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Chapter 371: Refusal to Walk an Easy Way Out (1)

She always thought of things that one would never have expected.

Everyone looked at Shen Yanxiao. Even though she doubted that they would be so stupid to seek death like those group of idiots, she decided to add on to her initial comment so that they would not make the same mistake.

“If they were to discover a low-level magical beast that they could easily kill, but it escaped before they could attack, or perhaps it escaped into the forest after it was injured, do you think those idiots would abandon it? They would definitely chase after it and thus, go further than our campsite. Who could anticipate what would happen after that?”

“Humans are greedy by nature. Tell me, among those who had taken advantage of the situation and snuck out while they were on a mission, which of them were not greedy?”

Greed would always cause one to overlook any important details, and it would almost always lead to a tragedy.

Shen Yanxiao’s words prompted the seven wolves to think about what she had said. If they were to discover an easy prey in a location that they believed to be safe, they would definitely go after it. They would not have realized that they had gone further than they anticipated as they would be filled with a desire to kill the beast.

Even though the Cave Wolves Mercenary Group believed that Mount Kuluo was not as simple as it seemed, the rogue mercenaries did not have the same opinion. Their guards would be down, and that would eventually lead to accidents.

The seven wolves shivered as they pondered about that. Even though Shen Yanxiao had mentioned greed as the motive, they thought she was trying to hint about the dangers that surrounded Mount Kuluo.

Did she know something that they missed?

Shen Yanxiao knew nothing about Mount Kuluo except for the twelfth-ranked Phoenix. She merely talked about it based on the experiences that she had accumulated in the past. Furthermore, Du Lang had mentioned that mid-level demons and magical beasts would have a certain level of intellect. Who knew if the beasts had devised any plans to trap them? If they did, then the mercenaries would have nowhere to turn to for help.

While the seven wolves were in deep thought, Du Lang passed an order to his men and told them not to wander too far away from the camp. No matter what Shen Yanxiao meant, it would be better for them to exercise caution.

Shen Yanxiao did not continue to say anything as when she noticed that the rest of the group were in deep thoughts. Her attention then drifted away from the group of idiotic mercenaries to the demons that hid on Mount Kuluo.

She wanted to see what a demon looked like. Those in the Brilliance Continent regarded those creatures as their nightmare, but Xiu treated them like delicacies. Xiu also mentioned that if she were to win the competition that was due in half a year, she would get a city in the Forsaken Land. Then, he would force her to breed demons for him!

Therefore, Shen Yanxiao thought that her first priority would be to see an actual demonic beast.

If Du Lang and the rest of the team knew that Shen Yanxiao intended to venture into the forest, they would have jumped on her and forced that reckless little kid into the tent.

Unfortunately, no one knew about her plans. By midnight, all the mercenaries in the camp had gone to sleep.

Shen Yanxiao took the chance to leave the camp discreetly, and she headed toward the pitch-black forest.

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Shen Yanxiao did not expect to bump into another group just as she stepped out of the darkness.

It was a small team with about a dozen mercenaries, and it looked like they also intended to sneak into the forest of Mount Kuluo to make a quick buck.

Those people were momentarily stunned when they saw Shen Yanxiao. They had snuck out to avoid discovery, and so they did not expect a little kid to have found them as soon as they left.

Shen Yanxiao had looked so out of place when she was amongst the Cave Wolves Mercenary Group that everyone in the thousand-men team knew who she was.

Everyone had wondered about the reason Du Lang had brought a useless kid with him. If it were not for the Cave Wolves Mercenary Group's reputation, they would not even bother to look at that little kid.

However, they also did not expect to bump into her.

"Why is the kid not asleep? And why did he come out?" One of the men muttered. He also thought that no one would know about them sneaking out, so he did not expect the kid to see them instead.

The client knew what the rogue mercenaries had done, but he did not care about them. Perhaps the client thought that he would have to pay less because of their actions.

That was why they wanted to sneak out at night. However, it seemed that part of their plan had failed.

"Damn it! That little kid had better keep his mouth shut tomorrow. If the client were to find out about this and decided to deduct our reward, our leader would strangle us!"

Those mercenaries stared at Shen Yanxiao with ill intentions. If it were not for the Cave Wolves Mercenary Group, that kid would not have been on their radar. Since they thought she was a young child, an idea struck them.

A man with tall build glared at Shen Yanxiao with a fierce expression as he waved the steel sword in his hand. "Little kid, you had better listen up. You did not see anything tonight. If you are careless with your words, I'll let you taste my sword!"

Shen Yanxiao blinked at him. She had seen some reckless people, but she had never met someone who did not fear death and even dared to threaten her.

She had not planned to meddle in their business. However, they had dared to provoke her. It seemed like they wanted to court death.

"I'm not interested in your business. However, if you dare to continue with this nonsense, I'll make you crawl your way out." She had a demon to find, and those idiots had better not delayed her.

Those mercenaries did not expect a thirteen-year-old kid would dare to threaten them. They were so surprised that it looked as if their eyes would pop out of its socket.

"Little kid, just because you have the Cave Wolves Mercenary Group's protection, don't assume that you can rest easy. Du Lang would not even know if I were to kill you where you stand!" The man looked at her maliciously as he spoke.

Without another word, Shen Yanxiao took her rarely used Clemance from her interspatial ring. Ten arrows were loaded in the blink of an eye, and then she released them. Those mercenaries did not even have the time to react before a strong force hit them. The impact was so strong that it pushed them back until they hit the tree trunks.

Dang, dang, dang!

In an instant, those arrows had nailed those arrogant mercenaries to the trees. Each of the arrows pierced through their shoulders and struck the tree trunks.

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All ten of them felt a sharp sting in their shoulders. They wanted to cry out in pain, but Shen Yanxiao had held up Clemance as she loaded more arrows and took aim at them.

"If you dare to utter another sound, I'll nail your heads onto the tree." There was an easy way out, but they insisted on going through the hell's gate. Those idiots dared to delay her trip and even threaten her? It seemed like they wanted to seek their deaths.

Those mercenaries were shocked by what had happened. They did not expect that little kid to be an archer! A single shot with ten arrows; was she even human?

She had nailed them against the tree in a split second, and they did not even have time to react.

They felt like they could cry as they stared at the bow and arrow in her hand.

Why were they so unlucky? Why was the kid so ruthless to nail them to the trees without any hesitation at all? There was no skepticism on her dull face, and she looked so calm that the mercenaries were terrified of her.

It was already pretty good that they were not shocked to death, let alone to utter any sound.

How the heck was she a little kid? She had to have been a monster!

The mercenaries wished that they could slap themselves silly. They thought that she was an ordinary kid, and they had even threatened her! She only needed to take one single action, and she had defeated all of them. One could see the huge gap between their abilities.

Even if their courage were to increase to a hundred-fold, they still would not dare to go against Shen Yanxiao's order. None of them wanted an arrow in their skull.

Shen Yanxiao looked at the mercenaries who did their best to keep their mouth tightly shut. Then, she put Clemance back into her interspatial ring and left for the deeper parts of the forest.

Everyone there recognized her as Huo Xiao, and no one knew her real identity. Thus, she did not need to conceal her strength. Those ten idiots could only blame things on their bad luck to have encountered Shen Yanxiao in that situation and landed in such a plight.

All ten of them watched Shen Yanxiao's back profile as they bid her farewell with their eyes. None of them dared to utter a single word.

That little kid was scary and ruthless. The moment she held her bow, blood would be shed.

Furthermore, she was powerful. Even though they were not experts, they still had above average strength. They did not expect that a kid could defeat them.

At that very moment, they were afraid.

They did not see Du Lang as a terrifying person as they knew full well of his strength. They were more afraid of those who appeared harmless on the surface but turned out to be the strongest hitter at the end of the day. Most would dread those with an unexpected level of strength.

After Shen Yanxiao dealt with those ten idiots, she continued to venture deep into Mount Kuluo's forest. However, after she had traveled a certain distance from the camp, she noticed something unusual about the forest.

The silent Mount Kuluo seemed gloomy under the night sky, and she could also detect a faint smell of blood.

Shen Yanxiao narrowed her eyes. Blood must have been spilled at that very place just moments ago. She immediately knew that the blood was from those mercenaries who had left the camp without permission.

Shen Yanxiao could also detect an odd scent amid the blood smell. It was a light scent, but it was quite similar to the demon that they had encountered just as they got to Mount Kuluo.

"It's a demon." A smile quirked on Shen Yanxiao's lips. It seemed like those mercenaries had been pretty unlucky. They wanted to kill a magical beast, but they got a demon instead.

Furthermore, based on the blood scent, instead of the demon, it seemed like those mercenaries were injured instead.

Chapter 374: Survival of the Fittest (1)

Shen Yanxiao walked noiselessly into the depths of the forest as she followed the faint scent of blood. She wore the Moonlight Necklace and jumped on a tree branch immediately after that. She rapidly made her way forward on the tree branches.

As she traversed forth, the blood scent thickened. Shen Yanxiao noticed that some grass on the ground was stained with fresh blood. It seemed like whatever creature that did that had left only a few moments ago.

Shen Yanxiao could hear a muffled shout from inside the forest, and she immediately leaped toward it.

Mount Kuluo was exceptionally eerie and scary at night. The terrifying atmosphere intensified with the smell of blood in the air.

Shen Yanxiao could see many black shadows crouched in open space among the trees, and they had formed a circle. Their shoulders shook; it seemed like they were busy with something.

Shen Yanxiao was on a tree about ten meters away, and she narrowed her eyes to get a sharper view of those silhouettes. She could hear snapping sounds from those black figures, and the blood scent that surrounded them intensified.

The moonlight seeped through the leaves, and strands of it lit up those oddly-shaped silhouettes. At the same time, it also revealed a puddle of blood in their midst.

Shen Yanxiao realized that those figures were not humans. Their bent back was crooked in a strange shape, and they did not have a single shred of cloth to cover their bodies. There were also weird, uneven scales all over their black skin. Shen Yanxiao could only see their backs, but she knew that they were what she had been searching for—demonic beasts.

They had bones that protruded from their backs, something that was inherently different than a human.

The look on her face changed when she realized what was in the middle of the circle and surrounded by those demonic beasts.

Five to six humans with their chests ripped open were scattered on the ground, and their fresh blood dyed the soil beneath their bodies. Their internal organs were exposed; those demons had pulled them out with their sharp claws to chew on them.

Shen Yanxiao deduced that they were the mercenaries who had left the camp without permission. She bet that they had not expected to encounter demons instead of magical beasts.

The crushing and snapping sounds that she had heard were noises that the demons had made as they gnawed on the humans' bones and flesh.

One unlucky mercenary was still alive, and she could see how his twisted hand had trembled. He vomited a large quantity of blood as those demons tore his abdomen open with their sharp claws. Then they pulled his internal organs out.

That grisly scene had occurred soundlessly under the night sky.

That was the first time that Shen Yanxiao had seen the rumored demon beasts. Even though she had seen how the demons killed the humans, she had a rather odd expression on her face. It did not look like it was fear or disgust, but it was something that one could not explain.

If someone else had seen the same scene, they would have run away in fright. However, Shen Yanxiao remained unmoved. She stood quietly on the tree branch and continued to look at the disgusting and unendurable scene.

“Xiu, are those demons?” Shen Yanxiao whispered as she pointed to the creatures that had swallowed the mercenaries’ bodies so greedily. One could not say that their eating behavior was like a human. Instead, it was much more similar to a wild beast.

Chapter 375: Survival of the Fittest (2)

“They are only a group of lower-level demons,” Xiu spoke with a calm voice. It was as if he was not concerned with anything that had happened.

“The lower-level demons are not much different than other ordinary beasts. They often only act upon their hunger for food. They do not have much wisdom to talk about.” Xiu described those terrifying creatures as if they were ants.

“It is easier to determine the level of a demon than it is a human. Lower-level demons are similar to beasts. Even though they may be quite powerful, they are also the easiest to deal with. As for intermediate-level demons, they possess a certain level of intellect and are not as rash as the lower-level ones. The one we encountered at the foot of the mountain was an intermediate-level demon. It knows to conceal itself to observe the enemy before it decides what to do with you lot. As for the high-level demons...” Xiu paused for a moment.

“The high-level demons usually have higher intelligence than an average human. Their strengths are also comparable to those experts who have changed professions. These demons also can disguise themselves as humans and mingle in their midst. Average humans would never discover their existence.”

Shen Yanxiao felt an aura from behind her in the middle of Xiu’s explanation.

“Wait and observe,” Xiu said when he realized that Shen Yanxiao had wanted to act on that.

So, Shen Yanxiao could only continue to stand on the tree branch as if she had sensed nothing.

That particular aura got closer as each second passed until she could even sense that being’s strength. Suddenly, an ice-cold aura reached out from behind her. It had a strong dark element that caused Shen Yanxiao to shiver.

“Where are you from, little kid? How courageous of you to enjoy the show from here.” A voice teased from behind her. As soon as Shen Yanxiao turned around, a pale white hand suddenly held her neck in a tight grip.

A handsome-but-monstrous face entered her line of sight. He had a rather pale complexion and purple pupils in his narrow eyes. He looked about eighteen to nineteen years old, and he had a bloodcurdling smile on his face.

That person looked very dangerous!

A warning alarm rang in Shen Yanxiao's mind. However, Xiu did not have any instructions for her yet, and that was what confused her.

That monstrous young man licked his lips, and his greedy, teasing eyes sized her up.

"You were neither surprised, nor fearful when you saw how the demons skinned those humans alive. Little kid, are you truly that brave, or did that scene shock you into silence?" The frightful-looking young man was quite curious about Shen Xiao's calm attitude, and his fingers that looped around her neck softly brushed against her skin like a feather.

Shen Yanxiao could already guess his identity when she stared into his purple eyes. His powerful and imposing demeanor and his extremely abnormal eyes could easily suffocate people, and it was not something that a human could possess.

It was just like what Xiu had said. A high-level demon could transform into any human appearance of their choice. Furthermore, she knew that only demons could have purple eyes.

She had only intended to peek at the demons in the forest. She did not expect that she would get to meet a powerful high-level demon.

Shen Yanxiao did not know if she should feel happy about her serendipitous fortune or to mourn her bad luck.

The strength of an advanced demon could rival Yun Qi, who was at his peak. Even though she had reached the level of an intermediate Warlock and Archer, she could not even begin to compare to such a powerful existence.

Chapter 376: Survival of the Fittest (3)

Shen Yanxiao knew that Xiu must have detected that demon's presence. However, he did not tell her to leave. Instead, he told her to wait and observe.

Even though she did not know what he had planned, Shen Yanxiao trusted her ally. She believed that Xiu would not harm her intentionally, and he would even follow her to the netherworld if she were to die.

With that in mind, Shen Yanxiao was not afraid of that high-level demon.

Her eyes were as calm as water without ripples, and she did not even bother to conceal her intention when she assessed the demon that was supposed to be one of the most powerful beings amongst the demonic beasts.

The monstrous young man looked at that little kid in surprise.

Even if the kid was mentally deficient, she could not have been that calm, right? Did she not see his oddly-colored eyes?

The low-level demons nearby seemed to have sensed that something was amiss, and they had stopped their feasting. Then they rushed toward her at high speed.

They roared with their bloodied mouth, and they exposed their razor-sharp teeth as they dashed toward the tree.

They had sensed it. The demons had sensed the strange, powerful energy that was there, and it was a temptation for them.

The first demons to reach the tree had to welcome a nightmare instead.

When they approached the huge tree trunk, the monstrous young man threw them an irritated look as he stood on the tree branch. With Shen Yanxiao trapped in his embrace, he released a low but frightening roar at the group of restless demons.

His roar did not sound like a beast's cry, but those who heard it would still feel the chill all over their body. After that roar, an invisible force spread throughout the young man's surrounding area.

The force knocked those low-level demons against the trees in an instant. Then they wailed as they fell onto the ground. However, none of those demons dared to move after that. Their bodies could only tremble as they curled and crawled on the ground. It looked as though they had encountered something so frightening that their previous ferocity and savageness had disappeared entirely. They looked like quails that had been shocked out of their wits.

The monstrous young man looked at those frightened low-level demons with satisfaction. Then, he reached out to poke Shen Yanxiao's face with his finger.

He was only there for a leisure stroll; he did not care for the humans that his fellow demons had been devouring. Even if those were only meant to fill his stomach, he would still find them hard to swallow. He had not expected to discover an interesting human there. She did not only watch the scene where the demons consumed those humans with an unflinching expression, but she was also very calm when she saw him. That was an intriguing situation.

He had noticed it when he approached Shen Yanxiao. She had an enticing scent on her. Even though it was somewhat concealed with the help of some items, it did not escape the sensitive sense of smell that a high-level demon would have. That fragrant scent was a delicacy amongst humans.

If one were to ignore her unusual behavior, the demons would still go crazy over her scent.

To a certain extent, it was the fragrant scent that had attracted the attention of that monstrous young man.

"Little kid, why is there such a lovely scent on you? I've not smelled such a delicious human for a very long time." The young man greedily took a few sniffs at the crook of her neck.

Chapter 377: High-levelled Demon (1)

“You’re a high-level demon.” Shen Yanxiao did not care if the demon could rip her apart and devour her that very second. Instead, she preferred to casually analyze the level of the demonic beast in front of her.

That monstrous young man chuckled and said, “Since you know that I’m a demon, why didn’t you shout, or be afraid? You should know that there’s a huge gap between me and those demons that you’d usually see. Even if a human expert were to stand before me, they can only resign to their fate and let me devour them.” It was interesting to see a kid who was not afraid of him.

“Will you let me go if I were to shout, or if I were afraid of you?” Even though Shen Yanxiao did not know much about demonic beasts, she was quite familiar with their obstinate attitude toward things.

The frightful young man laughed in a low voice. She was the first human in dozens of centuries to be so calm in his presence. He was also shocked to learn that she was not only unafraid of him, but it also seemed like she did not loath demons either.

“If you’re terrified, perhaps I can be more quick-handed with you.” The young man chuckled as he revealed his evil intentions toward her.

“Then, perhaps you can satisfy my dying wish before you eat me? Are you really a high-level demon? Is this your human form?” Shen Yanxiao did not seem like she was aware of the danger around her. Even though she did not know Xiu’s plans, she knew that he would not let her die if she were to encounter any danger.

In a sense, Xiu’s silence meant that she was not in any kind of danger.

However, was it not dangerous that she was face-to-face with a high-level demon that was about to swallow her whole?

The demonic young man blinked. He had never met a human who would still ask so many questions in the presence of a demon. She did not beg for mercy, nor did she resist him. Instead, she remained obediently rooted to her spot. She had asked a series of questions about his identity, and it was as if the danger was not as crucial as his identity.

“My name is Freud, a demon of Mount Kuluo. Compared to those ordinary demons that would eat whatever they could find, high-level demons have very high expectations of their food.” Since she was such a delicious prey, he could fulfill her curiosity before her death. Freud had always believed that he was a demon with good taste.

“Food? Do you mean humans? However, you did not have humans with you when you lived underground with the Devil Clan. So how did you survive?” Perhaps she was sure that she was not in any danger, or maybe she felt lucky to have encountered such a demon, Shen Yanxiao had a sudden interest in the demons’ habits.

Freud pondered about her question and said, “We didn’t use to eat humans. However, the dark element that the Devil Clan provided us does not exist in the human world. We could not find any real food, and so we could only decrease our hunger with human flesh. Alas, human flesh is no substitute for what we consider real food.”

Demons were not the original inhabitants in the human continents. Their existence there was the result of the battle between the gods and the devils. Unfortunately, the path that connected the human world to the Devil's Clan continent had been closed since, and all of the demons could only roam around the alien continent. They might have survived with human flesh as part of their diet, but that would not allow them to increase their strength.

Chapter 378: High-levelled Demon (2)

The demon's arrival had been a nightmare for humans. However, for the demons, it had also been a nightmare when they reached the continent.

"If you were to find something that could give you dark elements, would you stop eating humans then?" Shen Yanxiao's mind spun rapidly. She did not believe there was such a thing as natural enemies. The conflict between humans and demons started because the latter had no food to fill their hunger in the human world. Even though human flesh could not provide them with the dark elements that they need, the demons would have to survive with the dark side of the human mind.

If they could find something to substitute their diet, then perhaps the demons and humans could coexist peacefully. It was a coincidence that Shen Yanxiao had that very item in her possession.

The combination of Moling, Flame Grass, and Skeleton Flower could produce powerful dark elements.

Xiu had even wanted to use that to breed demons to recover his strength. If she could get all three elements before the competition in six months, she would get a city in the Forsaken Lands if she were to win it. At that time, they could produce enough dark elements to keep a few demons alive. To put it simply, they would have enough to satisfy Xiu's needs and change the way humans treat demonic beasts. Shen Yanxiao did not want to keep those demons in chains while Xiu absorbed their energy.

It would be perfect if they could achieve mutual benefits for all parties involved.

However, the only problem with that situation was that Shen Yanxiao did not know much about the situation, and Xiu could only tell her the general circumstances. That was why she was eager to meet a demon; it was so that she could continue to make plans.

The demon in front of her was not only smart, but he was also not in a hurry to devour her. That had given her a chance to ask questions about the demons.

Freud quirked his eyebrows and looked at the little kid who had asked those questions. He thought that it was a joke.

"We need dark elements that originate from the Devil's Clan. As far as I know, humans are fearful of such elements. If they were careless enough to feed their inner demons, they would be turned into a half-human-half-demon thing. And you're saying that we can find such dark elements here? You must be joking."

Shen Yanxiao said, "How would you know if you have yet to try it? If you were given a choice, would you rather feed with chicken ribs, or would you rather gain a large increase in strength that the dark elements could provide?"

The dark elements were just as essential to the demons as battle aura and magic is to humans. Often at times, they did not need to train hard as they could absorb sufficient dark elements to increase their strength if they were to rely on their innate abilities. No humans could think of such an easy way to do that.

Freud laughed out loud and said. "If such an opportunity exists, do you honestly think that humans would attract our attention? Well, both options are food, but we would rather choose the dark elements that could increase our strength. Little kid, I know what you mean. You're asking why we don't search for food that could substitute dark elements but insisted on preying on humans. It was not like we did not wish for that too. However, the most useful item to do that had been destroyed by that so-called God Realm. How could we still possibly have a choice?"

Chapter 379: High-levelled Demon (3)

Shen Yanxiao quirked her eyebrows and asked, "What if you can find Moling?"

"Moling?" Freud narrowed his eyes. He did not expect to hear the name of a plant from the Devil Clan from the mouth of a human child.

"From what I know, if we were to plant the Moling with the Flame Grass and the Skeleton Flower, it would produce powerful dark elements. Would those dark elements be enough to satisfy the demons' needs?" Shen Yanxiao looked so earnest as she discussed the problem with Freud. She did not look as if she was afraid that she would be devoured soon.

Freud looked at Shen Yanxiao thoughtfully. The Flame Grass and the Skeleton Flower could be found in both continents, so it was not strange for Shen Yanxiao to know their names. However, it was odd that she knew about the Moling and how those three plants could produce powerful dark elements.

That was not something that a human would know.

"Little kid, where did you learn of these things?" He thought that she was a weird kid.

Shen Yanxiao said, "Just reply with a 'yes' or 'no' will do."

Freud was speechless. Did that kid not have any self-awareness? Did she not realize that he had her life in his hands?

For the first time in his long life, Freud felt as if he had been snubbed.

However, Shen Yanxiao's question had struck a chord with him, and so Freud could only give her an answer. "Yes, it can."

Shen Yanxiao's expression brightened. It looked like she could rely on those three items to attract demons in the future. However, she did not know how to communicate with the low-level demons as they were weak and did not possess any intellect. As for mid and high-level demons, could she get along with them if she were to reveal that kind of information to them?

Shen Yanxiao did not want to be hostile toward the demons as that would only cause headaches to the four empires in the Brilliance Continent. Unless she were crazy, else she would never fight them willingly.

“Very well then, little kid. I have satisfied your curiosity. I have been in a rare good mood, and so, I have answered your questions readily. Now, please stay still so that I can eat you.” It had been a weird day as he had just had a conversation with a human child. Freud was pretty shocked with himself, but it did not change his plan to eat her.

After all, humans were merely food for the demons.

“Wait!” Shen Yanxiao suddenly raised her hand and covered Freud’s mouth with her palm.

Was it not too late to resist now? Freud furrowed his eyebrows. Demons had thin patience, and he did not even expect to have a chat with that small child. It was unprecedented, and he was no longer in the mood to continue it. Demons only cared about their appetite.

Freud ignored Shen Yanxiao’s resistance, and he was ready to consume his delicious meal when her next words stunned him.

“I have some Moling in my hands, and I know where to get some Flame Grass. If you still wish to devour me, then please feel free to do so. However, I’m afraid you might have to bid farewell to the only chance that could provide you with dark elements since you lost it thousands of years ago.” Shen Yanxiao’s tone was neither hot nor cold, but her words had thoroughly shocked Freud.

He stared at Shen Yanxiao in disbelief and stuttered, “What did you say? You have... Moling.. In your hands?”

Chapter 380: Secret Collaboration (1)

A group of low-level demons crouched on the ground and remained frozen as they sensed the powerful aura from a high-level demon. Even though their intellect was similar to wild beasts, they still found it weird.

Why would a powerful figure of their species stand so high on the tree branch for such a long time? The human in his grip also looked very delicious. The world of demons adhere to strict divisions of levels, so the low-level demons would always have to bow to the high-level demons. Therefore, they had no choice but to worship and revere that powerful demon on the tree.

However ...

Had he not finished with eating that small human?

Those low-level demons finally raised their heads, but they were stunned with what they saw.

That esteemed high-level demon had actually started a conversation with the ‘food’!

What kind of situation was that?

Their tiny brains could not process the scene that they had seen. They were curious as to why he had not devoured the food. Instead, they caught him staring at it.

If those low-level demons could understand the conversation between Shen Yanxiao and Freud, they would not have been that curious.

Unfortunately, none of the other demons understood the situation, and there were only two beings who were in a wretched conversation within the dense forest.

No one knew what Shen Yanxiao and Freud had discussed. They only knew that Freud had not devoured that delicacy, and he had even released her. Furthermore, he had chased them away as he leaped and hid in deeper parts of the forest.

As for Shen Yanxiao, she had a sly smile on her face as she watched the back of the high-level demon who had left after a defeat.

“Did you guess that I would use that method to escape?” After Freud had left, Shen Yanxiao had rudely gestured to a certain someone who had asked her to wait and observe. It looked as though he had left her to fend for herself.

Xiu declined to comment, and he did not answer her question.

If Shen Yanxiao could see his physical body, she would undoubtedly strangle his neck and asked him why he had been so unreasonable.

When she faced Freud, she had to control the entire situation by herself. She knew that if she were to make a single mistake, the demon would kill and devour her. Xiu had so much confidence in her that he allowed her to negotiate with the demon at ease.

She might have achieved a perfect conclusion, but the process was a little too much for her heart to bear.

“You don’t seem to be worried that he’ll eat me,” Shen Yanxiao snorted.

Xiu was silent for a moment before his chilly and confident voice said, “He won’t eat you. If he dared to do so, I would have snapped all of his bones.”

Shen Yanxiao stuck out her tongue discreetly and said, “Alright, I know. My death means your death, and we’re the most solid of allies.”

“Yes.” Xiu gave her the barest response.

“Even though I have discussed a collaboration with that glutton, Freud, we would still need to win that competition first.” Shen Yanxiao touched her chin. The competition was in six months, but she probably only had four to five months to prepare for it.

“When we get the Flame Grass, you will have to locate the Skeleton Flower as soon as you can. As soon as we gather all three items, I will try to undo your nest seal. If we could do that, then you would have a higher chance to win at that competition.” Xiu was always more talkative whenever they talked about the competition.

