost. We shared a nervous glance, each of us realizing that the path to the necklace might be far more perilous than we had ever imagined.

“Where is it?” I muttered under my breath, frustration growing as we searched every corner of the cave. We sifted through the rocks and debris, moving carefully around the frozen bodies. It was slow and difficult, with the eerie silence pressing down on us, broken only by the occasional sound of shifting rocks or the soft rustle of seaweed as it drifted in the water.

“Guys... you don’t think this is a trap, do you?” Cheng’s voice was barely a whisper, a hint of unease creeping in. “Because, I mean... this place feels like... like a battlefield.”

He was right. The entire cave bore the scars of a violent struggle. The bodies, the broken weapons, the scattered armor—it felt as though we were disturbing a place that had been sealed by time itself. I felt a chill and tried to ignore it, focusing on our task.

Then, out of the corner of my eye, I caught a faint glimmer.

“Wait... guys, come over here!” I called, my heart racing as I moved toward the light.

The others swam over, peering down at the source of the glow.

It was a body, lying still and preserved as if in a deep slumber. But that wasn’t what caught our attention. Around its neck was a pendant, gleaming with a dark, shifting light that seemed to pulse like a heartbeat. The colors swirled within it, deep and mesmerizing, casting a faint glow that illuminated the dark water around it.

“That’s it...” I whispered, awestruck. “The magical necklace.”

We stared in silence, realizing that we had finally found what we came for.

But the pendant's glow cast eerie shadows on the walls, and I couldn't shake the feeling that this treasure was guarded by more than just the memories of a battle—it felt alive, as though it held its own secrets and power.

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Tears streamed down my cheeks as the weight of the god’s words settled over me.

“You’re Highness,” he said softly, “the devils, gods, and even Death itself fight to protect their people, as well as the humans. You are the only one left who can unite us. Some truths are misunderstood, others... meant to remain hidden.” His voice broke, and he sighed, sadness deep in his eyes.

“But time runs short. We must go now.”

The others nodded solemnly, none of us wanting to spend another minute in that underwater world of secrets and sorrow.

As soon as we emerged from the water and reached the shore, the god bowed in farewell. With a shimmer, he vanished, leaving us in silence. Moments later, a massive wave surged from the river, crashing onto the shore and transforming into two powerful, shining horses. The god's voice echoed around us: "To our mistress and the future rulers..."

A heavy silence lingered, the words settling into us like a weight we couldn't shake. Finally, Jin cleared his throat and, breaking the stillness, said, "Shall we... go then?"

We all nodded, no one daring to speak. Silently, we mounted the magical horses, with Jin sitting behind me, his presence steady and comforting.

For a long time, we rode without speaking, each of us lost in our own thoughts, trying to process everything we had just learned and endured. The morning mist rose around us as we rode through the forest, the air crisp and filled with the quiet hum of early dawn.

Finally, Jin spoke up, his voice gentle. "Yen... are you okay?"

I felt his warmth behind me and let myself lean back against him, grateful for his steady presence.

“Hmm...” I murmured, lost for words but comforted. As I looked forward into the mist, the weight of our mission settled over me, but I felt a spark of strength rise within me too.

After riding for hours, exhaustion began to weigh us down. We needed rest. Jin and Cheng suggested, "You two sleep. We'll keep watch." But Yin and I refused, shaking our heads.

“No, this time we’ll stay awake. You both need rest, too.”

Jin chuckled, then shrugged. “Alright.” He lay down, resting his head in my lap, closing his eyes. Yin and I sat quietly as they slept, passing the time with soft games and whispered stories, doing our best to keep the mood light despite everything that had happened.

After a couple of hours, they stirred awake, taking their turn to watch over us while Yin and I slept. I’m not sure how long I drifted in that dreamless rest, but their voices woke us suddenly, tense and urgent.

“The horses... they’re disappearing,” Jin whispered.

I looked over in shock. The beautiful, gifted horses from the Water God had begun to dissolve into mist,

Their forms slowly fading and lifting into the air like morning fog. We watched as they floated away, a reminder of how transient and fragile this journey felt.

We gathered our things and continued on foot, heading toward a city that lay just on the horizon. But as we approached, the place felt wrong, empty, like a shell. Broken walls and crumbling buildings surrounded us. We walked through the eerie silence, scanning the ruins, and then I noticed something strange—old newspapers scattered across the ground. I picked one up, brushing the dust from its pages.

It was dated just four days ago.

My heart quickened as I read the headline, the ink still fresh and stark against the paper.

The headline read:

Mass Tragedy at Castle Hotel

Bodies of Students Discovered, Teacher Missing

The article was chilling:

"Authorities discovered numerous bodies in an abandoned castle hotel, most of them students. Several are still missing, and the teacher—originally found dead—disappeared mysteriously before police could secure the scene.

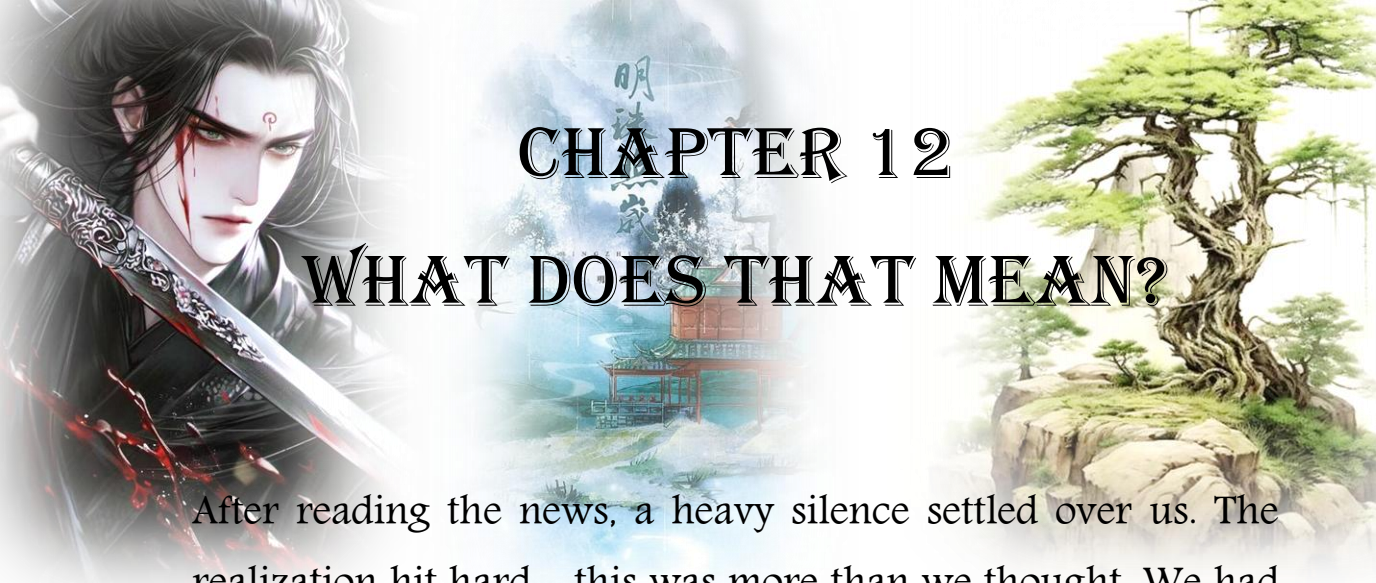
Investigators are working to uncover the truth a strange message was found scrawled on the wall:

'You killed them, and I won't rest until you are destroyed.'"

A chill ran down my spine as I read the last line. I couldn't explain why, but a sense of dread and confusion crept into my mind. This message, meant as a threat, felt different—like a voice calling from somewhere deeper, not an enemy's warning, but almost... a plea for justice.

Slowly, I looked up, the paper trembling in my hand. "You guys... I think we've misunderstood something," I whispered. "All this time, we thought we knew our enemy, but... maybe we've been going in the wrong direction."

Everyone gathered around, staring at the words on the page, each of us feeling the weight of doubt and uncertainty setting in.



CHAPTER 12

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

After reading the news, a heavy silence settled over us. The realization hit hard—this was more than we thought. We had been tracking the Lord of Death, but it seemed there was a larger, more tangled truth hiding beneath it all.

"I don't think we know the real reason behind any of this," I murmured, feeling the weight of confusion and dread grow.

Jin took out the map, carefully unfolding it. "Please... tell us the truth," he asked, his voice steady.

The map began to write its response in a familiar, swirling script:

"I'm sorry, I don't have permission to reveal that. But I know someone who can."

"Then... can you take us to them?" I asked, my voice hopeful.

"Follow this path until you find a cottage."

With that, the map closed itself tight, leaving us standing there with more questions than answers.

We exchanged nervous glances but started walking down the path it indicated. The trail led us into a small, dense forest, yet surprisingly, sunlight filtered through the branches, casting a warm glow around us. Jin held my hand as we walked, which felt reassuring.

As we approached a steep cliff—one even higher than the one we’d jumped from before—we spotted the cottage. It stood at the edge, weathered but strong, as if it had been waiting there for centuries. Outside, a graceful woman stood, watching us with a welcoming smile. As we neared, she bowed deeply.

“**Nǐ hǎo wǒ de nǚ zhǔrén...** Greetings, my mistress,” she said warmly.

She gestured for us to enter. Inside, the cottage was cozy, with a slight chill but a comforting atmosphere. She handed each of us a cup of tea, then settled in a chair across from us, her gaze knowing and calm.

I opened my mouth to ask a question, but she held up a hand, stopping me.

“Your Highness,” she began, “I know you seek answers about your past... and about your enemy.

That is exactly what I am here to tell you.” I hesitated, feeling a strange mix of curiosity and apprehension

. “Okay,” I managed to say, my voice barely above a whisper.

The air in the room grew still as she prepared to reveal secrets that had been hidden for far too long.

The woman’s gaze darkened as she leaned forward, her voice low. “Mrs. Xiao is the true reason behind your parents’ deaths... not our lord.”

“Our...?” I asked, puzzled.

She gave me a sad smile. “I am a devil, Your Highness. The devils and the deaths share the same bloodline. Unfortunately, we have lost nearly all our rulers, save for our Lord of Death. Yet, most of the gods misunderstood him, believed him to be something he is not.”

She sighed, her expression turning sorrowful. “When we discovered Mrs. Xiao’s presence and her plans, we went to confront her. But it was too late. She had already taken the lives of your parents... and the parents of the Lord of Death. He tried with everything in him to save them both but was powerless.”

I felt my heart ache with the weight of this revelation. “You mean... the Lord of Death is actually... good? But... then why...?”

She nodded, her face full of understanding. “I know only this much—that our lord is innocent. But now, I must go, my mistress.”

Before I could respond, a blinding light filled the cottage, enveloping us all. I shielded my eyes, unable to see anything. And when the light faded and I opened my eyes again, the cottage was gone. In its place, a tall, ancient tree stood at the edge of the cliff, as if the cottage and the mysterious woman had never been there at all.

For a long moment, none of us spoke. The revelations felt heavy, reshaping everything we thought we knew.

We all stared at each other, wide-eyed, as if trying to make sure none of us was dreaming.

“So... our class teacher is actually our enemy,” Yin muttered miserably.

“Great news. I always hated her when she was teaching us.”

I tried to stifle a laugh, despite everything. “Shall we rest here?” I suggested, still feeling shaken.

Everyone nodded in agreement, relief evident on their faces. As we settled in, my mind kept replaying the woman’s words. So much of it was still a mystery, and I couldn’t shake the feeling that we were only seeing a small part of a much bigger story. I wanted—no, needed—to know the truth, to see what really happened to my family.

“Yen?”

I looked up. Jin was watching me, his expression soft and understanding. “I know it’s bothering you. And we’re here for you. You can tell us anything.”

A warmth spread through me, and I smiled. “Thank you, all of you.” I realized then just how lucky I was to have friends like them—friends who would walk this path with me, no matter how dark it became.

We all slept for a few hours, our exhaustion finally catching up with us. The events of the day had drained every ounce of energy we had, and the weight of the revelations pressed heavily on our minds. We tried our best not to dwell on what

Had happened, but the thoughts lingered like shadows in the corners of our minds.

Now, we rested beneath the towering tree—the very spot where the cottage had stood before it vanished or transformed into the tree itself... or whatever had happened. None of us could explain it, so we decided not to try, at least for now.

I drifted off into an uneasy sleep, but it didn't last long. My rest was broken by a strange dream—one that felt so vivid and unsettling, it seemed more like a memory than a fantasy.



CHAPTER 13

THE TRUTH.



A faint cry echoed in my ears—a baby's cry. In my dream, I found myself in a grand yet somber hall, surrounded by the family of the Lord of Death. Their faces lit with joy as they welcomed a newborn into their world.

"It's a boy!" a voice announced, and I saw the family gathered around, celebrating the arrival of the next heir. Among them stood a radiant couple.

“**Jiějiě, wǒ tài kāixīnle!**” (Sister, I'm so happy!) My mother said, her voice brimming with delight as she turned to the Queen of Death.

“Sister?” I whispered in my dream, confused yet entranced by the scene unfolding.

The Queen of Death smiled and replied, “**Tā hěn kuài yě huì yǒu yīgè biǎo dì.**” (She will soon have a cousin too.)

My mother placed her hands gently on her stomach, her smile softening with pride. “Of course,” she said, cradling her unborn child.

The scene blurred, and the dream shifted forward ten months. A new cry resounded, this time among the gods and devils. Another boy had been born—a future king for the devils. I saw celebrations, laughter, and hope radiating through every corner.

Then, just a year later, another cry pierced the air. This time, it echoed with a lighter, divine note. It heralded my own birth.

Realization dawned as I watched this moment. That's me. I'm the baby.

The dream flowed on, faster now, revealing fragments of my childhood I couldn't remember before. I played in gardens with my family, laughing as we ran through golden fields. My cousin, the future Lord of Death, was always close by, his mischievous smile lighting up every moment. I saw my brother too—an older boy with a kind face and a regal bearing. We grew up together, the three of us, an inseparable trio.

But the dream darkened. Laughter faded, replaced by the mournful toll of bells. My brother, the future Devil King, had passed away from a sudden illness. I saw my parents weeping, their hands trembling as they placed flowers on his tomb.

I stood there, a little girl in the dream, crying alone in a vast, empty castle. My cousin found me, his small hands reaching for mine.

“Xiǎo xiānnǚ, xiǎo gēgē bùxiǎng ràng nǐ shāngxīn.” (Little fairy, little brother doesn't want you to be sad.)

He hugged me, his presence warm and protective. I clung to him as if he were my anchor in a storm.

Suddenly, the dream shifted again. I saw my cousin older now, his face hardened and determined. He stood on a battlefield, calling out desperately:

“Xiǎo xiānnǚ! Nǐ zài Na'er?” (Little fairy! Where are you?)

His voice echoed through the dream, growing fainter and more frantic with each call.

“Xiǎo xiānnǚ!”

Then everything dissolved into darkness.

I woke up with a start, my heart pounding as if I had been running for miles. My breaths came in shallow gasps, and I felt a wave of nausea roll over me.

“Yen!” Jin was by my side in an instant, his hand on my shoulder.

“Are you okay?”

I nodded weakly, though my mind was racing. The dream had shaken me to my core, revealing memories I didn’t even know I had lost.

“What happened?” Cheng asked, his voice laced with concern.

“I...” I hesitated, unsure how to put it into words. “I think... I saw the truth. My past. My family.”

Their eyes widened, and Yin leaned closer. “What did you see?”

I took a deep breath, my hands trembling slightly as I recounted the dream to them. The joy of the births, the bond I shared with my cousin and brother, and the heartbreak that followed.

By the time I finished, an eerie silence had settled over us.

“It all makes sense now,” Jin said softly, breaking the quiet.

“You’re connected to him—more than any of us realized.”

“But what does it mean?” Yin asked, her brows furrowed. “Why were these memories hidden from you?” I didn’t have an answer. All I knew was that this dream was no coincidence. It was a piece of the puzzle, one that brought me closer to understanding who I truly was—and what was at stake.



CHAPTER 14

THE HEAVEN

After discovering the truth about my past, we were left puzzled with more questions than answers. The silence hung heavy among us until the Mangoland map began to glow again. Jin picked it up and opened it. As the map unfolded, it began to write in its usual magical way:

Yin, I'm glad that you now know about your past. Now, you can finally ask for help from him.

“Ask for help?” we all echoed, confusion etched on our faces.

“Okay, so... where does he stay exactly?” Cheng asked.

“The heaven, of course!” the map replied before shutting itself tight.

A stunned silence fell over us. “The heaven?” Yin repeated, her voice filled with both wonder and worry.

“Um... okay, so how exactly are we supposed to get there?” Jin asked, turning to me.

I bit my lip, trying to force some memory, some clue about how to reach this celestial realm. "I... I don't remember," I admitted, frustration bubbling inside me.

"What about the goddesses we met before?" Yin suggested, hope lighting her eyes.

"No use," I replied with a shake of my head.

"They misunderstood him, too. There's no way they're going to help us."

Jin tilted his head thoughtfully, a mischievous smile forming on his lips. "The goddesses might not help, but I think they will," he said, pointing to the hairpin and the flute in my possession.

I stared at the objects in my hands. The hairpin shimmered faintly, and the flute had a strange energy to it. My fingers tightened around them as realization dawned.

"Of course," I whispered.

"These belonged to my parents. They might be the key to summoning help."

"But how do we use them?" Cheng asked, skeptical but intrigued. As I reached out and touched the hairpin and flute,

The light was growing so bright that I had to close my eyes. Then, without warning, we were lifted into the air, weightless and spinning. The world around us dissolved into a vortex of light and wind, carrying us into the unknown.

"We're flying!" Yin shouted, her voice a mix of exhilaration and fear.

But it wasn't just flying—we were caught in the middle of a magical tornado. The wind howled around us, twisting and turning, throwing us off balance. We tried to stabilize ourselves, gripping onto each other, but the storm was relentless.

Suddenly, the tornado stopped. The silence was jarring, but before we could process what was happening, we felt ourselves falling.

"AAAAH! We're falling!" Cheng screamed.

I panicked, flailing in the air, trying to think of a way to stop our rapid descent. Then, as if instinct took over, I extended my hand. A strange warmth coursed through my fingers, and golden threads of energy flowed out, weaving together into a soft, glowing platform beneath us.

We landed gently, the force of the fall absorbed by the magic. I could feel the energy pulsing around us as the platform dissolved back into the air.

Everyone stared at me, their faces a mix of shock and awe.

“How... how did you do that?” Jin asked, his voice trembling slightly.

“I... I don’t know,” I stammered, staring at my hands. They were shaking, tingling with a strange, unfamiliar power.

“I just... did it. It felt like... like I’ve done it before.”

“Chinese magic,” Yin whispered, her eyes wide. “That was Chinese magic, Yen.”

I swallowed hard. Could it really be? Did I just tap into an ability I didn’t know I had?

“Whatever it was, it saved us,” Cheng said, breaking the silence.

“That was amazing, Yen.”

But I barely heard him. My mind was racing, trying to piece together what had just happened. If I truly had this power, where did it come from? How had I suddenly known how to use it?

Before I could think further, I realized we had landed on solid ground,

"Did we time traveled?" Asked yin.

"No, we are in the heaven. It's... well just like our past" said cheng.

"Actually our past is the same as the heaven. Welcome to the Chinese heaven." I said looking around. It felt like i came back... Back to my home.

But then yin screamed "no way..."

We all looked at her and at that moment we realized what happened. In fact we realized what had changed. Our costumes.

Well she was wearing white, yellow, light green mixed hanfu. And i was wearing purplish hanfu. It was shining with purple glitter. And Jin's is blackish machu style. Cheng's one is similar color of yins.

"So these will be our dresses from now on" said Jin.

"I wondered where we are?" i said.

"Huh...Well we are in the heaven."

"Yeah but where. Which part?"

"Oh not sure let's ask the map?"

Jin opened the map and asked where we were. It opened and began to write it self...

"Huānyíng lái dào zhōngguó tiāntáng. Nín zài Zhou líncūn. (Welcome to the Chinese heaven. You're at the Zhoulin village)."

"Oh okay, so where should we go first?"

"Qù yǔ méng cūn to yummeng village"

And it drawn the way.

"Well it's the village where clan people like our future clans' yin and cheng."

Both were froze....

"Don't worry you don't want to stay there till you done this fight."

"Okay that was a different news. But we have to go now we don't have much time left. "Said jin

So we started our journey to the next place the yummeng village.



CHAPTER 15

YUMMENG VILLAGE.

We started our journey. Still yin and cheng was surprised after hearing about that clans. And also i was kind a getting my memories back. The journey leads to a narrow path. It was really magical. The surrounding was breath taking. No car notices or chemical stuff. Everything was just natural. It was maybe our first relaxed journey ever. Curse i don't know, i felt safe here more than in china. We looked everywhere and enjoyed the beauty. But then we sow a village, well more like a resting place. Only four five houses were there.

"Now this is what you call silence" said cheng

"Yeah it's really nice and relaxing but it also feels something Well serious too." Said yin.

I said nothing. This made me a bit panicked but we kept walking. But soon after we settled. We started to hear people voices echoed ahead.

"Oh thank god."

"Yeah for a moment i was scared too."

"Um.. Yen? Do you think the people are nice here?"

"Mm..... yeah i hope"

We walked to the voices. We were amazed to see the scene that in front of us. It is packed with people... well people who have magic. Like me now.

"We are here it really is isn't it?"

"Yeah its yumheng village"

Hurrah!! We all said together.

"Well what are we waiting for let's go!!!"

As soon as we stepped to the village an old man so us and cried...

"Gèwèi!!! Nǚwáng lái!!!! Everyone!!!The queen is arrived!!!"

And the whole village gone quiet and stared at us. We were so embarrassed. There was two or three second silence and then everyone began to roar with happiness. And everyone bowed to me. `

"Wèn hòu wǒ de nǚ wáng!! Greeting my queen!!" said everyone happily

I smiled shyly. Then few horses came with a man on. Everyone turned to them and bowed. And they gave some space for them. The people on the horses back got down and came toward us. There were four people with different color costumes (**Hóng sè, huáng sè, hēi sè, zǐ sè** red, yellow, black , purple)

"Wèn hòu wǒ de nǚ wáng!!" They said. I smiled and bowed a little.

"We are very pleased for your arrival."

"Please stay here for tonight."

"Xièxiè" i said. And they took us to a big Kingdome looking place.

It was so beautiful and shining with gold. It has four parts. One part each for the colors. I think it is the main clan building. Where all the clan leaders gathering around and discuss about their problems. But for some reason it looks very serious. I think it because of our enemy. When we went inside everyone was greeting to us. They were all happy. There were few people in the building. Minimum of 20. The leaders gave us a tour. They gave us a separate building. Actually it was really comfortable

Even though there were no technical items the environment gave all the comfort for us. The trees gave us shade and smooth, cool breeze and a waterfall, cliff made a beautiful scenery.

"Wa, tài piàoliangle (wow. It's so beautiful)" i said looking around

"You telling me. This is blowing my mind"

The map flew open. And it began to write...

"Find information about your enemy and places"

"Now?" Cheng asked. He looks like a half dead man, and yin was half a sleep. The sun began to set already.

"Maybe it's better we get some rest..."

Cheng and yin didn't waited another minute. Cheng carried half sleep yin on his back and leaving me and Jin alone. I was tiered but didn't felt to sleep. I was wondering about my cousin. I remembered how he called out my name and looking for me. And my father who was lying at the depth of the river. How my own brother died. Jin was staring at the window. He looked worried.

"Mm.... jin are you okay?"

"Oh yeah. Well i was thinking about your cousin"

"Me too"

"Don't worry yen we can sort this out"

"I hope to..."

"Let's get some rest"

I nodded and we all went to sleep.



CHAPTER 16

ZOULAN RIVER.

It was very early in the morning. I and Jin woke up first. And we washed up and waited till others wake up. While we wait we watched the mind relaxing scan. The mist, the cool breeze and water drops made a wonderful view. And it was really relaxing. Then we saw people coming out of their houses. They all said **Zǎo ān! Good morning!!** They all went right and left. And little kids began to run all over. Few people who are like juniors or beginners in clans came towards the building.

And after a moment both cheng and yin joined us.

"Wow, this is a wonderful view!!"

"So let's start finding the information shall we?"

"Hǎo" and we all began to find information. There were few books in our rooms and we began from them. Most of them was about the rulers in ancient china. And some were about old myths. Apart from that nothing special and useful for us.

"I think we can ask from the people. And find even more than this" yin said looking at the books.

"Yeah i think we should." Jin said vetting to his feet. So we went to the village.

But we had no luck. We couldn't find anyone that know what we need.

So we began to return. On our way back we saw a lady reading a book. I went over to her and asked.

"Excused me?"

"Oh!! My mistress my apologies i didn't see you."

"That's fine... Do you know where we can find some books... a library perhaps?"

"Oh there is a main library where you can get all the books and information.....may i lead you?"

And she led us to a big library. We went inside and looked around. Oh it was so big and it was full with books. It was for the clans. The old woman took us to an old man. I think it was the librarian. He bowed to me and asked....

"What do you need my mistress?"

"May i know about the rulers of the past please?"

"Yes you may" and he pulled out a book it was big and there were golden letters written in front. It was dark black and looks it has mostly everything we need. Curse it had a lot of a pages. Then she hand it over to us. I looked at and then i read the name. It said.....

Zhōngguó de tǒngzhì zhě

It means the rulers of china. And it was just what we need....

I took the nearest seat. Jin sat next to me and cheng and yin went to find some more books about the locations with the help of the librarian. And they took it to us. We started our work. I opened the rulers of china. On the first page there was a map showed how china divided to gods, devils and deaths. God and devils had more to rule than deaths. Gods were the middle rulers. To their right the devils rules and to their left was deaths.

According to the book. Deaths were part of devils. They were separated to two groups due to a twin birth.

So they thought to divide to two groups as devils and deaths. And he gave one son to rule the deaths and one for devils. Mostly devils and gods were married. And it makes the deaths relatives. Well cousins really.... and it a one big family.....

"So yen that's why he is your brother... "Yin said looking at the page curiously

"Yeah...."

So the whole heaven is one big family....."

"So your father's family is devils and deaths. That means....."

"My mother married the king of devils. And my mother's sister married the king of death, which was my father's brother i think. And so I, my brother and lord of death was the new rulers. But after my brother.... i broke off.

"There is no ruler for the devils" yin completed my sentence.

"So i think Xin wu....."I broke off again... everyone looked at me....

"Xin wu?"

"Who is that?"

"I think she meant lord of death am i right yen?" Yin asked. I nodded. How on earth i know his name. Or else how can i

Remember?

Then the map flew open.

It begin to write itself as usual.

Go to the Zoulan river ride down from a boat till
you find the zhongjian place.

I it closed.

"Right then so it's time to start walking again. Oh, I am going to miss this place." Cheng said looking around.

Then we packed some bed sheets to warmer us at night we get out from the main building to find the Zoulan River. On the way we met lots of people and their all said good luck.

Whatever happens every one called me as mistress, but someone called me from my behind..... You're Majesty?

I quickly look behind to say who it is. It was a lady. She was wearing a dress similar to mine. I think she is a goddess too. It wasn't fancy as mind, but the same bulb we had was the same.

In my dress there are lots of patterns but in hers it was only one. Which means she is a goddess maid. A God maid is a woman who serve the Gods and Goddesses

"Your Majesty queen I am Sou Lu. I got a message from the Goddess of snow." she said politely.

"The Goddess of Snow? You mean the Goddess with the White Dragon?"

She know that and hand me a big parcel and a letter. I open the letter and start read it.

"Your highness take this to your journey. Remember to wear this when you met Xin wu .that way he'll realize it's you."

I took the parallel and open it there was four dresses. One was belong to the Gods one was for devils and two for clans.

"Oh, wow." Yin said

"Thank you." I said to the maid.

She bowed and disappears to the air. And we are off again to find the Zoulan River. We walk through beautiful forest. They look pretty but they had something else too. Even though it's lighted by the brightness. It looks week. It is like a broken light bulb. No matter how electricity we gave it won't turn on. Soon after, we heard a water splashing sound.

"Water" said cheng.

"Maybe I'll be the river" Jin said.

"So, let's go" I said.

And we all brand towards the sound actually it was the river we been looking for with clear water like a glass.

"We found it" said yin happily.

Then the water of the river begin to move and made a little ways. Jin and cheng pulled out their swords. In got behind cheng and I was get ready with my powers. I put my fingers together and pointed straight to the water. It made a little light and I shoot to the waves. It make a big Splash and after that a human body raised from the water looks to me. It's a god or a devil.

"Greeting your Majestic queen of God I am the owner of this lake and I am warmly welcome you and our future rulers. I'm lu sui. A Guardian from devils and it's a pleasure to see you again your highness. I will long gone king and our blood relative Queen give a birth to a smart child. "

I gave him smile.

Please allow me to introduce my son to you. He will help you for

You works from now. There was another boy standing in front of us. Well just like his father appeared from the water. He bowed to us and took us to the devils place.



ALWAYS TOGETHER

The son of the water devil took us to a room full of books and ask few people to help too. The son of the water devil give us some books and maps. We searched for information of well..... our real enemy or otherwise our class teacher. But nothing special. We searched a map for her lair or something where she stays but well nothing much. It was so hard. It's like that she been erasing every information in every book.

Hey guys! We are going out for a walk. All that searching made me dizzy..." yin said. And they went out. Now the two helpers the son of the water devil and Jin and i was left. We kept searching. For some reason i felt that we don't have much time

I don't know why. But it felt every second we passed. And

Sometime it made me shiver. I was so tiered too.

"Your highness.

Maybe we should get some rest. You all look tired. I look some information in here while you rest. We went outside wide near the entrance of the library and we watched the view. Then that son of the water devil begin to stream.

Your highness, I found something quick....

We wanting side and we saw a big map on the desk. It was the entrance for the Death part of Chinese heaven. Not from here, but it might be very hard to find. They are a lots of protecting charms to God the entrance. But with the help of this map. We might can find this easily

Jin and I was so happy. We went to find others to tell about this map.

Oh great now we can find the real Lord of Death and find what's the truth? Said yin.

We went to the village and had a walk. After that we pact yourself for tomorrow's adventure.

That night we all went to sleep early, but I was not sleepy. I was worried.

Does everything okay? Yin asked....

I know that but Jin came over and ask again. I told him that I am worried about the timing I feel very late. He said nothing and told me to rest a bit and it will be okay. So we all went to sleep that was up and to another day and a start for another hopeful adventure. Whatever happened if you are stay together the enemy will defeat soon.



CHAPTER 18

AT LAST

Next morning we were about to leave the place. The son of water devil gave us some warm blankets and created as goodbye. Thank you for your help. I said to him and he vanished away.

So where's now? Cheng asked.

But before a second the Map flew open and began to write

Your destiny is up ahead go straight through this path and your find the death area. And be careful the fake bloodelicans can be anywhere.

And it closed. Journey to find the death area. After an hour or two we reach the gloomy looking forest. Which might be the first sign of the death area. We went inside the forest Jin, cheng and yin pulled out their swords. I got ready with my powers. The forest looks like it have been left out long ago. Trees die away. They are no sign of living humans not animals. We walk

Through the grooming forest slowly. The more we go into the middle of the forest the place get even scary and darker. I fell something wrong.

I felt someone is watching us. Or, otherwise spying. I looked around but nothing to see but suddenly a loud scream echoed everywhere. Then a huge group of batch flew right above us and the sky went even colder and darker. It made me and yin screamed a bit but then everyone look confused and scared.

Look the bats came from there. We should go there just in case.

But the place where the bats came was even darker and scarier.

Cheng took another step back and said

"Maybe let's go to different way"

"Oh, come on guys. We don't have much time. Let's go that way."

I said. Jin joined me but it took some time for cheng and yin.

Then another scream echoed again, but the screen get even louder and louder when we go inside the forest. But soon after an army of blooddelicans came out of the bushes and cover us.

Jin, cheng and yin pull out there swords. I got ready with my magic. Normally they are fighting with us, but this time they clear aware few branches and rocks from a big wall instead.

Then there was a big door and it open and behind the death areas stood in silent.

"Um.....So we are here? Cheng who began to speak looked taken aback."

"Don't forget this place may have blooddelicans who almost killed last time." Said cheng.

"Talking about the blooddelicans, why they open the door for us?"

"It is pretty obvious, isn't it? Normally they are going to kill us but, why today like that?"

"Curse they are the real blooddelicans....." someone said behind our backs.

The voice made us jumped. We turn around to see who it is. It was an old man standing in front of us.

"Greetings your highness," he bowed to me just like others.

I smiled a bit. Then he began.

"Do you need any help?"

"Shì de (yes)" i said..... ""Can you lead us to your king please?"

Of course" he said. And he led us to an open path. Soon after we saw the people of death mostly well... just the same as devils. And after a long walk we are finally arrived at the death's palace.



CHAPTER 19

XIN WU FINALLY MET HIS SISTER



We all cross our fingers hoping that everything to go right. We reached the door the old man bowed and left.

Um...so should we knock?" Yin asked.

"Yeah, i think so,"

So i put a step ahead and went near the door. It was so big and well.... scary...

I knocked. The door opened and inside it was full of darkness.

"Hmm... what now." Jin whispered. I looked at him.

"Let's go inside..."

"Lets?"

"Isn't it good that you go?"

"No way" Jin snapped. "We all go even though it's scary, we go together"

And we went inside ... it was more like a corridor. We went few steps and then i sow a thrown. Beside it a lava waterfall. And at

The end of it was a huge lake of blood. It made me shiver but i Took a big breath and we went over. But just then a huge army of blooddelicans came towards and pointed there weapons... then the lord of death began to speak." Who do you think to come here without any invitation?"

At first the sight gave me scared but i began to speak...

"Umm...sorry your majesties" yin said..." it's just you..."

"Brother?"

All the blooddelicans put down there weapons and gazed.

"Yen?" Lord of deaths said. Then he came towards us. Others went back...

"You are alive? But where you.... "

I sized him tight.

"All this time i thought i was the only one who left from our family." He said. I looked at him and said "now you're not. I'm back"

He smiled and looked at others "oh ... i began. This is my friends. Jin, cheng, yin"

"Greeting your majesty" they said.

"Oh no need to tell like that ... call me Xin wu..." we smiled at each other. Then all the blooddelicans bowed.

"Oh thank god! Now these blooddelicans will leave us alone" Jin said...

"What?" Xin wu asked "did they attacked you when you come in.

"Oh not now but on our way... yes"

"But there is no blooddelicans outside except the guardians.

"What!!! We all were gazed. But how that happened?"

"Yeah the blooddelicans almost killed us twice. And they followed us right to death."

"Wait brother! Does there is something about fake blooddelicans or something? Something that not belong to you?"

"Mm... i think the blooddelicans you met was belong to Zhong"

"Zhong?"

"You mean our class teacher?"

"Oh really... she act as your teacher. What a brat she is. I think she sensed your god's magic"

I thought not to ask about it.

Come on let's go outside I'll tell what really got with her....."

So we went outside. Then he began...

She was a goddess back then?

What!!!

Yes, but she was banished by our grandmother when she was sixteen years old.

Why?

Well she broke a spirit of the five dragons and made a goddess die. That's why there are only four spirits. There were five.

Oh poor goddess. Yin said.

Yes, grandma was very disappointed so she banished her.

"So she is angry now. I said.

Yeah. And jealous.

Jealous?

She was about to be promoted but after what happened. It was given to a clan born goddess. And she got married with a god,

The god which Zhong liked."

Oh, love makes a lot of problems yin and i said together.

Jin and cheng put a nasty look to us. But we ignored it.

"Come on girls, don't say that" Xin wu said.

It was almost night time so brother Xin gave us some rooms to rest.

"Here are you rooms. You better get some rest. We'll start from tomorrow 'good night'"

I felt happy and safe. Now i think we are really ready to defeat our enemy



CHAPTER 20

GODS, DEVILS AND DEATHS.....

Next morning we all woke up early and we all gathered to a big hall. After having breakfast, we began to discuss the situation.

"So... why did she dressed us as our teacher and came after us?"
Jin asked.

"Not after all of you... after you"

He pointed at me.

"Why" yin asked. For that i know why...

"She was angry with the gods... and I'm the ruler now.... so....

"She coming after you " jin completed my sentence.

So that's why she smiled...yin said...

We all looked at her. She turned to me.

When you faint at the bus you hit your head. And when i say that you were faint she didn't told anything. Our assistance teacher said to me that stay with you.

"So she planned to kill me the whole time.

What ever happened she will be getting ready to attack us anytime."

"What about her army. Is it big?

"Bigger than ours. The only way to destroy her army is gods, devils, deaths "So we need more help." I said

"But most of devils and gods think that I'm the one who killed aunt and uncle."

"Don't worry. They won't. Curse most of them know that we are going to your place. If we just let them know they'll come"

"Yeah they will..." others agree. Xin wu gave a smile.

"So we just need some papers." I said

"Papers?"

"To write letters of course"

They all smiled and we began to write letters.

"How can we give them to them?"

"I have Messengers with me."

"That's great"

We sent letters to all the gods we met and devils and to the god, devil Kingdome.

And we all went outside for a walk. Then Jin whispered to me "would they believe. And come?"

"I hope. Let's be positive." Jin smiled and he hold my hand and we walked. On the way brother Xin took us to show big army. Brother Xin and the general practiced the army. We also joined. It was really a good experience. Well for a good news. The death's army is ready.

But we were disturbed by the citizen of deaths. They all gathered....

"Your highness We all like to support you. Please let us. Well support to defeat our enemy. And we can prove that the deaths are innocent."

We exchanged looks. It will be a grate that more people's participation but we don't want to end the civilization.

"I much appreciate your help... brother Xin started. But it's our responsibility to protect your civilization so... i said.

"But your highness please let some of us to join."

Brother Xin called the general. And asked him to select few people that suitable and especially unmarried. And for others..... he looked around and i got the idea. I called the national doctor. And i said to the ladies to get full lessons about first aids and medicine. For teenagers.... i told the general to give them full lesson about protection.

This will help us a lot in the war. And after the war too...

"I'm really proud of you sis" brother Xin said smiling at me.

In the afternoon yin and i found out that brother Xin, Jin and cheng been the very best friends now. And now Jin and cheng well... like forgot me and yin. And yin was furious. And so do i.

They were walking and yin and i thought to go back to the castle.

Yin shout "come on yen! Let's go!!!"

"Yeah..."

And we went away. The boys were shocked

"Hey yen!! Where are you going?" Said Jin

"Have you forgot us?" Said Xin

"Yin.... I'm over here" cheng said.

But we went away without looking.

"Oh come on... we were just joking.." and they ran towards us.

It was an end of another day. And we are hoping for the gods and devils.....



CHAPTER 21



THE ARRIVAL OF GODS

The next day the boys were worried and stayed with us. Jin whispered to me in the morning "you're not mad at me" I didn't said anything. He came closer and asked again "are you mad at me?" I looked at him and gave a kiss on to his cheek and smiled "no, not now...."

But then brother Xin began to shout.

"Sis.... jin.... cheng.....yin come on quick....."

We ran towards the main hall

Look it's a message from the gods.

"Dear queen.... we are honored to help and infect we are on our way to the death's area. We have all our armies, spirits ready."

"Oh finally"

"I can't wait"

And after a while we went village. Most of the villagers gathered to welcome the gods. People were thrilled and they all

Wait at the entrance. Most of the people decorated the surrounding and got ready. But the sun began to set. And no site of the gods. But without a moment the door opened. And the army of gods marched inside.....

The general, the four goddesses, the water god were smiling at us. But there were someone else too. All the clan members and their armies joined to...

They all bowed and we lead them to the area which we practice earlier. Then the general began...

"Your highness we are ready as possible. But i don't think that we can beat her army by our own. We might need help from the devils too.

Yeah it was true. But the devils didn't replied to us. If they didn't arrive that'll be a problem.



CHAPTER 22



THE NEWS.

The next day we were all gathered to the great hall. There were no site of the devils. We were now worried. But just then the mangoland map flew open. And it began to write.

Yen, yin, Jin, cheng there is a news in china. You might need to look at this.....

We all gathered around the map. It began to copy down a news from a newspaper.

News alert!

A month ago there was a case of a murderer. A group of school students were missing and the teacher's body mysteriously disappeared. But just now the police founded one of the girl's dead body. In the further details her name was lily san.

“Lily san!!” Yin and i said together.

“But she was dead before we left from the hotel”

“YES!”

But how? It's impossible... how come a human body stayed like that....

Because of her power. "The map wrote.

If she stays in the hotel everything stays as fresh as it would be.

Oh my!! Yin let out a small scream.

So that's mean Zhong is still in china....." brother Xin said.

I don't know whether that's a good or bad news. But i felt fine. Curse as long as she stays away. We'll be fine. But we exchanged worried looks each other.

"So the only way to stop her is find her fear and weakness "i asked the map.

Yes.... and it closed.

This is been a serious case. Everything is keep getting worse and worse. And there is no sign of the devils either.

So where can we find about her"?

The general sight in disappointment.

There was only one person who knows about her, but now she is not with us" his eyes pointed to the ground.

"Mother..." i said and look at the village.

We don't have another hope. We have to fight no matter what happened.

"And what about the devils general..."

He shook his head....

"Talking about the devils why aren't they coming? Don't they want to save their people"

"I think they want a new master. A king in other word. After your brother and father passed away. There is no one to guide them."

"But how can someone become a devil king?"

"By passing the task."

"Okay but who will be the king" yin asked and at that moment the flute glowed and went towards Jin and a black mist covered around him.

"What's going on?"

"I think we found out who is our future devil king." Brother Xin said looking at Jin.

A cold feeling went all over my nerves. The tasks... what can it be. Most of ownership task are really dangerous and it made lots of people dead. And i don't won't to loose Jin too.



CHAPTER 23.

JIN BECOME THE DEVIL KING.

The next day Jin prepared himself for the test. I was worried. But i didn't show it to anyone. Brother Xin is also too. We both know how hard it is. Cheng on the other hand always made him to think positive while yin whispered scary things to me like... "What if its kill him".

The general said that he will go with him. And so does the general of the deaths. It was really heart breaking that we can't go with him. He have to concentrate. So no friends were allowed to go.

I met Jin in the hallway.

"Well..?" He asked.

"Well...what?" I asked. He knew i was pained.

"Fine then, a hug then."

I went toward him gave a kiss to his cheek and sized him tight.

"Don't worry yen. I promise that I'll come back."

Then he and the two generals left. I looked at them till the sight was lost. Not only me were the whole armies of gods and deaths worried, cheng, yin and brother Xin was praying for everything to become fine.

The team went through a narrow path. It was cold and windy. Jin was thinking about yen.

"Hope she is okay? Oh... Kiddo don't worry I'll come back soon. I promise." He said to himself.

They were finally came to the devils area. The guidance were surprised and all gathered. The general came toward and asked.

"What bring you here gods and deaths...?"

"Your future ruler is ready for his test" said the general of deaths.

Everyone was gazed. And looked at Jin.

"So you are the chooser? Very well.... come...follow me...young master."

He took Jin to an odd place. Rather like the deaths area. But this

Felt him a bit strange. It was full of dark magic. And its looks dangerous. The general lift is hand and a big sound echoed from the surrounding. It is the sound of the beginning of the challenge. And the sound spread through the god's area and to the deaths making everyone alarmed.

Jin took out his sword and began to fight and began to control dark magic. It was a hard challenge. Jin was exhausted. He have to reach devil cycle (which is well...like the finishing line)

Jin used his fully strength and he reached the devil cycle. Blood was coming out of his corner of his mouth. He was tiered, he want a rest. But he remembered something....someone... that is important to him... Yen! "I promised her, that I'll be back..."

And he went over to the cycle. He put his hand in the middle. It made a bright light and illuminated the whole surrounding. But it was painful for Jin he screamed in pain.

I was gazed. I felt something. Not sure what. But i know it was painful. It was Jin. I knew it. I think the challenge was over. But why everything is quiet. Where's the sound of the ending challenge. It was really a worrying thing. I went to the balcony

And waited. Then the sky began to change. It got dark. A big gust of wind flew past us. And it was a gloomy surrounding and big light cracked in the sky. It was a beginning o a storm as we thought but it wasn't. After few minutes it stops and everything went back to normal.

"What was that all about?" Yin asked

"I don't know" i replied.

"Maybe he done it..." cheng said looking at me.

"But where is the bang sound" yin said.

I looked at brother Xin hopefully. But he didn't look at me. He just glancing at the sky.

Jin was at the cycle. He was weak. But stood up. The three general ran toward the test area.

"Your majesties. Welcome!"

"Our lord had arrived."

"Blessing to our gods" the devils roar with pleasure.

All the devils were happy. But on the other hand we were worried. Horror was spreading all over. Everyone was praying.

"Oh what's taking so long.?" I said.

For whole this time cheng was encouraging us positively said
"may be i should go and check if they fine"

"Yeah i think you should" yin said.

"Slow your seahorses" brother Xin said. "If something wrong,
we been known...." he looked at me

"Everything will be fine sis..."

But then we heard the sound of horses. There were lot. We all
ran to the entrance.

"Are they coming?"

"Is that them?" Villagers whispered.

After a second or two we saw the three general and one
important, especial person.... Jin who is wearing the new outfit
for devil is on horseback coming toward with a big smile. He
got down the horse before the entrance, i ran to him and sized
him tight.

"I promised you that I'll be back" he said while he hold me.

I gave him a kiss to the cheek. Other three came and all were happy

"You done it mate!!!"

"I'm very proud of you brother..." brother Xin said

"Well done jin... but you made us feared you know... why you didn't send something that your fine... yen was almost dead in panic." Said yin.

He smiled. And we all went inside. We were relief. Now we have the devils help with us. And we have everything we need to defeat her.



CHAPTER 24

THE FEAR...

Everything is on to the plan. Now we have the support from the devils, gods and deaths. Three armies means that we can win this. And our armies are getting ready. Now it's not three armies now it's now one big army. What we missing is her fear. But how do we find it.

We were thinking about how to find it. My mother was the only one who knows it but now... she is not with us. But suddenly something slip through my mind.

I turned to Jin. He realized i got something

"What is it yen?"

"What about the golden heart"

"Golden heart "brother Xin said.

When i say golden heart. The tools which was in cheng's bag started glow. And the four sprits with the four dragons

Appeared

"Wow now that's an entrance" cheng and brother Xin said together.

"Put the tools together and it'll do the rest." And they disappeared.

"Now that's a strange way to say hello!" Said yin.

"Good thing that their sprits stay forever "said the general

"What???"

"Wait, let me get this trait you mean we been talking to 4 ghost for this whole time.

"Yes"

"Oh my goodness.... we been talking to a ghost."

"Okay forget about that for now. Let's put these together." Jin said getting his flute. We all took our things and put them together and then as usual, a bright light illuminated everywhere. And there it was.....the golden heart. It was floating right in front of us.

"Wow... it's so beautiful..."

"Yeah and how do we find her fear. "I said and just then the

Heart opened and like a screen it showed a version and it was what we been looking for the whole time. Her past is now right in front of us.

"Tong yu! Is this what you owe us? Look at what you and your daughter done!" It was grandma.

"Your highness! It's an accident. The spirit didn't listen and...."

And what? Are you playing with the powers of our ancestors? You know how serious is it?"

"Yes your highness....but please forgive us."

"I can't... now the world is unstable. It takes years to get used to it. I'm afraid that from now on you are no match for calling your selves' gods nor clan.... you belong as a human in china....." And the version changed.

It was Zhong.

"So what i killed a spirit? I'm goanna take what i owed. I'm goanna show them that I'm more powerful. She must think that honest and love is the greatest thing but I'll make sure that everyone loses it. And i.... i definitely kill everyone. Then those fools will know who i am....."

The version ended and the heart closed.

The boys were all serious but for me and yin....well... we exchanged looks. Why everything had to do with love....

"You don't think well... love you know what in fairy tales..." yin eye contact me

I shook my head.

"Well we should get some rest "the general said.

"Oh that's a great idea" yin and i said together and left the room quickly...

The three boys exchanged looks "what's got with them"

"I... have.... no.....idea"

"I think it is better that you should go and see" brother Xin said. And the two boys left...

Meanwhile we were at my room (actually it was Jin and i who stay but AAH... never mind.)

"I don't get it.... what if they believe in fairytales and...."

"Oh stop it yin" i snapped.

"I feel like that I'm now scared of love...i mean the word love"

But before we could discuss anything there was knock.

"Yen??"

"Oh! Oh!"

"Now what" "lets open the door and act nothing happened."

She nodded. And we opened the door. And smiled... what got with you two. Leaving in rush... did you find something.....

"Oh no... It's just well.... personal.... um..... Only for girls..." i looked at yin seriously?

The two boys exchanged looks. I gave a little kick in my hand to yin. And she began

"Let's go cheng let's give them a moment shall we?" Again i looked at her. But this time i was furious. Seriously?

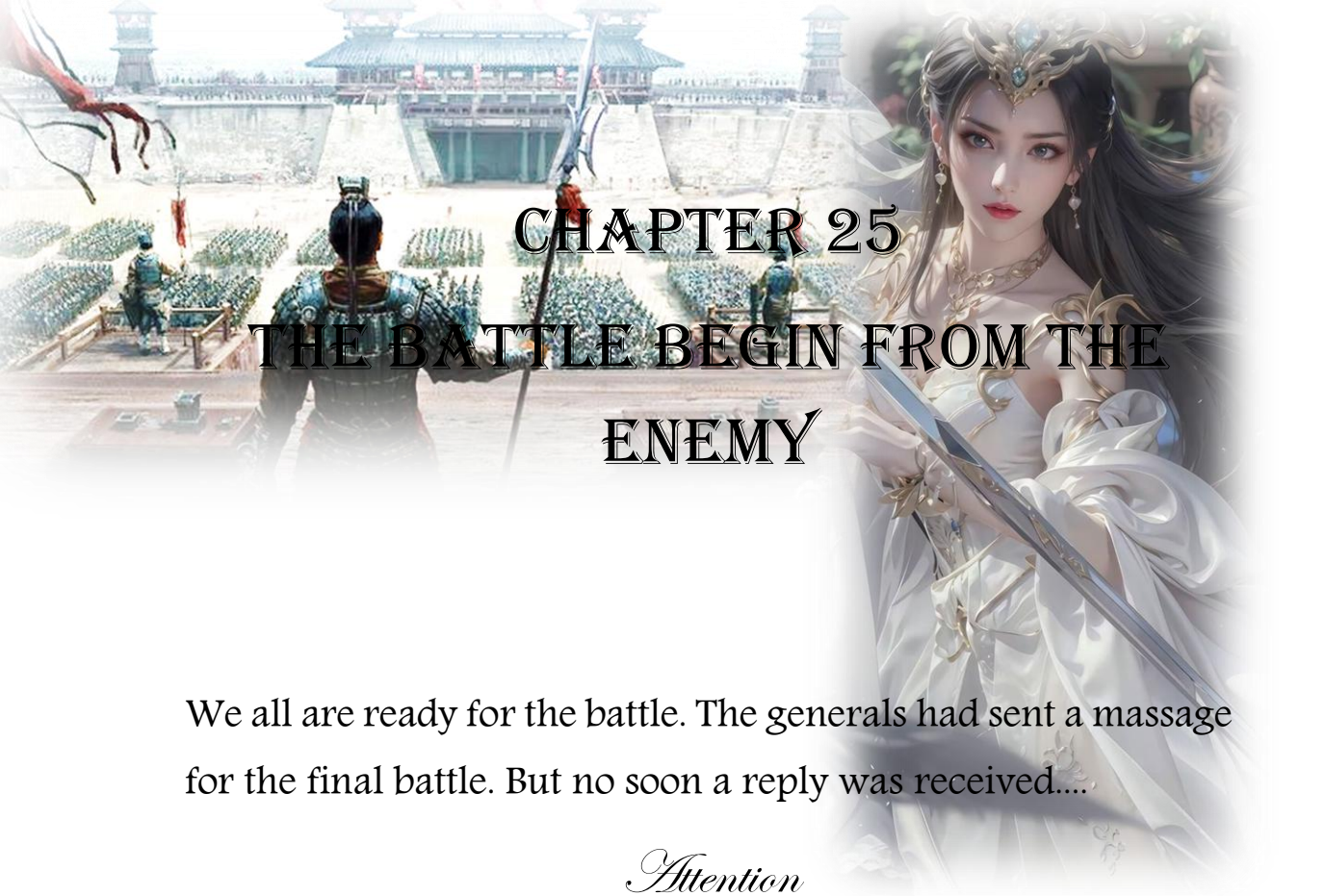
"Okay...now what's this all about.....?" Jin said after they left.

"Nothing... but i couldn't stop smiling i looked away and went to bed...

"oh really?"

He came to the bed took me close and kissed me...

What ever happened we always stay together that what you call true love.



We all are ready for the battle. The generals had sent a message for the final battle. But no soon a reply was received....

Attention

Well... all of you will now face to death. We are waiting for the battle where we prove whose strong. At shong zhang.....

Okay? So it's a start then

"We shouldn't wait another second come on!

"We are going to defeat our class teacher!!"

"More like the monstrous creature"

Our armies got ready with everything it seems a bit scary and nervous but we have to continue our Chinese history. And we are the protectors of all Chinese nation.

I felt very sorry. Sorry for all the gods, devils and deaths whose goanna sacrifice their lives in this battle. Jin, yin, cheng came towards me... yin was almost crying and i know why. Not only the armies our lives can be sacrificed too. I thought not to think about it. But my heart sank into the death of the emotions. I know how hard it will be if i lose one of them. And i know the others will too. Brother Xin entered the main hall,

"I went to see the armies... and they are all ready"

"Hey yen, what about the golden where should we place it?"

"Your highness! We don't have time for finding information but we can do something else..."

"What is it?"

"We all go except you five. We all fight while you place the heart in the right place."

First we thought to argue but then realized if we done it quickly we would be able save many lives.

And we all went to the battle. Or carriage was the last one that came when everyone split up into two groups we went in to one. Then soon we realize it's safe we changed our directions and head near to their towers (watch places)

But then the mangoland map started to glow....

The golden heart has to place in the memorial circle " it wrote it self.

"Memorial circle?"

"After you placed the heart everyone hold your hands and say Jíbài (defeat)"

"Okay....and where it is in?"

"At the top of the hill. Your enemy had made a big tent around it to cover it. Remember! Whatever happened the heart cannot be destroyed but it doesn't mean that your unstoppable curse you can be killed. It want be complete if one of you dead before the placement of the heart."

At that moment we heard the battle horn it was the beginning of the war. We went out of the carriage and slowly went through the bushes and covered ourselves from the trees. We sow the gods who were at the corner is fighting with minimum a 100 fake blooddelicans.

We sneak towards the hill. And soon after we found the thing we've been looking for. The memorial circle is inside the big tent. In fact it was not a well... a fully mend tent. It's only covering the top. Like it covering from the sun"

Well common let's go"

"Wait there guards here, and there might be traps. Wait a bit."

We went near to the circle with the help of the bushes. And brother Xin put four guards in to a sleep with his magic. And we went even closer and we found out that there were dozens of guards and a very important person is standing. Zhong in other word our teacher is standing at the edge of the hill with a nasty, horrid smile... looking at the battle.

"Okay here's the plan" Jin began to whisper

"We'll go and distract her. Xin you put the guard sleep and you two... he turned at us... sneak up at the circle and wait... protect yourselves. And when we in right place... place the heart... got it..."

We all nodded... Jin, cheng and brother Xin jumped out and we went behind them acting like we scared.

"Oh, what a surprise... look who is here."

"Waiting for us mam? Jin and cheng said..."

"Welling this the famous boys Jin and cheng. And really innocent, quiet girl's yen and yin... I'm surprised that you are alive..."

She looked at brother Xin... And turn back to Jin

"You know? Your new friend is my worst enemy...and you..."
she pointed to me "is my second..."

Jin covered me and Zhong looked at him and smiled. Brother Xin looked at her and rolled his eyes and began...

"If you really hate me then i don't mind a second try... i want to fight with you for so long..."

Her smile fade away. Cheng and Jin came close to brother Xin.

"Okay. Then..." the three boys took out there swords.

We act scared and went a step back. Yin is an excellent actress for scary parts.... and the boys and Zhong began to fight. The guard also rushed but yin and i stopped them secretly.... so that Zhong won't find out our plane...

I caught Jin eyes and he is signing me to get ready. Yin and i went near the circle. Then yin and i hold our hands got ready. We placed the heart and waited for boys. Then the boys rushed toward us. Zhong was shocked then we all said Jibài aloud...

"NO!" Zhong screamed.

A big light illuminated the surrounding. Zhong began to fade

Away in to the dust. And every fake blooddelicans began to burn away. And Zhong scream fade away. There was a silence spread everywhere.

"Did it finished?"

We looked around and then we all began laugh, smile and well.... we did it.....

We went to the eager of the hill. And the armies were roaring with happiness.

We did it. We've been able to save the Chinese history for the future. And I'm not alone. I have brother Xin, yin and cheng as friends and most importantly Jin who is staying with me always... And no one can stop me...

*Because I am yen! The empress of gods.
The owner of the Chinese heaven.....*

THE END.....

Afterward

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education.

This time, it is special that the *Pirivena* student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of *Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya*.

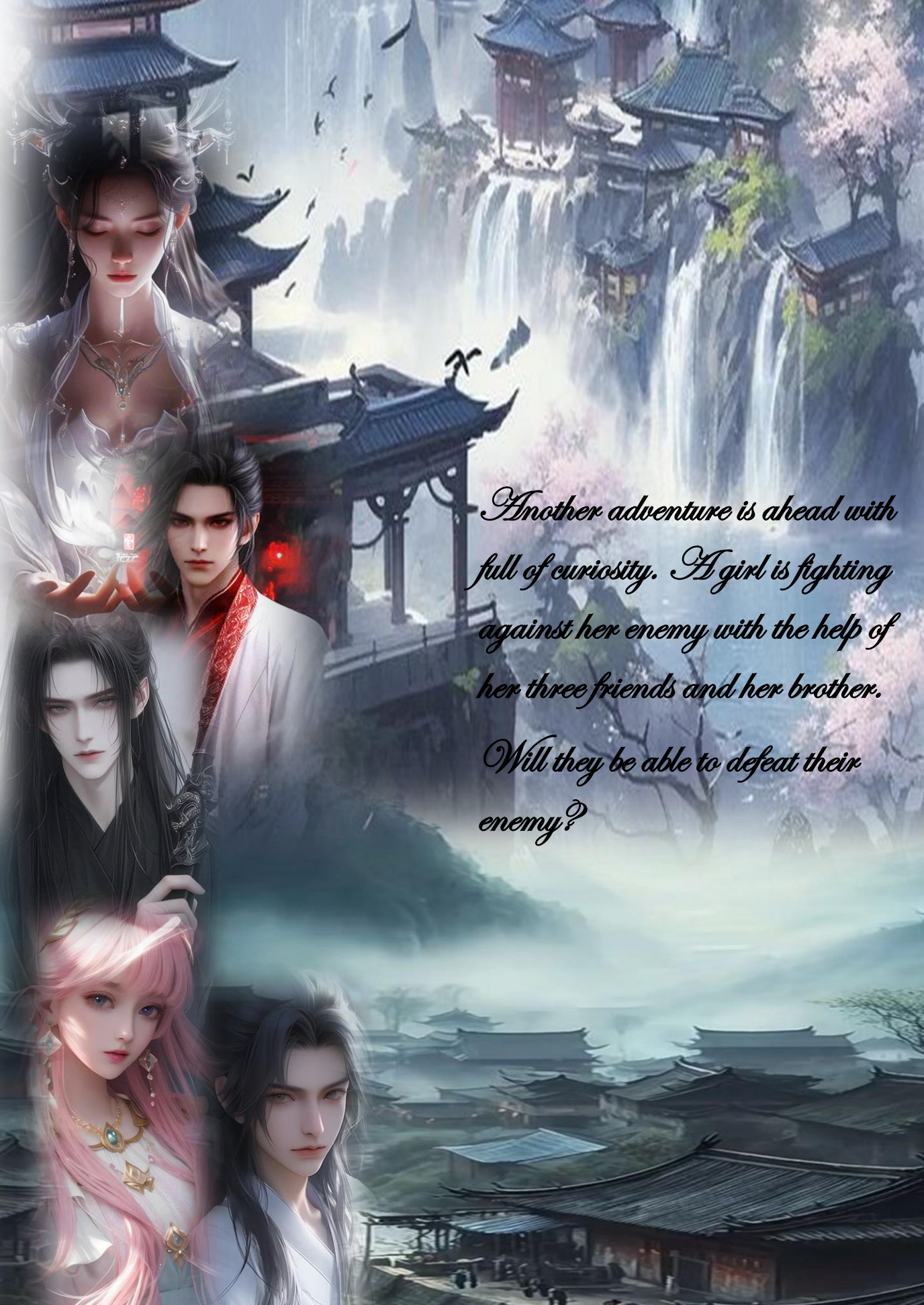
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