

G E D 781

Chapter 781 New Hope?

The Ice Fire Beast was furious!

I was only playing nice because you're from Zone 1. Are you ever going to stop?!

After being teased by the tiger cub this whole time and seeing its little brother get fried, the Qilin Beast had lost its senses!

It was common for magical beasts to break into fights for no reason.

Hence —

Thump! Thump! Thump!

A fight broke out right away.

Seeing the two finally exchange blows, the tiger cub let out a breath of relief.

It jumped down from the Ice Fire Beast and dashed into a snowdrift. The next time it showed up, it was next to Feng Wu.

“Roarr —”

The cub boasted about its achievement to Feng Wu.

But Feng Wu was lying in the snow, her skin damp and cold from sweating profusely.

The cub nudged Feng Wu, but she didn't move.

It nudged Feng Wu again, but still got no response.

Bewildered, the cub nudged Feng Wu repeatedly as it whined.

Right now, Feng Wu felt as if her head was on fire. The fire then spread out and grew bigger.

The fire spread from inside out and threatened to burn Feng Wu into ashes.

The cub was worried sick! What should it do?

The Qilin Beast and the Ice Fire Beast were fighting a short distance away. The wind picked up the loose snow from the ground and threw it into the air, along with some blood. The air itself smelled of danger.

The cub found it too dangerous to stay here, but it was too little to carry Feng Wu away.

It had no choice but to drag Feng Wu all the way to the foot of a snowdrift, then cover her up with a thick layer of snow.

The cub walked around Feng Wu, so worried that it was in tears.

Aww —

What?

The cub noticed the jade pendant hanging on Feng Wu's waistband. It glittered in the darkness.

What was that?

Following its instinct, the cub pulled the pendant off Feng Wu's waistband, then put it on the wound on Feng Wu's neck.

It wondered if the pendant could help...

The cub shivered a little in the chilly wind. It then found a comfortable spot in Feng Wu's arms and closed its eyes.

It was still so young, and it had used up its spiritual essence to lure the Qilin Beast here.

Hm —

The cub soon slipped into deep meditation.

As for Feng Wu —

It was as if a volcano was erupting inside her body, but at the same time, she was freezing on the outside.

An endless mountain range seemed to separate the inside from the outside, and it felt as if the two sides would never be compatible.

Feng Wu couldn't move, but her mind had never been so clear.

Was this terminal lucidity?

Feng Wu had a bitter taste in her mouth.

She had considered combining the spiritual energy of two attributes, but —

She had activated the elements of fire and earth, but not ice.

Without the ice element, she wouldn't be able to merge fire and water together.

Feng Wu was full of utter despair when —

All of a sudden.

Thump!

Something snapped inside her.

It was as if a thick layer of ice had cracked. The ice then grew thin and collapsed...

That was what seemed to be going on in Feng Wu's dantian!

That...

Feng Wu thought she could see dots of white light flying around her. They felt like cold breath and looked like pretty snowflakes.

Was she hallucinating?

Feng Wu thought that she was imagining it because she was under the snow. She was fantasizing about having an ice attribute.

“But how can that possible?” A wry smile appeared on Feng Wu’s pale face.

All of a sudden —

The ice began to fly into her body.

Chapter 782 Activate the Ice Attribute

It was the tiniest amount, but was enough to wake Feng Wu up!

It was like a few drops of rain falling into a raging fire.

What?

Feng Wu’s heart skipped a beat.

What did that mean?

Had she somehow activated a specialization in the ice attribute?

But didn’t the activation take place when one was young? Was it still possible for adults?

Feng Wu was beyond astonished!

She was so weak that she almost passed out from the excitement.

After taking three deep breaths, Feng Wu was finally able to gather some strength.

With much difficulty, she sat up, then took out a crystal ball from her ring. It was used to examine one’s spiritual essence.

She pressed a palm to the crystal ball.

Immediately, three colors appeared in it.

The fire attribute took up the biggest section, followed by the earth attribute.

Between the red and the brown was a bluish white belt.

It hadn’t been there before!

Feng Wu’s stomach lurched, and she felt a burst of pleasant surprise!

The water attribute was blue in color, which made that bluish white belt the ice attribute!

Feng Wu was so excited!

Normally, one had to work on their water attribute until they reached a certain stage before the ice attribute could be derived from it. But now...

She had somehow activated the ice attribute directly?

Feng Wu had to take a few deep breaths to absorb the good news!

Holy shit!

Talk about a blessing in disguise!

The narrow escape from death was only a small price to pay in exchange for what she had gained!

Taking another deep breath, Feng Wu activated her spiritual essence, directing the ice element into her body.

Feng Wu was exceptionally lucky.

Any other day, she wouldn't have so much ice attribute energy to use.

But now, she was in the middle of Proud Snowfield and was surrounded by an endless supply of ice.

And what was even better —

Feng Wu wouldn't have been able to consume much ice attribute energy before, but now —

The heat inside her was like a bottomless pit, and no amount of ice seemed enough.

It would be such a waste if Feng Wu didn't make good use of this opportunity.

Without hesitation, Feng Wu sat up with much difficulty.

The slightest move caused such excruciating pain, and she almost stopped breathing, but she still managed to sit up with her legs crossed.

It took her several minutes just to get into position. Sweat covered her forehead.

Crack —

A noise made Feng Wu lower her head involuntarily.

She noticed the jade pendant.

It had been on her neck, sticking to the wound where the Ice Fire Beast had bitten her.

The cool jade wasn't freezing to the touch.

Wait —

Feng Wu spotted a crack on the pendant.

It was a bluish white color.

The color of the ice element...

Wait!

Feng Wu's heart skipped a beat.

Could it be that the activation of the ice attribute had something to do with this jade pendant? Was it possible?

Feng Wu wanted to deny it, but a voice in her head kept telling her: Yes, that was it. It was all because of this jade pendant from Jun Linyuan.

Shaking her head, Feng Wu stuffed the pendant back into her pocket.

That could wait. Her top priority now was to absorb the ice attribute energy.

Sitting still, Feng Wu activated her spiritual essence, gradually taking in the ice attribute energy through her skin, blood circulation, breathing...

Feng Wu felt as if she had been split into two halves.

She was hot inside and cold on the outside.

And there seemed to be a wall between the two, stopping them from fusing with each other.

Chapter 783 How's the Girl Doing?

The ice attribute energy gradually seeped into Feng Wu's body.

It then met the fire attribute energy.

Whoosh —

There was a sizzling sound, which was expected when water met fire.

But the ice attribute energy was much weaker than its fire counterpart, and it was used up almost as soon as it entered Feng Wu.

However, Feng Wu was able to sense the surging spiritual essence during this process.

She absorbed more, which was consumed, and the process was repeated all over again.

Time passed without her knowing it.

The sun rose, dispelling the darkness.

Then darkness returned again.

She lost track of time...

Meanwhile, Priest Wu was worried sick in front of the screen.

Grand Secretary Fang returned to find that the screen had gone dark. "What happened?"

Priest Wu smiled bitterly. "Xiao Wu took off her headband. We can't hear her."

"But what happened to the visual?!" Grand Secretary Fang glared at him.

Priest Wu gave him a wry smile. "She's underground. Come to think of it, that girl is so incredible."

He then told Grand Secretary Fang what happened.

Grand Secretary Fang's mouth fell open. "The girl... is practically a miracle worker!"

Grand Secretary Fang had thought he would lose Feng Wu for good, but the girl was able to open a new path. She had instructed the tiger cub to lure a Qilin Beast to her location before instigating a fight between the two beasts, which was still ongoing.

From the bait to the actual fight, so many things could have gone wrong and every step could have led to a complete failure.

But Feng Wu had done it.

“That tiger cub is an awesome little thing, too.” Grand Secretary Fang shook his head with a wry smile.

It had been sleeping in Feng Wu’s pocket all this time and no one knew it could be such a great help in a critical moment like this.

“By the way, what did His Majesty say?” Priest Wu asked.

Grand Secretary Fang shook his head. “The entrance of Proud Snowfield has closed and a lot of work will be involved if we want to open it again before the tryout ends. His Majesty is working on it.”

He then checked the screen on the left for the current rankings.

The first had changed to Yu Mingye.

Xuanyuan Yi was second.

And Gongsun Qing was third.

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He read all the 200 names. Feng Wu wasn’t there.

Grand Secretary Fang smiled bitterly. When was that girl going to come out of the snow?

Outside Imperial College.

Many were discussing animatedly about the change in the rankings.

“Yu Mingye is first now!”

“What’s so surprising about that? Where else should the sacred son be?”

“Princess Mu Yaoyao fell out of the rankings the other day for some unknown reason, but she’s making her way back up. She’s already tenth.”

“Speaking of which, Miss Gongsun is so impressive. She fell out of the first 200 the other day, but she’s already third now.”

“That Feng Wu, on the other hand, never made it into the rankings. It seems she’s really a good-for-nothing.”

“Of course she is. She’s always been a cripple. No one expected otherwise.”

“Hey, do you know Duan Chaoge, that friend of Feng Wu’s?”

“What do you think? She’s like Feng Wu’s most loyal minion.”

“Look, Duan Chaoge is seventh!”

“Wow! That’s really something! Duan Chaoge is seventh and Feng Wu isn’t even in the first 200.”

“If Duan Chaoge makes it into Imperial College and Feng Wu doesn’t... Oh god, Feng Wu will be so mad!”

Chapter 784 The Peril Godly Empress Doctor

The rankings on the screen outside Imperial College were updated every hour.

After each update, the new rankings would be sent to all the major families right away.

Northern Feng Mansion.

Lady Northern Feng heaved a long sigh as she read the latest report.

Feng Xun looked at her in bewilderment. “Mother, what was that for?”

Lady Northern Feng said, “What do you think? I’m worried about your sister. If you ask me, she should never have taken part in that tryout in the first place.

“One should always work at what they’re good at and avoid their weak points. Cultivation and spiritual essence weren’t your sister’s forte at all, but she just had to go...”

Feng Xun tilted his head and his eyes darted around.

“What are you thinking?” Lady Northern Feng asked.

Feng Xun said, “If I can give her a hand...”

“Of course you can! What are you waiting for?!” Lady Northern Feng cast a stern look at Feng Xun. “Do I need to remind you that she’s your sister?”

Feng Xun waved his hands. “I know she’s my sister. I’m just not sure if it’s a good idea to help her with getting into Imperial College.”

“We can decide that later. Just help her now!” Lady Northern Feng pounded her fist on the table.

Feng Xun nodded. “I’ll go get Boss Jun.”

Back in Proud Snowfield.

While Feng Wu hid underground, the Qilin Beast and the Ice Fire Beast tore at each other’s throat.

The fierce battle had attracted a lot of the candidates’ attention.

For the first time in days, smoke rose from the snowfield.

After a few days of searching, more candidates had found each other.

Right now, teams had formed in Proud Snowfield.

Yu Mingye had entered the central area as soon as the tryout started and no one had spotted him since.

Hence, the most capable team at the moment was built around Xuanyuan Yi.

The team members included Xuanyuan Yi, Fang Hai, Luo Zhen, and some other candidates, including Mu Yaoyao.

And the second team was led by Gongsun Qing. Shi Xuan, Tao Shuang, Yin Yi, and Du Jian were among the members.

Ning Chenxi had his own team as well.

“Word is there’s a battle in Zone 2, and a fierce one!”

“I’d love to go have a look —”

“Are you sure? I don’t think we’re capable enough to go there yet.”

“How about we join hands and go in together?”

Many agreed to the idea.

In the end, dozens of candidates formed new teams and headed for Zone 2.

Feng Wu had no idea of the approaching newcomers. Right now, she was still hiding under the snow.

Once the ice attribute energy entered her dantian, it was transformed into spiritual essence and circulated around her body.

Her focus at the moment was solely on her cultivation.

The ice attribute energy kept seeping in before running through her channels in the form of spiritual essence.

It was an addition to the fire attribute energy.

As the ice attribute energy worked its way in, Feng Wu could sense her body being enhanced.

And, to her excitement, the two kinds of energy began to merge.

No matter how much ice attribute energy entered her body, it would be melted down.

Feng Wu had brought some spiritual stones with her. Whenever her spiritual essence ran out, she would draw on the top-grade spiritual stones.

Luckily, she had dug out quite a few spiritual stones from underneath the Fang manor. They were all stored in her ring.

One, two, three...

Once the spiritual stones were drained of spiritual essence, they turned to ash, which Feng Wu would scatter on the ground.

Absorb the ice attribute energy, work it into her body, and turn it into spiritual essence.

Chapter 785 Out of Danger

The spiritual essence would then merge with the fire attribute energy. Feng Wu would then draw on the top-grade spiritual stones to recover before starting the process again...

The cycle went on and on.

Although she didn't make any progress in her cultivation level, Feng Wu was getting stronger with this cultivation cycle.

Time crawled by —

Feng Wu stopped her cultivation when she sensed that she had attained perfection at her current level. Slowly, she opened her eyes.

The debilitating feeling was gone. She was back to normal.

She had finally consolidated her foundation, which had been a little shaky lately with how fast she was making progress.

Feng Wu rubbed Feng Tutu in her pocket.

Thanks to this little guy, who had lured that Qilin Beast here at the critical moment, she was still alive.

Brushing the snow away, Feng Wu saw daylight again.

After spending days in the dark, the white snow stung her eyes a little. Feng Wu raised a hand to shield her eyes from the light.

She only put her hand down after she got used to the light outside again.

It was a mess in the snowfield.

The Ice Fire Beast was lying in a pool of blood.

Its chest had been slashed open and its entrails were everywhere, making for a gory scene.

But it wasn't dead yet. It was staring at Feng Wu!

It could no longer pose a threat. Instead, the light in its eyes was fading.

Feng Wu then checked the other side.

The Qilin Beast didn't look any better.

It was lying less than ten meters away from the Ice Fire Beast.

There was a gash on its neck which had almost decapitated it; its head was barely attached to its body.

It made a raspy noise when it spotted Feng Wu, but couldn't utter a proper sound.

Grand Secretary Fang and Priest Wu watched with open mouths.

"Even this is possible?"

The two old men exchanged looks of amazement.

She had lured the Qilin Beast over and hidden in the snow, and was now coming up to clear the mess afterward?

By clearing up the mess —

Feng Wu crouched down, took out a dagger, and whoosh!

She cut a horn off the Ice Fire Beast's head.

“Arghh —”

The Ice Fire Beast screamed and glared at Feng Wu. These cruel, despicable human beings!

Feng Wu smiled a little. “Are you accusing me of being cruel and despicable? Well, it's the law of the jungle.”

After that, she raised the blade and cut off the remaining horn.

There were two horns on the Ice Fire Beast's head, known as the Fire Dragon Horn and the Ice Dragon Horn respectively. They contained all the beast's achievements in cultivation.

Feng Wu specialized in both the ice and fire attributes, and the two horns would benefit her greatly.

You'll die without ice attribute energy! Mwahahahaha — the Ice Fire Beast glowered at Feng Wu. Blue veins popped on its forehead and its face was twisted with rage.

Feng Wu raised a hand and a ball of fire appeared on her palm.

The Ice Fire Beast watched in bewilderment.

However, to its amazement, it saw the ball of fire then become encased in an ice cube.

The cube wrapped around the fire like a protective lampshade.

No, no — the Ice Fire Beast stared at Feng Wu so hard that its eyes popped.

That was impossible!

The beast couldn't believe it!

The girl hadn't had the ice attribute energy in her when it had sucked her blood.

“I guess I have you to thank.” Feng Wu darted an indifferent glance at the beast. “Without you, I probably would have never been able to activate the ice attribute.”

Chapter 786 Feeling Good

No, no —

The Ice Fire Beast glared at Feng Wu and wouldn't look away.

It shook its head repeatedly.

Blood poured out of the holes where the horns used to be.

“Pffft —” The Ice Fire Beast spat out a mouthful of blood, convulsed violently, and died.

It refused to close its eyes.

It was still staring at Feng Wu with a twisted face in its very last moment.

In front of the screen, Grand Secretary Fang and Priest Wu exchanged amazed looks yet again.

Priest Wu asked, "Ice attribute?"

Grand Secretary Fang said, "Yes."

Priest Wu asked, "Can it happen to adults?"

Grand Secretary Fang said, "Not normally."

"But —"

Feng Wu had done it.

Just then, footsteps came from outside!

Grand Secretary Fang and Priest Wu switched the camera focus right away and the screen now showed Xuanyuan Yi.

A tall, thin old man in a neat white robe walked in, looking almost ethereal.

He greeted Grand Secretary Fang with a smile as soon as he entered the room. "Mr Fang, have you been here every day?"

It was the elderly head of the Xuanyuan family and one of the seven members of the education board, Xuanyuan Kun.

"I have." Grand Secretary Fang nodded, then gestured at Xuanyuan Kun to sit down.

Seeing his grandson on the screen, Xuanyuan Kun smiled even more cheerfully. "Have you been observing Yi Er?"

Grand Secretary Fang nodded. "Xuanyuan Yi has been quite impressive."

Xuanyuan Kun gloated, which didn't match his otherworldly demeanor.

Stroking his goatee, he feigned a look of resignation. "Not impressive enough, apparently. He's still second. What a pity."

Priest Wu rubbed his chin. "Not necessarily."

Xuanyuan Kun looked as if he was confused. "How so?"

Priest Wu cursed the cunning old man in his head. The old fox was doing this on purpose. However, he still answered the question. "The sacred son might be first in the physical tryout, but he did very poorly in the written exam. We can't say for sure that he'll be first."

Xuanyuan Kun rubbed his chin, as if he was lost in thought, but his eyes flickered.

He then waved his hand. "No, no, that can't be. The sacred son is as famous as His Royal Highness; there's no way my Yi Er will be able to surpass him."

Priest Wu vented his sarcasm inwardly. If that's the case, cut the crap already.

However, in order to keep Xuanyuan Kun's attention away from Feng Wu, Priest Wu had to find every excuse to compare Xuanyuan Yi with Yu Mingye.

"Of course it's possible. Anything is possible. We'll never know before the final results are out." Priest Wu gave a double-edged reply.

In fact, Priest Wu found Feng Wu much more promising than Xuanyuan Yi.

Grand Secretary Fang had warned Priest Wu already: For some special reason, Feng Wu's recovery of her cultivation ability couldn't be made public yet. It had to stay a secret.

Priest Wu grinned at Xuanyuan Kun.

To him, first and second place in the exam should belong to Feng Wu and Yu Mingye. There was no hope for Xuanyuan Yi.

However, Old Man Xuanyuan here took the bait.

"You really think my Yi Er... has a chance?"

"Yes, of course. Everyone has a chance. Have faith." Priest Wu smiled like a fox.

Xuanyuan Kun waved his hands again, feigning modesty. "You flatter me. Come to think of it, Yi Er really has great talent in martial arts. And he did pretty well in the written exam, too. Hahahaha —"

Chapter 787 Exposed?

Old Man Xuanyuan might try to sound modest, but he failed to hide the satisfaction in his voice.

Grand Secretary Fang darted a look at the guy. No one there was nearly as talented as Feng Wu. The girl could activate a second attribute at her current age.

And Feng Wu was unmatched in her performance in the written exam — she was the first candidate in history to achieve full marks.

Grand Secretary Fang casually darted another look at Xuanyuan Kun. Buddy, you'll see.

"Oh, by the way —"

Xuanyuan Kun feigned an indifferent tone. "How about we take a look at that Yu Mingye? What's he up to at the moment?"

The old man was really here to sound them out.

Grand Secretary Fang knew that the top candidate each year would be rewarded with special cultivation resources.

The fact that even someone as experienced as Xuanyuan Kun was interested in the reward was proof enough of how valuable it was.

Grand Secretary Fang darted a glance at Xuanyuan Kun. "The sacred son made an agreement with the college before he went in. All visual surveillance of him is off-limits."

Xuanyuan Kun rubbed his chin. He had heard rumors of it, but it still displeased him to be rejected outright.

“What about Feng Wu? Let’s have a look at her.” Xuanyuan Kun changed his target.

Priest Wu and Grand Secretary Fang exchanged looks.

He wanted to see Xiao Wu? No way.

The girl was taking her reward from that Ice Fire Beast even as they were speaking. If Xuanyuan Kun saw it, he would be alarmed and would probably keep an eye on Feng Wu from now on.

The Xuanyuan family was well-acquainted with the Zuo family, and Xuanyuan Kun was also a close friend of Zuo He.

Xiao Wu was the reason Zuo He was dead. Therefore, the girl couldn’t be exposed no matter what.

At that thought, Grand Secretary Fang turned him down. “That girl has long lost her cultivation ability and she’s not even in the first 200. Why do you want to look at what she’s doing?”

Priest Wu chimed in, “And she’s a girl, and could be swimming or taking a bath as we speak. That’s highly inappropriate for us old men to watch. You old bat —”

Embarrassed, Xuanyuan Kun tried to make an excuse. “I’m curious, that’s all.”

“No, you’re not. You’re worried that Feng Wu will threaten Xuanyuan Yi’s ranking. Are you serious? The girl isn’t even in the first 200. Forget it. According to the most updated information —”

Only the names of the first 200 candidates were on the screen, but Grand Secretary Fang had the clearance level to see the full list.

And he scrolled down the list.

All 900 candidates were ranked according to their scores.

Of the original 1000 candidates, 100 had withdrawn because of the dangers they had run into. Of the remaining 900 candidates, Feng Wu was ranked last.

“Pfft —”

Even someone as composed as Xuanyuan Kun couldn’t suppress his laughter when he saw the rankings.

Grand Secretary Fang and Priest Wu both frowned.

Xiao Wu had absorbed the spiritual essence of both the Ice Fire Beast and the Qilin Beast, but because she had removed her headband, the stars weren’t lit. Otherwise, she would be at the top of the list!

Xuanyuan Kun had no idea what the other two old men were thinking. Stroking his beard, he smiled wryly. “The first in the written exam is last in the physical tryout. That’s a first —”

Xuanyuan Kun left the room, still chuckling.

Feng Wu had no idea what was going on outside, nor was she aware of the harsh comments about her. Right now, she was focused on absorbing every last bit of the spiritual essence coming out of the Ice Fire Beast.

Chapter 788 A Great Harves

The spiritual essence was dissipating fast. If Feng Wu didn't act quickly enough, it would soon disappear into thin air.

Therefore, Feng Wu woke the cub and Little Phoenix up, and got them to absorb the spiritual essence along with her.

The girl, the cub, and the bird formed a triangle around the Ice Fire Beast and feasted on the spiritual essence, and they didn't stop until it ran out fifteen minutes later.

After that, Feng Wu turned to that Qilin Beast.

With its head barely attached to its body, the beast stared at the tiger cub with a despairing look in its eyes.

This cub was the culprit in this whole thing!

The tiger cub had lured the Qilin Beast out and instigated a fight between the two beasts. Then —

“It... wasn't... your dad?”

Seeing that the tiger cub was very close to the human girl and that it was even absorbing the Ice Fire Beast's spiritual essence, the Qilin Beast finally realized what had happened.

It stammered out those words in broken beast language, feeling utterly betrayed.

The tiger cub looked back at the Qilin Beast with an innocent look in its eyes and shook its head. Of course not.

The Qilin Beast was shocked!

So, it had been tricked by this abominable tiger cub!

It wanted to cut the cub into pieces!

Its gaze then shifted from the cub to Feng Wu.

Her blood smelled so good...

Staring at Feng Wu with a greedy look in its eyes, the Qilin Beast said to the cub in a matter-of-fact tone, “You, do me a favor.”

The cub looked at it in bewilderment.

The Qilin Beast swallowed in pain, then stared at Feng Wu. “Kill her and... give her blood... to me...”

Instinct made the Qilin Beast struggle for its life.

Somehow, it knew that it would survive if it could eat the human girl.

Had it known better... had it known that the human girl was hiding in the snow, it would have shared the girl with that Ice Fire Beast. She would have been dead by now.

Feng Wu recognized the murderous look in the Qilin Beast's eyes.

"What is it saying?" Feng Wu didn't understand the language.

"It said: Kill you, drink your blood."

While the cub was still gesturing with its paws, Little Phoenix, who was the more intelligent one, translated for Feng Wu.

"And, if it knew that you were hiding in the snow, it wouldn't have fought with the Ice Fire Beast. It would have shared you with the Ice Fire Beast and they could eat you together." Little Phoenix broke the cruel news to Feng Wu.

Feng Wu was speechless.

Luckily, the cub had dragged her into a pit, or she would have been eaten up by now.

Feng Wu went up to the Qilin Beast, crouched down, and stared at it coldly. "I didn't mean to get you involved and I was sorry that you almost got decapitated. I was going to treat your wound."

The beast might be beyond saving for other doctors, but not Feng Wu.

She could have saved this Qilin Beast cub, but —

"Your worst decision was to express your will to kill me at this moment." Feng Wu looked into the Qilin Beast's pleading yet angry and agitated eyes.

"I know you're pissed and you may even promise not to kill me afterward, but —" Feng Wu smiled. "I know the story of the farmer and the snake."

"You —"

The Qilin Beast spoke its own language, but it could understand what Feng Wu was saying.

Chapter 789 Men in Black!

It stared at Feng Wu with unblinking eyes!

"Pfft —"

Finally, the Qilin Beast spat out a mouthful of blood before collapsing on the ground...

It died with its eyes open!

A pot appeared in Feng Wu's hand, together with a tube.

She stuck one end of the tube into the Qilin Beast's neck and left the other end in the pot.

The Qilin Beast's blood then flowed into the pot through the tube.

“It would be such a waste if we let such precious material rot here.” Once the tube was set, Feng Wu found a flat area to put the pot down, then beckoned Little Phoenix and the cub over to absorb the spiritual essence of the Qilin Beast.

Feng Wu had quite a few spiritual stones left, but in order to absorb the spiritual essence from them, they had to go through an extraction process first.

The Qilin Beast’s spiritual essence, on the other hand, existed separately to begin with, and was much faster to absorb. It was efficient and much less wasteful.

If Grand Secretary Fang and Priest Wu hadn’t stopped Xuanyuan Kun earlier and had let the guy switch the camera focus back to Feng Wu, this would be what they would have seen.

All would be exposed if that happened.

They drained the Qilin Beast of all its spiritual essence in fifteen minutes.

Little Phoenix and the cub both fell asleep.

Feng Wu knew that both would be able to make another breakthrough after they woke up, and they would be incredible.

Feng Wu smiled at that thought.

With a wave of her hand, she put the two pets away in her ring.

And the pot full of Qilin blood was also stored there.

Feng Wu had built a small storage room about 5 square meters in size inside the ring space, where she put all her bits and bobs.

As for the rest of the ring space, well, it was her beautiful master’s personal space and she wouldn’t mess it up with all the sundry goods.

Once that was done, Feng Wu torched the dead bodies of the two beasts. She left only after they were burnt to cinders.

Shortly after she left —

All of a sudden.

Apparition-like figures appeared on the spot where Feng Wu had been standing.

They were all dressed in black.

Black head scarves, black masks, black robes, black trousers, and black shoes. These people seemed to suck in all the light around them.

They weren’t students of Imperial College, which was why the system didn’t detect them.

“A battle took place here.”

The head of this team of ten was a slender hitman. Staring at the embers, he frowned a little.

“The battle was between two magical beasts, but I see signs of Feng Wu.” A short man went down on all fours and snuffled loudly in the snow.

He followed the scent and headed all the way toward a pile of snow.

Before long, he began to dig into the ground until he reached a hole. “Feng Wu was hiding here earlier!”

This team of men in black uniforms were professionals. Both their tones and their movements sent chills down one’s spine.

It was as if they weren’t talking about a real person, but a corpse.

Feng Wu, who was walking in a valley, sneezed all of a sudden.

Achoo —

She rubbed her nose. Was someone talking about her behind her back?

Back to the other side —

The lanky team leader looked down at the short member. “Ten, are you sure?”

“Yes, Captain!” The eyes of the teenager addressed as “Ten” glinted.

“How can you be so sure? Do I need to remind you that by successfully completing this task, our team, Blade, will be set for the rest of the year?” The team leader stared at Ten with a savage look in his eyes.

Chapter 790 Winter Is Coming

“I can detect her scent here and it’s still quite fresh. That is to say, she hasn’t been gone for too long.” Ten returned his captain’s gaze, his voice full of confidence.

“She was able to live through a fight between two magical beasts. She doesn’t look like a cripple to me.” The team leader grinned ominously.

Two said in a casual tone, “A cripple wouldn’t have been able to stay alive in Zone 2 for three days.”

That alarmed all the other members.

The team leader grinned. “The employer made a side note on the contract, and suspects that she has regained her cultivation ability. Guys, once this job is done, we’re set for a whole year. Are you in or not?”

“We’re in!”

“Good. We’re moving out!”

They had been flying low for three days, searching every inch from Zone 5 to Zone 2. Finally, they were closing in on Feng Wu.

Feng Wu had no idea that a team of hitmen was coming after her, let alone that this team was able to evade detection by the system and enter Proud Snowfield without raising the alarm.

Feng Wu checked the map in her head.

She frowned a little.

If she was guessing right, a team of over 50 members was headed for Zone 2 in the direction of where the two beasts had fought.

Feng Wu was glad that she had torched the remains of the Qilin Beast and the Ice Fire Beast. Otherwise, the others might look into it, and there would be a lot of trouble.

She had two options now.

One was to meet up with Chaoge in Zone 3. They would then go to the central area together to find the Frosty Night Beast.

The other option was to enter the central area alone, where she would find the beast, get the Heart of Frost Essence, then go and get Chaoge.

Feng Wu shook her head when she recalled Chaoge's capability as a Level 2 Spiritual Grandmaster.

The Frosty Night Beast was too dangerous. Feng Wu would have to look after Chaoge, and might be distracted if Chaoge went with her, which would put Chaoge in even more danger.

Thus, Feng Wu decided to go by herself.

Once that was decided, Feng Wu ducked her head against the wind and snow and hastened on.

She ran into a sudden snowstorm on the way.

The weather wasn't suitable for traveling anymore.

Seeing that it was getting late, Feng Wu found a leeward slope, dug a hole in the snow, then crawled into it.

It was a dark, windy night. Together with the raging snowstorm and the fact that she was on the edge of Zone 1, where formidable magical beasts dwelled, her life would be in danger if she pressed on.

Feng Wu closed her eyes and began to cultivate once she sat down in the hole.

After absorbing the spiritual essence of the Ice Fire Beast and the Qilin Beast, Feng Wu needed time to process it so that it could be transformed into spiritual essence that she could use. Otherwise, it would only pile up in her energy channels and become a burden on her health.

It was the same as drinking a potent tonic and not digesting it.

Little Phoenix and the cub were much luckier. Once they settled down in their dormant states, their bodies automatically started to work, digesting the spiritual essence they had absorbed.

That was the main difference between the cultivation methods of magical beasts and human beings.

After circulating the spiritual essence around her body three times, Feng Wu was able to digest most of it. Just then, she heard faint voices outside.

"Captain, the trail stops here."

"Hm?"

“I followed Feng Wu’s scent all the way until we reached this spot. It has disappeared.”

“With the wind and snow, any traces of her would have been blown away immediately. Are you sure Feng Wu was here?”

“Yes! Upon my life!”

The conversation continued...