

Painless Lai

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Once there was a boy named Lai. He was constantly beaten up by his own family for being weak and fragile. Since Lai came from a family of top class fighters, he was quite a disgrace. However, one day, Lai had enough of getting beaten and being treated like a punching bag, so he gathered enough courage and went to find a wizard.

Lai traveled for hours until he finally reached the wizard's home. Lai quickly went inside and asked the wizard to grant him strength, but he declined, saying that he couldn't grant Lai strength but he could make him immune to any types of pain. However, it would come with a price of not feeling anything until the spell was broken. Lai still agreed since that was his only salvation. After a few minutes, Lai quickly lost his pain and left after thanking the wizard.

The second Lai made it to his home, he instantly got attacked by his siblings, but he felt nothing because of the spell. His siblings were shocked since normally Lai would be crying by now. Lai later on laughed and said, "Your hits won't affect me anymore!" Then he left. His dad had got word of the incident because of Lai's brothers but he thought it was all a fluke. He decided to beat up Lai himself, so he got up and went to find Lai. The second that Lai was found, his dad immediately punched him with his strongest hit. Yet it still had no effect on Lai. Lai's dad got so scared that he thought a strange being had overtaken Lai's body. Because of that, Lai's dad and brothers didn't dare to attack Lai again. Lai felt quite happy, although he couldn't feel anything anymore

Lai went on living without feelings for 3 years until he met Lola, a brave person. They started to like each other and began dating. However, on a fateful day, a war broke out. Unfortunately, Lola lost her life. Lai felt sad but he didn't have the feeling to mourn since he had lost his feelings. Lai went on like this for another 3 years until he became an adult. He started thinking a lot because for 6 years he couldn't embrace the warmth of good food or a hug; neither could he mourn over his late girlfriend. He could still express his feelings in his face, but it just felt wrong for him. It felt numb. Lai

continued like that and he thought he was becoming mad and turning into a living corpse!

Lai's dad had always given him ideas of becoming an invincible fighter, but Lai wasn't like that. His heart had a huge difference compared to his family. He eventually gave up on everything and just remained idle. He didn't need to eat because he wouldn't even feel starving. He didn't need to drink because he wouldn't feel thirsty. He didn't bother making friends because he was too scared of losing them. The wizard heard of the 'living corpse' and went to check it out. To his surprise, it was Lai! When Lai saw the wizard, he quickly lit up and screamed at him, asking him to return his feeling of pain, but the wizard said, "If you want me to give you back your pain, answer me, why is pain needed in the world?" Since Lai didn't know the answer, the wizard told him to find it out on his own and left. Lai broke down and went back to what he had been doing for a long time.

One day, Lai saw a child tripping over a branch and then screaming in agony. At that moment, Lai finally got his answer! He had been so stupid that he couldn't figure out the answer. When Lai found the wizard, he answered, "Pain is something that reminds you that you're alive!"