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Chapter 126 Filled with Guil

Qiuyue slowly opened her eyes, her head feeling a bit lightheaded. It had taken her an entire week to completely overwrite Han Xin's authority over the command symbol, making it her own.

"Finished?"

"Un." Qiuyue nodded.

"Good, now force everyone out of here," said Su Yang. "This is no longer a Legacy Tomb but your private property."

Qiuyue nodded again, and she used her Profound Qi to activate the crystal ball once again. A few moments later, every single soul within the Legacy Tomb was teleported outside.

This sudden event had stupefied the thousands of people there, causing them to look around with puzzled expressions. Why were they suddenly outside the Legacy Tomb?

A few of the people tried going back into the Legacy Tomb after being teleported out, but alas, the two large doors were tightly shut and wouldn't budge no matter how much they tried pushing it.

"What is going on here?!"

"You better have a good explanation for this, Su Family! Especially with the entrance fee that is damn near extortion!"

"Yeah! Or I want my money back! I was literally in there for only half an hour!"

Unsurprisingly, the people there went from being puzzled to being angry, and a ruckus quickly arose at the area outside of the Legacy Tomb.

However, seeing the countless angry people yelling at them for an explanation, the workers from the Su Family that was there didn't know how to react, as they were just as puzzled as everyone there.

"H-Hurry! Send a message to Lord Su immediately! Tell him that we have an emergency here!"

"E-Everyone! Please calm down while we contact the Su Family for an explanation!"

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"Lord Su! There has been an accident at the Divine Doors!"

A servant rushed to report to the head of the Su Family the situation at the Divine Doors the second he received the message from a jade slip meant for long distance communication.

"What did you just say? Everyone was suddenly teleported out of the Divine Doors without any warning, and even the entrance had closed? What is going on?"

Lord Su deeply frowned on his seat, his pondering expression filled with bewilderment.

"W-What should we do about this situation, Lord Su? The people there are making quite a commotion even as we speak! They are also asking for a refund! If we don't give them an explanation soon enough..."

The servant was clearly more nervous and stressed out than Lord Su himself.

"Explanation? What is there to explain? We do not even own the Divine Doors, only overseeing the place for the Xie Dynasty. Not to mention that the place is an unknown phenomenon itself, so whatever happens there is not our problem." Lord Su calmly shook his head.

While he didn't like the situation, there was truly nothing that he or the Su Family could do about it, as they are just as clueless about the Divine Doors as everyone else. Additionally, he'd already managed to earn an unimaginable amount of wealth over the year just from the entrance fees alone, so he really didn't care much about the Divine Doors closing its entrance.

"Then..."

"Just refund everybody there their Spirit Stones and let them shut up. Compared to what we've accumulated throughout the months, refunding a few days worth of few Spirit Stones won't hurt us even a bit," said Lord Su, who would rather lose some Spirit Stones than to offend thousands of Cultivating experts at once.

"U-Understand! This servant will immediately relay Lord Su's wishes to the people at the Divine Doors!" The servant bowed to him before rushing back to transfer the news.

After the servant left, Lord Su released a long and deep sigh. Although he'd acted calm despite the situation, he was actually already filled with worries for another problem before the servant had even arrived.

"Haaa... The Divine Doors? I have a much bigger problem at hand right now and don't have the time to deal with such trivial matters! How should I deal with Su Yin now that she's finally found Su Yang?"

That problem was precisely about Su Yin's meeting with Su Yang. After learning of such facts from Senior Tao through a voice transmission jade slip, he'd been sulking in this room ever since.

Suddenly, a loud voice resounded within the building; it was a voice filled with urgency.

"Father! Father! I have finally found Elder Brother Su!"

"..."

Lord Su's complexion paled upon hearing the sweet voice of his own daughter, Su Yin.

"Speaking of the devil..."

A few seconds later, the door to his room violently opened, almost like it was opened with explosives, and a beautiful young lady ran inside with her face flushed and gasping for air.

"Father! It's Elder Brother Su! He was also at the Divine Doors!" Su Yin immediately began speaking despite her lack of air, causing her voice to sound a bit weird. "I met him on the third floor, and he was fighting this monster!"

"S-S-Slow down, Yin'er. What do you mean you saw Su Yang inside the Divine Doors? How could it be possible for him to appear there when he's been missing for nearly an entire year without any news? Are you sure it was him and not someone else? Perhaps your eyes were only making you see what you wanted to see..." Lord Su tried to act ignorant, but his back was pouring with sweat from anxiety.

"How could I possibly mistake my own brother's face?! Even though it's been a whole year since I last saw his face, there is no way that I would make such a stupid mistake no matter how much I want to see him! He was definitely Elder Brother Su! My Elder Brother Su!" Su Yin refuted with a firm and confident voice. She did not believe for a second that the person she met inside the Divine Doors was not her elder brother, Su Yang.

"..."

Lord Su was filled with countless emotions right now. He knew that no matter what he said to her, she will not doubt herself.

"I understand... I will not doubt your words. If you really think that it was Su Yang that you saw in the Divine Doors, then I will believe you. However, why is he not here with you at this moment? Surely, you did not leave him just to come back here to tell me such news, right? Where is he right now?"

Hearing his questions, Su Yin immediately turned silent.

"That..."

A few speechless moments later, tears began falling from her cheeks, and she spoke in a choking voice: "I don't know! He entered some weird portal and disappeared to somewhere before I could do anything! And he couldn't remember me when I spoke with him, almost like he has no recollection of me in his memories at all!"

"So his memories have yet to return?" Lord Su felt a bit more relieved upon learning that Su Yang did not recover his memories despite being in direct contact with Su Yin. However, that did not make the situation any less stressful, as he was more worried about what Su Yin would do now that she's finally found him.

"There was also this young lady with an uncanny atmosphere surrounding her that was beside him!" Su Yin then said in a serious voice, her eyes narrowed. "I bet she has something to do with why Elder Brother Su has lost his memories!"

"..." Hearing her words, Lord Su looked at her with an apologetic gaze, his heart filled with guilt.

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"Father, are you even listening?" Su Yin suddenly said, her brows frowning. "You don't seem concerned at all... almost as if you don't care about the situation..."

Since the beginning, she's had a feeling that he hasn't been paying attention to her; it was almost like he didn't care at all.

Lord Su's heart skipped a beat upon hearing her words. "You—What nonsense! Of course, I am listening! This is my son that we are talking about!"

He acted as though he was outraged, his face red, but inside his heart, he was crying at Su Yin's sharp and bold nature. He knew that his daughter was a special one, but to think that she would even dare to question her own father like this, it makes him fearful of what she would do once she finds out the truth behind Su Yang's disappearance even more...

"However, even though you've found him, there is nothing we can do at this moment except wait for him to reappear, as we don't know his current whereabouts. The Divine Doors is an incomprehensible location, so it's impossible for us to guess where that portal could've taken him."

After a moment of silence, Lord Su continued, "In the end, he is still the same as before... missing."

Su Yin went silent after hearing those words. If Su Yang's whereabouts are unknown, then there was nothing she could do right now no matter how much she wanted to find him. But that didn't discourage her one bit, and as a matter of fact, she was actually feeling hopeful and blissful about the situation.

"Although Elder Brother Su is still missing, we now know for a fact that he is still alive! And that is what matters the most to me!" she said a moment later.

"Of course, he is still alive... If I wanted him dead, then I wouldn't have gone through the efforts of sneaking him to another continent, much less erase his memories and even ask the Profound Blossom Sect to take care of him!" Lord Su thought to himself.

However, looking at it now, perhaps all of his efforts might have been done in vain, as Su Yang is now back in the Northern Continent.

"Where are you going now?" Lord Su asked Su Yin, who was already leaving.

"To look for Elder Brother, of course," she said in a calm voice.

"Are you sure you have that much time to waste when the Regional Tournament is so close?" Lord Su said without thinking, instantly regretting it when he saw Su Yin's reaction to his words.

"Waste of time?" Su Yin turned around with a dark expression, her narrowed gaze at Lord Su sharp like a dagger, sending chills down his back.

"I-I didn't mean it like that," Lord Su immediately corrected himself. "What I meant was that I will send a team to search for Su Yang so you can focus on your Cultivation without worrying about it. Yin'er, you are the most talented the family have ever seen for hundreds of years, reaching the peak True Spirit Realm at only 15 years old! If you don't make use your prime years and achieve your full potentials, then you will only regret it in the future."

"Hmph! If I don't look for Elder Brother Su and end up losing him forever because of that, then I will definitely regret it more than anything else in the world! There are countless ways to improve my Cultivation base even after my prime but I only have one brother! And if I have to choose between Elder

Brother Su or my Cultivation, then I will choose Elder Brother Su without any hesitations!" Su Yin said before storming out the door with an agitated expression.

"..."

Su Yin's last few words had left Lord Su dumbfounded, even shocked.

"You only have one brother? Then what about Su Yuhan, the eldest of you three siblings?" he mumbled in a dazed voice.

The main branch of the Su Family has 3 legitimate children that could one day take over their father's position, Su Xun, the current head, as the next family head.

The first was Su Yuhan, currently 23 years old, being the eldest amongst the three siblings. He was born with above average talent, reaching the True Spirit Realm at the age of 17. He was also blessed with amazing looks, albeit still inferior to Su Yang, who was the second oldest amongst the three.

And finally, the youngest of the three siblings, Su Yin, was blessed by the Heavens with almost divine talents, reaching the peak True Spirit Realm by the age of 15. In addition to her cultivation talents that could make even the most reserved experts jealous to death, she was also born with good looks and an incredibly powerful family, making her extremely popular within the entire Northern Region.

As for Su Yang, when compared to his two siblings, was inferior in every aspect besides his graceful appearance that is easily unrivaled even within the entire Northern Region. And because of this, he would often stay at home and purposefully avoid the public eyes, hence why nobody recognized Su Yang despite wearing no disguise when he went into the Divine Doors.

"Haaa..." Su Xun sat in his luxurious seat in a sluggish manner and deeply sighed, looking like a depressed individual that was on the brink of suicide.

"What should I do now, Huiyin? Everything's been a mess ever since you left us..." Su Xun mumbled before closing his eyes to rest.

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"Now that you have the Spatial Space Device under total control, you should be able to see everything in this world as though it's all on your palms. Take a look to see if there are any places we have yet to see because it's hidden or whatever," Su Yang said after telling Qiuyue to teleport everyone out of the place.

A few moments later, after looking through the entire place, Qiuyue shook her head and said, "No, we have already been to all the places here."

"..."

Su Yang turned silent, and a pondering expression appeared on his face.

"Is there something wrong?" Qiuyue decided to ask him.

Hearing her question, he looked at her with an odd expression and spoke in a low voice, "Did you forget the purpose of our visit here? We came here to see if the dog had left any clues that could help us return to the Divine Heavens, yet there's nothing — not even a single word. Could it be that just like you, he also couldn't find any way to return to the Divine Heavens?"

"N-No way..." Qiuyue seemed dispirited after listening to his words. "M-Maybe he hid it somewhere?"

Su Yang nodded and continued, "While I don't know how or why he came here in the first place, I find it hard to believe that a loyal dog like him would not try to find a way home to his owner, the Heavenly Emperor, as they care about him more than their own life. Ever since ancient times, there has not been a single soul who dared to abandon their job to protect the Heavenly Emperor after obtaining the title 'Heavenly Order', and staying in this world and not trying to return to the Divine Realms where the Heavenly Emperor is located is no different than abandoning his job to protect the Heavenly Emperor."

"But where could he have kept his findings?"

After pondering for a few more moments, Su Yang's eyes suddenly brightened.

Qiuyue quickly noticed this and asked, "Did you find something?"

"Un." Su Yang nodded, but his expression was not even the least excited, even looking a bit perplexed. "Do you remember that Heaven-grade Spiritual Treasure we left behind on the third floor because it is simply brainless to try to catch a Ghost Cat with our pitiful Cultivation bases? Not that I think about it... that might have been a storage-type Spiritual Treasure..."

"What?!" Qiuyue loudly exclaimed. "Are you telling me that our only clue to returning home is in the hands of that Ghost Cat?!"

Although he didn't want to, Su Yang nodded. "I hope I am wrong for once, but unless we double check, we won't know for sure. Let's return to the third floor and look for the Ghost Cat."

And he continued, "Of course, I am not saying we need to catch it. I just want to take a look at the Heaven-grade Spiritual Treasure from a distance just to make sure."

"Okay..."

"Now that you are this place's master, you can just teleport us to the third floor," Su Yang said to her.

Qiuyue nodded, and with a mere thought, they were teleported back to the third floor.

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Hundreds of meters above the air, Su Yang and Qiuyue stood on a wooden boat, their gazes on the small animal that was minding its own business miles in the distance, watching its every little movement, almost like they were playing god.

They have been standing there for a few minutes now, silently inspecting the necklace that was around the Ghost Cat's neck.

"It is not a storage-type Spiritual Treasure but..."

\\"But?\\\"

After a moment of silence, Su Yang spoke with a pondering expression, \\"It seems to be some sort of Spiritual Treasure that deals with curses.\\\"

\\"Curses? Then our clue...\\\" Qiuyue sighed loudly.

Their chances of finding a clue that will help them return home in this place were becoming slimmer and slimmer.

\\"However, there is something weird about it now that I take a closer look,\\\" said Su Yang.

\\"Weird? What's weird about the Spiritual Treasure? I don't see anything wrong with it.\\\"

Su Yang shook his head and said, \\"Not the Spiritual Treasure. There is something off about the Ghost Cat. Although I cannot pinpoint exactly what this feeling is, I am certain that there's something wrong with it. I have seen a few Ghost Cats in my life, but they all feel different when compared to this one.\\\"

Qiuyue looked at him with a surprised look. He's seen a few Ghost Cats in his life despite its rarity?

\\"I was acquainted with this powerful individual who had managed to tame a few Ghost Cats and had unwillingly become familiar with them due to my relationship with her...\\\"

Hearing this, Qiuyue was shocked. Who'd be willing to go through that much effort and resource to tame not just one, but a 'few' Ghost Cats that are known to be extremely rare and hard to find, much less tame them and their arrogant nature.

And for Su Yang to address this individual as 'powerful', she must be a peak expert within the four Divine Heavens.

\\"But what does that have anything to do with us? We still won't get any clues from it.\\\"

\\"You are right, but this feeling coming from it is bothering me the longer I look at it.\\\"

After a few moments of silence, Su Yang suddenly said, \\" Take me to the Ghost Cat, I want to take a closer look at it.\\\"

\\"Eh? But won't it just run away the moment it sees us?\\\"

\\"It might run away, but I have a feeling that it won't. Did you see how it stood still despite being surrounded by humans on all sides when we first saw it? It's too prideful and arrogant. It probably won't run away on sight as it believes that nothing can outspeed it, and it is correct.\\\"

\\"Then what if it attacks you?\\\" Qiuyue asked since she knows almost nothing about Ghost Cats and its nature.

\\"Besides their insane and nearly unrivaled speed, they have little to zero combat ability and could at most hurt normal people or those with weak Cultivation bases, not to mention their non-hostile nature. I will be fine.\\\"

Qiuyue nodded and commanded the boat to descend towards where the Ghost Cat was resting.

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After noticing its presence, the Ghost Cat raised its head to look at the wooden boat in the sky.

It stood on all four of its limbs and stared at it with bright eyes.

Ever since all the humans had disappeared out of thin air like ghosts, its joy from getting chased around had disappeared along with them. And with nobody to play with, it lazily laid around in boredom, silently wondering where everyone had gone.

However, now there were more humans to play with, so it happily waited for them to finish descending without running away.

Once the wooden boat landed, Su Yang began approaching the Ghost Cat in small steps while Qiuyue remained in the boat.

The Ghost Cat quietly watched his every movement, hoping he'd play tag with it. But when it couldn't sense such intentions coming from Su Yang, the hopeful lights in its eyes dimmed, and its gaze turned cold.

Su Yang continued to calmly approach the Ghost Cat despite its cold stares. Once he was only a few meters away from it, he said in a calm voice, \"Despite your limited knowledge, you should be able to understand my words.\"

The Ghost Cat did not react upon hearing his words, almost like it didn't understand a word he'd just said.

However, Su Yang continued to speak regardless, \"I can sense an irregularity within your Profound Qi, and that may have been caused by that Spiritual Treasure around your neck.\"

\"If you want, I can take a look at it for you.\"

\"...\"

After a moment of silence, the Ghost Cat suddenly meowed in a wary tone.

Su Yang shook his head and said, \"It's fine if you don't believe me, it's not as if I really care. The only reason why I even bothered to approach you was because of a friend of mine who adores Ghost Cats to the extreme. If I left you alone while knowing that something might be wrong with you, I won't be able to face her without guilt the next time we meet... That's all.\"

\"But now that I have approached you, I won't feel as much guilt, as I have at least tried to help.\"

After saying those words, Su Yang turned around and began walking back to the wooden boat where Qiuyue was waiting.

However, when Su Yang was halfway back to Qiuyue's side, a small figure appeared in front of him out of thin air like a real ghost.

The Ghost Cat had placed itself in his path to block him, and it'd achieve that without alerting either Su Yang or Qiuyue. There was no wind, not even the slightest sounds, nothing... almost like it'd teleported in front of him.

"You Ghost Cats' absurd speed is astounding no matter how many times I see it..." Su Yang showed a slight smile when he recalled the times he'd spent with his friend and her Ghost Cats.

"Well? What do you want?" he then said to it.

"..."

Although the Ghost Cat couldn't speak, its gaze was filled with the desire to communicate, as it has never seen a human being like Su Yang. Ever since it appeared in this desolate world one day out of the blue hundreds of years ago and without memories prior to this place, it's been looking for a purpose in its life, and when humans started showing up recently, it found joy in life for the first time.

But alas, one day, like their sudden appearance, they disappeared suddenly, and it's been an entire week since then.

Now that another human has shown up, just like it'd hoped, why would it allow him to leave so quickly?

The Ghost Cat meowed at Su Yang, almost like it was telling him to stay, and he somehow understood its feelings.

"I have already gotten what I came for, there is no longer any reason for me to stay," he said calmly.

But the Ghost Cat refused and continued to block his path.

"..."

Su Yang wanted to release this Ghost Cat into the wild and let it roam freely, but because this is not the Divine Heavens, he didn't dare to allow such an existence to roam freely, fearing the chaos it could cause in this world without anybody to stop it because of its extreme speed, making it an untouchable existence in this world where the Divine Spirit Realm is the apex.

"I will let you out of this place once we return to the Divine Heavens, so just endure it for now."

"Meow!" Hearing his words, the Ghost Cat meowed loudly, its gaze filled with admiration. How is this human capable of understanding its desires without the need for it to speak? It has never encountered such a human despite the thousands of humans it has seen so far.

It then slowly approached Su Yang, even tilting its head to show him the necklace, almost as though it was telling him to look at it.

Seeing its actions, Su Yang smiled inwardly. While Ghost Cats are arrogant in nature, they are much more playful beings, so when they are bored out of their minds, it will do anything that will relieve its boredom, even if they have to lower their awareness.

Su Yang then took a knee and lifted the necklace to take a closer look, even pouring some of his Profound Qi to inspect it inwardly.

A few moments later, his calm eyes expanded with surprise. "This Heaven-grade Spiritual Treasure contains an Immortal-grade curse! And it's even the infamous Spirit's Vengeance curse!"

"Spirit's Vengeance? What kind of curse is that?" Qiuyue asked after hearing him speak out loud.

"It is a profound curse that deprives the victim of all Profound Qi, sealing their Cultivation completely! No wonder why I felt that there was something off about its Profound Qi! This thing can completely deny even experts at the Ancient Realm Profound Qi!"

"Such a potent curse is only at the Immortal-grade?" Qiuyue asked in a surprised voice.

"Well, while it is extremely powerful, it can be removed with ease. Hell, even someone at the True Spirit Realm like me can dispell it if they know the right techniques."

"Eh? Then doesn't that make it almost useless?"

"For humans, yes. But for beasts like this Ghost Cat that don't know any better? It can be extremely potent. Also, it is commonly used by Beast Tamers in the Divine Heavens to tame powerful wild beasts."

Su Yang looked at the Ghost Cat and wondered how it got stuck with such a curse.

Meanwhile, the Ghost Cat was dumbfounded by the revelation. No wonder why its Profound Qi hasn't risen even slightly as of lately! Ever since it found this pretty necklace and wore it, it's had its Profound Qi blocked by this curse!

"Meow!" The Ghost Cat began meowing out of frustration and embarrassment, mainly because of its own stupidity.

It then looked at Su Yang with pleading eyes, hoping he'd be able to dispell this curse.

"You want me to help you with this curse? Well, it's not impossible, but it'll be a bit tricky, especially since I don't have the resources to dispell it right now..." said Su Yang.

Meanwhile, Qiuyue silently watched this spectacular scene of Su Yang communicating with a cat like it was human. It was something she'd never expected coming from him, even finding it to be somewhat cute.

"He can be very apathetic at times when it comes to humans, but he seems open with animals... Could it be because of his powerful 'friend' with the Ghost Cats?"

"Anyway, give me a moment." After saying that, Su Yang sat down and closed his eyes, almost like he was Cultivating.

The Ghost Cat did not interrupt Su Yang and also sat down as if it was about to take a nap, but its eyes were glued to Su Yang's captivating face. Out of the many humans it has seen so far, he is definitely the most pleasant-looking by far.

After many minutes of complete stillness, nearing the hour mark, Su Yang finally opened his eyes.

"It took some time to look for this technique since I have many techniques with only a few meant for curses, but I have finally found a way to dispell the Spirit's Vengeance."

\\"Huh?\" Although there was nothing with Su Yang's words, Qiuyue expressed a confused expression.

\\"It'd taken him this long to look for a technique? What does he mean by those words? It's almost as if he has a library of cultivating techniques in his head...\" she wondered inwardly.

\\"Okay, come here so I can start removing the curse,\" Su Yang urged the Ghost Cat to get closer.

The Ghost Cat was no longer wary of Su Yang and obediently approached him with smooth movements.

Once it was close enough, Su Yang placed his hands on the necklace and began mumbling without any sounds coming out of his mouth. A few seconds later, his hands started glowing a bright yellow color.

Time slowly passed. Seconds quickly turned into minutes, and before he was aware, two hours had passed in the blink of an eye.

A little after the two hours mark, Su Yang finally opened his eyes, and the glow around his hands dimmed until it was gone.

\\"We should be able to remove the necklace now...\" Su Yang said as his hands slowly removed the necklace from the Ghost Cat's neck.

When the necklace came out without any problems, Su Yang showed and smile and said, \\"You should be fine now.\\"

However, right as he said those words, the Ghost Cat began trembling violently with its silver fur dancing like tall grass in a windy grassland.

Seeing this, Su Yang's eyes widened with alert. \\"Qiuyue! Get back!\" he exclaimed loudly.

Qiuyue immediately reacted to his words and activated the wooden boat and distanced herself from the scene. As for Su Yang, he activated the Nine Astral Steps and quickly distanced himself many meters away from the Ghost Cat.

The Ghost Cat continued to act bizarrely in place, almost like it was evolving. And as time passed, the Ghost Cat's silver fur would start glowing a whiteish glow, even turning a bit transparent, becoming more like a 'ghost' cat. Its body also shrunk in size, becoming even smaller. However, in compensation, its Profound Qi rose exponentially, exceeding even Qiuyue's Cultivation base by a large margin.

\\"T-This is...\" Qiuyue was shocked by the sudden changes, even more, its Cultivation base.

\\"The Ancient Realm!\"

When Qiuyue realized that the Ghost Cat's Cultivation base was actually at the Ancient Realm, her face became filled with terror. After all, the Ancient Realm, just like the Mortal Realm and the Divine Realm, was an entire realm above the previous!

Meanwhile, Su Yang was also filled with shock. However, he was not shocked by its profound Cultivation base. Instead, he was shocked speechless by its ghostly appearance.

\\"G-Ghost Cat my ass! This thing was a Phantom Cat all along!\"

Phantom Cats, unlike Ghost Cats, are not only extremely fast but also possess powerful spiritual attacks. Although they normally share the same appearance, when a Phantom Cat activates its Profound Qi, it evolves into this spirit-like existence, making its movements faster and even unaffected by all physical injuries! They are like a superior variation of Ghost Cats and, in a way, ancestors of all Ghost Cats!

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Chapter 129 Heavenly Tribulation

Even in his previous life, Su Yang has never seen a Phantom Cat personally, only learning about them from stories and ancient scrolls, hence why he was so shocked to find one in such a place. As for Qiuyue, she's never even heard of a Phantom Cat.

Once the Phantom Cat finished its transformation and calmed down, it turned to look at Su Yang with a profound gaze, its long transparent fur dancing like grass during a windy season.

"Meooooow!" It suddenly released a sharp cry, causing the air to vibrate and the earth to tremble.

A few seconds later, large black clouds began forming in the air above the Phantom Cat, and the atmosphere in this desolate area became even more frightening.

When Su Yang saw this, his eyes widened with surprise. Even Qiuyue was baffled by the situation.

"H-Heavenly Tribulation? Why is this Phantom Cat evoking a Heavenly Tribulation?"

They were puzzled, as Heavenly Tribulations would only appear when it's angry because an individual is doing something that would defy the heavens.

Bang!

Suddenly, a bolt of purple lightning shot down from the black clouds and towards the Phantom Cat.

"Meow!" Using its supreme speed, the Phantom Cat dodged the purple lightning with ease. But immediately after the first strike ended, another bolt of lightning appeared.

Bang!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

"..."

Both Su Yang and Qiuyue watched as the Phantom Cat dodge the lightning strikes one by one with seemingly zero effort.

"I have witnessed people endure Heavenly Tribulation with their bodies, even people who consume them but never anything like this before..." Su Yang said with a smile.

"Perhaps the only thing in this world that can dodge Heavenly Tribulations with so little effort are Ghost Cats — no, Phantom Cats," he added.

The scene of the Phantom Cat dodging countless purple lightning strikes continued for many minutes until the black clouds started to lose color and slowly fade away like smoke.

When the Heavenly Tribulation completely vanished, the Phantom Cat looked towards the dark sky with a smug look, its expression filled with pride and arrogance, seemingly telling the heavens 'touch me if you can!'.

A few moments later, when the Phantom Cat was certain that the Heavenly Tribulation was not coming back, it returned to looking at Su Yang, who was also looking back at it.

"Meow!"

Suddenly, as it released a low cry, its small figure began transforming once again.

"T-This is..."

Qiuyue's eyes widened, her gaze filled with surprise as she witnessed the Phantom Cat's body grow larger and taller — until it resembled a human's figure.

While she knew that beasts were capable of turning into humans after reaching certain Cultivation bases, she has never seen it happen before her very eyes.

As for Su Yang, he silently watched with a calm expression, but his eyes were filled with awe like he was admiring a once-in-a-lifetime miracle.

A few moments later, the Phantom Cat no longer resembled anything like a cat, not even a single bit. Instead, it'd become a human being!

However...

"A child?" Both Su Yang and Qiuyue — mostly Qiuyue — did not expect the Phantom Cat to take the appearance of a child.

Surprisingly, the Phantom Cat had transformed into a young girl that looks around the age of 13 or 14! And she was breathtakingly beautiful to the boot!

With long, wavy silver-colored hair and sharp silver eyes, the Phantom Cat somewhat resembled Qiuyue during her childhood. And if closely inspected, one would be able to see that her hair was slightly moving, just like her fur in her beast form, almost as though it was alive.

"Ghost Cats can only be female so it's not weird for Phantom Cats to be like that too, and they are all small in nature, so I guess it's also not that surprising for it to take the form of a child..."

Once the Phantom Cat finished her transformation from beast to human for the first time in her life, she took a step towards the direction of Su Yang and instantly disappeared from her spot.

Before Su Yang was even aware, the Phantom Cat was already standing in front of him, her gaze staring into his eyes as though she was trying to see his soul.

Qiuyue's heart expanded with horror when she saw this and immediately rushed to him.

However, Su Yang raised his hand and shook his head with a calm expression, telling her to not worry. He then looked at the beautiful young girl before him, who was also stark naked from top to bottom without even a single strand of hair on her body, patiently waiting to see what she wanted from him.

The Phantom Cat started walking around him while sniffing his scent, just like a real cat. Then, she tipped her toes and raised her head, licking him on the face with her soft pink tongue.

When the Phantom Cat licked Su Yang's face, her eyes flickered with delight, almost like she'd just tasted something amazing, and she began licking him all over the face like he was some kind of ice cream, seemingly unable to stop.

This scene dumbfounded Qiuyue who was watching from a distance, not because Su Yang was being licked right before her eyes but because Su Yang allowed it to happen without showing any signs of struggling, nor the desire to! Not to mention how joyful the Phantom Cat looked while licking him! What did the Phantom Cat taste on him that's causing her to act like this?

"Okay, that's enough..." Su Yang gently grabbed the Phantom Cat by her shoulders and slowly pushed her away, but by that time, his face was already shiny from all that licking and saliva.

And although it showed a reluctant expression, the Phantom Cat stopped licking him and returned to silently observing him.

"Now that you are in your human form, can you speak the human language?" Su Yang asked her.

The Phantom Cat shook her head. Although she understands some of his words, she does not have the capability to speak it just yet.

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"Why don't we get you covered up first?" Su Yang retrieved a pair of white robes from his storage ring and covered the Phantom Cat.

However, the Phantom Cat, who has never worn clothes before, felt uncomfortable and uncovered herself.

"I guess you are still a cat at heart, huh..." Su Yang smiled slightly. Although he adores seeing women without clothes, especially beautiful ones, it has to be in the right place and at the proper time.

"Now... what should I do with you?" Su Yang was a bit lost. He'd planned on leaving the Phantom Cat alone in this place until he could release it in the four Divine Heavens, but now that it's like this, he couldn't just leave her here.

As for letting her, a beast at the Ancient Realm roam around in this inferior world with not a single Immortal or God, it was something unthinkable.

"Father—"

Qiuyue descended from the sky to stand beside Su Yang, but before she could even approach him, the Phantom Cat turned to look at her with narrowed eyes, her gaze overflowing with coldness.

"?!?!?!?"

Qiuyue was given the fright of her life when the tyrannical pressure from someone at the Ancient Realm suddenly attacked her, causing her nearly lose her conscious and fall from the sky like a meteor.

While he was surprised to see this scene, Su Yang still quickly reacted and went to catch her.

A few moments later, when they both land, Su Yang turned to look at the Phantom Cat with an awkward expression on his face.

"Calm down, she's with me," he said to the Phantom Cat as he helped Qiuyue to the ground.

Hearing his words, the Phantom Cat was no longer filled with wary, but it still gave Qiuyue cold gazes, clearly harboring some sort of disdain for her.

"..." Qiuyue looked at the Phantom Cat with a frown on her face. She was obviously unhappy about what had just happened, even a bit puzzled, yet she decided to remain silent, mostly because the Phantom Cat was at the Ancient Realm, an existence that is considered as a Cultivating expert even within the four Divine Heavens.

"Father, we should just leave this stupid cat here and go..." she said to him via spiritual sense.

"I also had the same thoughts but, that was when it was only a Ghost Cat. As you can see, this Phantom Cat is at the Ancient Realm. If it wishes, it can easily destroy this entire space and set itself free. Luckily for us, it's not a brute and possibly... tamable..."

Qiuyue looked at Su Yang with wide eyes filled with surprise, and she spoke, "Surely, you are not thinking of taming it, right? That thing is at the Ancient Realm whilst you are still only a True Spirit Realm in the Mortal Realm! Even if you can fight those with a much higher Cultivation base than yourself, your Cultivation base won't be enough to control that beast, much less tame it!"

"Of course, I am not talking about that kind of taming. Ghost Cats are all prideful beasts and look at humans as though they are playthings, much less a Phantom Cat." Su Yang shook his head.

The thought of taming this Phantom Cat had never even appeared in his mind, as it was just too unlikely.

"When I said tamable, I meant that it at least listens to an extent and won't be unreasonable," Su Yang said to her without the need to move his lips using spiritual sense.

Meanwhile, the Phantom Cat stood there silently, her gaze still fixated on Su Yang, seemingly in deep thoughts.

In her hundred years of existence and existing memories, the Phantom Cat has never felt such attachment towards another being, much less a human.

There's just something about him that's making her unable to take her eyes away. What's more, when she licked him, she had tasted something in his Profound Qi that was anything but normal and gave off a divine feeling, something akin to a godly being, and such a feeling had made her body shiver with excitement.

The Phantom Cat wanted to experience more of this mysterious taste, but alas, she had a feeling that Su Yang wouldn't allow such actions again.

Suddenly, like it'd been struck by a bolt of enlightenment, a thought appeared in her mind, and her silver eyes flickered with a bright light.

A few moments later, when the Phantom Cat resolved herself, she used her godly speed to get behind Su Yang faster than lightning without alerting him.

"Father!"

However, Qiuyue, who was looking directly at him, immediately noticed the Phantom Cat that had suddenly appeared behind him like a ghost, quickly alerting him.

"Hm?"

Su Yang, who was about to turn around, suddenly felt a sharp pain on his hand, feeling like he'd been bitten by something.

Though, despite the pain, he didn't move around needlessly and looked down at his hand.

"You... What are you doing?"

With a calm expression mixed with surprise, Su Yang stared at the Phantom Cat that was biting on his hand like some wild animal. He didn't immediately comprehend her actions, so he remained unmoving, hoping that she'd release him herself. But even if he tried to force her away, would he, a mere True Spirit Realm Cultivator, be able to fend off someone at the Ancient Realm? Hell, he'll probably get his hand torn off just from trying.

There was blood trickling down his fingers, but they were all cleaned by the Phantom Cat a few seconds later by licking it.

After seeing this, there was a baffled expression on Su Yang's face. "She's drinking... no... absorbing my blood? For a beast to do that..."

"F-Father!" Qiuyue was freaking out by now, but because Su Yang was holding her back with his other free hand, she only continued to watch the horrifying scene of the Phantom Cat drinking his blood like some ghoul.

After a few moments that felt like a few hours, the Phantom Cat finally removes her teeth from Su Yang's hand, her face filled with satisfaction.

"Are you satisfied now?" Su Yang said with a slight frown. He was feeling lightheadedness from having all that blood taken from him.

The Phantom Cat nodded, and then it mumbled something.

Seconds later, a complicated yet elegant symbol appears on the forehead of Phantom Cat.

"T-That is—"

When Qiuyue saw this symbol on the Phantom Cat's head, her jaw dropped straight to the ground. She then turned to look at Su Yang in slow and stiff movements, and sure enough, there was also a clear symbol on his forehead — the exact same symbol as the one on the Phantom Cat's forehead.

"B-B-Blood Contract!" Qiuyue couldn't believe what was happening.

The Phantom Cat had actually willingly initiated a Blood Contract herself, forcing Su Yang to be her Master!

There are many different kinds of contracts that exist in this profound world that allows Cultivators to tame wild beasts, making them companions of sorts, and unlike the majority of the contracts out there, the Blood Contract is one of the most sacred and unique ones that uses blood to create the contract.

However, situations, where a contract is made with force by the Cultivator, is not as common as one would expect, as most Cultivators would rather have a companion and bond that they can trust rather than a forced one. Additionally, the Cultivator must have a Cultivation base that far surpasses the beast in order to force a contract upon it.

As for beasts forcing Cultivators into contracts... it is more likely for a normal pig to suddenly grow wings and fly than that to happen.

"..."

Su Yang did not say a word regarding the situation, seemingly speechless. As a matter of fact, he was quite stumped at what had just happened, as he'd never expected that a Divine Realm beast would willingly offer its own freedom, body, and life to him without anything in return even in his dreams, much less a Phantom Cat, one of the rarest species in the universe!

Sometime later, he finally spoke, "I won't ask why you did it, nor do I care, but I hope that you won't regret this decision of yours in the future."

The Phantom Cat did not show any reactions to his words, almost like she couldn't comprehend the meaning to it. And while she has the ability to understand human language to a certain extent, there were way more things that she doesn't understand mainly because she has been living inside this desolate world for hundreds of years. Hell, it is already a wonder that she could understand human language just from listening to the tomb diggers for a very short amount of time.

"F-Father... what are you going to do to her now that she's under your control?" Qiuyue suddenly asked him.

"Who knows," he said. "Maybe I'll teach her some tricks when I'm bored," he continued in a joking tone.

"You're going to treat her as though she's a house cat? Is that even possible?" Qiuyue took his joke seriously and looked at the Phantom Cat's human figure with a perplexed expression on her face.

"Anyways, now that our relationship is more than just wild beast and random human, I should give you a name..." Su Yang's expression turned into a pondering one.

A few moments later, he looked at the Phantom Cat straight in the eyes and spoke with a smile on his face, "How does Xiao Rong sound? It fits a small beauty such as yourself."

"..."

Seeing the Phantom Cat's confused expression, Su Yang pointed to himself and said, "I am Su Yang."

Then, he pointed to Qiuyue. "Her name is Qiuyue."

And finally, he pointed to her and said, "You are now Xiao Rong."

The Phantom Cat's eyes brightened as though it was enlightened, and she opened her mouth the same way Su Yang moved his, and said, "Xiao Rong!"

"Su Yang! Xiao Rong!"

Although it was rough-sounding at first, her childish voice that was appropriate for her appearance and size became clear after repeating their names a few times.

Su Yang nodded. "That's right. I am Su Yang, and you are Xiao Rong."

"Su Yang! Xiao Rong! Su Yang! Xiao Rong!"

"I exist too, you know?" Qiuyue said to herself inwardly after hearing only Su Yang and her own name, Xiao Rong, come out of Xiao Rong's mouth, feeling like she was being ignored, but because she only saw Xiao Rong as a beast that was also a cat, she didn't think too much about it.

"Once you are knowledgeable enough to comprehend human Cultivation techniques, I have a technique I need you to learn," Su Yang suddenly said.

"Eh?" Qiuyue looked at him with lifted brows of confusion. Where did this idea suddenly come from? And what kind of human Cultivation technique does he want her, a beast, to learn?