

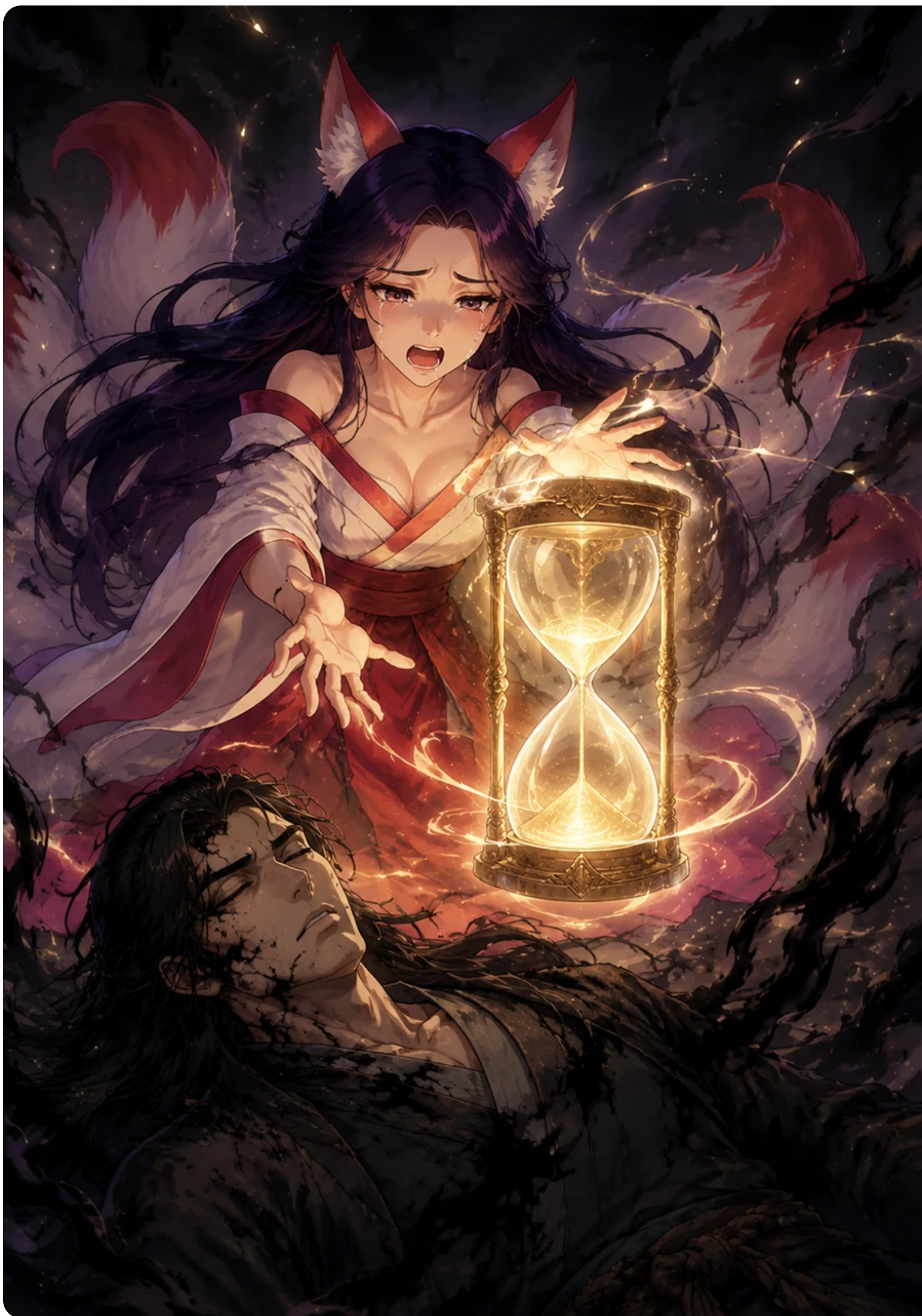


The Echo of the Dragon's Tears

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In a mystical ancient realm, Wu Yi, a beautiful and powerful fox spirit, gazes lovingly at her partner, Ji Ling, a noble descendant of the divine dragon. They stand atop a cloud-shrouded mountain peak, blissfully unaware of the tragic fate looming over their forbidden bond.



Darkness shatters their peace as a terrible curse strikes Ji Ling down, forcing a devastated Wu Yi to use her celestial magic to turn back the hourglass of time. No matter how many times she rewinds the past, a cruel destiny ensures that Ji Ling always faces an untimely, brutal death.



Realizing that she cannot change the threads of fate, Wu Yi decides to surrender her own future to save the one she loves. Gathering every ounce of her remaining spiritual essence, she weaves a massive, shimmering protective barrier around a sleeping Ji Ling to keep him safe for centuries.



As her magic drains completely, Wu Yi smiles through her tears, fading into brilliant particles of starlight. Her ultimate sacrifice guarantees Ji Ling will live on, but it shatters her own soul, sending her into a deep, turbulent cycle of reincarnation.



Hundreds of years pass, and the fox spirit is reborn into a completely different form, a young man named Zhu Yan. Because of the karmic consequences of altering time in his past life, he is now bound to the fierce and formidable physical form of a demonic ape spirit.



In this new era, Ji Ling has also been reborn as Yi Chen, a proud and powerful warrior carrying the ancient dragon deity lineage. Standing beneath the heavy rain, Yi Chen glares with intense fury at Zhu Yan, holding a burning hatred for the man he believes ruined his life.



A tragic misunderstanding poisons Yi Chen's heart, as he has been led to believe that the demonic Zhu Yan slaughtered his entire clan. Zhu Yan stands silently before the dragon warrior's drawn sword, his heart breaking because he remembers their past love, while Yi Chen only sees a monster.



Despite being hunted and attacked by the vengeful dragon descendant, Zhu Yan refuses to fight back or harm the reincarnation of his ancient lover. He uses his demonic ape strength purely for defense, subtly guiding Yi Chen away from actual dangers hidden within the dark forests.



During a fierce confrontation amidst ancient ruins, a sinister third party reveals themselves as the true culprit behind the destruction of Yi Chen's family. Zhu Yan instantly leaps forward, shielding an astonished Yi Chen from a lethal, shadowy blast and taking the blow himself.



As Zhu Yan lies wounded, the ancient protective seal he created centuries ago resonates, projecting the glowing image of the fox spirit Wu Yi into the sky. Looking at the spirit, Yi Chen finally remembers the countless lifetimes of love and sacrifice, weeping as he holds Zhu Yan under the clearing clouds.