

Pet Store 551

Chapter 551 Outbreak

“Sir, the third and fourth generations of our family have returned. Those of the fifth generation who are still training out there were told to find a hiding spot and only come back when everything settles,” a middle-aged man reported.

He was of the second generation of the Tang family, the cornerstone generation.

As for the third and fourth generations, they were still young; they represented the future of the Tang family.

As for the fifth generation, they were even younger. They were still out there, experiencing the world. They were the seeds of the Tang family.

A middle-aged man sitting on a chair nodded after listening to the report. The man appeared sickly and his hair was turning gray. It seemed that he was still recovering from a grave illness.

“If we can survive this, the Tang family will be reborn, becoming even stronger than ever before!” The man stood up. A rosy color climbed to his cheeks, making him look a bit healthier. However, everyone was able to tell that he was merely using his astral powers to keep up appearances.

“The Tang family has a history of eight hundred years and I am currently in charge.

“During those glorious eight hundred years, we have had two legendary battle pet warriors and 72 titled battle pet warriors!

“We’ve fought many battles, hunted beast kings and slain hundreds of ninth-rank beasts. We fought for the Yedou Base City and we’ve sent help to more than a dozen base cities to protect them from beast strikes!”

“We have never escaped from any battle and we never lost one!”

“The Situ family and the Wang family are asking for the moon if they think they can cannibalize us because I got hurt during cultivation!” The man addressed the room vigorously, with bright piercing eyes, “The Tang family will not fall and will not lose. The only ones who can defeat us are basically ourselves!”

The people in the room were inspired by that resounding declaration!

They had never lost a battle!

The glory of the Tang family will not end!

Eight hundred years the Tang family had strived. Some dynasties would not even last that long. “We’ve heard from our sources that the Situ family and the Tang family will get to the Yedou Base City overnight to strike us!”

The family head, Tang Linzhan, gave a once over at the room as he slowly took his seat. “I will try my best to recover in the next three days. I will let your future family head, Tang Ruyun, take care of all arrangements and plans during the next three days!”

Many people turned their eyes to focus on a girl.

She was but eighteen or nineteen years of age. Young as she was, she could keep a cold appearance and calmness in such a grave situation.

Many people were aware that the girl was their future leader and she had earned their recognition and trust with her abilities. The bond of blood was not the only standard when determining the future family head; the candidate had to be equipped with excellent abilities.

There was no doubt that of the fourth generation, Tang Ruyu was the most talented one!

Of all the past geniuses and talents of the Tang family, Tang Ruyu was the more outstanding one as well!

She had become a master battle pet warrior when she was merely eighteen years old.

She had overpowered most of the younger generation; not even the family elders questioned her strength. Compared to Tang Ruyu, their children didn't even come close.

Even the students learning in the best academy of the Subcontinent District would merely be at the seventh rank when they were eighteen.

Those who were at the eighth rank at such a young age would be considered celebrity students in the academy!

Tang Ruyu also excelled in planning and strategy! She had been entrusted with the mission of leading the family at a critical and difficult moment. Some were worried but no one opposed having her take the lead.

The elders had no issue with that at all. They were aware that, while Tang Ruyu was the nominal leader, she was just carrying out orders from the sly fox, Tang Zhanlin.

"Yes, sir!"

Tang Ruyu stood up. Her voice was neither humble nor pushy.

Tang Zhanlin nodded. "I've told the mayor to keep the status quo in the base city and try not to alert the enemies for the time being. We shall be adequately prepared in the next three days. I'm going to show the world that the Tang family will not fall victim of bullying, even without legendary battle pet warriors!"

"The Tang family will prevail!" people chanted vigorously.

Even without legendary battle pet warriors, the Tang family was still one of the four ancient families.

"We will defeat all those who dare invade our territory..." Tang Ruyu thus claimed.

That night, a secret meeting was held.

To make arrangements for the next three days.

After the meeting, some elders escorted Tang Linzhan to a secret cultivation location of the Tang family. "Sir, will the Situ family and the Wang family suspect anything if we issue the notice so quickly?" "I mean to have them suspect things, suspecting that I've deliberately spread intel to them through their 'informants'. They may change their strategies. While our sources of information within those families are concealed well, there's no telling if they would later be exposed. Maybe the two families have also fed us information purposefully."

"That is true. Otherwise, it would be unlikely for us to know a strike that is going to happen three days later."

"I wonder if they're going to strike earlier, since they're altering their plans."

"Hard to tell. We shall see."

Some elders chatted and parted ways later.

Two days went by.

On the night two days after, a large number of flames suddenly appeared outside the Yedou Base City, illuminating the night sky. "Charge!!"

Many people jumped out from underground, outside the north gate of the Yedou Base City. They used pets of the stone family to tunnel their way directly to the city gate. The guards immediately sounded the alarm, right after the initial stage of shock because of the sudden invasion.

Soon after the alarm, the formerly closed gate was opened. Suddenly, chaos descended near the guards on the city wall. They began to fight each other and some were killed instantly.

"We have moles among us!!" a person shouted miserably.

The north gate of the Yedou Base City had been breached. Many people quickly found their way through the door and into the city. Some titled battle pet warriors flew across the wall. There had to be more than a hundred of them!

People would be startled if they ever saw this!

Titled battle pet warriors were second only to legendary battle pet warriors, and yet, more than a hundred were breaching the base city. How shocking!

They charged toward the Tang family compound as they entered the Yedou Base City through the gate.

Along the way, their battle pets stomped and destroyed the many buildings and stores. Some residents lost their lives in their sleep and some were crushed to death by their fallen houses.

The battle pet warriors didn't care about those residents at all. As far as they were concerned, the people who had no fighting abilities were puny insects who had nothing to do with them.

"Charge!!" The shouts and bellows were heard all across the Yedou Base City.

Countless battle pet warriors swarmed into the Yedou Base City, pressing toward the Tang family compound.

Soon, many people were gathered outside the Tang family compound. Several fireballs were discharged into the Tang family estate. However, there was a large shield over the compound that fended off the fireballs. Many disciples had ready themselves inside the Tang territory. They were armed to the teeth, ready for battle.

“Listen up, members of the Situ family, let’s wipe out the Tang family!” a man shouted and a dragon snarled after him. Many titled battle pet warriors summoned their battle pets and descended over the Tang family compound.

Chapter 552 Aggression and Betrayal

“Onward!!” The ninth-rank beasts took the lead and charged their way into the Tang family compound. The other battle pet warriors formed arrays to converge their astral powers. The battle pets they summoned were grouped according to their categories. Some of the battle pets that were of the same family were able to collaboratively unleash some bloodline skills.

Boom_!

The shield over the Tang family compound gave out a loud noise. The bugle of war was sounded.

“Humph. They are early indeed.”

Inside the Tang family compound, an elder crossed his hands behind his back and stood on a platform, looking down on the scene from a high spot.

The enemies were upon them, like surging tides. He could not tell how many there were but he was sure that it was a force prepared to destroy the Tang family.

“I cannot believe it’s you, Brother Three!”

The elder’s eyes flickered in the darkness. If Su Ping were there, he would have recognized that the elder was Tang Mingqing, the one who had visited his store.

His eyes were as sharp as those of a vulture. He dialed a number on his phone; he said with a low voice, “Sir, everything is ready. We’re waiting for your arrival.”

“Good,” the man answered in a deep voice. In the meantime, the shield over the Tang family compound was getting weaker by the minute. It would be quickly destroyed, given the many battle pet warriors and pets involved in the attack.

While the shield was about to crack, some noises were abruptly heard behind the invaders.

Many fireballs rained down from the sky. The ground trembled as some slops were raised and from them rolled down many boulders.

“Ambush!!”

“The Tactic Army is behind us!”

“Let’s go!”

A leader of the invaders took decisive action; the invading force immediately turned around and charged toward their assailants.

The titled battle pet warriors who had been observing joined in the battle to crush the Tang family assailants. After all, many of the battle pet warriors were also the elite fighters of their respective families.

As the invaders were caught in that fight, the shield over the Tang family compound broke; many battle pets then charged forth from inside the Tang family compound. The battle pets unleashed many types of long-range strikes, making loud noises.

Mist was created; fire was summoned and ice was born.

Glamorous rays of light broke forth in the night sky.

The battle pets snarled and barked, exploring the way. Boom

Bolts of lightning were kindling the night sky.

The invaders looked up, only to see a flock of birds that had a wingspan of more than a dozen meters. The birds flew in the sky, much like floating buildings, and all the birds were Thunder Sparrows!

The Tang family’s Feather Army!

“No, the Thunder Sparrows are collaborating!”

“Listen up! Set up in formation!” “Initiating the Dragon Formation!” The invaders lined up in a special pattern as the orders were issued. They pooled their astral powers together. Instantly, as their astral powers got in sync, a huge shield appeared out of nowhere, right above the invaders; it was a shield as powerful as the one that had been protecting the Tang family compound.

In the meantime, a bolt of lightning of the Thunder Sparrows’ making came crashing down.

That bolt of lightning was hundreds of meters thick. The power surge cut off the electricity supply of half of the Yedou Base City. In the distance further away, some residents even saw electricity sparks in their houses.

Boom!!

The bolt of lightning came whooshing down toward the shield.

Lightning flashed, lighting up the night sky. The radiance was offending to the eyes.

The lightning screamed as if thousands of birds were chattering in an unpleasant way.

Following the bolt of lightning were the strikes from the battle pet warriors. They shot arrows that could pierce through hard materials. The shield was already on the verge of collapsing because the bolt of lightning and the arrows had crushed it completely.

Boom, boom, boom!

Many battle pet warriors were hurt by the arrows.

The casualties were rising among the invaders during that volley of attacks. There was no doubt that the Tang family's Feather Army gained the upper hand and had inspired awe in their enemies.

"Is that the Feather Army?"

"I thought the Tang family had lost a Feather Army. How come there are still so many of them!?"

"No, this is a mixed bunch. Not all of them are master battle pet warriors!" While the invaders flew into a panic, the titled battle pet warriors among them were able to find the weaknesses of the Feather Army.

The Feather Army entered the fight forcefully, but many of them were just there to make up the numbers. Even though they weren't weak, they didn't work well with the master battle pet warriors. It was evident that the Tang family had mobilized members of their other armies to fill up the ranks, because of the previous loss of the Feather Army.

As such, the Feather Army would be less intimidating.

"Brother Feng, how about we have a match? Let's see which one of us can kill more of them."

"Sure thing. I do want to see the power of the spear skill in your family!"

The titled battle pet warriors charged toward the Feather Army.

Swirls appeared next to them; they summoned their battle pets and flew to clash with the Feather Army.

The Feather Army was a formidable force, made by two thousand battle pet warriors. That being said, the titled battle pet warriors were not working alone, either. When it came to comparisons, the Feather Army appeared to be quite clumsy.

The titled battle pet warriors tore up the Feather Army's formation. The members of the Feather Army had to deal with those titled battle pet warriors. "I will go and help them!"

The titled battle pet warriors of the Tang family who were standing in the compound charged forth.

In the meanwhile, Tang Ruyu was standing on high ground, watching and issuing commands.

Right then, a person approached her and she became alerted. She turned around, only to see her father arrive, clad in armor.

But her father was not as sickly as before. Rather, his eyes were full of violence and he was quite vigorous, like a caged beast about to be set free.

"Father... Sir, you wound..." "What wound? Did you think I would foolishly get myself hurt in cultivation?"

Tang Linzhan sneered. He approached Tang Ruyu and said, "The Situ family and the Wang family have been coveting our things for more than six decades. They thought I did not know. Hmm. What? Do they think I'm blind?"

Tang Ruyu was scared pale.

More than sixty decades?

Since she was a kid, she had always been told that the Situ family and the Wang family would battle, just any of the four ancient families would contend against each other.

She had even heard that the Situ family had once killed titled battle pet warriors of the Wang family, and she had seen pictures as proof!

She had thought that the Situ family and Wang family were fierce opponents. But father said that they had been working together for more than six decades!

So, everything she thought was already proven was just for show?

The deceased titled battle pet warriors were “performers”?

She couldn't help but draw a long breath.

Using titled battle pet warriors' deaths as part of the show... How cruel could the two families be!

“Go and get your Uncle Three,” Tang Linzhan said.

Tang Ruyu was about to ask why when Tang Linzhan focused his mind on the battle; he would be the person in charge from that moment on. He had to say that Tang Ruyu was to be left in charge on purpose and faked his wound. So, did he suspect there was a traitor in the family?

A glint of coldness flashed past Tang Ruyu's eyes. She nodded.

Soon, an elder came with Tang Ruyu.

The elder turned pale when he arrived and saw Tang Linzhan.

“Brother Three, come here,” Tang Linzhan said without turning to greet the elder.

The elder was unable to tell if Tang Linzhan was angry.

The elder smiled fawningly at once. “Sir, are you feeling better? I'm so happy. We will be much more assured with you here.” “Come closer.” Tang Linzhan didn't reply. He repeated his demand.

The elder said yes and stepped over.

However, after two steps, the elder unleashed astral powers and dashed toward Tang Ruyu.

The fawning smile on his face turned into ferocity.

It happened too fast but Tang Ruyu just glared at the elder coldly, as if she had anticipated this. She moved away, only leaving behind a blur on the spot. In the meantime, a shadow appeared; it wielded a sword to face the elder.

“You're free from my containment. How is it possible?” shouted the elder in surprise.

He was at the upper position of the titled rank. How could Tang Ruyu escape when she was at the eighth rank?

“That was only a dummy version of me. Take a good look.” Tang Ruyu pointed it out. The elder put on a twisted look. He shouted and punched at the shadow, reaching Tang Ruyu directly, trying to land a punch on her face.

“Humph!”

Right then, a person snorted. Before he knew it, Tang Linzhan had put himself in front of Tang Ruyu and blocked that punch in her stead.

The punch landed on him but he remained perfectly still.

A green glow flashed past him.

“Perfectly still!”

The elder cried out shrilly with terror in his eyes.

Tang Linzhan had reached the top state of the Glass Bulwark.

He could withstand the strikes from ninth-rank beasts with his body alone. Only legendary battle pet warriors or those close to the legendary rank could have hurt him!

When did the current family head of the Tang family reach the top state of the Glass Bulwark? He was merely forty years of age!

Not even the elder could have done that.

“I wanted to give you a chance but you threw it away,” Tang Linzhan declared coldly.

Bang!

He punched out, as quick as lightning. The next second, the terror-stricken elder trembled.

There was a hole on his chest.

His lips trembled. With a bitter expression, the elder murmured, “Sir... please forgive my family...” His voice died down before he could finish his sentence. “You should have realized the price of betrayal.” Tang Linzhan flicked the blood off his hand and went away.

Tang Ruyu stared indifferently at the corpse and the shadow behind her disappeared. Her face was a bit pale. After all, that elder had been at the upper position of the titled rank. She wouldn’t have survived that strike if her father hadn’t stepped in.

While the traitor had been uprooted, things weren’t looking good for the Tang family.

The Situ and Tang families were prepared. They had many titled battle pet warriors while the Tang family’s Feather Army was on the verge of splitting up. The titled battle pet warriors were riding their ninth-rank battle pets, charging all over. The Tang family was losing ground.

Roar!!

Right then, a primitive roar pierced the night

sky.

Every member of the Tang family wore a grave face. Their blood was freezing; they were terrified by that feeling.

Is that a beast king?!

Boom!

A gigantic rhino-like thing appeared. The creature had sharp spikes all over its body. The battle pet warriors of the Situs and the Wangs were making way for it.

That gigantic creature charged toward the Tang family compound.

Several ninth-rank battle pets of the Tang family stopped on their tracks after hearing the creature's roar. Trembling, the battle pets began to withdraw.

The beast king's power overwhelmed everyone present. While it ran around as if under orders, those ninth-rank battle pets ran toward the beast king, even though their shaking had not stopped. Bang! Bang! An invisible force in the air crushed almost all the ninth-rank battle pets to death. One of the battle pets that was of the stone family didn't die at once but was close.

The gates of the Tang family compound fell.

"Sir!"

Tang Ruyu was startled.

On the other hand, Tang Linzhan didn't appear to be quite surprised. "Get the Ocean Umbrella ready. Let's kill the beast!"

Tang Ruyu ran off at once...

But before long, Tang Ruyu had returned; she appeared to be agitated. In a hurry, she broke the news, "Father... sir, there's something wrong with the Ocean Umbrella!"

"What?"

Tang Linzhan was scared by this.

The Ocean Umbrella was their family treasure and heirloom. What could go wrong with it?

The man taking care of the Ocean Umbrella was a person he trusted with his heart and soul.

All of a sudden, a man came shouting in indignation; it was Tang Mingqing. "Sir, it's Brother Seven. He has turned against us!" Tang Linzhan trembled. He had almost blacked out.

The man I trusted the most betrayed me?

He would have been less surprised if his daughter Tang Ruyu would have been the one to betray the Tang family. He would have never believed that the man he saw as a brother, the one who had saved him from peril so many times, and the one who had almost died for him would betray him!

"No way..."

The voice was hoarse, as if there were a fire in his throat.

But he didn't sound certain.

"Sir!" Tang Mingqing shouted.

Tang Linzhan came back to his senses but he was still a bit absent-minded. Soon after, sharpness came back to his eyes; he couldn't allow himself to give in because he was the man in command of the Tang family. "Brother Seven cannot break the Ocean Umbrella or take it away, even if he betrayed us. I'll go and take a look; you stay here," he said to Tang Ruyu.

She nodded.

Tang Linzhan ran toward the darkness.

Chapter 553 Her Glorious Return

Pixie Pet Store, Longjiang Base City.

Inside a cultivation site.

Boom!

While a loud, ear-splitting noise resounded, the ugly beast fell to the ground.

Standing before the fallen figure was a panting, slim girl: Tang Ruyan.

Her dark hair danced in the air; there was more coldness on her delicate face and eyes.

The gods had lost most of their territories to the beasts in that divinity realm. Countless had died after years of wars. Some of the deceased managed to resist the pull from the realms of the undead and stayed on by leveraging their Divine Energy. However, the undead and dark force had gradually affected those souls, gradually turning them into undead creatures.

There was a time when those undead creatures were gods, beasts, or the original undead creatures that had once lived there.

After becoming undead creatures, the previous gods would have a change of temper. They would be seized by the urge to take blood.

"You made a mistake there. You could have used your Glass Bulwark to fend off the spike attack because you've reached the peak state of the Glass Bulwark. However, you chose to dodge to the side and thereby missed the best chance and angle to strike back..."

Su Ping was giving her instructions.

Tang Ruyan had been progressing by leaps and bounds.

She had been staying in the cultivation sites day after day and training alongside Su Ping. She had absorbed a fair amount of Divine Energy in the process!

She had also absorbed the full benefit of the herbs that Su Ping had given her. She had also collected other herbs in that place. As such, she had rapidly climbed to the ninth rank; she had become a titled battle pet warrior!

She battled using all the secret skills she had learned when she was in the Tang family and Su Ping had witnessed the entire process.

After seeing her repeatedly using them, Su Ping had also learned the three most important secret skills. With some practice, he had managed to reach the peak of those skills.

That was why he could tell she could have used the Glass Bulwark and fended off the strike of the beast king.

It was true that she was fighting a beast king, but a beast king would not necessarily exert full strength at all times. Just then, it was evident that the beast king had merely wanted to nudge Tang Ruyan away. However, Tang Ruyan didn't pick up that clue. She hopped to the side and tried to fight back, only to cost her a life!

Phew! Phew!

Tang Ruyan was trying to catch her breath. That was not the first time she had defeated a beast king. She had been thrilled at first. Right then, she had become more than used to that feeling

She did have to die five times to kill one beast king!

Of course, it was true that she wasn't relying on her battle pets. She counted completely on herself.

She had become used to this method of battling under Su Ping's guidance and instructions during the past few days. Su Ping had asked why she thought she couldn't do it when her battle pets could. The thought had eventually made sense to her.

She would not have an excuse to lose if she was fighting a beast king... Su Ping had brainwashed her without her realizing that it was a false claim, to begin with.

Tang Ruyan frowned when Su Ping gave her that piece of advice. She was still under the conviction that she was dreaming. But how could all of it be that real? She could feel the improvement in her. She was sure that when she woke up from the dream—even if she was still at the seventh rank—she would still remember how she fought the battles and that would still be of great benefit to her.

It was just like it happened to people who were trying to solve math problems, later dreaming of a solution, which ended up being correct.

"I understand," Tang Ruyan said.

She would often complain about Su Ping's instructions at the very beginning of the training. However, after trial and error, she realized that Su Ping would always be right.

She would achieve good results if she followed Su Ping's instructions.

She was amazed by his experience... She was also surprised, since her subconscious mind was somehow telling her how powerful that guy was!

She was speechless, after noticing how her subconscious mind would tell her such things. But she remembered Su Ping's deeds in reality. It might be that she recognized his strength even in her dreams.

This guy is indeed a freak, even in my dreams.

"A big guy is coming. Be ready." Su Ping did not linger on that subject. He noticed something was coming as he was about to set off.

Boom!

The ground was shaking. He heard a hoarse noise and then a foul smell assaulted him. He saw a behemoth coming toward them.

Another beast king!

That one was even more formidable than the one that Tang Ruyan had just finished. That beast king seemed to be at the Ocean State, like the Swamp War Crocodile that Su Ping once had.

Su Ping gave an order. "Finish it!"

This time, the order was not for Tang Ruyan alone. The Purple Python and the customers' battle pets threw themselves into the fray as well.

He was training a new group of his customers' battle pets. He had been journeying around in different cultivation sites for more than a month already.

When the Inferno Dragon saw that beast king, the former stood up and snarled, itchy to join in the fight by itself.

Contrary to its wishes, Su Ping told the Inferno Dragon to stay put.

The Inferno Dragon had gained a combat strength of 25 points after they returned from the Realm of Purple-blood Dragons; dealing with that beast king would only be a warm-up exercise at this point. The Inferno Dragon would only be a big bully for that beast king. On the other hand, the Dark Dragon Hound was lying on the ground. What a lazy dog.

In the meantime, Tang Ruyan had charged toward the beast king.

She was holding a dark sword she had picked up from a place full of remains. There had been many corpses of gods scattered about; they had died because of the many complicated traps in that location. It seemed that the owner of that place had once been a vile character; the proof lay in the structure of the buildings.

Su Ping picked up some skills books there and the skills had a sinister nature.

Some of those skills would require the user to drink blood in order to practice them. A couple of skills would affect the practitioners' mindset and make them bloodthirsty.

Su Ping would naturally show his disdain for such sinister skills... then he would make the best of the time available and learn them.

He learned them together with Tang Ruyan.

He would not lose anything if she learned them. Besides, his sole purpose of taking Tang Ruyan to the cultivation sites with him was so that she could grow.

It was just that Tang Ruyan was not learning as quickly as Su Ping did. He had mastered the skills when Tang Ruyan was merely halfway through; the skills were of the Fate State. The skills could be too intricate for her, considering the fact that she was at the ninth rank. After all, part of the skills was related to the manipulation of space. Whoosh!

Tang Ruyan resorted to the Shadow Tracing, which increased her speed drastically. That was a legendary skill of the Ocean State and Tang Ruyan was giving her best effort. Like a ghost, she instantly reached the beast king.

Her eyes turned red and her black hair was messy. Her hair became many a machete and she wielded all the blades together with the dark sword she was holding.

She was using one of the skills she had learned together with Su Ping, Demon Possession!

That was a Fate State skill and she was just scratching its surface. She could enter the state after a fashion and could only stay at the elementary level.

Her speed, strength, and perception would increase over time while under such a state. She could also be immune to some element strikes; she would be immune to spatial strikes as well if she could practice the skill to the peak.

Pff!

The black sword left a meters-deep wound on the beast king. Blood gushed out from the wound that was not healing any time soon.

The demonic aura in the wound was sucking out the blood.

That was another skill she had learned, Sword of Blood, also of the Fate State.

It took a great deal of blood to learn that move, and the best kind of blood would be that of undead creatures' blood. The blood would be used to refine both the sword and the user's mind. Only when your mind was cruel could your moves be cruel!

Although wounded, the beast king was not an easy target. A dark mist surrounded the howling beast king, which locked out space; no one was able to sense anything while inside. Besides, the dark mist could secretly seep into the enemies' bodies to devour their energy.

Su Ping had immediately sensed the oddness of the dark mist, but he didn't warn Tang Ruyan.

If it were him, he could think of dozens of ways to kill the beast king. But he only needed her to find or devise a solution on her own.

While Su Ping was unable to see what was happening, he could sense her situation.

Roar!

The beast king bellowed as it dashed toward Tang Ruyan.

The Purple Python and the other battle pets tried to distract the beast king.

Tang Ruyan was dashing about. While in the Demon Possession state and using Shadow Tracing, she was reaching a speed close to the Ocean State.

She had managed to dodge all of the strikes. Even though she couldn't see clearly, the Sword of Blood had lent her an ability to sense the trace of the beast king.

Charge!

Her red eyes were filled with darkness. Her hair was spread in all directions. The machetes made with her hair swiftly slashed at the beast king's neck. That was a fatal part for the beast king. Still, her strike failed.

Because the beast king was merely an illusion!

Roar!!

A large, fierce-looking mouth reached Tang Ruyan and the sharp fangs tore her into pieces right away.

The pain came. She returned to her normal state the next second. The beast king was still roaring in her direction, clearly surprised.

Tang Ruyan realized that she had very likely just died. Frustrated, she wielded her sword again.

Several minutes later. The beast king collapsed on the ground. Tang Ruyan sat on the corpse, panting. Her hair had gone back to normal, coming down to her shoulders and shrinking to its original size. She looked pale; that battle had consumed much of her energy. "You had the battle pets fighting alongside you. Still, you died six times and you made three mistakes." Su Ping shook his head.

Tang Ruyan was speechless. Su Ping would provide her with negative reviews, crushing her confidence after each battle. I am working hard! Those are beast kings, for god's sake!

She said those exact words to Su Ping but he disproved of such an excuse.

She didn't feel good saying those things to Su Ping the freak, either.

"I understand."

She stood up. "I will be careful next time."

She knew the mistakes she had made even without Su Ping telling her. She was mad.

She was mad at herself! If that were reality, even a small error would mean the end of her life!

Su Ping said no more since he could tell she had learned her lesson. He took a look at his watch. "It's about time. Close your eyes."

Tang Ruyan raised her eyebrows. "What is it about time?"

"Don't ask."

"I won't close my eyes if you don't tell me the reason."

“Fine.”

Bang!

Before Tang Ruyan learned the meaning of that answer, she felt pain in her head and she began to lose her sight.

What the heck...

Those words were making their way toward her mouth, but she closed her eyes before she was able to utter them; the last image she saw was Su Ping standing in front of her, watching as she fell to the ground.

She saw Su Ping’s bare feet on the beast king’s corpse.

She could no longer keep her eyes open. She fainted. “Why wouldn’t you listen?”

Su Ping shook his head.

He placed her in his contract space and returned.

“She can protect herself now. It is time for her to go back home,” he murmured.

Su Ping summoned Tang Ruyan after they arrived at the store. She was still unconscious.

Chapter 554 Strange Constitution

Joanna sat in a nursing pen on the side, eyeing both with curiosity.

Su Ping didn’t offer an explanation.

“Get up.”

Su Ping kicked Tang Ruyan and canceled their temporary contract.

Soon, Tang Ruyan came back to her senses. She opened her eyes and looked around, confused.

The store?

She felt her head was heavy.

“What happened to me?” Tang Ruyan rubbed her head and asked Su Ping.

“You got drunk.”

Joanna rolled her eyes.

Can he make up a worse lie?

However, to Joanna’s greater astonishment, Tang Ruyan didn’t seem to doubt that. She simply said “oh,” seemingly having bought such an excuse.

What...

Joanna was dumbstruck.

They had been working in the store for quite a long time; how come she failed to see that the girl was a fool?

How could she have believed that lame excuse?

Su Ping was relieved since Tang Ruyan didn't question him. He had just asked the system. The Dream Inducer worked on her and would stop working from that moment onwards.

Her memories of the cultivation site were sealed away.

"Do you remember anything before you passed out?" Su Ping decided to sound her out.

Tang Ruyan shook her head. "I don't. Anyway, why was I drunk? I've never been a drinker."

"I told you to drink some wine with me. Uncle Li next door had a dog that gave birth to some puppies. I decided that it would be good to celebrate," Su Ping answered.

Joanna: "..."

Tang Ruyan could not believe what she had just heard. "Anyway, it doesn't matter. I thought the Tang family was in trouble. Get ready. It's about time you go back home." Su Ping waved his hand.

Tang Ruyan came back to her senses at the mention of her family. She crawled up from the ground. "How, how long have I been out?"

"A day or two." Su Ping heaved a sigh. "You should really practice your drinking. You can't hold your liquor at all. A girl should learn to drink and smoke."

Tang Ruyan: "..."

A day or two?

Really?

That long?

She never drank wine and the Tang family forbade drinking. She didn't even know if she could trust Su Ping or not. "I'm going to go right away," Tang Ruyan said at once.

Either way, the important task at hand was to hurry back to the Tang family. She was sure she would hate herself for the rest of her life if she were too late!

Su Ping didn't stop her. "Be careful."

"Yes, I will," she said.

She dashed out toward the door, only to see that she couldn't get the door to open. Su Ping opened the door for her. To her surprise, the store looked different; more spacious, and more elegant.

"What's this about?"

“Oh, I redid the store while you were out,” Su Ping answered, “We’ve made money, right? I thought it was high time we dolled up the store.”

That makes sense, Tang Ruyan thought.

Su Ping could make the pets become amazing and he did charge princely sums for his services. Still, the customers saw it as money well spent. Su Ping had a stunning daily revenue that no other pet store could compare to. Only the franchise stores operating in major base cities under famous brands could have revenues close to what the Pixie Pet Store made.

“Where’s the bathroom?” Tang Ruyan looked around and asked.

“I thought you were in a hurry.”

“But I cannot go back with messy hair and a dirty face!”

Su Ping pointed the way. Su Ping summoned the Little Skeleton while Tang Ruyan went to clean herself up. He patted its skull and told it again what he had said before.

The Little Skeleton nodded.

Although its reactions could be seen as slow, it was actually quite smart.

Soon, Tang Ruyan came back.

She had fixed her hair and cleaned her face. Now and then, there would be a glint of sharpness in her eyes that had not been there before.

She might not have realized it herself but she was becoming more capable and experienced than before.

Su Ping was less worried.

“This is strange. I think my hair is longer,” Tang Ruyan voiced her doubt.

“Is that so? I didn’t notice.”

“My hair is longer. I’m sure of it.” Tang Ruyan sounded affirmative. Girls were quite sensitive to the length of their hair. Su Ping was forced to come up with an excuse. “I think it’s probably because of the drinking. The alcohol stimulated the female hormones in you, which have in turn made your hair grow. The fact it can happen is proof that you’re not resistant to alcohol at all, because you never drank in the past.”

“...Are you sure?”

“Yes, I’m sure!”

Tang Ruyan moved away from the subject. She cast a look at the Little Skeleton.

“Are you sure you want to lend the Little Skeleton to me?”

“Yes.”

Tang Ruyan was relieved. She would worry less with the Little Skeleton keeping her company.

"I shall go then." Tang Ruyan looked into Su Ping's eyes.

She wasn't sure if she would make it back alive. She felt sad.

Su Ping could tell she was having second thoughts. But he was sure that she would be fine with the Little Skeleton and her improvement. She would only suffer from misfortune if several legendary battle pet warriors were to strike her at the same time.

"Go. Remember to bring us some souvenirs."

Su Ping was still the ever heartless creature. Tang Ruyan bit her lower lip and eventually turned away.

Tang Ruyan didn't hear anything else from Su Ping as she reached the door. How disappointing. Although frustrated, she left the store without looking back.

She was afraid that he would see the tears in her eyes.

So, she kept her head low and walked on, faster and faster... until she bumped into a lamp post.

She covered her forehead, walked around the lamp pole, and went away.

Suddenly, she remembered that Su Ping had promised to lend her the Little Skeleton. She turned around, and to her great relief, the Little Skeleton was there with her.

She patted its skull. "I'll have to rely on you when I get back home."

The Little Skeleton looked at her. The red glow flickered in its eye sockets as if the Little Skeleton were blinking.

Tang Ruyuan smiled at the Little Skeleton. She looked at the store but Su Ping was not there. Feeling dejected, she went away.

"Xiao Tang, where are you going?" someone said to her.

Tang Ruyan turned to meet the speaker. It was Su Ping's mom, Li Qingru. Tang Ruyan forced a smile. "I'm going back home." "Home? Isn't your home far away?"

"Yes, it is."

"Do you have enough money for transportation?"

"Yes, don't worry."

Tang Ruyan stepped away in haste.

She only freed herself from that sadness after she left that street. She heaved a sigh and focused her mind on the Tang family.

She hailed a cab to get to the train station.

"I think I had a long dream..." While on the way, Tang Ruyan's mind began to wander. She felt she had a long, long dream but she could not, for the life of her, remember what that dream was about.

This would always be the case with her. She would get up and forget the dream. "What?"

Soon, Tang Ruyan noticed something peculiar about herself.

Her senses were heightened.

She could sense the subtle noises and the energy of battle pet warriors.

She noticed that the astral powers inside her were profound. She was not at the seventh rank... it was the ninth rank!

“What...?”

Tang Ruyan was in shock.

Baffled, she asked herself, Is there something wrong with my senses?

Since when could drinking increase one’s rank?

She recalled stories she had heard when she was a kid.

Rumors had it that people with uncommon constitutions could be awakened after eating certain things and they could find great potential within themselves!

For example, some could possess the power of lightning after being struck by lightning; some were able to climb walls after being bitten by spiders!

So...

Was she one of those people who had uncommon constitutions?

Is drinking the trigger?!

Tang Ruyan opened her eyes wide in exaltation. She got drunk once and she had climbed two ranks. How amazing! If that was the case, she was the luckiest! She could not help but burst into loud laughter. “Ha, ha, ha...” Hiss!

The taxi driver suddenly swerved the wheel. Terrified, he glared at the crazy woman sitting at the back seat through the rearview mirror. He reached toward his phone, thinking about calling the police.

There’s a crazy person in my car!

“What do you think you’re doing!”

All of a sudden, the laughter stopped. Tang Ruyan grabbed the driver’s seat and pulled herself closer to him.

She could sense that the driver was up to no good. She couldn’t tell why she had that feeling but she did sense this. Out of pure instinct, she unleashed her killing intent and she didn’t even realize she had done so. Her hair was dancing, gradually taking the shape of machetes.

“A ghost!!!” the driver screamed. With a bang, the car bumped into the railings. Tang Ruyan stepped out of the car. As she stared at the smoking car, she wondered if the driver had been obsessed with her because of her beauty. She shook her head. She was still happy about her big improvement. Some had

stopped their cars, surrounding the car crash scenes. Amid people's stares, she tried to unleash her astral powers, and then, off the ground she went!

Whoosh!

She was flying!

She wasn't dreaming that!

She opened her eyes wide in disbelief.

She was a titled battle pet warrior!!

The onlookers were surprised. That driver was surely courting death, having crashed the car when a titled battle pet warrior was a passenger.

Excited, Tang Ruyan flew onward.

Whoosh!

She disappeared from the spot.

"Oh, crap, I forgot to tell her."

Pixie Pet Store.

Soon after Tang Ruyan left, Su Ping thought of something. He patted his head.

"She must be curious about her rank. I forgot to tell her... I wonder if she has already left the base city." Su Ping called her at once.

She answered her phone.

All he could hear was her wild laughter.

That sounded all too familiar. She would act like that when she was in the cultivation site.

Has she gone nuts again? He wondered. "Ha, ha, ha, listen up, my dear boss, I am at the titled rank!" Tang Ruyan shouted.

Su Ping could hear the wind on the phone. He supposed she was flying at the moment. He pictured how a girl was flying around, laughing like a deranged person; the image made him shudder.

"Listen up, I'm a super genius. I have a special constitution. I cannot believe that I can become stronger by drinking. Ha, ha, ha. Don't you envy me?" Tang Ruyan screamed.

Su Ping curled his lips.

The girl needs to see a doctor.

Su Ping interrupted her, "Listen, I transferred some of my astral powers so that you could improve. Get your head right. I called to tell you this."

Her laughter came to an abrupt stop.

Chapter 555 Secret Weapon

“Are you sure about that?” Tang Ruyan finally found her voice, although trembling “Of course I’m sure. Why else do you think you rose in rank so quickly?” Su Ping answered with a question. “But... But I’ve never heard of anyone who could do that. You’re not lying to me, are you?” Tang Ruyan was still suspicious. “No, I’m not.”

Su Ping sounded sincere. “I would never lie to you. There are tons of stuff you don’t know from this world. Do you think of me as a liar?”

“Yes, I do.”

“Then I want to break off our relations.”

After a moment, Su Ping heard Tang Ruyan’s voice again. “You imparted your astral powers to me. Will that harm you? Will your rank drop?”

“You don’t have to worry about that. Go and deal with the mess in your Tang family,” answered Su Ping casually.

Tang Ruyan said nothing in reply. The call was hung up. She looked down at the street from the sky, the small dots that were vehicles and people. She felt the surging astral powers inside her. Tang Ruyan bit her lips. He had offered a great help to her and yet he still managed to sound nonchalant. That guy... always pretending to be distant...

She took a deep breath and opened a swirl in the sky.

She had a flying pet with a ninth-rank bloodline but was still at the eighth rank. Since she had become a titled battle pet warrior, she could ride her flying pet and fly back home across the wilderness.

That would allow her to fly in a straight line, and thus be able to get home faster.

Whoosh!

The swirl opened and a multicolor crested bird came out.

Tang Ruyan hopped onto the back of the bird and put the Little Skeleton on the bird as well. Tang Ruyan told her pet to fly away at full speed.

“It’s strange. I think I have an extra pet...”

As she sat on the back of her pet, to her surprise, Tang Ruyan noticed that there was an unfamiliar consciousness in her mind. Like her other pets, that consciousness was sleeping so she didn’t notice it before.

What is that?

Did I pick up a pet when I was out of it?

How so?

She didn't remember signing a contract with any pet.

Was it...

Did Su Ping give me the pet when I was drunk?

She tried to summon the pet.

Soon, that consciousness woke up and answered her call.

She gained a close feeling to that consciousness immediately and that would only happen with contracted pets. "It is my pet. But what is it?"

Curious, Tang Ruyan summoned the pet.

From the swirl poured out a stressful energy. A pair of dark, golden eyes opened and gazed at Tang Ruyan who was standing outside the swirl.

Tang Ruyan could hardly believe it. A beast king?

She established eye contact with the beast king. Her heart was racing. She felt her blood was boiling; it was as if she were getting excited uncontrollably. Was it because of this beast king?

That was not the most important question right then.

She was sure that Su Ping was behind this.

He was the only one who would give out beast kings left and right!

No one else could afford that!

She closed the swirl. Thrilled, she dialed Su Ping's number. Her number was still in service, as she had yet to leave the base city's territory. "Did you give me a beast king?" She blurted the question right out.

Su Ping was taken aback by that question. He slapped his head. "Ah, I forgot to tell you. Yes, I captured a beast king for you. It's a good one, be sure to treat it nicely."

Tang Ruyan was full of mixed feelings. Surprise wasn't added to that mixture; only Su Ping could give away beast kings like this. But, did she deserve it?

Was she worth it?

After a moment of silence, she murmured, "If I can get back, I will repay your kindness." "Of course you will. I'm counting on you to come back and clean the store's waste," Su Ping gave her a perfunctory response and ended the call.

He had just happened to capture that beast king which was merely at the Ocean State. He didn't want to waste an enhanced advanced beast-catching ring on that beast king so he thought he might just as well give it to Tang Ruyan. It was suitable for her.

A ninth-rank battle pet warrior could sign a contract with beast kings of the Ocean State.

Su Ping would save the beast-catching rings for Fate State beast kings; those creatures were the ones that would earn him more money. Tang Ruyan bit her teeth. She wasn't upset because of Su Ping's

attitude. She simply realized that there wasn't anything she could give to repay him, considering his strength and status.

That was the hardest thing for her. "One day, I will catch up with you." Tang Ruyan promised herself.

Soon, she reached the Longjiang Base City border.

A person approached her; it was a titled battle pet warrior who was in charge of guarding the border.

"Miss Tang, is that you?"

The middle-aged man was going to check who was approaching. The fact that it was Tang Ruyan took the middle-aged man aback.

He was able to sense that the girl had reached the titled rank.

But wasn't she working in Su Ping's store? How could she have become a titled battle pet warrior at such a young age?

Many big shots in the base city knew about Tang Ruyan; after all, she was one of the two girls working in Su Ping's store, and all titled battle pet warriors in the Longjiang Base City knew Joanna, the legendary battle pet warrior. When the Tang family sent armies to the Pixie Pet Store... It caused such a huge sensation that it was impossible to cover that information.

People knew that the Tang family went there to ask for the girl to be returned but failed.

As for the other girl who went to Su Ping's store, many titled battle pet warriors collected her information as well, later finding out that she was Su Ping's student.

"Yes."

Tang Ruyan nodded to the middle-aged man. "I have to be away for a while."

The middle-aged man stepped to the side and said with respect, "Sure thing, sure thing. This way, please." Although he, too, was a titled battle pet warrior, he couldn't afford to be rude to the girl who worked for that legendary store owner.

Tang Ruyan felt flattered. In the old days, the only titled battle pet warriors who would treat her with respect were the ones who belonged to the Tang family and they only respected her because she was the future family head. "Thank you." Tang Ruyan expressed her gratitude and flew away.

The middle-aged man noticed the Little Skeleton on the back of the bird. He told himself that indeed the girl was the store owner's favorite; he had sent his own battle pet to keep her company. How nice.

The night ended. Dawn broke!

Over the Yedou Base City, the darkness of the night was fading away and the light was shining with increasing radiance. However, that was not the light of hope. It merely allowed for people to clearly see the blood and corpses that were hidden in the darkness of the night. The fight was still ongoing. Beasts were howling

The Tang family was still trying to push back the Situ and Wang families! One night passed. The Tang family remained standing, but it cost them dearly! The once elegant and breathtaking garden had been turned upside down. The lakes and ponds had been tainted red with blood; humans and beasts' corpses were everywhere. Charge! Battle pet warriors from the two sides were fighting at close quarters.

Even after one night, the fight was still intense and there was no sign of it reaching an end. Outside the Tang family compound, the beast king had fallen. The hill-like beast king had a huge wound in its stomach. Its internal organs had slipped out. Not far from the dead beast king there was something like a python but it was more than two hundred meters long with iron-like scales. There were sharp blades on its cheeks. The python beast king was lying in a pool of blood. Huge cuts ran across its scaled body. That beast king had also died.

Many titled battle pet warriors from the Tang family were gathered together. Most of them were drenched in blood. They were there with the healers, trying to recover. Tang Linzhan wore golden armor. He supported himself with the broken umbrella. He, too, was tainted red with blood.

There was a deep wound on his face and the blood had dried up. However, the unhealed wound did give him a hideous look.

Tang Ruyu was wearing silver armor, carrying a sharp sword on her back. She looked very tired. The caked blood had turned her hair into a mess.

She could still hear the screams and shouts, which meant the battle had yet to end.

The sun was rising on the horizon. Light was breaking through the clouds, but it had only illuminated the desperation and fatigue on everyone's faces.

They were worn out as if having fought for a year!

She had no idea how many members of the Tang family had passed away. She had no idea how many remained standing! There were so many people she was familiar with who had perished, even some were still kids.

Many titled battle pet warriors had died as well.

On the other hand, the Situ family and the Wang family still had a large number of warriors hiding at the back, safe and sound. They were taking the slow approach so that they could cut their losses.

It wasn't surprising for them to resort to that method. The Tang family would not get any more reinforcements for this battle. The Tang family had asked for aid to all the connections they had and all the titled battle pet warriors that would have offered help were already there. Some of them had died. Some of them were being treated and would reenter the fight after being healed!

Suddenly, a shout came from outside and it was so loud that it traveled across the battlefield and reached everyone's ear in the Tang family compound. "Listen up!!"

A person at the peak of the titled rank was talking

"Lay down your arms and we'll spare your lives!

“Those who surrender to us will be granted positions in our families corresponding to your strengths! “When the Tang family is gone and the Wang family gets all the resources, our Wang family will be much more powerful. Join us to get better treatment! “Those who still want to put up a fight will only be punished with death!!” The loud shout echoed across the battlefield.

“Bah!”

An elder who was having his wounds treated spat out some blood and screamed, “Alive or dead, I am one of the Tang family. I will not go to another family!” “You’re right!”

“I will be the first to kill anyone who surrenders!”

The titled battle pet warriors shouted viciously.

Surrendering? That was just a ruse for the Wang and Situ families to cut losses. Once the Tang family went down, none of their members would be spared, whether surrendering or not.

Tang Linzhan was furious. He clenched the umbrella in his hand.

The umbrella had lost its glow. It was hard to imagine it had been the Tang family’s protection.

Lying next to the umbrella was a corpse. It had once been the seventh elder of the Tang family, the one who Tang Linzhan trusted the most; the one who Tang Linzhan had killed with his own hands.

Tang Ruyu had previously informed him that something was wrong with the umbrella. But it turned out that the umbrella itself was not broken; the seventh elder didn’t have the strength to destroy a legendary artifact yet. It was the Ocean Umbrella’s container that was

off.

The safe had a problem. The keys were missing and the combination lock had been broken. The safe couldn’t be opened.

That container was quite strong and Tang Linzhan exerted great strength to pry it open. Since opening the case made him waste some time, dozens of titled battle pet warriors died while fighting against the beast king. Tang Linzhan killed two beast kings in a row, once he was able to get the Ocean Umbrella, stunning the Situ family and the Wang family.

They had heard rumors about the strength of the Tang family’s Ocean Umbrella. But they had only realized the truth when they witnessed the deaths of two beast kings!

After catching a breath, the Situ and Wang families threw themselves back into the fight. But the energy of the Ocean Umbrella had been exhausted.

Being a titled battle pet warrior, Tang Linzhan was unable to tap into the full potential of the legendary artifact; killing two beast kings was the best that he could do. He had used up the energy stored in the umbrella, rendering it useless.

“Humph, you fools!”

Outside the Tang family compound, the family heads of the Situ family and the Wang family wore grave expressions.

The Tang family turned out to be tougher than they had imagined. They failed to conquer the Tang family even after one night had passed!

The Tangs had received more reinforcements than they had imagined. They had carefully calculated the Tang family's strength before they initiated the attack, including the number of titled battle pet warriors they had, including those who could be invited to lend a hand.

When the battle broke out, the Situs and the Wangs noticed that the Tang family had mobilized some hidden connections they didn't know of.

Some very well-known titled battle pet warriors were connected to the Tang family, but no one knew about it. Those titled battle pet warriors went to help the Tang family; they were so determined that they would even die for them!

The Tang family was more resourceful than they thought!

The strength of the Tang family's Ocean Umbrella was also beyond their expectation. The Situs and the Wangs thought that the umbrella was not going to work. It was rumored to be able to stop beast kings but it couldn't offer any help when two beast kings were charging together. However, the two beast kings ended up dying. "Damn it. This lair of the Tang family is unbreakable. The Yedou Base City is working with the Tang family as well. Both the city and the family deserve to die!" the family head of Situ family cursed. The Situ family and the Wang family had reserved some strength!

After all, apart from the three contending families, there was another ancient family who wasn't involved in the fight!

No one could say for sure whether that fourth family, the most scheming among them, would sneak and attack their families while they fought against the Tangs. As the saying went, the mantis stalks the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind them.

As such, the Situ family and the Wang family had kept some of their forces back at home. Both families devoted half of their forces; they should have overpowered the Tang family, together with the two beast kings. However, the two families had suffered great casualties!

"We'll have to take out our secret weapon!" The family head of the Wang family was more composed.

His counterpart was hesitating. "The secret weapon won't aid us in the future if we do that. It's a one-time thing. Are you sure we want to waste the chance on the Tang family?"

That was against his wishes.

The secret weapon had strong powers but it was disposable. It would be best if it could be saved for the future. "The person who gave us the secret weapon never meant for us to save it. Also, say we do, how would our two families split it?" The Wang family head gave a meaningful glance. The Situ family head heaved a sigh eventually. "Let's do it then." A beast stepped out under his command. That vicious tiger carried an ancient-looking bell on its back.

The Situ family head stepped over, picked up the bell, and walked to the dilapidated Tang family compound. As he stared at the battlefield, the Situ family head poured out his astral powers and slapped

the bell. The bell's opening was facing the Tang family compound. A sonic wave was blasted out. There were invisible ripples in the air. With a bang, an area in the Tang family territory suddenly caved in.

Bang! Clap!

Many titled battle pet warriors were resting in that area. Caught off guard, they almost fell. The healers, on the other hand, did fall into the pit. Blood was oozing out from their eyes and noses.

"What was that?"

Tang Ruyu sprang up to alert. She reacted quickly, and used astral powers to hold herself up. It was a narrow escape from dropping to her knees.

"Was that a tremor in space?" Tang Linzhan was mildly affected. A glow rose from that broken umbrella and protected him.

That strange feeling alerted him. He had met legendary battle pet warriors before and he knew one thing or two about their means. He had recognized that space disturbance.

Of course, the bell was the cause.

"Charge!"

The Situ family head felt sorry as he stared at the broken bell. Still, that was a hard-earned chance. He shouted and took the lead to run forward.

Whoosh!

Behind him was the Wang family head. He couldn't have stayed at the back. He knew that such an attitude would upset the Situ family head.

The two family heads dashed forth with their titled battle pet warriors and killed many Tang family disciples standing in their way.

They forced their way into the Tang family compound. Many Tang family disciples had been wounded because of that bell and sonic blast. They quickly gave in, having no ability to fight back. "Tang Linzhan, here we come!"

Instantly, the family heads had reached the rear of the Tang family compound. They could already see the titled battle pet warriors that were still resting there.

Chapter 556 Tang Ruyan's Might

"Tang Linzhan, do you surrender to us, the Situ family?"

The Situ family head was a bit afraid of that Ocean Umbrella that Tang Linzhan still carried. The umbrella had enabled him to kill two beast kings. It was terrifying. Still, the Ocean Umbrella appeared to be broken and gray at the moment. Its energy must have been exhausted.

“Surrender to you?” Tang Linzhan was still trying to catch his breath. But he stood up straight and fatigue ebbed out of his face with those words. Killing intent was getting a hold of him. “I don’t think the Situ family deserves to have me!”

“Humph, since you’re so eager to drop dead, let me grant that wish!” The Situ family head sneered. He looked past Tang Linzhan, at the many titled battle pet warriors of the Tangs. They were struggling to stand up; however, they were unable to do so because of their wounds or possibly due to other reasons. Only the titled battle pet warriors who weren’t affiliated to the Tang family could manage to stand. “The secret weapon means that anyone who has Tang blood in their bodies will have to deal with Space Confinement. Now, do you still want to continue this fight?” He carried on coldly, “Anyone who wishes to surrender can sit down. The Tang family has reached the end. Do you still want to follow your stupid family head who would hurt himself while in cultivation?” “Shut up!” “We will not allow you to insult our family head!!” Some elders bellowed. They managed to stand up, stirred up by anger. They were biting their teeth so hard that their mouths were bleeding.

The elders who were too seriously wounded bore the Situ family head with their glares. They shouted as they tried to stand up. “We would rather die standing up than live sitting down!!” a female titled battle pet warrior cried. She had a broken arm and her clothes were drenched in blood. But she found the strength to stand up on her feet with the help of others; her eyes were glued to the two enemy family heads. “Hmm, courting death!” The Wang family head snorted. He waved his hand and motioned at her. The titled battle pet warriors standing behind him charged toward the Tang family’s titled battle pet warriors. Squish! An arrow penetrated one of the Tang family’s titled warriors.

That arrow pierced through his chest and his armor.

Still in disbelief, that titled battle pet warrior fell to the ground and died. The other titled warriors of the Tang family were heartbroken. They could hardly move given the spatial pressure, not to mention attacking their enemies! “Die!” A titled battle pet warrior of the Situ family swung his sword at a Tang family elder. Furious as the latter was, he was unable to move. He immediately summoned his battle pet.

Roar!

The pet bellowed, but also collapsed the next second. The Space Confinement had made it hard to move about.

That secret weapon was designed to target those who carried the blood of the Tangs. The battle pets had rubbed off some of the Tang family energy on them as well. The titled battle pet warrior of the Tang family was eventually beheaded.

Roar!!

His battle pet witnessed the death of his master. It was losing its mind. Soon, that anger changed to confusion as the contract vanished. The beast shed tears, even though it was baffled by the sense of loss. The beast didn’t understand where the anger came from. Nor why it was crying! It sat on the ground, staring blankly at the small human being that was lying next to it. Bang! Bang! Titled battle pet warriors of the Situ family and the Wang family were killing the Tang family’s titled battle pet warriors one after the other.

As more and more of their peers died, some of the titled battle pet warriors chose to sit down. Fear was written across their faces; begging was the only choice to take at the moment.

Roar!!

Right then, the other titled battle pet warriors who weren't part of the Tang family went to the rescue. They were unaffected since their blood was different.

The assault from the two families was stopped. "Hmm, a bunch of outsiders. Do you really want to die for the sake of the Tang family?" The Situ family head snorted.

One of the titled battle pet warriors said powerfully, "I owe my life to Tang Linzhan and I shall repay his kindness with my life!"

"He's right. We may die but we shall no longer have any regrets!"

Another titled battle pet warrior backed him

up.

They had remained up to that point. Leaving had never crossed their minds!

Death?

Of course, they were afraid of dying. But the thing that frightened them the most was to make a choice they would regret for the rest of their lives!

They had to repay the kindness and sometimes, that would mean they would have to give up their lives in the process! Their words touched the Tang family's titled battle pet warriors and shamed those who had sat down. They lowered their heads, afraid to take another look at the world.

Tang Linzhan was trembling. So many people were dying, people he had once chatted with, laughed with, and protected the Tang family with.

One of them was planning to celebrate his grandson's first birthday after that.

One of them was going to go to his son's wedding

But they had died. Died. Even though they were titled battle pet warriors, they were as vulnerable as a withered flower. Tang Linzhan's hands were shaking. He was furious, in pain, and powerless. He could see that doom was at hand. He had lost all hope. "Tang Linzhan, I can consider not killing the rest of your Tang family members if you're willing to get down on your knees and admit defeat." The Wang family head stepped forward.

Tang Linzhan trembled. He was itching to charge, to shout, and to vent his anger on him. But he held down that urge. He knew that doing that would only add more fire to the flames. None of the Tang family members would survive.

"Sir, no!"

"We don't go by the Tang surname, but we'll live and perish with the Tang family!" "Sir, we're here and we're always ready to sacrifice ourselves for the Tang family! The titled battle pet warriors who arrived

from other base cities shouted. They summoned their battle pets, putting themselves between the Tang family and the Situ-Wang front. Still, anyone could tell that the Situ family and the Wang family had greatly outnumbered the Tang family! They had close to five dozen titled battle pet warriors!

Those titled battle pet warriors alone could have surrounded the Tang family compound. The Tang family might have been able to inflict some harm on their enemies but that would be a limited result.

Tang Linzhan looked around. The sunlight cast a warm feeling onto his face, but he felt as cold as ice at the moment.

When all hope was lost, no light could bring him true warmth.

He could only see darkness.

The darkness that he saw in the armors of the Situ and the Wang people. The darkness was all too suffocating.

Eventually, Tang Linzhan lowered his head. He bent his back. He curled his knees. He got down on one knee! "Sir!!!"

"No, you cannot!!!" All the Tang family's titled battle pet warriors and everyone else was screaming. Some of them even burst into tears. The Tang family leader, the one who had been controlling the Tang family for more than a dozen years, a king both feared and revered. How could he kneel?

"Father!!!"

Tang Ruyu turned pale. This time, she didn't call him sir. She called him father. She would rarely address him as father in public. She would do that when she was a kid but she was told not to. "He is my father. Why can't I call him that?"

"That is our rule!"

After several occasions and rounds of severe punishment, she compromised and never called him father in public again. And yet, the sorrow and grief had drowned her at this moment. She was letting go of the rules. Tang Linzhan didn't look back. His two knees were on the ground! No one was shouting anymore. They stared at the man on his knees. Tang Linzhan moved his lips. It seemed that he was speaking to the Wang family head and all the people behind him. He spoke with a low voice, "I'm not kneeling because of your powers, but because of them." The Wang family head could barely hide his smug smile. "Of course, I know that. However, you have to understand that people will only see you kneeling. No one cares about the reason!" He waved his hand. A titled battle pet warrior stepped over. He was holding a device and the image showed Tang Linzhan on his knees. Tang Linzhan suddenly looked up. The killing intent was screaming to escape from his body. "Huh, thanks to this video, I think we'll have an easy time taking over the Tang family's properties after your death. After all, why would anyone fight back when you're on your knees?"

The Wang family head grinned and put away the device.

Bang!

Tang Linzhan stood up. He was going to snatch that device away from the Wang family head. The two titled battle pet warriors standing next to the Wang family head moved faster. They smashed Tang

Linzhan away. Tang Linzhan could barely move, let alone fight, all because of the bell's effect. "Listen up. Kill all of the Tang family members! "Kill also those who came to support the Tang family!" the Wang family head ordered. The Situ family head grinned. How laughable to see Tang Linzhan kneeling, with the hope of saving lives? How innocent. Tang Linzhan's kneeling meant nothing to them. It wasn't necessary to satisfy their ego. They simply wanted the Tang family's wealth. Nothing else mattered.

"Sir!"

Two of the titled battle pet warriors who volunteered to help the Tang family helped Tang Linzhan up. Tang Linzhan was panting; his face was flushed.

"This girl is the future family head of the Tang family. Father, can you let me have some fun with her?"

A young man stepped out from the crowd. Standing next to the young man was a demon pet that was several meters tall, with indistinguishable limbs. A ball of dark mist covered up the pet. Only its fangs could be seen; they implied the pet's desire to feed. Tang Ruyu was furious. She knew that the young man was the future family head of the Situ family.

He was merely at the seventh rank and he wouldn't have been able to best her under normal conditions. However, she was still under the influence of that strange pressure. She couldn't even stand up. "Don't do this. Kill her directly," the Situ family head said coldly. Of course, he wanted his son to have that girl as his toy but decided not to see new problems cropping up, given that the Wang family was present. The young man sounded disappointed. "Such a shame. But, I do have to say that destroying beauty is also among my favorite activities." He didn't move, but the demon pet suddenly cracked its mouth open as it moved toward Tang Ruyu. Tang Ruyu tried to get away but it was as if she were stuck in a swamp; she could not move at all. On the other hand, the demon pet had moved so quickly that it had almost reached her.

I have to live!! Tang Ruyu shouted to herself. She was going to lead the Tang family and make it the most powerful family of all in the Subcontinent District.

She was going to reach the legendary rank! She wanted to see the world outside the Blue Planet!

She wanted to...

She wanted so many things. She had dreams unfulfilled. Am I going to die? Because of a piece of scum like him?

Pff!

The demon pet opened its mouth and light disappeared around Tang Ruyu. However, the next second, a crack opened in the darkness, and Tang Ruyu saw blood pouring down. The demon pet split was split in two. Right from the middle! A cloud of dark smoke was rising from the corpse as if the demon pet were burning. It screamed and cried, gradually turning into nothingness. No one could utter a word.

"How can you wipe out the Tang family while I'm not here?"

People heard a cold voice.

Surprised, they raised their heads. In the sky, a bird was hovering, although trembling. Standing on the back of the bird was a quite tall and slim one. People were unable to see her look but the strange thing was, they were able to see her eyes, which were cold as ice. The ice had made them feel a chill.

Whoosh!

The bird went back into a swirl.

As the bird went away, the slim person and a white skeleton were left hanging in the air.

“Is, is that who I think she is?”

Some titled battle pet warriors of the Tang family soon managed to see what she looked like, taking them by surprise. It was her!

Tang Linzhan was just as astonished as anyone else was.

“What is she doing here?”

The family heads of the Situ and Wang families recognized that the girl was the former future family head of the Tang family. It wasn't surprising that they would know how she looked. But they had heard she had been kidnapped by someone and the Tang family had unsuccessfully gone to save her. Why was she there?

“It is you...”

Tang Ruyu was dumbstruck.

My useless sister? Wasn't she...

Whoosh!

Amid questioning looks, Tang Ruyan slowly landed.

She glanced over at the Situ family and the Wang family; then she saw Tang Linzhan and the others present. She cast a glance at Tang Ruyu, the girl she had just saved, her younger sister, whom everyone considered to be highly gifted.

“Who are you?” a titled battle pet warrior bawled out.

“She's the future family head,” someone answered the question. As she looked at the pool of blood on the ground, Tang Ruyan could barely control her anger. She originally thought that she had stopped worrying about the Tang family. She didn't know she would feel that upset when she saw those familiar faces, so full of despair and weakness.

She had also realized that she wasn't afraid of the titled battle pet warriors present.

If anything, she despised them.

Yes, contempt. She didn't know why she was having that feeling. She just sensed that those people there, the titled battle pet warriors... weren't that big of a deal. “I'm not the future family head. I just go by the Tang surname.” Tang Ruyan corrected that answer. “I see that you mean to destroy the Tang

family. How could you leave me out?" The Tang family's titled battle pet warriors were having a rush of mixed feelings. The surname of Tang? But you were no longer acceptable as a family member!

Tang Linzhan wore a cloudy expression. He buried his guilty conscience deep. When Tang Ruyu's senses returned, she shouted angrily, "Why did you come back? What good can you do when you're here alone? The Tang family does not need you. We do not have a place for you in our graveyard!" Tang Ruyan turned to her and indifferently, she said, "When I die, I won't be buried with the Tang family. Don't you worry. I won't sully the Tang family."

"You..."

Tang Ruyu clenched her fingers. "You really shouldn't have come back. You really shouldn't."

Just then, she noticed that Tang Ruyan was the one who killed that demon pet.

Tang Ruyu still remembered when the two of them would train together and she would follow her around like a tail. How things had changed. She wasn't that small tail. The big sister she had once looked up to had become her mask, her cover.

She was the actual future family head.

Her big sister had let down the elders and their father.

That included the heavy loss of the Tang family because of that big sister. According to their father, anyone who brought insult to the Tang family was a loser, a shame to the family.

But...

Why would you come back? You're not accepted here! You're still named Tang Ruyan but you're no longer one of us! "Yes, indeed, we forgot about you. I can only oblige, now that you've come here willingly." A titled battle pet warrior of the Situ family sneered.

"What a pitiful girl. I heard that she was just a decoy. Now I see that she's a decoy with no brains."

"Let me take care of her!"

One man stepped forward. He was bored with all the talking. The Situ family head didn't move to stop that man. He was frowning. He knew that Tang Ruyan was just a decoy for Tang Ruyu. But would she be that stupid in reality, that she would show up by herself to send herself to her doom?

He tried to check if there was some sort of an ambush.

The Wang family head was doing the same thing. Neither minded Tang Ruyan. What mattered was the hidden hazard. Neither believed that Tang Ruyan would be that stupid; they two would be even more foolish if they allowed her to fool them.

The Wang family head had another concern. He had heard a thing or two about that decoy. It was said that some legendary battle pet warrior had taken her in. He had learned this from the Star Organization. But it was unlikely that the girl had escaped from that legendary battle pet warrior. Such being the case, she had to be there under permission.

Or maybe, that legendary battle pet warrior was there with her! After all, no one understood why that legendary battle pet warrior had caught her. Was it her beauty or something else? "Be careful," the Wang family head cautioned the Situ family head.

The latter was alerted. He thought of the same thing. If that legendary battle pet warrior was watching in the dark, would they anger him if they struck Tang Ruyan? While they were considering that possibility, that titled battle pet warrior had already dashed toward Tang Ruyan. "Look out!" Tang Ruyu cried out.

The Tang family's titled battle pet warriors were also worried. They recognized that the titled battle pet warrior was an elder of the Situ family.

The elder was not the most powerful one, but he was at the upper position of the titled rank. Killing Tang Ruyan would be child's play. The Tang family members were still under the influence of that strange bell; they could barely use their astral powers.

Tang Ruyan looked at that old man. He's so careless, he didn't even summon his battle pet. What a fool.

Mistake! Mistake! Mistake!

So many mistakes! One glance and she had noticed more than a dozen mistakes.

And he wanted to kill her?

"Go to hell!"

Tang Ruyan remained standing on the spot. The old man reached her and pointed the blade at her... But to her, it was all in slow motion.

She wielded her sword.

One second later, she was done.

Pff!

That titled battle pet warrior fell, turning into several pieces. His head, his body, and his limbs were chopped. He was killed! It was so quick that people were hardly able to tell whether Tang Ruyan had moved at all. Blood was gushing out from the remains.

Some of the blood got onto Tang Ruyan and the Little Skeleton as well.

How unexpected. Tang Ruyu froze on the spot. She stared in disbelief at the girl she was so familiar with, and so unfamiliar with at the same time. Is that really Tang Ruyan? My loser big sister? The Tang family's titled battle pet warriors and everyone else were dumbstruck. The old man died before they could tell why! What was that?! Those at the peak of the titled rank did notice it had been Tang Ruyan's doing but she was so fast that even they found it frightening.

Her speed should belong to those at the peak of the titled rank!

Chapter 557 Multiple Strikes

The miserable death of that old titled battle pet warrior astonished both the Situ family and the Wang family.

Instant kill? But that old man was at the upper tier of the titled rank!

He didn't summon his battle pets. But no one believed that a man like that would need a battle pet to fight against a little girl! "Be careful. She is... at the titled rank!" an elder of the Wang family warned the others, frightened.

That warning silenced all of them.

Tang Ruyan was at the titled rank?!

Tang Ruyu stared at her sister in disbelief.

She is at the titled rank?

Since when!

Tang Ruyu was sure she had always cultivated faster than her loser sister and that was why she had been secretly groomed to be the future family head!

And yet, she was merely at the eighth rank.

Even so, she was beheld as one of the Tang family's rarest talents.

Tang Ruyu remembered Tang Ruyan had merely been at the seventh rank. When did she reach the titled rank?!

The other Tang family elders looked at each other in speechless astonishment.

The girl they had agreed upon to banish had returned at that critical time; she was fighting for the Tang family and was at the titled rank.

The elders used to believe they knew everything about Tang Ruyan. A titled battle pet warrior at the age of 23. She could leave a mark in the history of the Subcontinent District!

She was a genius!

The family heads of the Situ family and the Wang family had also noticed that. They were sure that Tang Ruyan was at the intermediate position of the titled rank!

It was strange.

They worked up a theory. Maybe, that decoy was the actual future family head and that girl on the ground was the actual decoy. A lie within a lie within a lie!

If that theory were true, then the rumors about Tang Ruyan were probably untrue. Or maybe, the Tang family had released such information on purpose!

That legendary battle pet warrior probably didn't kidnap Tang Ruyan. It was possible that the Tang family approached that legendary battle pet warrior and asked him to teach their future family head!

The two family heads were increasingly convinced of that theory.

If the Tang family was willing, they could afford the money and resources to ask a legendary battle pet warrior to teach their future family head.

It seemed that the legendary battle pet warrior had to be seriously teaching her, instead of fooling her.

After all, their previous intel described Tang Ruyan as one at the seventh rank; still, she had reached the titled rank in such a short time. How sudden.

“I wonder if that legendary battle pet warrior is here.”

The family heads of the Situ and Wang families could see the fear in each other’s eyes. They found it hard to believe that the legendary battle pet warrior wouldn’t be there. Why else would Tang Ruyan show up?

The Tang family had gone through so many troubles to keep her identity hidden, and to make sure that she would be neglected. Coming out alone wasn’t courageous. It was downright rash.

The Tang family would not allow a rash person to become their future family head.

The Wang family head passed a look in his eyes to the Situ family head; it was a look that only the latter would understand. The latter nodded ever so slightly, so that no one else would notice. He secretly placed one hand behind his back and a message was sent...

When he placed his hand down, the Situ family head inwardly breathed in relief. Glaring coldly at Tang Ruyan, he said, “Since you’ve come out of your free will, I will make you stay here forever!”

“Charge!”

As soon as the word came out from his mouth, several titled battle pet warriors stepped out together.

Those titled battle pet warriors were all at the upper position.

Tang Ruyan’s stunning performance had shocked many and some titled battle pet warriors failed to see how she had done it.

That being said... she was still at the titled rank!

On the other hand, the Situ family and the Wang family had dozens of titled battle pet warriors. Not even Venerable the Blade would be able to get away from such a strike, not to mention Tang Ruyan who was merely at the intermediate position of the titled rank!

The four titled battle pet warriors that stepped toward Tang Ruyan glared at her. This time, they summoned their battle pets from the start.

The ground shook as the battle pets landed.

The four elders of the enemy families were moving toward Tang Ruyan, which enraged the people of her family.

It was true that they still thought she had been able to kill that old man because of the element of surprise. After noticing Tang Ruyan’s rank, those of the Tang family thought they could finally see hope.

If Tang Ruyan was able to escape, she could later find the young members of the Tang family who were hiding in different places. The Tang family would not die. There would still be a future for the Tang family!

“How shameless! You’re targeting a kid!” “Four against one! Bah! Have you no shame?”

“So, this is what the elders of the Situ family are like!”

The Tang family’s titled battle pet warriors swore and cursed. That was the only thing they could do considering that they couldn’t move at all.

The four elders were unhappy because of the verbal abuse. Angry as they were, they didn’t dally and chose to ignore them for the moment. They merely promised themselves that once they dealt with Tang Ruyan, they would make things so miserable for those guys that they would wish they were dead!

“Charge!” one of the elders shouted.

Bang, bang!

Their battle pets stomped on the ground and dashed forward.

Roar!

Running at the front was a dragon that had a roar that could deafen people.

Two battle pets of the element family were casting a spell on the dragon to make it almost weightless. The flames were burning intensely around the dragon.

The dragon opened its mouth and breathed out a column of fire. The high temperature turned the place into a lava land; the trees that were thousands of meters away were burning up.

The battle pet warriors hurried to put up their shields to protect themselves against the high temperature. The heat would scorch them to death if they didn’t.

“Ruyan!”

Tang Linzhan struggled to stand up.

Tang Ruyan was the last bit of hope the Tang family had. He could not see her die.

It shamed him to see she had returned at such a critical time when the Tang family had abandoned her.

The column of fire was about to reach her, but then it split into two in front of Tang Ruyan the next second.

The split fire burned through the Tang family members standing on the sides. All the advanced battle pet warriors touched by the flames died without any exceptions.

“What?”

The titled battle pet warriors could not believe that Tang Ruyan had been able to survive. That was the dragon’s signature move, not to mention that two battle pets of the ninth rank had helped. How did she survive it?

Soon, people realized that it wasn't Tang Ruyan who defeated the strike, but... the white skeleton!

Before anyone had noticed, that insignificant skeleton had stood in front of Tang Ruyan.

What was even more stunning was that the white skeleton had not done anything other than stand there, and yet the column of fire had been split into two!

What is that skeleton?!

The three families shared the astonishment. Tang Ruyan, too, didn't expect that the Little Skeleton would stand up so quickly. She was ready to fight that column of fire by herself. She could tell that the column of flame would not hurt her because she had ascertained its weakness.

Of course, she had saved some strength since the Little Skeleton had stepped up.

"Die!"

Tang Ruyan uttered a word. A coldness was spreading within her that cleared her mind. She dashed toward the flames.

The sword she held was like Death's scythe!

Pff!

There was a dark, arched blur in the air.

The flames were cut off. A ray of black sword light smashed into the dragon's chest.

The flames around the dragon went away and blood came out. In pain, the dragon cried. It stepped back. The wound on its chest was so deep that the bones were visible.

Once again, people were able to see Tang Ruyan. She was standing on the wailing dragon.

"She's so fast!"

"I cannot believe it..."

"Was that Shadow Tracing?"

The people of the Situ family and the Wang family were frightened by that speed and strength.

The shock was not exclusive to the two families. The Tang family members recognized the Shadow Tracing, one of the three most famous skills of the family!

The shocking thing was that she was moving much faster than they ever could with the skill! "The Shadow Reacher!"

Tang Linzhan thought this was beyond his understanding

He was quickly able to tell that Tang Ruyan had reached the peak of Shadow Tracing. She would be as fast as a shadow! But shadows didn't move on their own. The name was just an indication that she was as fast as light!

Of course, that was just a saying, an exaggeration. Still, the analogy could show how fast was the speed achieved!

Tang Linzhan himself had only mastered the skill when he was at the peak of the titled rank. That was ten years before, and he had been in his thirties at the time.

But...

Tang Ruyan is barely 23 and she has already reached the peak?

While Tang Linzhan was still in shock, Tang Ruyan had made another move.

Her target wasn't the dragon under her feet, but the four titled battle pet warriors of the Situ family.

"Blood. Killing!"

Redness came into her eyes. She did not notice herself but the killing intent coming off from her was stunning. She was like a demon that had emerged from hell!

She stepped on the air, then she gathered her energy on her sword and swung at the four titled battle pet warriors when she was about a hundred meters away from them.

The Sword of Blood!

Bang!

The world died down because of that sword!

Demons were crying. The only thing people could see was that ray of light of a bloody color. The light came off from the sword; it was so glaring and so red that it was as if someone had used tons of blood to generate the light. The foul smell made even the most experienced fighters want to puke. "I don't believe this!"

One of the four titled battle pet warriors unleashed his full strength and resorted to a secret skill, Double Fist!

He punched at the sword.

There were four noises in a row. The four titled battle pet warriors of the Situ family came to an abrupt stop, and they fell to pieces in less than two seconds.

It was as if time bombs buried in them had gone off at once. They were reduced to pieces of flesh.

No one was able to utter a single word.

One move and four titled battle pet warriors perished?!

The Situ family head could not convince himself that he had witnessed a brutal slaughter.

The Wang family head was just as overwhelmed by disbelief. That was beyond logic!

She could have only done that if she were at the peak of the titled rank!

How could a girl of the Tang family do this?!

Not even Tang Linzhan could do this!

“Wait a minute. What about the bell? Has the effect expired?”

Someone finally noticed that.

That was a severe warning.

The Tang family elders and Tang Linzhan were still unable to stand up. So, the bell’s effect was still active.

So, this girl was still able to unleash this power when she was under the influence of the bell?!

People gasped. How terrifying!

The Wang family head was the first to bring his senses back online. “Who are you really?”

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He could not believe that the girl would be able to do this, even if she were at the peak of the titled rank. She had to be at the legendary rank!

If so, why would Tang Ruyan waste time talking to them? She could just show that she was at the legendary rank and they would have to surrender or flee!

But Tang Ruyan didn’t do so. The Wang family head didn’t think that a legendary battle pet warrior needed to disguise herself.

So, the Tang Ruyan fighting had to be an imposter. That was the only reasonable explanation. Why else would the girl possess such powers?

“You know very well who I am.” Tang Ruyan answered, coldly.

Stepping on the remains and blood of the four titled battle pet warriors, she made her way to where the Situ family and the Wang family were entrenched. A dark mist surrounded her sword.

“Humph, I don’t care who you are because you’re going to die today!” The Wang family head bellowed, “Everyone, let’s kill her!”

The titled battle pet warriors could not believe it. All of them against one girl? “Come on!” the Situ family head shouted.

He was furious because the four titled battle pet warriors were from his family.

Since the two family heads had said so, the others could only obey. Also, what Tang Ruyan had been able to do had turned out to be quite intimidating. Most people trusted that they would not harm the girl in any way. Joining hands would be more like a method to stay alive.

Chapter 558 Legend? Instant KO!

Kill her!

The many titled battle pet warriors of the Situ family and the Wang family charged toward Tang Ruyan.

The Tang family's people were appalled. Indeed, Tang Ruyan's performance was completely unexpected. That being said, dozens of titled battle pet warriors were going to attack her at the same time. Even a person at the peak of the titled rank would fall!

"Please, listen to me. For the sake of our friendship, I hope you can... help her escape. Your assistance will be much appreciated!"

Tang Linzhan found the strength to turn around and he addressed the several titled battle pet warriors that were from other base cities.

Those titled battle pet warriors had been unaffected by the bell's spatial attack; they could move about at will. As such, Tang Linzhan's hope relied on them.

Tang Ruyan was deemed as the Tang family's future, considering the strength she just demonstrated. If Tang Ruyan could get away and cultivate for a few decades, there was a good chance that she could become a legendary battle pet warrior!

Say she was unable to reach the legendary rank, merely staying at the peak of the titled rank, she would still be the best among all the warriors of the same rank. She could always come back and take revenge!

"You don't have to say so, Mr. Tang. We're all willing to repay your past favor with extreme sacrifice!" one of the titled battle pet warriors claimed.

"Exactly." "You don't have to ask. Just tell us what to do, you can count on us!"

The other titled battle pet warriors agreed readily.

If they were to help Tang Ruyan get away from the siege, they would have to fight at the cost of their lives. However... since that was what Tang Linzhan needed, they would do so without hesitation!

They would fight till the last drop of their blood dried up!

That was how they were going to repay Tang Linzhan's kindness!

After hearing their words and seeing the determination in their eyes, Tang Linzhan, a man who was always full of schemes and plots, was brought to tears.

The fact that those well-known titled battle pet warriors would go to such lengths to repay his kindness was because of the help he had once offered. His help did have a mixture of a scheme in them but he was sincere for the most part.

What he got in return was the titled battle pet warriors' resolution.

Tang Linzhan was overwhelmed by a surge of emotions but he couldn't find words to reply.

Standing in front of him was Tang Ruyan who was holding a dark sword, with hair dancing in the wind. She kept a cold glare at the titled battle pet warriors of the Wang and Situ families. She wasn't the least bit worried about their strikes. But when she heard Tang Linzhan's words, she began to bite her lip. "I hope you can... help her escape..."

Tang Ruyan was filled with sorrow. However, she was determined not to let it show.

Even at that moment, Tang Linzhan didn't call her "my daughter," or "the child of our Tang family," just "her."

Don't I have a name?

Don't I have an identity?

You gave me my name, father!

So, I summoned all the strength I could and I took the fatal risk to come back, and yet, I couldn't gain your approval.

Sorrow was burning her!

Tang Ruyan felt a scorching pain in her chest. It was like a hand of flames, squeezing her heart. She bit her lip so that she wouldn't let out a sound. Since she was a kid, her father had told her time and again that she could never be weak, given her position as the future family head.

So, she didn't allow herself to be weak.

Even at that moment, she would still follow her father's advice and stop herself from feeling sorry.

Kill them!

Kill them!!

Tang Ruyan's eyes reddened. Something was bursting out from the bottom of her heart. Killing intent surged out and the sword in her hand was making a slight noise. As if picking up on its master's mind and emotions, the sword produced a thick, dark mist, as if crying for its master. That mist climbed up to Tang Ruyan's arm as if to give her some consolation.

The wind was surging. However, as they reached Tang Ruyan, the wind stopped.

Above Tang Ruyan's head, her dancing hair was expanding

Everyone was astounded. What has the girl gone through to be like this?!

The people of the Tang family were just as startled. They could not believe that was the girl they had known since she was a baby.

"You..."

In an inconspicuous corner, Tang Ruyu was staring at the vicious girl, visibly confused.

She was sure that the girl was Tang Ruyan. She would recognize Tang Ruyan even if she were a pile of ash. She could misidentify her father but she would never fail to recognize Tang Ruyan.

But...

Tang Ruyan was no longer the familiar girl she knew.

Tang Ruyu was convinced that the girl was Tang Ruyan and yet there was nothing familiar about her. Tang Ruyu had never felt like that before.

“Kill them!!”

The violent killing intent was screaming to find a way out.

Tang Ruyan raised her head. There were some strange and creepy lines on her face. Her eyes were blood-red. She took a step forward.

Demon Possession!

Bang, bang, bang, bang!! The moment Tang Ruyan took that step forward, the titled battle pet warriors of the Situ and Wang Families descended into a momentary daze. Her sudden change was unexpected. The girl seemed to be more intimidating than a battle pet warrior at the peak of the titled rank.

An appalling event happened during that momentary daze. A ripping sound was heard amid the many titled battle pet warriors standing in front of Tang Ruyan.

Before anyone could notice, Tang Ruyan was already standing inside the crowd of titled battle pet warriors.

She took the initiative to strike them!

No one saw how she did it. All they could see was how the titled battle pet warriors of both the Situ family and the Wang family were bursting into a rain of blood! All of them died within an instant!

Horror!

The other people were so frightened that their eyes stared woodenly.

What is she?

No titled battle pet warrior could have done that!

The family heads of the Situ family and the Wang family were panic-stricken, but they reacted quickly. The latter shouted, “Take formation. Dragon King Slaughtering. End her!”

The Situ family head’s senses came back to life as well. Tang Ruyan was like a wolf in a pack of sheep. No amount of titled battle pet warriors sent her way would matter.

“Listen up. Take formation. Seven Star Prison!”

The two families’ titled battle pet warriors collected themselves. Disregard their panic, they quickly adjusted their positions.

After all, they were titled battle pet warriors. They would make the right decision at once after receiving the right reminder.

But when the titled battle pet warriors were trying to get into formation, Tang Ruyan was still waving her black sword and collecting the lives of those titled battle pet warriors!

Bang!

Many of the titled battle pet warriors died before they could even scream. The armors would be cut through the moment they appeared.

The black sword could cut through anything!

Roar!

Roar!!

Startled, the remaining titled battle pet warriors quickly summoned their battle pets.

Those ninth-rank battle pets charged toward Tang Ruyan the moment they came out and they unleashed several different skills at her.

The ground was cracking. Spikes were growing out. Lava was flowing.

“Go to hell!

“Drop dead!!

“I will protect the Tang family!!”

Tang Ruyan’s face was twisted and her voice hoarse. She didn’t even sound like a girl. Her moves had become increasingly more violent. Her hair had turned into many machetes that were flying out as she ran around wildly.

A ninth-rank battle pet of the rock family reached Tang Ruyan, only to be halved by the hair-machetes. The battle pet’s scales should have been hard enough to withstand a missile and yet the scales fell to pieces like paper.

Tang Ruyan was running fast by leveraging the Shadow Tracing skill. She kept on wielding her sword; anything and anyone that came near her would die instantly.

No one and nothing survived!

“She, she is terrifying!”

“I don’t believe this. Is she at the legendary rank? No, it’s not possible!!”

“We cannot set the formation...”

The titled battle pet warriors of the Situ and Wang families were seized by terror. In a matter of a dozen seconds, Tang Ruyan had murdered more than a dozen titled battle pet warriors. It was as if she were merely chopping vegetables. Those who died had been titled battle pet warriors, for god’s sake... Some of them were at the upper position of the titled rank, senior warriors.

Still, they had died within one blow!

What kind of freak is she and where does she come from?!

The titled battle pet warriors who were trying to set the formations were hunted down by Tang Ruyan. She was acting so quickly that they didn’t even have time to discuss a plan. Even though they outnumbered her, they, in a state of disorder, were the ones at a disadvantage!

The Tang family's battle pet warriors who were still under the containment of the bell's effect were staring, open-mouthed.

No one could have anticipated this!

One girl overpowering dozens of titled battle pet warriors!

They knew the titled battle pet warriors from those two families; they could not believe that they were being routed. Some of the titled battle pet warriors had tried using secret skills but to no avail; Tang Ruyan would finish them with one swing of her sword.

Invincible!

Untouchable!

Tang Ruyan was like a goddess of war who was overpowering everyone!

The titled battle pet warriors who had been intent on helping Tang Ruyan were frozen on the spot. There was no room for them to step in!

Was she... truly the banished child of the Tang family?

They could not answer that question.

The family heads of the Situ family and the Wang family stared at the chaos with their mouths agape. Even the two of them were terrified by Tang Ruyan.

They were at the peak of the titled rank, and yet, they were being overwhelmed by Tang Ruyan's momentum. What a terrifying realization.

Only a legendary battle pet warrior could terrify them so!

However, they clearly knew that Tang Ruyan was at the titled rank.

"She's a monster!"

"How can she change like that? Is she truly human?"

"Is she a demon in disguise? Damn it. Why isn't he here already?!"

The two family heads were afraid to go over and fight Tang Ruyan themselves.

Boom! Boom!

More and more titled battle pet warriors were dying. Their battle pets were unable to slow her down; she would kill them to get rid of them directly. No one and nothing could stand in her way!

She was like a beast that had been released in the middle of a flock of sheep.

Of course, those were not sheep. They were titled battle pet warriors and every single one of them had once drenched their hands in blood.

"You... both of you deserve to die!"

Tang Ruyan gazed at the two enemy family heads. They were the leaders of the two families. They had to be dealt with!

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She stepped toward them. To the onlooker, she had been on the spot a second before, then she stood in front of the two family heads the next.

Her hair fanned out and turned into eight machetes that were reaching toward the two enemy family heads.

The Situ family head snarled. He raised an energy shield. In the meantime, a dragon at the peak of the ninth rank appeared before him.

It was a Moonfrost Dragon!

The ground froze as soon as the Moonfrost Dragon landed. The Goddess of Ice shield was being manifested!

However, people heard a cracking sound halfway through the shield's activation. The Situ family head's energy shield had turned into broken pieces as well.

Darkness surged. Tang Ruyan held her sword and stood in front of the Moonfrost Dragon.

The dragon flinched as it looked at the coldness emitted by that pair of red eyes. It was seized by an urge to retreat.

Bang!

Tang Ruyan ran past the Moonfrost Dragon. The Moonfrost Dragon's mouth opened, ready to unleash a skill, but that was the last thing it was able to do. The dragon's head fell and the cut on its neck was neat.

Its sturdy scales had failed to protect it.

The two family heads were horrified as they looked at the dragon's head on the ground.

That was a dragon with a peak ninth-rank bloodline!

As a matter of fact, the dragon had reached the peak of the ninth rank and its combat strength was the best. Still, beheading the dragon was like child's play for Tang Ruyan!

What is that sword she's holding, to enable her to cut through dragon scales?

"Die!"

Tang Ruyan reached the Situ family head.

She threw herself at him.

Terrified, the Situ family head unleashed astral powers while he took out a bottle. He crushed the bottle, revealing the dark red pellets inside.

He was about to take the pellets when he heard a calm voice. "No need to panic."

That voice sounded arrogant. Tang Ruyan felt she had bumped into an invisible wall the moment the voice was heard. She was thrown back for more than a dozen meters before she stopped. She rolled her eyes and saw that figure gradually appeared in the air. It was an old man in a simple, cyan robe. There was a jade pendant on his belt. He carried a sword that was wrapped in a piece of cloth on his back. The old man seemed to be otherworldly.

Tang Ruyan recovered from that moment of confusion. Then, killing intent took hold of her again.

A legendary battle pet warrior!

The family heads of the Situ family and the Wang family both breathed in relief.

They bowed to the old man at once. "Lord Xu."

The old man waved his hand, meaning that they didn't need to dwell on formalities. He looked at Tang Ruyan from the corner of his eye. He found her quite interesting.

"You're at the titled rank but you can still unleash such strength. I have never seen one like you before. No wonder you dared to come alone."

Tang Ruyan stared at him. She could not tell why, but she was not afraid; even though she knew he was a legendary battle pet warrior. "Get out of the way," she said.

The titled battle pet warriors of the Situ and Wang families were shocked when the old man arrived. After the initial stage of astonishment, to their delight, they realized that the old man was on their side.

With the legendary battle pet warrior present, no matter what Tang Ruyan was able to do, she was a dead person already.

In the meantime, the battle pet warriors of the Tang family were still staring at the old man in a daze. Tang Linzhan thought of something and the realization left him boiling with anger. Finally, he understood why the Situ family and the Wang family would join hands to attack the Tang family. The legendary battle pet warrior had surely given them directions.

He could not believe that a legendary battle pet warrior would go after his family assets.

It was as unethical as an adult meddling when two kids were arguing!

"Legendary battle pet warrior..."

"I cannot believe this..."

The Tang family's battle pet warriors were astounded.

Even though they didn't know who that man was, given their titled warrior's senses, they were sure that the old man was at the legendary rank; he carried an aura that didn't belong to the titled rank.

Tang Ruyu felt dejected. Hope was just coming back to her when the coming of that old man had thrown a damp towel over her head.

A legendary battle pet warrior was behind the plot against the Tang family!

She turned ghastly pale.

“I’m looking forward to discovering the secrets hidden within you...”

The old man looked at Tang Ruyan with a smile. For a girl at the intermediate position of the titled rank to be able to use such powers... He could not wait to dig out the mystery within Tang Ruyan. Halfway through his sentence, while he still had a grinning face, people heard the noise of something breaking.

The old man’s head fell to pieces!

Even his eyes popped out from his already torn head.

A skeleton’s fist was reaching through the bloodied, broken head!

Chapter 559 Deterrence

Instant kill!

You could even hear a needle drop. A legendary battle pet warrior had died before he could finish speaking!

People were still seeing how his head had been crushed and how the blood spilled out as if everything had happened in slow motion. They were so frightened that their mouths hung ajar.

A legendary battle pet warrior...

Just died?!

What?!

All the three families present were in a complete daze.

That old man was a legendary battle pet warrior!

A legend who had the power to subdue many titled battle pet warriors had been killed! The white skeleton was then covered in red blood. People were still wondering if all of it was just a dream.

Where did that skeleton come from?

Some people had completely forgotten about the skeleton’s existence.

Some people still recalled that the skeleton had arrived along with Tang Ruyan. But who would mind that insignificant skeleton?

The family heads of the Situ family and the Wang family, who had just breathed a breath of relief, were thrown back into terror again.

Sophisticated as they were, it was beyond their ability to hide their astonishment.

“That...”

People’s minds were blank.

The appearance of the legendary battle pet warrior had thrown the Tang family’s battle pet warriors into another round of depression, right after their spirits had been raised by Tang Ruyan. Still, the

legendary battle pet warrior had died even before they found time to weep for a second-round of depression! After one punch!

A legendary battle pet warrior!

He was there for less than half a minute, and he had said so few words... His death was completely unpredicted!

What a sudden death!

“That skeleton...”

Tang Mingqing stared at that blood-covered skeleton. He finally remembered it, that nightmare he had experienced before. A spread of coldness crept into his heart.

Back at the pet store, there was a skeleton standing next to that young man!

Only, that skeleton was black.

Since the skeleton present was white, the color difference made Tang Mingqing fail to make the connection right away. The strength, the skeleton's blood and stature... the two skeletons he had seen merged into one on his mind!

There was also one fact, Tang Ruyan had initially been captured by that young man. That was the skeleton he had seen at the store!

Did the young man lend the skeleton to Tang Ruyan?

No wonder Tang Ruyan was able to come back. Is he... here?

Tang Mingqing could not help but look around. He felt that the young man could be hiding in any place lit up by twilight.

Tang Mingqing felt hope was returning.

Whether that young man was there or not, the skeleton itself was able to save the Tang family!

The skeleton was that young man's representation.

Tang Mingqing didn't understand why that young man was willing to help, but the only explanation he could think of was Tang Ruyan.

Tang Mingqing glanced at the girl who was hovering in the air, the vicious girl... She was even more horrifying than a titled battle pet warrior. What did she have to go through to be like this? he wondered. Tang Mingqing quickly looked away from her. He felt mortified.

Apart from Tang Mingqing, the other titled battle pet warriors were also full of troubling feelings. They were overjoyed but also humiliated. At the end of the day, they had been saved by the child they had abandoned.

Tang Ruyan stared blankly at the beheaded legendary battle pet warrior from the air. She wasn't unaware of Su Ping's skeleton but she didn't know it would be so outstanding.

One punch and the skeleton had killed a legendary battle pet warrior!

The legendary battle pet warrior didn't even have the time to react!

The skeleton had overpowered him!

That was Su Ping's battle pet.

The surprise cleared Tang Ruyan's head a bit. She saw the two family heads standing on the ground, looking dazed. She immediately charged toward them.

The Little Skeleton stood still in the air. The Little Skeleton remembered what Su Ping said.

Finish anyone or anything that means to hurt Tang Ruyan! The legendary battle pet warrior had hurt Tang Ruyan as soon as he arrived. So, he died.

Whoosh!

The family heads of the Situ family and the Wang family were still staring at the headless corpse of the legendary battle pet warrior. Their minds were on strike. A surge of killing intent enveloped them and slapped them back to their senses. They saw Tang Ruyan heading toward them, which instilled coldness into their hearts. Compared to that white skeleton, Tang Ruyan was a bit weaker, but she was a terrifying girl already.

"Let's go. Kill her!"

The Wang family head bit his teeth.

He and the Situ family head were unable to run away; that was not a choice for them. Tang Ruyan was too fast thanks to the Shadow Tracing. The two of them had no time to escape. They would have to face her and kill her!

"Let's do this!"

The Situ family head agreed to the plan. He was ready.

Boom!

The Wang family head turned his palm on which appeared a spear that had once instilled fear in many families. That was his Blood Spear!

While the Wang family head prepared his spear, all of a sudden, he felt a wave of pressure coming over him. Scared, he put his hand in front of his chest. Still, he was thrown away for over a dozen meters. Tang Ruyan had reached him.

"Situ Shou!!" the man shouted. His face was wrenched in anger.

But the family head called Situ Shou had already turned around and immediately ran away without looking back. Fighting Tang Ruyan together?

Hell no!

He believed they could stop Tang Ruyan with the Wang family head and the other titled battle pet warriors. But, there was that skeleton that had just killed a legendary battle pet warrior. What? That was a dead thing?

...Well, a skeleton was not exactly a living creature per se.

Being a skeleton and all.

Anyway, that skeleton was with Tang Ruyan!

Situ Shou was not sure why Tang Ruyan didn't order the skeleton to kill them directly, instead choosing to go after them herself. Either way, he could not afford to ignore the skeleton!

Even if Tang Ruyan died, things would not end well with the skeleton still being around!

Run!

Never in his life had Situ Shou run faster.

He had never heard of such a skeleton!

As far as he could tell, that old man they called Lord Xu was the most powerful human they knew, since he was able to kill a titled battle pet warrior with a move of his finger. Look at how he ended up; the skeleton killed Lord Xu with a single punch. Even thinking about it gave Situ Shou the chills.

Tang Ruyan frowned as Situ Shou ran for his life. If she were to go after him, the other titled battle pet warriors present would still have the chance to hurt the Tang family more.

But she didn't want to let go of an enemy like that.

"Little Skeleton, kill him for me!"

Tang Ruyan had to ask for help.

However, the Little Skeleton remained still and didn't answer the call for help.

The small skeleton knew it had to protect Tang Ruyan, but it wouldn't listen to her orders.

Tang Ruyan forced a bitter smile; she understood that the Little Skeleton only took orders from Su Ping. She just felt sorry that she didn't spend more time trying to nurture her relationship with the Little Skeleton while in the store.

"Anyway, you may run but you cannot hide!"

Tang Ruyan had decided a plan.

She took her mind off of Situ Shou and went back to the Wang family head.

"Damn you!"

The latter was boiling with anger. That was not the time to be obsessed over Situ Shou. He had to deal with the imminent crisis.

He had no one to turn to and he did not plan on fighting Tang Ruyan directly. She turned out to be more powerful than all the peak titled warriors he had ever seen. He believed that a legendary battle pet warrior would have to go through some troubles to kill her.

“Cover for me!” he shouted. He was going to use the most powerful skill known to the Wang family, Spear Overlord!

Bang!

He wiggled his spear. Behind him appeared nine swirls from which climbed out nine beasts. Wild, crazy beasts.

All of them were at the ninth rank, with three at the peak and the others at the upper position.

They ran past the Wang family head and straight toward Tang Ruyan.

The titled battle pet warriors of the Situ and Wang families finally understood what was going on. Those of the Wang family were furious since Situ Shou had left by himself.

“Oh, f*ck you Situ family!”

“Go to hell!”

“You will be our sworn enemies now!”

The titled battle pet warriors of the Wang family could not even begin to describe their anger.

The Situ family and the Wang family had been on good terms. They had become friends and they had planned that joint strike against the Tang family. But, what the Situ family had done was heartless.

The titled battle pet warriors were surprised as well; they knew that they could not find any excuse to defend their family head. There was no need for them to stay since their family head had run away, clearly fearing the skeleton.

“Let’s go!” an elder of the Situ family said.

He enjoyed quite a high status in the Situ family. The titled battle pet warriors of the Situ family agreed without the slightest hesitation.

“You can’t leave!”

“Kill them!”

In a fit of rage, some of the titled battle pet warriors went to help their family head while others began to beat the titled battle pet warriors of the Situ family. It was quite chaotic.

The members of the Tang family could only stare at that mess. No one could have seen that coming

Some people still kept their eyes glued on the white skeleton.

It had instilled fear into the Situ and Wang families, just by standing in the air. The skeleton’s mere presence had turned the two families against each other!

“I think I can move now.”

“Same here.”

Soon, the Tang family’s members felt the pressure on them lessening.

Some titled battle pet warriors tried to wiggle and they could move about freely.

They could barely stand up a moment before. “Let’s work with Tang Ruyan. Let’s stop them from running away!”

Tang Linzhan’s ability to move had also returned. He made a prompt decision.

He did not worry about the ones who were fighting each other. They would descend into mutual destruction eventually. He was after the ones trying to escape. No one would be able to get away if they worked together with Tang Ruyan!

He believed that the Situ family and the Wang family would be greatly undermined if he was able to finish all the titled battle pet warriors present!

Chapter 560 Father and Daughter

Finish it!

Urged by Tang Linzhan, the Tang family’s titled warriors who had just regained their ability to move sprang into action.

They bellowed and summoned their battle pets.

The three families were in a brawl. The other battle pet warriors of the Tang family had started to hunt down those who were trying to flee.

The Little Skeleton stood unmoving in the air, above all that mess. It simply gazed at the twilight on the horizon, as if thinking.

Under the feet of the Little Skeleton there were beasts and humans running about.

Bang!!

Like a fiend, Tang Ruyan cut off the head of a ninth-rank phoenix. She didn’t even stop to wipe off the blood. She pressed forward while bathed in crimson.

Behind her, a ninth-rank battle pet breathed out a fire that was about to reach her.

She chopped the flames into two strands.

Bang!

She dashed rapidly to meet that battle pet; it died with a wave of her sword.

Those battle pets were at the upper position of the ninth rank; they were currently unleashing powers close to the peak of the ninth rank because of the augmentation skills. However, they were vulnerable when compared to Tang Ruyan who was under the Demon Possession state!

“Damn it!”

“Is she also at the legendary rank?!”

The Wang family’s titled battle pet warriors, including the family head, were panic-stricken.

They were filled with apprehension because of Tang Ruyan. She was like a goddess of revenge that had just come out from hell, and no one was able to stop her! “Sir, go!

“We will stop her!” several Wang family’s battle pet warriors shouted. They summoned their battle pets and burned their astral powers.

Even if they disregarded that white skeleton, Tang Ruyan alone had robbed them of their hope. They had long forgotten the idea of defeating her.

Running was the only choice left!

If their family head could escape, the Wang family would survive!

The family head clenched his teeth and his fists. He eventually made up his mind and ran off!

To aid his elders, the family head didn’t summon back his battle pets, except for one Rotting Wing Beast that had a peak ninth-rank bloodline.

That was a demon pet, and a very powerful one at that. It was said that the beast had once served the Ashura King. The Rotting Wing Beast was the family head’s favorite and it had been with him the longest. It was his friend!

Run!

The family head ran away with wild abandon!

He ran faster than he had ever done so in his life. He had to get away at all costs!

The moment he ran away for his life was the moment that the strike against the Tang family had failed!

The consequences were much graver. The Wang family would have to face tremendous troubles and they would be uprooted from the four ancient families!

A monster like Tang Ruyan had been lured out because of the strike. No one would stand in the way of the Tang family’s development from then on!

The Wang family and the Situ family would have to deal with the Tang family’s retaliation. Tang Ruyan and the white skeleton together were enough to flatten any family!

He had to run!

It wasn’t just to save his own skin. He had to get the Wang family ready, evacuate the remaining members of the family and send them to different places, then activate an emergency plan to preserve their future!

It was a plan known as the Plan of Winter!

That was a plan that could only be activated when the family was in jeopardy.

“I have to live!!”

The man’s eyes reddened.

“You cannot get away!!”

A Wang family’s titled battle pet warrior charged toward Tang Ruyan. He held his spear and he ran with his battle pet.

“Go away!”

Tang Ruyan’s eyes were red and cold. She was furious since the Wang family head was getting away. The fact that the other family had gotten away had put her in a bad mood. She would not allow that one to get away.

Boom!

The sword gave off a glaring radiance. A ray of sword light was swept across.

Sword of Blood!

Bang, bang, bang!!! The pets from the titled warriors were unable to get away; the sword light halved them!

Blood was surging in their wounds and a bloody mist came out. The bloody mist flowed toward her sword which was absorbing the blood.

That titled warrior of the Wang family was thrown away and several people stopped his fall. They were as furious as they were frightened. This girl is a monster!

“Come on. Let’s get into formation. Swamp Land!” one of them said in a hurry. Although shocked all this time, experience kicked in and they were all able to react fast. The other people exchanged eye contact and began to build the formation.

That was not some large-scale formation but a famous one for the Tang family. It was a formation that was a natural enemy for the Shadow Tracing skill of the Tang family, and any accelerating skill for that matter.

Boom_!

Bolts of lightning struck from four corners.

All those people had pets of the thunder family. They placed their pets in four corners; the beasts would serve as the base for the formation.

The battle pets roared as they received their masters’ orders. Lighting bolts rose from their bodies. The titled battle pet warriors directed the lighting bolts toward themselves and in a few seconds, a formation took place and Tang Ruyan was trapped inside.

Tang Ruyan was able to notice the flickering of the lightning bolts in the air, then striking her. Still, they were completely unable to hurt her.

However, she could feel that she was being slowed down when she tried to move forward. Something would be triggered whenever she tried to move, and more bolts of lightning would surround her.

Tang Ruyan had heard about the Wang family's Swamp Land. People trapped inside would be fine if they remained perfectly still. The faster one moved, the stronger the lightning bolts would be!

When titled battle pet warriors were the ones who supported that formation, they could even keep one at the peak of the titled rank inside!

Not to mention that all those elders of the Wang family were at the peak of the titled rank!

But I don't think it's as strong as people say.

Tang Ruyan realized that the lightning strikes were unable to inflict her any harm. If anything, it was just like scratching an itch. So, is this the notorious formation?

What an exaggeration!

She grinned. She took a step forward and turned her sword over.

Bang!

The sword light tore open the sea of lightning bolts around her.

"Oh, Gods..."

One of the titled battle pet warriors was thrown into a panic. He could not believe that Tang Ruyan had been unaffected by that Swamp Land formation!

The man wanted to get away, but he would destroy the formation by doing so!

The ray of red sword light was approaching. He bit his teeth and his pupils dilated. A battle pet ran over from behind him.

Bang!

All of that battle pet's shielding and armors failed. The sword pierced through the pet on its chest.

Tang Ruyan had seen that old man's face of sorrow through that hole.

In the meantime, Tang Ruyan was running toward him!

Bang!

She wielded her sword. She cut the remaining battle pet into two pieces. She dashed over the battle pet and made sure that surprise was the last expression that could ever appear on that man's face.

That man's head was cut off.

His astral powers escaped. The formation was weakened as he died, and Tang Ruyan was able to gain speed.

"None of you can get out of this alive!" Tang Ruyan declared. She wasn't a greenhouse flower. She would be training, fighting and killing when she was a kid growing up in the Tang family territory!

She would never show mercy to the ones who tried invading their turf.

“We have... tried our best...” Another titled battle pet warrior of the Wang family died, with all hope lost.

Tang Ruyan was too powerful!

Those titled battle pet warriors were as feeble as if they were only eighth-rank battle pet warriors!

It might seem that it took Tang Ruyan a good while to unleash that slaughter but the fact was that everything happened within less than a minute. Tang Ruyan looked forward; she had lost sight of the Wang family head. She wanted to run but something else came to her mind. She turned around. To her relief, the Tang family’s titled battle pet warriors had recovered their abilities and they were hunting down the enemies who were trying to get away.

Whoosh!

A man approached her. It was Tang Linzhan.

As she stared at that familiar and distant man, Tang Ruyan gave up on the thought of going after the Wang family head.

The redness in her eyes receded. Her hair got back to normal and the black lines on her face faded away, revealing her original beauty.

The father and the daughter pair gazed at each other, but neither said a word.

Tang Linzhan thought he should say something but couldn’t decide to do so.

It had just been half a year since they were last together. And yet, it seemed as if ages had passed.

They were merely one step away from each other. They could touch each other. Still, he felt there was an invisible wall between them!

Father...

Tang Ruyan stared at the majestic man.

She wondered if he would think of her as “qualified” after that.

Soon, she noticed that there was shame in the eyes of a man who had always been dignified and superior.

He was no longer that domineering man she used to know.

For a moment, she was in a daze.

Was he the man she remembered to be so overwhelming, that she would never dare to fight back?

She kept silent.

“I, I am sorry...”

Eventually, Tang Linzhan was the first to talk. But the words he uttered had surprised even himself. He had never said those words before in his life...

Tang Ruyan gazed at him. A moment later, she breathed in relief but felt disappointed

She knew that some things could never go back.

A repaired mirror would still have cracks.

"It's okay," Tang Ruyan said coldly, "The family heads of the Situ family and the Wang family have run away. Now that I am here, I will bring an end to this mess. I will go and wipe out their families first before we talk about anything else."

Even she was unable to believe that she would speak with such indifference. She had never talked to her father like that. But she soon calmed down after saying those things.

Tang Linzhan was surprised.

End this?

Wiping out the two families?

He couldn't quite describe the feeling he had. Was it fear, or astonishment? "Ruyan, It was my choice to exile you. Don't hate the Tang family..." he said.

Tang Ruyan cut him off, "I do not hate the Tang family and I do not hate you. If I did, I wouldn't have come here." She added, "I don't think you ever knew me."

Tang Linzhan was unable to disagree.

She was right.

The fact that Tang Ruyan was there and that he was surprised was proof that he never knew his daughter.

He felt even more sorry. After a while, he finally knew what to say. "The Situ family and the Wang family have powerful heirlooms. Striking them won't be easy. I know that they are losing at the moment, but the fight would become difficult if we were to strike their home bases. We need to give the matter further thought."

Whoosh!

Right then, several people joined them.

They were the Tang family's elders and a girl, Tang Ruyu.

Tang Ruyu looked at her big sister, who was addressing their father coldly.

Tang Ruyan had unleashed strength far superior to what a peak titled ranker could muster. Tang Ruyu found it unfathomable. However, the fact that Tang Ruyan had been able to kill so many titled battle pet warriors was enough reason for her name to be known all over the Subcontinent District.

Was that indeed the big sister who had been a decoy in the past?

Tang Ruyu bit her lip. She was unable to ascertain her feelings.

“My lady!”

“My lady!”

The elders stood behind Tang Linzhan and gazed at Tang Ruyan with respect. Some of them even began to call her “future family head” again. Tang Ruyu turned pale. She lowered her head and clenched her fists.

That should be how they addressed her. But it seemed that she no longer was worthy for that, to contend for that name against Tang Ruyan.

Tang Ruyan pulled an even longer face.

“I know that my surname is Tang but I am not the future family head. I wasn’t, I am not and never will be,” Tang Ruyan said.

The elders knew that Tang Ruyan was still bothered since they had decided against her. It was understandable.

The elders just smiled at her without referring to that matter.

Tang Ruyan was the hope for the Tang family.

The Tang family could be regarded as the most powerful of the four ancient families with Tang Ruyan alone. Maybe in the future, the Tang family would even defeat the other three families and unify them!