The sky had turned dark.

At this time of the day, the snack streets of Tokyo would bustle with activity.

There was a bustling crowd around them.

The young woman appeared particularly happy the entire way here.

However, Ye Fan had a nagging feeling that Suzumiya Eigetsu was hiding something from him.

Suzumiya Eigetsu suddenly felt dizzy again when they got back to the hotel. She staggered and almost fell.

It wasn't the first time Ye Fan saw her like this.

Ye Fan ignored it previously and thought Suzumiya Eigetsu was just tired from having too much fun.

But this time, Ye Fan could suddenly sense an unusual power in Suzumiya Eigetsu when he helped her up.

It felt as though there was the seal inside





Suzumiya Eigetsu that was about to break and unleash its energy.

This time round, Suzumiya Eigetsu couldn't help whimpering in pain before passing out in Ye Fan's arms.

"Eigetsu-chan. Eigetsu-chan?" shouted Ye Fan worriedly.

He hurriedly placed Suzumiya Eigetsu on the bed and examined her.

The moon was bright and flawless.

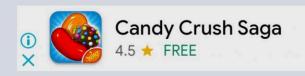
It hung in the sky like a huge plate.

Its soft glow flowed into the room like water and scattered in through the window.

Meanwhile, Ye Fan noticed a crescent vaguely appearing on Suzumiya Eigetsu's forehead.

In fact, if he looked carefully, he would have noticed that the crescent actually had some hidden runes engraved on it.

"This is a... spirit seal?"





Ye Fan was shocked to see it.

It was mentioned in the Book of Celestial Cloud that there was a kind of ninjitsu skill called spirit seal.

It could retain the consciousness of a spirit by sealing it and transforming it into a spirit seed.

Some ninjas transformed their souls into spirit seeds and planted themselves into someone else's body, and relied on their host's soul to mature.

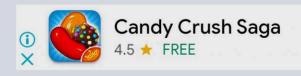
After maturing, they would obliterate the host's consciousness, possess its body, and control it.

In other words, they were like parasitical seeds.

In the past, Ye Fan thought that it was merely chronicled in the Book of Celestial Cloud.

Even if such skills existed before, they were probably lost in time by now.

But he unexpectedly spotted signs of this





happening on Suzumiya Eigetsu.

But Suzumiya Eigetsu was Mochizuki Kawa's disciple. In Japan, who would have the guts to plant a spirit seed in Mochizuki Kawa's disciple?

But now was not the time for Ye Fan to ponder since he realized the spirit that was sealed in Suzumiya Eigetsu had already gotten increasingly stronger.

If it wasn't eradicated in time, her body would get taken over by the spirit within the spirit seal.

Then Suzumiya Eigetsu's consciousness would disappear for good.

So Ye Fan didn't hesitate any longer and placed his finger on Suzumiya Eigetsu's forehead.

An invisible power transferred from Ye Fan's finger into Suzumiya Eigetsu's head.

WOOOONG!

But an invisible force kept biting back as Ye Fan attempted to eradicate the spirit seal.









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The aftershock made Ye Fan retreat by several steps.

Ye Fan's face grew grim.

"This...this strength is very powerful. The spirit planted within Eigetsu-chan must have been an unsurpassable martial arts expert when he was alive."

There was a grave look on Ye Fan's face.

Suzumiya Eigetsu finally regained consciousness a few hours later.

In the room, dim light lit up the room.

The moment Suzumiya Eigetsu opened her eyes, she saw a skinny silhouette standing by her bed.

"Master, where am I?" asked Suzumiya Eigetsu softly.

Ye Fan didn't answer. Instead, he looked down at her and said calmly, "You know about the spirit seal in your body, don't you?"

"I..." Suzumiya Eigetsu hung her head.





"So someone did tell you about it. Let me remind you that it is about to break out of its seal. If nothing is done to it, it will occupy your body for one more month, then your consciousness will disappear. In other words, you will cease to exist in a month."

Ye Fan explained the situation to Suzumiya Eigetsu expressionlessly.

A young woman's life was about to come to an end in a month.

How very cruel.

However, she had the right to know the truth.

Suzumiya Eigetsu remained silent.

Ye Fan frowned.

"Aren't you going to say something? If you tell me who planted the spirit seed, I might be able to save you."

He needed to know the culprit in order to solve this problem.

Ye Fan was incapable of helping her without knowing the details.





If Suzumiya Eigetsu told him who it was, Ye Fan might be able to do something about it and save her.

Ye Fan didn't want this innocent girl to die.

However, Suzumiya Eigetsu shook her head when she heard what Ye Fan said.

"Master, it's useless. I was born to be a vessel. I exist solely to be a host for Tsukuyomi Tenshin."

What?

Ye Fan was instantly shocked.

"Tsukuyomi Tenshin? Do you mean that Tsukuyomi Tenshin's spirit resides you?"

Ye Fan's pupils constricted in shock as a wave of emotion flooded his heart.

It never dawned on him that Tsukuyomi Tenshin's spirit could be sealed inside this young woman's body.

Tsukuyomi Tenshin was Japan's Moon Goddess.





Since time immemorial, Tsukuyomi Tenshin existed only in legends.

Legend had it that Tsukuyomi Tenshin protected Japan for years and was an extraordinarily powerful goddess whom citizens believed in.

She held the same status as Nuwa, a Chinese goddess.

Even though they were remembered as gods in history, they were humans in reality.

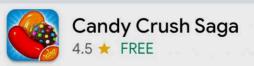
Some people were able to make immense contributions after attaining power. Then people would revere them as gods in memory of their charity.

Like the three sovereigns and five emperors in China's history, Buddha in the Buddhist tales, and even the God of War, Ye Qing-Tian.

They weren't mere illusions. Instead, they were deified by the people through the time.

There were no gods on earth. They merely came to be because many people believed in them.







"Yup." Suzumiya Eigetsu nodded. "Master told me that the extraordinarily powerful Tsukuyomi Tenshin once protected our people, but when her time was up, she used the spirit seal technique to seal her soul. After she died, a suitable vessel had to be found so that she could be reborn. And I am the chosen vessel. My older sister said that it is mine and our family's honor to be selected. She also told me that I would soar to Japan's pinnacle with the Moon Goddess and enjoy utter glory. But I know everyone's just consoling me. The moment the seal breaks, the goddess will be reborn, and I will be no more."



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Suzumiya Eigetsu hung her head and spoke softly.

She didn't seem particularly sad or fearful. Instead, she accepted it calmly and head-on.

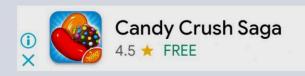
She knew about this a long time ago.

However, she had no choice but to accept it.

"What about your parents and clan? Didn't they try to help you? As I understand, it is very easy to eradicate the spirit seal during its early stages," asked Ye Fan deeply.

Suzumiya Eigetsu shook her head and laughed self-deprecatingly.

"Help me? If they wanted to help me, they wouldn't have agreed and placed a spirit seal in me to begin with. To my parents and clan, or maybe even to the whole country, I am insignificant. In comparison to Tsukuyomi Tenshin, they can easily afford to lose me. My parents have other children, and I'm not the only person in the clan. I am no one's one and only. However, there is only one Tsukuyomi Tenshin. If they sacrifice me, my family stands to gain generations of glory. Also, she can defend Japan and keep it safe.





Anyone else would be happy to see me dead, I suppose."

The moonlight shone in from outside the window.

And cast a shadow behind the young woman.

Suzumiya Eigetsu kept her head lowered as she spoke with disappointment and sadness in her eyes.

It was probably impossible for anyone to face something like this calmly.

She became a vessel from the moment she was born.

Suzumiya Eigetsu had become everyone's sacrifice.

Even the family who should have protected her were cruel and heartless to her.

No one could fathom how it felt for her.

It seemed to be a complete mistake for her to be even born.





There were so many people in the world, but there was no one for her to rely on.

Despite how vast the world was, she couldn't find peace.

Before Suzumiya Eigetsu met Ye Fan, the only person who was kind to her was Mochizuki Kawa.

Ye Fan went silent as he heard what Suzumiya Eigetsu said.

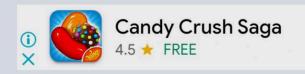
He said nothing and didn't know what to say either.

He found Suzumiya Eigetsu somewhat pitiful.

She was only 17 or 18 years old and was at the prime of her life.

It was a school-going age for normal people. It was a time when their parents would be indulgent, and she could have fun with friends. It was also a time to fall in love, secretly admire someone or experience her first love.

Life had barely begun for most others.





But for Suzumiya Eigetsu, it was about to come to an end.

She served as nothing but fertilizer for 17 years.

Other people lived for themselves.

Suzumiya Eigetsu was the only one who lived to bring someone back to life from the start.

She was just a sacrificial item.

Only now did Ye Fan understand why Suzumiya Eigetsu didn't want to return to the Sword Shrine so early.

She merely wanted to spend a few days experiencing the beautiful world.

After Ye Fan came to know everything, he stopped asking her.

After all, he and Suzumiya Eigetsu barely knew each other.

So it was impossible for him to do much for Suzumiya Eigetsu. The only thing he could do was spend tomorrow with her.









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The day after tomorrow, he would head over to Sword Shrine.

After he obtained the yasakani jade and settled his score with Mochizuki Kawa, Ye Fan would release Suzumiya Eigetsu.

Ye Fan didn't really want this innocent girl to become his slave for life.

"Rest early," reminded Ye Fan before he turned to leave.

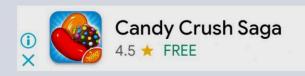
However, the moment Ye Fan turned, Suzumiya Eigetsu called out after him. "Thank you, Master. Thank you for keeping me company. You are the first person to hang out with me," said Suzumiya Eigetsu in a quiet voice.

Ye Fan waved his hand and smiled gently before turning to leave.

The next day.

Suzumiya Eigetsu realized that Ye Fan had already made breakfast when she woke up.

"Are you up? Wash your hands and eat."





Ye Fan was carrying a fried egg and a warm glass of milk.

Suzumiya Eigetsu couldn't help wanting to cry when she heard Ye Fan's deep voice and saw the nice things he was doing for her.

Perhaps it was love.

In the morning, Ye Fan went to the seaside with Suzumiya Eigetsu and watched as the tides rose and fell.

They went to the zoo and visited the old streets inside the ancient town.

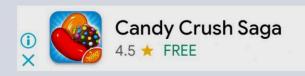
However, a fragrance suddenly wafted into their noses when they reached the intersection.

"Wow. Smells fab..." sighed Suzumiya Eigetsu as she inhaled deeply.

Ye Fan raised his head to see a tiny shop selling takoyaki at the intersection.

There was a long winding queue outside the shop.

The fragrant scent probably came from this





shop.

"Let's go queue," said Ye Fan as he laughed gently before taking Suzumiya Eigetsu over.

"Ooh! Thanks, Master!"

Suzumiya Eigetsu beamed brightly. No one would have guessed this lively young woman was about to die, right?

Ye Fan and Suzumiya Eigetsu queued for almost 30 minutes.

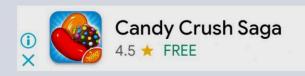
However, several black Hondas suddenly drove over and pulled up at the intersection when it was about to be their turn to buy the takoyaki.

Dozens of burly men dressed in suits got off the cars and stood respectfully on both sides of the door.

They left a long pathway at the center.

Then a young man dressed in a white tuxedo with sunglasses on his face got off the car.

"Young Master, this is the shop. Master loves their takoyaki," said an old man from





behind as he bowed respectfully.

The young man nodded before he waved his hand. "Take the stuff and come with me."

The young man led the rest of them into the small shop by the roadside.

One of his subordinates stood outside the shop and said deeply to the customers, "It's Mr Miyamoto's 60th birthday. The shop owner has been hired to cook for the party, so the shop is closed. Stop queuing and leave."

Immediately after this deep voice rang, the people who were queuing went into a furor and were all displeased.

"What?"

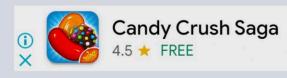
"Hiring the shop owner?"

"What on earth?"

"We've queued for a really long time."

The crowd was clearly unhappy about this.

However, everyone had no choice but to grit





their teeth and swallow their displeasure when they saw the intimidating looks on their faces.

"AHHH! What are you doing? Let go of me! I won't go with you."

The snack shop owner's terrified voice and the sound of struggling came from inside the shop.

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The young man leading the way slapped the shop owner, and he screamed in agony.

"You were rude when I was trying to play nice. How dare you oppose me! You have no choice. Take him away!"



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