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Chapter 391: The Phoenix's Glory (3)

What was wrong with Du Lang?

Evil Wolf was not alone in such thoughts as the other five wolves were puzzled as well. However, they would never question Du Lang's orders.

Du Lang's strange orders lingered in their minds, and they could only look on as the mercenaries at the frontline arrived near the Phoenix's nest. At that point, they were only a hundred meters away from it.

Several of the mercenary leaders at the frontline were not complete idiots. They knew that they would have to discuss a way to lure the Phoenix away from its lair. Furthermore, the cave could not accommodate all of the men and their magical beasts as well.

After a round of discussion, they decided to send out five wind-elemental magical beasts to lure the Phoenix from its nest.

Wind-elemental magical beasts had the fastest speed amongst the beasts. After that, five magical creatures as tall as half a man would immediately dive into the nest that was permeated with fire elements at their masters' command.

At the same time, the other mercenaries could only fix their gazes on the entrance of the cave.

The moment those five wind-elemental magical beasts entered the cave, scarlet flames shot out from the nest and immediately engulfed those beasts. Before anyone could react, those five beasts had been disintegrated into ashes.

The Phoenix's cry reverberated throughout the horizons, and its shrieks pained everyone's eardrums.

The temperature at the peak of Mount Kuluo rose to the degree that no one could endure, and the scorching heat overwhelmed everyone there.

The earth shook slightly, and a dazzling fiery-red colored light darted from the dim cave.

It looked like a huge red sun that was suspended high above everyone present there.

After the light faded, a massive and elegant king of the birds suddenly appeared before everyone's line of sight.

The thousand-men group seemed so insignificant in the presence of such a massive beast that stood as tall as a five-story building.

A pair of huge flaming wings stretched out like a large net and covered the sunlight, and what remained was the light from the sea of fire!

The elegant Phoenix suspended in midair while its stunning scarlet feathers ignited soundlessly. The Phoenix was covered with flames, and it looked so gorgeous that no one could avert their eyes. Yet, underneath the magnificent façade was a lethal and powerful being!

“An eight-ranked Phoenix? This... This is an eighth-ranked Phoenix?”

Everyone was thoroughly dumbstruck. Even though they had only encountered such a beast for the first time in their lives, they could not believe that the majestic bird was only an eighth-ranked high-level magical beast!

The other magical beasts there trembled as they sprawled on the ground beside their masters' side. As soon as the Phoenix revealed itself, the other magical beasts had turned into frightened quails.

“That is a mythical-level beast! That Phoenix is a mythical-level magical beast!” Someone shouted amongst the group, and in an instant, the word ‘mythical-level’ struck everyone’s heart like bolts of lightning as they gasped.

Everyone felt as if they were stuck in a nightmare at that precise moment.

No one could imagine that the eighth-ranked magical beast that they had expected was actually a mythical-level Phoenix that they had only heard from the rumors!

A mythical-level magical beast!

Its power was so unimaginably powerful that everyone could only tremble in fright!

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The Phoenix’s appearance had crushed the mercenaries’ confidence into dust. In the presence of such a powerful magical beast, no one dared to move a single step.

The large group of mercenaries stood rooted to their spot like a stone statue while their magical beasts sprawled on the ground as they trembled.

What exactly was a mythical-level beast?

A mythical-level beast was like gods. They were powerful, sacred, and irresistible, and even the fiercest magical beast could not defeat a mythical-level beast.

At that very moment, everyone’s hearts were filled with dread.

Du Lang stood at the rear of the group as he looked at the massive and sacred Phoenix with shock in his eyes.

He had correctly guessed that the Phoenix was not just a simple eighth-ranked magical beast. He had also predicted that it would be more powerful than anyone’s expectations. No word could aptly describe the shock that he felt when he was the creature of rumor.

Phoenixes were presumed to be extinct for more than a few centuries, but it looked like it had reemerged in the world once again to instill fear in its inhabitants.

“Huo Xiao was right.” Du Lang muttered in disbelief as he recalled what Shen Yanxiao said before she left.

At that moment, he rejoiced. He celebrated the fact that he had discerned greatness from a mediocre-looking person and spared no effort to invite that young man into their group. If it were not for the reminder that Shen Yanxiao had given him before she left, he would have led his entire group to the frontline.

If that were to happen, then it would be a calamity that would lead to their destruction!

“Leader... Is that the Phoenix?” The other six wolves’ complexions had turned deathly white. They were well-known for their strength and bravery in Black City, but they could not even muster a single ounce of courage in the presence of the Phoenix.

Du Lang fiercely gritted his teeth and gave them his command.

“Everyone, get your magical beasts and evacuate from this area. There’s a discrepancy with the mission’s information, and we must not stay here any longer!”

The moment Du Lang issued that command, the Phoenix began to unleash its dissatisfaction toward the humans who had invaded its territory.

Waves of flames descended from above them, and then it scattered onto the earth like a rain of fire. Every cluster of the blaze was the size of a palm, and it immediately devoured those it touched.

At that moment, sounds of heart-wrenching wails reverberated across Mount Kuluo. Some of the mercenaries managed to recover from their shock, and they tried their best to make their escape.

However, the Phoenix’s fury had yet to subside. It fanned its wing, and a sea of flames swept across the earth like a gale.

Blood-curdling screams permeated the air. How could those mercenaries, who managed to escape, find the courage to fight that mythical-level beast? They could only flee as they were afraid that the Phoenix’s fury would devour them.

The temperature at the peak of Mount Kuluo continued to rise, and the temperature proceeded to cook everyone’s flesh. They sweated profusely due to the heat, but they could not care about that since they had to escape in haste.

None of them had expected to face a mythical-level beast in a mission to kill an eighth-ranked magical beast! If they had known about that sooner, would they still overestimate their abilities and proceed with the mission to court death?

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However, no amount of regrets could change the situation. The Phoenix’s flames of fury burnt whatever it could see, and many of the mercenaries who could not escape were burnt to ashes. The mercenary leaders who managed to flee could only look on helplessly as their men were turned to dust. Their hearts ached as they cursed their client who seemed to have disappeared from their sight.

Flames, extreme temperatures, and sounds of wails shrouded the peak of Mount Kuluo. Shen Yanxiao hid in a concealed spot, and she was shocked by the havoc that the Phoenix had caused.

That was the power of a Phoenix?

Even though she knew that the Vermilion Bird was mighty, she had never experienced the might of a mythical-level beast. The strength of the Phoenix was on par with the Vermilion Bird. Did that mean the Vermillion Bird could do the same thing?

Shen Yanxiao could not associate the Phoenix that had decimated countless men with that proud little guy.

Aside from shock, Shen Yanxiao's heart also ached.

Before the Phoenix emerged, it had released a sea of flames that burned the Flame Grass in front of its nest into ashes.

Shen Yanxiao could only sigh when she saw the Flame Grass that had been turned to dust.

"Just attack them if you are angered. Why did you have to launch such a wide-range attack? My Flame Grass!!!" Shen Yanxiao gripped her chest as she felt like she would vomit blood.

However, Xiu did not care about that problem. When the Phoenix made its appearance, he had sensed that something amiss.

"Do not worry. There will be more Flame Grass nearer to its nest. The Phoenix's action today seemed to be somewhat unusual."

"Unusual? What's so unusual about it?" When she heard that there were still Flame Grass available, Shen Yanxiao immediately swallowed the blood that rose to her throat.

"Even though the Phoenix is a mythical-level beast with a proud temperament, they would rarely kill. Those people had merely startled the Phoenix, and if it were behaving normally, it would not launch such a wide-spread attack." Xiu saw the massacre scene through Shen Yanxiao's eyes and felt that something was amiss.

"Furthermore, before we entered Mount Kuluo, the Vermilion Bird and I had sensed the abundance of fire elements, and it is much more powerful than the Lava Valley. However, this Phoenix is probably slightly weaker than the Vermilion Bird, and it definitely could not radiate that much fire element. I feel that something is wrong here. You should remain here for the time being and watch the scene unfold first." Xiu reminded Shen Yanxiao as he did not want her to go to the nest immediately after he told her about the Flame Grass.

"Are you saying that this Phoenix is weaker than the Vermilion Bird?" Shen Yanxiao managed to catch Xiu's main point.

"From the looks of it, yes. There's barely any difference between their powers, and if they were to fight, the Vermillion Bird had a higher chance at winning it. Even though the Phoenix is a magical beast, it deviates more toward a spirit beast. Of course, it could not compare to one of the five ancient mythical beasts in a fight." Xiu had been hostile toward the Vermillion Bird, but he was rather just in his evaluation.

Shen Yanxiao raised her eyebrows. She did not expect that the Vermillion Bird would be that powerful. It seemed like she had underestimated him all along.

It had not even been half a year since Shen Yanxiao transmigrated into that world. No one would blame her if she miscalculated the Vermillion Bird's might. She was still unfamiliar with most things in the world, and she had mistakenly regarded the magical beasts as creatures with magical powers. She had not expected them to be that powerful.

It had only been such a short time, and so Shen Yanxiao's information was limited as well.

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Other than the people she cared for, everyone else was like feeling clouds in her mind. They did not hold any value to her.

The Vermillion Bird within Shen Yanxiao seemed to have sensed her internal conflicts as he crossed his arms rather arrogantly and muttered, "Well, now that you know how powerful I am, let's see if you will still dare to belittle me in the future!"

Just as Shen Yanxiao began to understand more about the magical beasts, the men in black who hid amongst the dense forest progressed with the next step in their plan.

The mercenaries had distracted the Phoenix, and it had moved away from its lair. When they thought that the time was right, the men immediately dashed toward the cave.

"It's just as I expected. They wanted the Phoenix's nest. What did they need that they would go after it with such risks?" Shen Yanxiao touched her chin. After the men in black left, she gulped another bottle of speed potion and followed them into the cave.

Ashes had covered the cave's entrance. Just moments ago, those ashes had been five lively and healthy magical beasts. Unfortunately, they had been turned into ashes to merge with the soil of the earth.

Soon enough, the men entered the Phoenix's nest. Shen Yanxiao decided to hang back to observe their actions instead.

At the very next second, another sea of fire surged from the nest, and the men in black rushed out. Their bodies had burnt marks, and the flames had swallowed a large chunk of their clothes. Fortunately, they proved to be skilled as they survived the flaming attack.

However, the sea of fire that appeared once again had exceeded everyone's expectations.

Shen Yanxiao witnessed that scene in astonishment. Why was there another sea of fire? Had they not lure the Phoenix away?

The men in black had that same question in their minds. They had planned to use the mercenaries as a distraction to lure the Phoenix away from its nest so that they could infiltrate it. They did not expect a sudden change would ruin their perfect plan.

A massive sea of fire had welcomed them as soon as they stepped into the cave. Then, scorching flames had forced them out.

“What’s going on?” The leader was shocked by what had happened. He questioned his men furiously and without a care for his state of being.

The other men in black were also at a loss. They did not know what had happened.

However, their confusion was resolved soon enough.

Another flamethrower appeared from within the pitch-black cave, and a dazzling and elegant Phoenix suddenly flew out!

It was another Phoenix!!!

Everyone went crazy. They would never have expected another Phoenix in the cave! Furthermore, it was a mythical-level beast!

“How is this possible? There was only one Phoenix when we were here last!” One of the men panicked. Even though they had the confidence to defeat Black City’s mercenaries, they might not have the ability to break a Phoenix.

“Damn it! What kind of information did you get from that?! I might die because of you!” The leader’s expression turned ashen in an instant.

How could they withstand the fury of a mythical-level Phoenix?

Chapter 395: This is an Egg (1)

Shen Yanxiao remained hidden in the shadows, but she was also dumbstruck as the scene unfolded.

One had left, and another had appeared. She wondered about the shitty luck that the men in black must have had to encounter such an unfortunate incident.

Furthermore, it looked like they had already done a round of investigation on the Phoenix’s nest. They had made preparations based on the information that they had received.

However, they did not expect to see another Phoenix at such a crucial point in their plan!

Shen Yanxiao prayed for those men in black. It was apparent that the heavens had wanted to go against them!

“No wonder the fire elements on Mount Kuluo are so strange. It looks like there are two of them, and they are a pair. The one outside is the male, and this is the female,” Xiu explained.

Shen Yanxiao carefully observed the female Phoenix.

The female Phoenix had a smaller physique when compared to its male counterpart. One could also see the golden feathers on the male’s tail.

If one were not attentive, one might not notice the difference between both of them.

After all, they looked almost identical.

“I’d like to see how they would handle the situation.” Their predicament was similar to the idiom, to try to steal a chicken only to lose the rice used to lure it. Shen Yanxiao laughed discreetly at those men in black. They had a brilliant plan, and yet they could not have predicted that.

The men in black looked to be helpless in the presence of a mythical beast. Otherwise, they would not need to find so many men to lure it away.

Since they encountered another Phoenix, they had to abandon their initial plan and flee. Even though they might not have the skills to deal with the magical beast, they could still make a run for it.

Therefore, the moment they realized that their plan had failed, they immediately escaped toward different directions.

The method might not guarantee everyone’s safety, but the Phoenix would not be able to go after all of them. At least, that way, some of them would survive the ordeal.

How could the Phoenix stop its pursuit when the humans went in all directions? It could only stretch its wings and chase toward one direction.

Unfortunately, it had set its eyes on the handsome leader of that group of men in black.

Shen Yanxiao followed their departure with her eyes, and she could only sigh in relief when they were gone.

“Man proposes, but God disposes. They should have been more prepared beforehand, but they did not expect such a variable to appear so suddenly.” Even though her words were of regret, that little thief’s tone did not contain a single hint of pity. Instead, she sounded as if she was gloating.

Those men were not kind souls anyway. To achieve their objectives, they had decided to manipulate the lives of a thousand mercenaries. One could already infer their nature from that single action.

It was time for her to make a move, and her thoughts became active again. Before she proceeded with her plan, she decided to be more prepared, and so she summoned the Vermillion Bird. As long as she had the Vermillion Bird, she would not have to worry, even if there were another Phoenix in the cave.

“Do you need me for something again?” The Vermillion Bird crossed his arms and lifted his chin. His tilted eyes arrogantly as he looked at his master, and his tone was of one who bore a grudge.

Shen Yanxiao smiled and extended her fingers to stroke the Vermilion Bird’s feathers. With a coaxing tone, she said, “Of course. My Vermilion Bird is an ancient mythical beast, so obviously, I will have to rely on you in crucial times.”

Chapter 396: This is An Egg (2)

The Vermilion Bird snorted. He was vexed as he felt as though he was caressed like a pet.

“Why are you still standing here? Go on in then.” The Vermilion Bird walked toward the Phoenix’s nest with arrogance. He decided to vent his frustrations with his master in their lair.

Those two idiotic birds had better residence than he did, and so he decided to destroy that place before he left!

Shen Yanxiao chuckled and followed the Vermillion Bird into the Phoenix's nest.

The Phoenix's nest looked larger from outside than it was inside. The cave was pitch-black too. As she walked into the cave, she discovered shining red crystals embedded on all of the walls. They were the size of a fist, and there were at least a thousand of them in the large cave.

Those red crystals constantly radiated fire elements from all four directions. It was probably why the entire cave was flooded with an abundance of fire elements.

When he felt the fire elements that surrounded him, the Vermillion Bird stretched comfortably, and his annoyance had lessened considerably. Even his footsteps felt lighter.

There seemed to be no end to that large cavern. Shen Yanxiao and the Vermillion Bird had walked for about three to four minutes, but they had yet to reach its end. As they explored deeper into the cave, Shen Yanxiao felt the increase in temperature until it was more than what a human body could endure. She had no choice but to use her magic and battle aura to keep the heat separated.

They continued to travel deeper into the cave when, suddenly, a light illuminated the dark cave.

The cave had a wide and flat ceiling, and its four walls and the ground were littered with fire elemental crystals. The faint red light the crystals radiated had lit up the place.

Two massive nests were arranged side by side, and they looked like they belonged to those two Phoenixes. However, they did not expect to see a tiny nest in the middle of those two large ones.

The tiny nest was only as big as three human palms. Then Shen Yanxiao realized that the nest was built with the Flame Grass that she had sought for so painstakingly!

Even though it was only the size of a palm, it looked like thousands of Flame Grass had been used to create it!

She recalled how much effort she had to put in just to get a single stalk. She felt as if she would vomit blood when she realized that the Phoenixes had used it for the tiny nest.

The small and delicate nest seemed rather inconspicuous in the massive cave, but Shen Yanxiao could not shift her gaze away from it. Her sight was glued onto the palm-size red egg that rested there.

Egg...

It was an egg!

Shen Yanxiao looked at that bright red egg in shock. She could almost feel the steady stream of heat that the egg had radiated.

"What's this egg?" Shen Yanxiao lips twitched as she looked at the adorable red egg. Yet, she had an outrageous thought in her mind.

"This is a Phoenix egg. No wonder those two Phoenixes had been so agitated. I believe that someone else had wanted to snatch their child previously and so, it had provoked their desire to protect. That was

why their reaction had been so extreme when they saw the group of humans.” Xiu finally understood the reason for their strange behavior.

It was not only humans who could feel familial love. Even the magical beasts would care for their offsprings, let alone mythical beasts that had the same intellect as a human being. Some of them could also morph into a human form. They would certainly do everything they could to foster their offspring, and it made sense that they would defend the child if someone attempted to steal them away.

Chapter 397: This is an Egg (3)

It was already an amazing feat if someone from an ordinary family could get a mid-level magical beast, and it went without saying that only influential families could procure a high-level magical beast for their children. As for mythical-level magical beasts, they were so rare that not even the royalty could get their hands on one so easily. If the ancestors of the five great aristocratic families in the Longxuan Empire did not have an agreement with the five mythical beasts, they would not have been able to get into a contract with them.

The Phoenix would have the same strength as an eighth-ranked magical beast the moment it was born. When they reached adulthood, then they would ascend to the same status as a mythical beast. If a powerful magical creature were to appear in the world, it would always lead to a bloodbath!

A magical beast that had almost reached a mythical-level; who could resist such temptation?

“A pair of Phoenix could only birth an offspring once a millennium. This must be their egg, and it looks like it would hatch soon. At this point, both of its parents would guard the nest to ensure its survival,” Xiu explained. Even though they were in a fiery hot spot, his voice remained as cold as ice.

Shen Yanxiao seemed to be lost in her thoughts as she listened to his explanation. She had not only seen the Phoenixes that she had only heard in legends, could she possibly witness the birth of one too?

However...

Shen Yanxiao looked at that half a palm-sized egg, then at the two massive nests and quietly asked, “Aren’t phoenixes quite large in size? Why is their child... Why is it so small?”

There seemed to be no difference between a Phoenix’s egg and a normal chicken one!

After a moment of silence, Xiu said, “You’ve seen the true appearance of the Vermilion Bird. Do you think it is comparable to his current appearance?”

The Vermilion Bird’s true appearance...

Shen Yanxiao looked into the distance. The Vermilion Bird’s true appearance was comparable to the two Phoenixes, and as for his current form...

Shen Yanxiao looked at the Vermilion Bird. However, she gasped when she realized what he had done.

That proud little grandpa had unknowingly gone toward the egg and stared at that little red egg with a curious expression. He even crouched to stare at the Phoenix's egg with his head askew. Then, he reached out with his tender fingers to try and poked at it.

"Vermilion Bird, what are you doing?" Shen Yanxiao was surprised by what she had seen. Why did he do that? Did he want to eat the egg?

In her previous life, she had heard about how other creatures loved eggs. Wild beasts would often wander around birds' nests to find unattended nests so that they could devour the eggs.

However, the Vermilion Bird was also a part of the bird species!

He would not do such a cruel thing, would he?

Shen Yanxiao knew that if the Vermilion Bird were to swallow that egg, the two angry Phoenixes outside would probably chase them to the end of the world.

It had taken them a thousand years to produce that egg. It seemed impossible that they would let the matter go if someone were to eat that egg.

"You have a weird expression on your face. I am merely curious, and so I came for a closer peek. Why do you look like I was going to eat it whole?" The Vermilion Bird had sensed his master's uneasiness, and he was dumbstruck that she would have such thoughts about him. He had a curious personality, and he was not one to enjoy eating his species.

The Phoenixes and he belonged to the same species!

While he grumbled about his master's idiotic train of thoughts, he continued to poke at that adorable egg. As he continued to jab at it, the egg's shell cracked, and he could touch something fluffy the very next second.

"Chu~"

Chapter 398: Little Phoenix (1)

The two Phoenixes chased two groups of people up and down Mount Kuluo. The fiery mythical-level magical beasts did not give anyone the chance to fight back. However, just as the two groups ran out of hope, the Phoenixes suddenly stopped chasing after them. It seemed like the Phoenixes had sensed that something had happened as they abandoned their pursuits. Then they rushed toward the nest as fast as they could.

The Phoenixes nearly tore the leader apart. After that near-death experience, he could only look on foolishly as the figures of the Phoenixes gradually became smaller.

"Why did it leave..." At that moment, the leader was drenched in sweat, and his body had been scorched black by the Phoenix's fire. If it were not for his strength, he would have probably died in the flames. However, that Phoenix could have killed him immediately, so why did it suddenly abandon that opportunity and turned around to leave?

The leader was still puzzled, but he was very grateful for its unusual behavior. If it were not for that, he would have been turned into a pile of ashes.

Shen Yanxiao and the Vermilion Bird looked as if they had been petrified inside the Phoenixes' nest as they stood rooted to the spot while they gazed at a particular direction.

“Chu~ Chu~” A palm-sized little ball of fur uncurled its flurry body in the delicate nest. Its pair of pitch-black and huge, round eyes stared at the Vermilion Bird in a confused manner. The red fur around its body had turned it into a ball, and only a small and pointed beak that released soft chirps could be seen.

The little furball blinked its eyes and looked at the two petrified beings before it struggled to rotate its little head that was almost indistinguishable from its body. With its tiny mouth, it lightly pecked at the finger that poked at it.

The Vermilion Bird shivered for a second, and then he looked at that little creature that had unknowingly broken out of its shell in shock.

The moment his scarlet eyes met with the creature's watery black eyes, the furball suddenly fluttered its thumb-sized wings, and its two petite claws struggled to move forward in the direction of the Vermilion Bird.

The young little creature did not have any strength to fly or run, and its thumb-sized wings were severely out of proportion as compared to its body size. Those wings were not enough to support the creature's weight. The furball then pounced onto the Vermilion Bird's arm.

Then, a shocking scene transpired.

Just as Shen Yanxiao and the Vermilion Bird were recovering from the shock when they saw the little Phoenix break out of its shell, the little furball latched itself on the Vermilion Bird's arm and fluttered its mini-sized wings with excitement.

Its fluffy body also tried to rub on his arm while it released soft and cute chirps.

“Let... Let go!” The Vermilion Bird glared at that koala-like little Phoenix on his arm. He had never been in such close contact with any magical beast ever since he was born, and it looked like that little creature had practically stuck its entire body on him!

“Chu~?” The little Phoenix blinked as it seemed like it did not understand what the Vermilion Bird had said. After it saw his twisted expression, it happily rubbed against the Vermilion Bird's arm, and even its adorable large eyes had narrowed in comfort.

Chapter 399: Little Phoenix (2)

Shen Yanxiao looked at the little Phoenix that clung onto the Vermilion Bird in astonishment as complicated feelings assaulted her mind.

“Xiu, what's going on?” Shen Yanxiao could only ask Xiu about the situation with the baby Phoenix and the Vermillion Bird.

Xiu answered slowly, "When a baby Phoenix hatched from its egg, it would treat the first living things it sees as its parents. The pair of Phoenixes must have been staying by its side to wait for the egg to hatch. However, since the Little Phoenix saw the Vermillion Bird the moment it hatched, it must have thought that he was its parent."

"See the Vermillion Bird as its parent!?" Shen Yanxiao was thoroughly struck dumb.

Shen Yanxiao knew that a bird would recognize the first creature they saw to be their parents, and it was something that only birds do.

However, she did not expect that the Vermillion Bird's curiosity would match the time that the egg would hatch. What a coincidence! It had seen the Vermillion Bird the moment it broke out of the shell, and therefore, it thought that he was its parent.

The parent recognition behavior was one matter, and the identity of the Vermillion Bird was another. If another magical beast had stood in the same spot, the Little Phoenix might not be so sure about its decision.

The problem with that situation was that the Vermillion Bird was also a magical beast with fire elements, and his strength was not inferior to the Phoenixes.

When it sensed the neverending fire-element, the Little Phoenix immediately acknowledged the Vermillion Bird as his parent. It did that without any hesitation at all.

"Stop joking!" Shen Yanxiao's doubts had attracted the Vermillion Bird's attention. When he heard that the little furry ball thought of him as its parent, he immediately blew up.

Even though he was a mythical beast that had lived for thousands of years, he had always acted independently. It might establish a contract with another person, but it would only meet other magical beasts on the battlefield. Other than that, he never had any opportunities to get close to other magical beasts.

A cub had suddenly appeared and accepted him as its parent. That had given the Vermillion Bird a great shock!

"Let go of me right now, or else don't blame me for my insolence!" The Vermillion Bird roared as if he had touched a hot potato. If he were not in excessive shock, he would have probably flung the Little Phoenix off him the first chance he got.

Unfortunately, how could a hatchling understand the Vermillion Bird? It could only follow its instinct to cling onto the Vermillion Bird as it rubbed its body on him. It was as if he begged for warmth, and the nourishment from the elements immersed it in happiness.

It might have roared fiercely at the hatchling, but the Little Phoenix did not understand him as it thought of that as some noise.

Then, something else happened that struck them speechless. It seemed like the Little Phoenix was not satisfied with the Vermillion Bird's arms as it climbed up to him, bit by bit.

The Little Phoenix did not weigh much, and its entire body was soft and fluffy. Its thin and soft feathers rubbed against the Vermillion Bird's arms as it inched upward. However, that seemed to enrage the

Vermillion Bird even more. He casually waved his hand and sent that tiny creature flying without any hesitation.

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Shen Yanxiao could only look on helplessly at the Vermillion Bird's savage actions. However, before she had a chance to speak, the furry little red ball transformed into a streak of light that dashed outside the cave.

The next moment, the two Phoenixes' cries echoed throughout the horizon.

The little furry ball was thrown into a warm embrace in the blink of an eye before it even understood the situation.

One of the Phoenixes extended its wings to grab their youngling that 'flew' toward their direction.

Just moments ago, they had sensed it when their offspring had hatched. How could they focus their attention on the humans after that? Then they immediately made their way toward the nest, toward their egg. They did not expect that they would need to catch the hatchling the moment they arrived at their nest. The Phoenixes exploded in a fury.

Compared to its parent's size, one could easily overlook the palm-sized little Phoenix.

The little Phoenix was confused when it was thrown out of the cave. Its round body shivered in dizziness when its birth parents embraced it.

Its parents' heart ached when they saw its trembling appearance. They carefully placed their offspring in the wings before they glared at the unwelcomed guests in their lair.

Shen Yanxiao was shocked by the Vermilion Bird's rough actions, and before they could decide to save that unlucky little creature, its birth parents had returned.

It was a horrible situation. Even though Shen Yanxiao did nothing to harm the little creature, the Vermillion Bird had tossed it out of the cave. Unfortunately for them, its birth parents had seen that regrettable action. Even if she had the gift of gab, it looked like she would not be able to talk them out of that little crime!

A pair of Phoenixes could only conceive an egg in a thousand years, and it was vital for them to be there when the egg hatched. They had kept watch by its side, but they did not expect the humans would interrupt their vigil.

Since their egg had hatched that day, the Phoenixes would disregard all consequences to expel those who were there to harass them. They had already driven off two groups of humans, but a third group had broken into their lair!

As soon as they reached their nest, they saw that someone had tossed their offspring out of the nest. So, how could they not be angry?

Flames of fury ignited on their bodies, and the temperature in the cave shot up to a terrifying degree.

“Vermilion Bird, you stinky brat. I’m going to get killed all because of you!” Shen Yanxiao looked at the furious pair of Phoenix, and she had no doubts that those two massive monsters would attack them.

She felt so blameless in that situation. She was only there to get some Flame Grass, and she did not have any design about that little Phoenix at all. She did not know why the Vermillion Bird would poke at the egg. Just look at what had happened! Not only did the egg hatched, but the Vermillion Bird had also hurled it in front of its parents.

It would be difficult to fight those Phoenixes.

The Vermilion Bird rubbed his arm as the little Phoenix’s actions had left a fluffy sensation on his arm.

As for the Phoenixes’ rage, he had decided to turn a blind eye to it.