

Chapter 4

The Haunting During A Stormy Night

Yu Peiyu couldn't answer the questions of those Diancang disciples.

He couldn't tell them that reverend Tiangang died at the hands of that fake Xie Tianbi. He couldn't tell them that this Xie Tianbi was an imposter. And that the body of Xie Tianbi was gone.

Also no one would believe him if he did.

Yang Junbi angrily asked: "Why don't you answer our questions, young master Yu?"

Yu Peiyu sighed: "If all of you already suspect me being involved in the disappearance of master Xie, which is ridiculous, what else can I say."

Yang Junbi was somewhat pleased by this answer and wasn't looking that fierce as before. He said: "If that's the case, would you mind returning with us. If young master Yu cannot explain certain matters to us, but you can certainly tell them to chancellor Yu."

Before he finished this sentence Yu Peiyu's face changed and said: "I can't go back, absolutely not."

Again all the Diancang disciples loudly questioned: "Why not?"

"If you haven't done anything wrong why are that afraid."

All the Diancang disciples dismounted and looked at Yu Peiyu with suspicion and anger.

Yang Yunbi said sternly: "Yu Peiyu, it is impossible for you to escape now. I suggest you go back with us!"

Yu Peiyu was sweating at this moment and because of the rain he was feeling cold all over.

From a bit further a voice said coldly: "Yu Peiyu, you don't have to go anywhere!"

7, 8 Taoist priests carrying umbrellas walked this way. Obviously these were Kunlun disciples.

Yang Junbi said sternly: "Even if he's a Kunlun disciple he has to go back with us. Kunlun and Diancang have always been friends, but this matter concerns the life and death of our leading brother Xie. So Taoist brother please forgive us for being rude."

The faces of the Kunlun disciples looked even more fierce and dark than the Diancang disciples.

The leading Kunlun disciple was a pale-looking Taoist priest with a short moustache. He looked at Yu Peiyu with deadly eyes and said: "You do not have to go anywhere."

Yu Peiyu backed one step and Yang Junbi asked: "What is going on here?"

The pale-looking Taoist priest said sadly: "Master Xie's whereabouts are unknown, but our leader reverend Tiangang is... is..." His umbrella fell to the ground he used too much force on the handle and broke the umbrella.

Yang Junbi was startled and asked: "Did reverend Tiangang pass... away?"

The pale-looking Taoist said tragically: "Our teacher was ambushed, he was stabbed by a sword through the back."

Yang Junbi said: "Unbelievable?"

The Taoist continued: "We just found the body of our teacher and have put in a coffin."

Yang Junbi said: "Reverend Tiangang's martial arts has reached the level of perfection. Falling leaves within metres cannot escape his ears. It is highly unlikely he was ambushed."

The Taoist gritted his teeth and said: "If our teacher was betrayed by someone he trusts. Someone close to him, our teacher would never have suspected that person would betray him."

While he said this he stared at Yu Peiyu with pure hate.

Now the Taoist spoke to Yu Peiyu and screamed: "Yu Peiyu, how did the master die? Tell us! Tell us!"

Yu Peiyu trembled and said: "Master... he... master... he..."

The Taoist yelled: "Did you kill the master?"

Yu Peiyu shook his hands and quickly yelled: "No, I did not! I would never harm the master."

Someone pulled out the sword out of his girdle and gave it to the Taoist.

The Taoist held the sword and pointed it at Yu Peiyu and said: "Is this the sword that killed our master? Did you use this sword to kill him?"

This sword was indeed the murder weapon, but the user of this sword was dead now. And Yu Peiyu was carrying this sword at the moment.

Yu Peiyu felt like his heart was bleeding and stepped back a few paces.

Everyone looked at him with fierce eyes.

Yu Peiyu knelt down and looked up into the air and screamed: "Heaven! Heaven! What have I done wrong? Do I really deserve to suffer this much? Do I deserve to die?"

Suddenly the sword landed in front of him.

The Taoist said: "This is your only way and the most easy way."

Indeed this way, the only choice he had. This is absolutely impossible to explain, no one will believe him. The truth sounds so strange and bizarre.

His only witness is Hong Lianhua. But can he convince the people of Kunlun and Diancang. Does Hong Lianhua have proof?

Normally, the disciples of Kunlun and Diancang would certainly believe the words of Hong Lianhua.

However, this matter concerned the life and death of the leaders of Kunlun and Diancang. Even the very essence and survival of these 2 schools. Perhaps this matter would concern the entire Wulin.

So they wouldn't believe Hong Lianhua unless he had solid evidence.

Yu Peiyu thought everything over and knew he didn't have a choice. He picked up the sword with rage and stormed out of the encirclement of Kunlun and Diancang disciples.

All the Diancang and Kunlun disciples were calling out in surprise and were totally confused.

But still they were disciples of the 2 prominent Wulin schools and some of them quickly composed themselves and drew their swords and aimed at Yu Peiyu.

Yu Peiyu used his sword to block these attacks and send those swords flying.

Yu Peiyu put all his grievances, rage and injustice into those stances.

Everyone was shocked that this young man had such tremendous force.

Before they had a chance to organize themselves Yu Peiyu was long gone.

Yu Peiyu fled, there was no other choice for him. He had to stay alive to find out the truth.

It was still raining and he could hear his pursuers closing in on him.

He was feeling exhausted and the rain clouded his sight. In a haze he thought he saw a carriage riding by.

He couldn't keep it up anymore and fell down and fainted.

When he woke up he saw that he was inside a carriage. Was he captured after all?

He look around and saw a lamp, broom and some other ordinary things. He pulled away the cloth and saw an old man riding the carriage.

Judging by his beard and clothes he was quite old and an ordinary poor man.

Yu Peiyu felt relieved now.

The old man smiled: "Yu Peiyu are you awake?"

Yu Peiyu was startled and asked: "How did you know my name?"

The old man laughed: "Just awhile ago I heard a bunch of people calling out: Yu Peiyu come out now! So I figured you must be Yu Peiyu."

Yu Peiyu took a closer look at the old man and saw that his eyes were filled with wisdom and he looked very benevolent.

Yu Peiyu bowed and said: "Thank you sir! For saving my life."

The old man laughed: "No need to thank me. You don't look like a criminal to me! If you did I would have handed you over to those men."

Yu Peiyu said with a faint smile: "Sir, you're the first man in a very long time that believes that I am good."

The old man laughed: "A young man like you shouldn't be that depressed. We'll go to my house and have some warm soup."

The old man rode the carriage to his house.

Yu Peiyu was thinking that an old cottage might be a good place for him to rest. He was never a fussy man but now luxury had even less meaning in his eyes. And this poor old man could praise himself lucky that he had a house.

Suddenly he heard the old man talking to the horse: "Don't you recognize the way home anymore?"

Yu Peiyu crawled up and took a look outside.

To his amazement he saw a large manor, beautifully decorated and well-preserved.

Yu Peiyu was surprised and asked: "Sir, do you... live here?"

The old man replied: "Yes, I do."

Yu Peiyu was totally surprised and thought: Perhaps this old man is an eccentric man of wealth. Or even a retired government official. Or maybe a robber with a disguise.

Yu Peiyu could only guess what the motives of this old man were.

Yu Peiyu looked outside and saw a few horses standing near 2 large fierce-looking stone lions near the gate.

There were a few big fellows standing next to the horses.

Yu Peiyu wondered who the riders were at this point he knew that this old man was a prominent figure in Wulin.

Yu Peiyu felt scared he knew that he had a lot of enemies in Wulin.

Suddenly Yu Peiyu peeked through a small hole and saw 2 men walking towards the carriage one of them was the pale-looking Taoist priest of earlier.

Yu Peiyu felt cold and thought he was doom for it.

The Taoist spoke: "Old benefactor, have you seen a young man on your way here?"

The old man smiled: "I have seen lots of young men. I'm not sure which one you mean."

The Taoist said: "He is wearing a green robe, he is very handsome. But I think at this moment he must look very tired and dirty."

The old man said: "I have seen this young man."

The Taoist quickly asked: "Where did you see him?"

The old man stroked his beard and said: "In fact I captured him."

Yu Peiyu was terrified and almost fainted.

The Taoist priest looked coldly at the old man and said: "Although I believe this young man is exhausted right now. But still impossible for you to capture, old benefactor. Please remember this in the future, benefactor. I, Baihe of Kunlun do not like jokes."

He turned around and walked away.

The old man sighed: "If you know that I cannot capture him. Why do you ask me?"

He whipped the horse and instructed it to go on.

He softly said: "Young lad, you should know by now that the smarter they are the easier you can trick them. You just have to know how to fool them."

Unfortunately Yu Peiyu couldn't hear these words anymore. When he did hear the old man he was already at the old man's house.

The house was indeed quite old and there was mildew here and there.

Yu Peiyu was lying in bed he was wearing new clothes but was still trembling with cold.

With difficulty he got up and staggered to a window and opened it.

He looked out and saw a beautiful large courtyard. But somehow it looked very dark and sinister. Maybe it was the weather or perhaps it was night now. But the ambiance was very spooky.

Yu Peiyu shivered and thought: What is this place? What is going on here?

Suddenly he saw a lamp floating his way. He was horrified and he heard a melancholic voice singing: "Where on earth can you find a more bright moon? Perhaps in the sweetest dreams. You say you have seen a fairy's laugh. Who can tell it was dream or not?"

Yu Peiyu saw a white apparition coming his way. It was young woman with a pale face, very beautiful but there was something eerie aboutt her.

Yu Peiyu couldn't move anymore.

Suddenly he heard the door opening he turned around and saw the old man walking in.

Yu Peiyu grabbed his hand and asked: "Who is out there?"

The old man smiled: "There is no one out there."

Yu Peiyu opened the door and saw that there was indeed no one.

The old man looked at him with compassion.

Yu Peiyu grabbed the old man again and asked: "Where am I? What place is this? And who are you?"

The old man said calmly: "I'm just an old man who saved your life."

Yu Peiyu let go of him and sat down in a wooden chair, stunned.

The old man said: "You're too tired, you should rest."

Yu Peiyu said: "But I saw... "

The old man interrupted him: "You didn't see anything."

There was something mysterious about his voice. Yu Peiyu felt relaxed and smiled wryly: "You're right. I didn't see anything."

The old man nodded and said: "The less you see the less there is to trouble you."

He put down a bowl of soup and told Yu Peiyu: "Drink up! And get some sleep. Who knows tomorrow could be entirely different from today."

Yu Peiyu sighed: "Well, at least today is over."

Yu Peiyu had a nightmare, something black was pressing against him. He couldn't breathe and panted heavily in his sleep.

Suddenly he woke up and saw a white hand in front of him. It looked like if the hand was trying to strangle him.

He called out: "Who! Who is here!"

In the darkness and with the bad lighting he saw a figure with long hair and a pair of beautiful eyes but with a melancholic look.

Now he remembered it was the apparition he saw earlier. The figure seemed to have been startled by him and quickly left through the door. Yu Peiyu was puzzled and couldn't see the old man.

He was very confused and he didn't know whether this apparition was a ghost or a human.

He chased outside and saw the figure standing under a tree.

Yu Peiyu carefully walked closer afraid to startle her again.

When he took a closer look he realized it was a beautiful young woman but it wasn't the same girl he saw through the window.

She seemed more innocent but her looks were very similar.

Yu Peiyu smiled and apologized: "I have mistaken you for someone else, Miss."

She just looked at him for some time and suddenly she turned around and ran away.

Yu Peiyu couldn't help asking: "Miss, do you live here?"

She turned around and smiled at Yu Peiyu. Before he knew it she vanished into the fog. Yu Peiyu couldn't help himself and walked into the fog.

The girl stood there smiling in a silly way.

Yu Peiyu asked: "Miss, can I ask you a few questions?"

The girl nodded.

He asked: "What is this place?"

She shook her head.

He was disappointed and sighed and asked: "Are you one of the persons who lives here?"

The girl smiled: "I'm not a person."

Yu Peiyu was startled by this answer, because this entire place was too eerie for words.

She continued: "I am a bird. Like the ones in the tree."

She looked up and whistled to the birds and smiled silly: "Those are my sisters."

Yu Peiyu asked: "Are you talking to them?"

The girl said happily: "Do you believe that I can talk to them?"

Yu Peiyu said gently: "Of course I believe you."

The girl suddenly looked very sad: "But they don't believe me."

Yu Peiyu said: "Maybe they are fools."

She said happily: "I am a robin."

With that she happily ran off.

Yu Peiyu felt very calm and returned to the old cottage. When he entered a sword was pointing at his back.

A cold voice said: "If you move I will stab you."

It was a very enchanting voice. He turned around and saw it was the girl he met earlier.

The girl coldly asked: "Who are you?"

Yu Peiyu was surprised and a bit annoyed: "Miss Robin, don't you recognize me?"

The girl responded: "Why should I know you?"

Yu Peiyu said: "I was just talking to you."

The girl scoffed: "You must be dreaming."

Why did this girl treat him this way. She was the same girl he met earlier, right?

Again he was totally confused.

And said softly: "I must be dreaming."

The girl fiercely asked: "Who are you? What are you doing in the house of old man Gao? Are you a thief? What are you after? Speak up!"

Yu Peiyu sighed: "I don't know, I really don't know a thing anymore."

Everyone in this manor seemed to be crazy, they are friendly to you for one moment and in an instant they treat you like a criminal.

The girl laughed coldly: "You don't know? I will give to the count of 3 to talk. If you remain silent don't blame me for being ruthless."

She counted: "One!"

Yu Peiyu just stood there.

She continued: "Two!"

Yu Peiyu didn't know what to say and kept his mouth shut.

The girl was stunned and finally said: "Three!"

Yu Peiyu moved like a fish in the water and "swam" away from the tip and gently hit the sword out of her hand.

The sword flew up and was stuck in the ceiling.

Yu Peiyu turned around and said coldly: "Miss Robin, stop pretending! Now I have a few questions. And I don't speak the language of the birds so I hope you can talk in the tongue of humans."

The girl smiled sweetly: "I'm just playing with you. I will teach you the language of the birds tomorrow."

And smilingly she walked out the door.

Yu Peiyu called out: "Wait!"

In an instant the old man blocked his way and said: "I saved your life and that doesn't mean you can interrogate other people here."

Yu Peiyu scoffed: "Sir, your timing is excellent! Why didn't you appear when she had her sword pointed at me?"

The old man walked to his chair and sat down. He lighted his pipe and said while smoking: "I'll be honest. There are some strange things going on here in this

manor. If you ignore these events no harm will come to you, if not you will certainly find death here.”

Yu Peiyu angrily said: “Although I’m willing to be ignorant but that girl wanted to kill me.”

The old man sighed: “You should forget aboutt her. They are all very tragic women, we should even forgive them.”

He looked very sad.

Yu Peiyu asked: “Who are [they]?”

The old man said: “Why must you know who [they] are?”

Yu Peiyu loudly said: “Why won’t you tell me anything?”

The old man sighed: “It is not that I’m not willing. But it is best that you don’t know.”

Yu Peiyu was silent for a moment and made a bow to the old man: “Sir, I will repay you someday for saving my life.”

The old man asked: “You want to leave now?”

Yu Peiyu said: “It is best that I be on my way.”

The old man seriously said: “There are aboutt 100 disciples of Diancang and Kunlun in the surroundings. Can you go away unnoticed?”

Yu Peiyu asked: “What’s the connection between Diancang, Kunlun and this manor.”

The old man said: “If there was a connection, you wouldn’t be safe here and listening to me now.”

Yu Peiyu said: “You know... you know aboutt my..”

The old man said: “I know everything.”

Yu Peiyu yelled: “I didn’t kill Xie Tianbi and didn’t kill my teacher reverend Tiangang. You have to believe me.”

The old man said: “Even if I believe you, will the others too.”

Yu Peiyu backed up against the wall.

The old man said: “The best you can do right now is stay here and keep a low profile. After some time they will look for you somewhere else. And I will help you escape then. Meanwhile you can take this chance to rest properly.”

Yu Peiyu was moved and his eyes were watery and said: "Sir, why do you help me?"

The old man was still smoking his pipe and said: "Since I saved you I hate to see you die at the hands of someone else."

Suddenly a long rope curled up the sword stuck in the ceiling and pulled it out.

A pretty hand caught the sword and she said: "Old man Gao, my mother wants to speak to him."

The old man looked at Yu Peiyu. Yu Peiyu saw that his face changed a bit and he heard the old man asking the girl: "Your mother wants to talk to who?"

The girl smiled: "Except for you and I who else is here?"

Old man Gao asked: "Why does your mother want talk to him?"

The girl stared at Yu Peiyu and said: "I don't know. Just quickly take him to mother."

After saying that she left.

Old man Gao sat in his chair not moving for some time.

Yu Peiyu couldn't help asking: "Who is her mother?"

Old man Gao replied: "The lady of the manor."

He put away his pipe and told Yu Peiyu: "Follow me, but be careful. Some Diancang and Kunlun disciples have entered the manor."

Yu Peiyu sighed: "I do not understand. You have hidden me here but also you're allowing them to look for me right here. But since you have let them inside why are you afraid that they might see me."

Old man Gao ignored his remarks and kept walking.

Yu Peiyu smiled wryly: "I'm going to see the lady of the manor. May I at least know what the name is of this manor."

Old man Gao replied: "The Murder Manor."

They were moving through a long corridor.

Yu Peiyu asked: "Murder Manor?"

Old Man Gao said: "A very strange name, isn't it?"

Yu Peiyu asked: "Why the strange name?"

Old man Gao answered: "Here anyone is allowed to murder and kill. No one will interfere and ask. And anybody can be killed or murdered here and nobody will come and save you."

Yu Peiyu got goosebumps all over and said: "Why? But why?"

Old man Gao earnestly said: "It is for your own good that you don't know the reason."

Yu Peiyu continued: "But why doesn't somebody say something about it?"

Old man Gao said: "No one will and nobody dares."

Yu Peiyu said: "But why doesn't the lord of the manor do something about it?"

Old man Gao turned around and had a strange smile on his face and said: "The reason why the lord doesn't interfere is..."

They heard footsteps walking this way, Old man Gao pulled Yu Peiyu into a chamber.

They saw 2 Taoist priests in purple robes walking by. On their backs they carried 2 long swords.

Yu Peiyu waited till they were gone and asked: "Does this mean that anyone can walk about freely here?"

Old man Gao said: "If their intentions are to kill they can walk freely and undisturbed. But the hunted should be very very careful around here."

Yu Peiyu asked: "How come the hunted would come here? If they know that at any time here they might get murdered or killed. Aren't there safer places to hide?"

Old man Gao said: "Maybe they have no place to go but here. Or perhaps they don't know the rules of the manor. Or maybe they were lured here by their enemies. Perhaps they came here to kill someone else."

Yu Peiyu exclaimed: "All 4 motives are very convincing. But what about the lord of the manor..."

Someone suddenly said: "Mother, here he is."

Yu Peiyu saw it was the girl he met earlier. She was standing outside a big door and staring at him.

Old man Gao walked up the door and said: "Madame, you wanted to see him?"

A voice at the other side said softly: "Enter."

Although she just said one word but it seemed like it was a voice from the netherworld.

Yu Peiyu entered and saw the lady of the manor.

And there were 2 young girls standing next to her. Both looked exactly the same. Twins!

They were the girls Yu Peiyu met earlier in the courtyard and the cottage.

That explains it.

One looked very innocent and silly, the other looked quite mean and cold.

All 3 women were very pretty but all looked sad, melancholic.

He remembered the words of old man Gao: "They are all very tragic women, we should even forgive them."

But why are they sad? What is their story?

The lady spoke: "It is quite dark here, isn't it?"

Yu Peiyu replied: "Yes, it is!"

She continued in her gloomy tone: "I like darkness, I don't care much for the sun. Sunlight is only for happy people. But darkness belongs to people who are sad."

Yu Peiyu thought: Why do you keep on being sad and depressed?

But Yu Peiyu didn't say a word. The gloominess of the room made him uncomfortable.

The woman asked: "What is your name?"

Yu Peiyu said: "My name is... "

Old man Gao coughed and Yu Peiyu said: "Ye. Ye Peiyu."

The woman asked: "So it is not Yu Peiyu?"

Yu Peiyu was startled.

The woman said: "A long time ago someone with the family name Yu killed someone very close to me. I always hated those Yu's, anyone with the name Yu can't be a good person."

Yu Peiyu didn't know what to say and just said yes and nodded.

The woman said: "I am very glad that you are here. I hope you will stay a bit longer I do enjoy talking to you."

In fact Yu Peiyu hardly talked to the woman at all.

But he said: "Thank you, Madame."

Suddenly the cold twin quickly walked up to him and used the scabbard of her sword to hit Yu Peiyu's calf. Yu Peiyu knelt down in pain.

Someone opened the door and walked in. It was Baihe of the Kunlun School.

And following Baihe was Yang Junbi of Diancang.

The girl scolded Yu Peiyu: "The next time you dare to disobey the orders of the lady I will break your legs. Now go and clean up the courtyard!"

Yu Peiyu said with a low voice: "Yes, Miss!"

Baihe and Yang Junbi were looking around but ignored the simple "servant."

Baihe approached the lady of the manor and said: "Benefactress, have you seen a strange young man here?"

The woman said coldly: "The only stranger I see is you."

Baihe continued: "But someone did see..."

The girl said fiercely: "Are you implying that my mother and I are hiding that stranger?"

Baihe was stunned by her question and smiled apologetically: "That is not my meaning."

The girl scoffed: "What is the meaning of this? A Taoist priest storming into the sleeping quarters of a woman. I take it you're not here to recite Taoist scriptures."

Baihe was now lost for words and could maintain his smile with trouble: "I have asked the lord..."

The girl said: "If you want to kill anyone go right ahead and search every room. Except for this room, this is my mother's room."

Baihe said: "Yes, I understand. Yes..."

He bowed to the woman and her daughters and quickly left and Yang Junbi followed and closed the door.

Yu Peiyu was still sweating.

The woman looked at him and asked: "Why are you afraid? You don't have to tell me, everyone that comes here is afraid of something."

She turned to old man Gao and said: "You can go now."

Old man Gao said: "He..."

She answered: "He will stay here, I would like to talk to him."

Old man Gao was hesitant for a minute but said: "Yes, Madame."

And left the room too, the twins followed and closed the door behind. Yu Peiyu sat down in one of the chairs.

Yu Peiyu was quite scared of the lady of the manor. She kept looking at him. He heard laughter outside after awhile.

He walked to a window and looked outside. He saw a black cat running and a little elderly man chasing the cat. The man was skinny and small, he wore a long robe. Although he had a beard but he was no taller than a child. And he had the expression of a child.

Several men outside were watching this midget chase the cat too and were laughing and some of them used pebbles to throw at the cat.

Yu Peiyu sighed when he saw this.

The woman spoke: "Why do you sigh?"

Yu Peiyu said: "I feel sorry for this man, he is being ridiculed because how he looks."

The woman said without a trace of emotion: "That man is my husband."

Yu Peiyu was surprised and said: "He is the lord of the manor."

She said coldly: "Yes, he is."

Yu Peiyu returned to his seat and sat there not saying a word for some time.

Now he knew why old man Gao called them tragic women. Also he began to understand why anyone could come here and kill and murder.

The lord of the manor is a pathetic midget who is respected by nobody.

The lady just sat there in her seat staring at Yu Peiyu. Yu Peiyu was feeling sorry for her and her daughters.

After some time a servant brought some tea and light refreshments. Yu Peiyu was feeling quite hungry and finished them all.

The only thing the lady did all this time was staring at him.

Yu Peiyu couldn't help wondering: "WHY DOES SHE KEEP STARING AT ME?"

Yu Peiyu was feeling sorry for her but also his curiosity was aroused.

It was night now, the lady suddenly asked: "Would you mind accompanying me for a stroll in the yard?"

As they 2 of them walked in the big courtyard Yu Peiyu saw a strange house in the yard. There were no windows and the big iron door was rusted. Yu Peiyu was curious and walked towards it.

The lady said: "Don't go there."

Yu Peiyu asked: "Why?"

"Anyone who goes in there will die," she said calmly.

She smiled mysteriously and added: "That house is full of dead people. Whoever enters will have to share their fate."

The lady said: "That is the family grave of the Ji family. All the ancestors of the Ji family are buried there. All the Ji ancestors were mad when they were alive and now they're dead they are still mad. Everyone in the Ji family is crazy"

Madame Ji held the hand of Yu Peiyu, Yu Peiyu had goosebumps again. And he felt that her hand was ice-cold.

They walked down a small path, Madame Ji stopped in front of a well and said softly: "This is a strange well."

Yu Peiyu asked: "How come?"

The lady explained: "This well is called "The Demonic Mirror."

It is said that it can predict your future. When the moon is bright and you look into the well it will reveal your future."

Madame Ji said: "Why don't you try?"

Yu Peiyu was quite curious aboutt this and couldn't help to look down.

All of a sudden Madame Ji began screaming: "BLOOD! BLOOD!"

Suddenly the fence around the well broke and Yu Peiyu fell into the well.

Madame Ji was running away screaming: "BLOOD! THE DEMONIC MIRROR!"

Yu Peiyu fell into the well and was thinking: Why won't she rescue me?

This is the second time I fall into a well.

Yu Peiyu couldn't help sighing to his series of misfortune and bad luck that didn't seem to go away.

He was feeling cold and wet.

The night passed and the first light appeared.

After a very long time he heard someone singing and talking to the birds.

And a pretty face appeared above the well.

Yu Peiyu happily called out: "Miss Robin..."

Miss Robin said: "Oh it is you. No wonder I couldn't understand you. You're not a bird."

Yu Peiyu said: "I wish I was a bird right now."

Miss Robin said: "Since you're not a bird. Goodbye!"

"Wait!" Yu Peiyu called out.

"Won't you at least help me get out of this well?" he said.

Miss Robin said: "Why should I help you?"

Yu Peiyu said: "Because... because..I..."

Miss Robin laughed: "Even you can't come up with a good reason. I'm off."

Yu Peiyu was totally bemused by this situation. He had a mind to slap her silly at this moment.

Suddenly he remembered the words of Madame Ji: "Everyone in the Ji family is crazy."

Yu Peiyu was sulking at this moment and wetted his lips with some water.

Suddenly a long rope dropped down, he was thrilled and called out: "Thanks!"

He climbed out of the well and saw Miss Robin standing next to the well. She was smiling in her usual silly way. She had a small pretty bird in her hand.

Yu Peiyu asked her: "Why did you help me after all?"

Miss Robin said: "She told me to help you. Didn't you my little sister?"

She was talking to the bird in her hand.

The bird was chirping.

Yu Peiyu couldn't tell anymore whether this girl was pretending to be silly or really was mentally challenged.

He asked: "Can you really understand her chirping?"

Miss Robin was a bit annoyed by his question: "You don't believe me either."

Yu Peiyu quickly said: "I believe you. I really do. But how did you learn their language?"

She happily said: "I just understand them when I'm around them."

Yu Peiyu looked at her and actually believed her. He suddenly asked: “Are they happy?”

Miss Robin lifted her hand and thought for a moment and said: “Some of them are, some of them aren't.

She happily added: “At least they are happier than silly humans.”

Yu Peiyu nodded and said: “You're right aboutt that.”

Miss Robin laughed: “I'm glad you understand, you should...”

The bird in her hand suddenly flew up, Miss Robin's face changed.

Yu Peiyu asked: “Miss, why..”

She waved her hand and she quickly ran off. Yu Peiyu thought: She does look like a little fragile bird.”

Yu Peiyu heard someone digging further up ahead and walked over.

He hid in the bushes and saw a midget digging. It was the lord of the manor. And next to him was the black cat. It was dead now, and by the looks of it. It died quite awfully.

One can hardly tell anymore that it was a cat.