

7 - The Sickness

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[00:03] ---

You haven't paid yet!

[00:04] ---

Stop!

[00:23] ---

Get down here!

[00:24] ---

I'll count to three.

[00:26] ---

Get down, or I'll blow this tree up!

[00:29] ---

Hey, your porridge is pretty good.

[00:33] ---

Sir, have mercy!

[00:34] ---

I don't know what grudge you have with her,

[00:36] ---

but...

[00:36] ---

I'm just a porridge seller.

[00:38] ---

This grudge has nothing to do with me!

[00:42] ---

Scram!

[00:46] ---

Wait.

[00:48] ---

I'll cover the damages.

[00:51] ---

Tell no one

[00:52] ---

what you saw today.

[00:55] ---

R-right!

[01:00] ---

A secret stash of money?

[01:01] ---

A good amount, too.

[01:03] ---

One!

[01:04] ---

Wait.

[01:06] ---

Two!

[01:09] ---

Let's talk this out.

[01:11] ---

Three!

[01:20] ---

I'm just a doctor.

[01:22] ---

And you...

[01:23] ---

What?

[01:24] ---

If even a peerless being like
you is unable to do anything,

[01:28] ---

what can I possibly do?

[01:31] ---

Moya, Tao Yao!

[01:33] ---

Moya, whom you raised!

[01:35] ---

You sold him for a pair of pearls!

[01:37] ---

You can get some, too,

[01:38] ---

and make me happy.

[01:39] ---

His life is in danger,

[01:41] ---

and you're thinking about that?!

[01:43] ---

What danger?!

[01:44] ---

It's just a marriage.

[01:46] ---

A monk, getting married?

[01:50] ---

What's so bad about that?

[01:52] ---

Hide your fangs.

[01:53] ---

Be civilized.

[01:56] ---

If I hadn't come for you,

[01:57] ---

you really would've left?

[01:59] ---

Yeah?

[02:00] ---

You're the one who wants to eat him.

[02:01] ---

Why would I worry?

[02:03] ---

To honor your contract!

[02:06] ---

I am honoring a contract.

[02:08] ---

I accepted their pearls.

[02:10] ---

I don't care!

[02:11] ---

If something happens to him,

[02:12] ---

I won't forgive you!

[02:14] ---

Tch.

[02:15] ---

Won't forgive me?

[02:18] ---

Look what you did.

[02:20] ---

Tao Yao,

[02:21] ---

if our friend in Tao City
finds out about this...

[02:24] ---

It'll be fine.

[02:25] ---

Moya survived the Golden Buddha Temple,

[02:27] ---

so this is nothing.

[02:28] ---

Hard to say.

[02:29] ---

Even I can't get close to that place.

[02:31] ---

I'm afraid Moya...

[02:32] ---

Wait.

[02:33] ---

You're a snake spirit who
can travel between realms.

[02:36] ---

Yet there's a place in the
human world you can't enter?

[02:40] ---

That place...

[02:41] ---

Is it because you're hungry?

[02:42] ---

Want some porridge?

[02:44] ---

That place smells strange.

[02:45] ---

I got nauseous.

[02:47] ---

Nauseous?

[02:48] ---

Did you throw up so much...
that you couldn't get close?

[02:55] ---

There's something more disgusting

[02:56] ---

than the poems you write
and the food you cook?

[03:06] ---

You...you dare hit me?!

[03:08] ---

Hmph.

[03:09] ---

And so what?

[03:11] ---

You...!

[03:15] ---

Come on,

[03:16] ---

How could you hit me?

[03:18] ---

It hurt~

[03:19] ---

You're so fat.

[03:20] ---

It can't have hurt!

[03:21] ---

Anyways!

[03:22] ---

Let's go!

[03:23] ---

Wait,

[03:24] ---

I want some more porridge!

[03:35] ---

How old is he?

[03:38] ---

He'll be five next month.

[03:40] ---

But I fear...

[03:41] ---

Enough.

[03:46] ---

This...

[03:47] ---

What, is it too little?

[03:50] ---

No, no.

[03:52] ---

Besides us,

[03:53] ---

who else would take this sickly child?

[03:57] ---

True, true...

[03:59] ---

Please let him enjoy a few good days...

[04:03] ---

so as his father, I can rest easy.

[04:15] ---

Dad...

[04:32] ---

Come with me.

[04:35] ---

Have a look!

[04:37] ---

Have a look!

[04:53] ---

Look at this!

[04:57] ---

On sale!

[05:04] ---

Just look at you.

[05:05] ---

Are you pregnant?

[05:06] ---

Shut up.

[05:06] ---

Do you not smell it?

[05:14] ---

Calamus. Bamboo tip. Borneol.

[05:18] ---

But since when could snakes smell?

[05:20] ---

Something as simple as a sense of smell

[05:22] ---

is easy to cultivate.

[05:23] ---

Then why can't you smell the realgar?

[05:25] ---

Realgar?

[05:26] ---

Impossible.

[05:27] ---

You don't believe me?

[05:28] ---

I'm the spirit doctor of Tao City.

[05:30] ---

I don't believe you.

[05:32] ---

This incense was made by experts.

[05:34] ---

It's layered,

[05:36] ---

and the realgar is concealed.

[05:38] ---

But it can't get past my nose.

[05:41] ---

With my current cultivation...

[05:42] ---

even if I ate realgar,

[05:44] ---

I wouldn't be harmed at all.

[05:46] ---

Something was added to this realgar,

[05:48] ---

so it's stronger.

[05:50] ---

Makes sense.

[05:51] ---

What a pure place this is.

[05:55] ---

Pure place...?

[06:02] ---

Sir!

[06:03] ---

One skewer, please!

[06:04] ---

If it's pure,

[06:06] ---

why'd they kidnap a monk?

[06:08] ---

I'm not talking about that.

[06:09] ---

This aroma

[06:10] ---

is worth the world!

[06:12] ---

Spirits stay away,

[06:13] ---

so that's why this place is pure.

[06:16] ---

Good thing you're you.

[06:18] ---

If you were a weaker spirit,

[06:19] ---

you'd already be dead!

[06:21] ---

Open your mouth!

[06:24] ---

What?

[06:29] ---

What is this?!

[06:30] ---

A homemade traveling
essential, anti-nausea pill!

[06:33] ---

Anti-nausea, anti-bad breath!

[06:35] ---

I don't have bad breath!

[06:36] ---

Judging by your vigor,

[06:38] ---

nausea's gone, right?

[06:46] ---

Well?

[06:47] ---

Let's go save Moya!

[06:49] ---

Where is he?

[06:50] ---

Just up ahead.

[06:51] ---

The Wen residence.

[06:52] ---

Up ahead?

[06:53] ---

All I see is empty land.

[06:55] ---

It's strange.

[06:57] ---

The Wen family is wealthy,

[06:58] ---

but they settled on barren land.

[07:00] ---

The vicinity

[07:01] ---

is devoid of life.

[07:05] ---

Interesting.

[07:06] ---

Who leads the family? Do you know?

[07:09] ---

Supposedly, the widowed Madame Wen.

[07:12] ---

She came here over ten years ago.

[07:15] ---

Wait.

[07:16] ---

Moya isn't getting married
to Madame Wen, is he?

[07:19] ---

Her age...

[07:20] ---

What are you talking about?

[07:21] ---

There's a girl named Wen Shanhai.

[07:23] ---

She's 17 years old.

[07:25] ---

Madame Wen wants a husband for her daughter.

[07:27] ---

Wow.

[07:28] ---

Moya's marrying into a rich family, huh?

[07:31] ---

As his "relatives,"

[07:33] ---

we can ask for a dowry, right?

[07:37] ---

Okay, I'll shut up.

[07:55] ---

I'm hungry.

[07:56] ---

How about we eat first?

[07:58] ---

You've eaten enough already!

[07:59] ---

Then I'm not saving Moya.

[08:02] ---

What do you want to eat?

[08:04] ---

Let's eat here!

[08:09] ---

Hurry up, waiter.

[08:10] ---

Coming!

[08:11] ---

Steamed pork!

[08:14] ---

Braised chicken, please!

[08:16] ---

Okay!

[08:21] ---

Another one.

[08:26] ---

That's enough.

[08:27] ---

Dear guests, please come inside!

[08:35] ---

Come, come.

[08:36] ---

Please sit.

[08:40] ---

I haven't seen you two before.

[08:42] ---

Are you visiting relatives or passing by?

[08:44] ---

Passing by.

[08:45] ---

Two chef's specials.

[08:46] ---

We're in a rush.

[08:47] ---

Yes, yes.

[08:48] ---

Our little restaurant is famous in these parts!

[08:51] ---

Don't worry.

[08:52] ---

Hurry and tell the kitchen!

[08:54] ---

Hey, manager.

[08:55] ---

Is anyone here seriously ill?

[09:02] ---

What makes you ask that, miss?

[09:03] ---

The restaurant is in good condition.

[09:06] ---

That's good.

[09:07] ---

This guy is a clean freak,

[09:09] ---

and he hates being near sick people.

[09:12] ---

I can't speak for our customers,

[09:13] ---

but the staff are all healthy.

[09:16] ---

Please don't worry.

[09:17] ---

That's enough. You may go.

[09:19] ---

Alright.

[09:23] ---

The aura here

[09:24] ---

is familiar.

[09:26] ---

What do you mean?

[09:28] ---

When I chased the Wen family's riders,

[09:30] ---

I thought it would end quickly.

[09:33] ---

But for some reason,

[09:34] ---

I just couldn't catch up.

[09:38] ---

I could only watch as they
brought Moya into the residence.

[09:44] ---

You should really keep some
anti-nausea pills on you.

[09:46] ---

The aura there was different from the town's.

[09:49] ---

I repeatedly tried to enter.

[09:51] ---

This restaurant...

[09:52] ---

smells the same as that residence.

[09:55] ---

There's more to it.

[09:59] ---

What...?

[10:01] ---

This is why

[10:02] ---

I asked the owner if anyone was ill.

[10:05] ---

It's a Sickness Demon.

[10:06] ---

Incurable illnesses are how they come to be.

[10:09] ---

The fiercer the demon,

[10:11] ---

the worse the illness.

[10:12] ---

Why is there a Sickness Demon here?

[10:15] ---

I don't know.

[10:16] ---

There has to be more than one sick person

[10:18] ---

for it to be born.

[10:19] ---

But this demon is still small.

[10:21] ---

It means the sick are dying.

[10:24] ---

A Sickness Demon... and the

same aura as the Wen family.

[10:28] ---

This restaurant

[10:29] ---

is related to the Wen family?

[10:31] ---

Did you think I'd choose a random restaurant?

[10:33] ---

That sick child outside.

[10:35] ---

Remember him?

[10:39] ---

This isn't just a regular restaurant.

[10:42] ---

However...

[10:44] ---

Manager, we're hungry!

[10:45] ---

Our food, please!

[10:47] ---

Coming, coming.

[10:51] ---

It's strange.

[10:52] ---

What?

[10:53] ---

That young lady and young man...

[10:55] ---

are very odd.

[10:57] ---

The two in the corner?

[10:58] ---

The lady asked me

[11:00] ---

if anyone here was seriously ill.

[11:04] ---

Why did she ask that?

[11:06] ---

Yeah.

[11:06] ---

A normal customer

[11:08] ---

wouldn't worry about that.

[11:09] ---

Even a clean freak

[11:11] ---

would only care about his vicinity.

[11:13] ---

But she asked about it right away.

[11:17] ---

Was she... sent by the authorities?

[11:20] ---

Not likely.

[11:21] ---

But I doubt they're good news.

[11:23] ---

I just sent a letter.

[11:24] ---

The delivery's at dawn.

[11:26] ---

We can't let things be ruined now.

[11:29] ---

Why don't we...

[11:30] ---

Yes.

[11:33] ---

Yes.

[11:43] ---

So good.

[11:45] ---

More.

[11:46] ---

One more plate.

[12:02] ---

She's pretty heavy.

[12:04] ---

I checked the man.

[12:05] ---

He has nothing special on him.

[12:07] ---

What about her?

[12:10] ---

I didn't notice anything.

[12:18] ---

Don't...

[12:20] ---

Don't take my food!

[12:23] ---

W-what?

[12:24] ---

Meat... my meat...

[12:28] ---

This girl! She scared me!

[12:30] ---

I thought she woke up!

[12:32] ---

Impossible.

[12:33] ---

The drug will keep them
sleeping until tomorrow!

[12:36] ---

What's on her waist?

[12:43] ---

We've searched where we can.

[12:44] ---

There's nothing.

[12:46] ---

But if they're passing by,

[12:47] ---

why don't they have any luggage?

[12:49] ---

You're overthinking it.

[12:51] ---

Fine.

[12:52] ---

Anyhow, these goods will
be delivered at dawn.

[12:54] ---

After that, we can sit back and relax.

[12:56] ---

Wait.

[13:01] ---

What are you doing?

[13:06] ---

Huh?

[13:06] ---

What's happening?

[13:08] ---

I-it's this...!

[13:12] ---

There's itching powder

[13:14] ---

in the bag!

[13:19] ---

So itchy!

[13:23] ---

Didn't you drug our food?

[13:25] ---

This is payback.

[13:26] ---

Who... who are you?

[13:28] ---

People you can't afford to cross.

[13:30] ---

Tell us.

[13:32] ---

What shady business are you running?

[13:34] ---

Thieves! We'll never tell you!

[13:36] ---

This thief's powder...

[13:38] ---

will slowly,

[13:39] ---

slowly get beneath your skin.

[13:42] ---

And before you know it,

[13:44] ---

your bodies will start to decay,

[13:46] ---

and your organs will crumble.

[13:47] ---

If you still won't talk,

[13:48] ---

you're dead for sure.

[13:49] ---

If you want money, take it!

[13:51] ---

If you want our lives,

[13:52] ---

just kill us!

[13:54] ---

We're not like you two,

[13:55] ---

willing to do anything for money.

[13:58] ---

You're a restaurant owner,

[14:00] ---

but instead of poultry,

[14:01] ---

you cage the severely ill?

[14:03] ---

It's counterintuitive, isn't it?

[14:06] ---

If I talk, will you give us the antidote?

[14:08] ---

You can't!

[14:09] ---

Those people will kill us!

[14:11] ---

But at least we won't die like this!

[14:13] ---

Right?

[14:15] ---

Just a tiny bit

[14:16] ---

can give you immediate relief.

[14:21] ---

Your wounds

[14:22] ---

are almost bleeding.

[14:25] ---

Madame Wen wanted these sick people!

[14:28] ---

Hmph.

[14:28] ---

The rich Madame Wen?

[14:31] ---

You collect the severely
ill and sell them to her?

[14:34] ---

Yes, yes.

[14:35] ---

Antidote!

[14:36] ---

Hurry and give me the antidote!

[14:46] ---

Normally,

[14:47] ---

traffickers prefer to go
after the young and strong.

[14:51] ---

Why do you only sell the old or sick?

[14:53] ---

W-we only act according
to the Wen family's needs.

[14:58] ---

Do you want some more itching powder?

[15:01] ---

We really don't know!

[15:02] ---

The Wen family only wants the severely ill,

[15:04] ---

so we provide them!

[15:05] ---

We don't dare ask more!

[15:08] ---

This Madame Wen

[15:09] ---

is quite a unique human trafficker.

[15:11] ---

We once asked the person
who picks up the goods,

[15:14] ---

but we were told to not be curious,

[15:16] ---

and to just take the money.

[15:17] ---

Otherwise, our days would be numbered!

[15:20] ---

Then why you two?

[15:22] ---

Um...

[15:24] ---

Not gonna talk?

[15:25] ---

D-don't!

[15:26] ---

We'll talk.

[15:27] ---

Please don't tell anyone else.

[15:31] ---

Okay.

[15:33] ---

We're not from Tianshui Town,

[15:35] ---

and we trafficked people
when we were younger.

[15:38] ---

We separated families,

[15:40] ---

and we were never able to have children.

[15:43] ---

It was probably karma.

[15:45] ---

If you regretted it,

[15:46] ---

why return to this?

[15:48] ---

Some things are just out of our control.

[15:51] ---

20 years ago,

[15:52] ---

we stopped living as outlaws,

[15:54] ---

and we came to Tianshui Town
to open this restaurant.

[15:57] ---

We were living well,

[15:59] ---

until one day...

[16:05] ---

I want to see the owner.

[16:08] ---

My apologies, sir.

[16:09] ---

We're already closed.

[16:11] ---

I want to see the owner.

[16:14] ---

I'm sorry. Please come tomorrow morning.

[16:18] ---

Call the owner.

[16:21] ---

What's going on?

[16:24] ---

You're the owner?

[16:26] ---

I am.

[16:26] ---

You...

[16:29] ---

W-what are you doing?

[16:32] ---

I know you have ways.

[16:34] ---

What are you talking about?

[16:36] ---

My mistress intends to buy
severely ill individuals,

[16:38] ---

and she'll pay well.

[16:39] ---

She'll take all ages.

[16:41] ---

This is just a deposit.

[16:44] ---

If you accept the work,

[16:46] ---

you can have as much of this as you want.

[16:51] ---

Are you still open?

[16:55] ---

I'm sorry,

[16:56] ---

we're closed.

[16:57] ---

Please come tomorrow!

[16:59] ---

This place is really good.

[17:01] ---

Let's just come tomorrow, then.

[17:07] ---

As you can see,

[17:08] ---

we're proper business people.

[17:10] ---

I don't know what you mean.

[17:16] ---

You, Sun Er, and your wife, surnamed Huang,

[17:19] ---

are from Huayang.

[17:21] ---

You used to traffic people in
Zhongli, Jingzhou, and Xiayang.

[17:25] ---

You are wanted by the local governments.

[17:31] ---

Even if you've come to Tianshui Town,

[17:33] ---

starting anew

[17:35] ---

is not that easy.

[17:37] ---

Please, have mercy!

[17:38] ---

We just want to live a peaceful life!

[17:40] ---

Please let us go!

[17:41] ---

I won't force you if you aren't willing.

[17:43] ---

However...

[17:47] ---

Your peaceful life ends here.

[17:50] ---

For if you're arrested,
[17:52] ---
death would be certain.
[17:54] ---
Isn't this forcing us?!

[17:56] ---
What do you want us to do?
[17:58] ---
It's simple.
[18:00] ---
I need you to find your old channels
[18:01] ---
and spread news
[18:02] ---
that you're looking to buy
severely ill individuals.
[18:06] ---
That's it?
[18:07] ---
That's all you need from us?
[18:09] ---
Yes.
[18:18] ---
They're seriously ill to begin with,
[18:20] ---
and were already distant with family.
[18:22] ---
They may as well be sold
to help their loved ones.
[18:25] ---
How's business?
[18:27] ---
Better during disasters, worse during peace.
[18:29] ---
Whenever we have ten,
[18:30] ---
the Wen family comes to pick them up.
[18:32] ---
Your pay?
[18:33] ---
The Wen family is generous,
[18:35] ---
and we earn a lot.
[18:37] ---
They're humans, not livestock.
[18:39] ---
Does the money not burn your hands?

[18:41] ---

We only buy the willing.

[18:42] ---

We never force anyone.

[18:44] ---

Many of them are sold by their
immediate family members.

[18:47] ---

They all say they're too poor

[18:49] ---

and can't support them,

[18:50] ---

so selling is the best option.

[18:51] ---

This is a good thing for everyone!

[18:55] ---

I thought you actually felt regret.

[18:57] ---

Looks like you weren't being serious.

[19:01] ---

We've already said what we can.

[19:04] ---

And we're not the ones who gave up the sick.

[19:06] ---

Please spare our lives!

[19:09] ---

How?

[19:11] ---

We swore on our lives to the man in black

[19:13] ---

that we'd never expose this.

[19:15] ---

If you can eliminate the Wen family,

[19:17] ---

that would save us from being killed.

[19:21] ---

You've calculated it well, huh?

[19:23] ---

You talk about killing like it's nothing.

[19:26] ---

No, no!

[19:27] ---

We're willing to donate our wealth

[19:29] ---

to pay for our sins!

[19:30] ---

Please, help us!

[19:33] ---

Thoughts?

[19:34] ---

Up to you.

[19:36] ---

If you want to live, help me with something.

[19:38] ---

Just tell us what you need.

[19:40] ---

When will the Wen family come?

[19:42] ---

They'll come at dawn.

[19:46] ---

[How much is a human life worth?]

[19:50] ---

♪ The wind slows ♪

[19:52] ---

♪ Music trickles through the windows ♪

[19:56] ---

♪ Who are these idle memories for? ♪

[20:03] ---

♪ The dust floats in the air ♪

[20:06] ---

♪ The water ripples like blossoms ♪

[20:09] ---

♪ Sighs of hindsight ♪

[20:16] ---

♪ No sign of stopping ♪

[20:20] ---

♪ Thoughts are always unfinished ♪

[20:23] ---

♪ Joy is often cut short ♪

[20:25] ---

♪ It's hard to wake up from
a long night's dream ♪

[20:30] ---

♪ Evidence without reason ♪

[20:33] ---

♪ A farewell to love and hate ♪

[20:37] ---

♪ Searching in the haystack ♪

[20:39] ---

♪ Thousands of times ♪

[20:47] ---

♪ Starlight rains down the southern sky ♪

[20:50] ---

♪ My heart is layered with expired love ♪

[20:54] ---

♪ A journey across mountains
for one promise ♪

[21:01] ---

♪ No shadows, no fate ♪

[21:04] ---

♪ Where there's love, there's promise ♪

[21:08] ---

♪ A dream comes to life ♪

[21:16] ---

♪ Stars disappear upon rainfall ♪

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