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Chapter 401: Battle between Mythical Beasts (1)

The temperature of those flames could turn iron into molten.

Just as the fireballs were about to reach them, two dragon-shaped flames leaped out of the Vermilion Bird's hands to slam against those two fireballs.

Those four powerful flames met head-one to cause a huge shockwave that also shook the entire nest.

The Vermilion Bird transformed into a streak of flame as it rapidly flew toward Shen Yanxiao. He lifted her with just one arm, and then he flew out of the cave with her.

The very next moment, cracks started to appear around the cave before it collapsed instantaneously.

Just as the Vermilion Bird brought Shen Yanxiao out of the cave, the two Phoenixes also dashed out of their nests.

The entire Mount Kuluo shook from that massive shockwave. The mercenaries who were fortunate enough to have escaped from the wrath of the Phoenixes felt the earthquake, and one by one, they looked toward the epicenter in horror.

They could only see the two massive Phoenixes suspended in mid-air above Mount Kuluo's peak. However, there was also a ball of red light that was no less inferior than the Phoenixes nearby.

"What's that?" Evil Wolf looked at the anomaly on the mountain's peak as he could not believe what he had seen.

Du Lang was also stunned by the scene before them. How could he not discern that those two Phoenixes were fighting against a powerful opponent?

However, what kind of terrifying existence was that opponent that it could hold its ground against those two mythical-level beasts?

The Vermilion Bird hovered right above the Kuluo Mountain's peak as he pulled Shen Yanxiao and fought against those two furious Phoenixes at the same time.

The Vermilion Bird's child-like size and appearance might have looked insignificant when compared to those two massive Phoenixes, but his aura was not inferior to theirs.

Sounds of Phoenixes' cries reverberated throughout the horizon.

"There are only two of you, and you would dare to fight me!" The Vermilion Bird narrowed his scarlet eyes as he looked at the Phoenixes without the slightest hint of fear.

The Phoenixes might have been mythical-level beasts, but so was the Vermillion Bird.

They were not his match in a one-to-one fight, and even if both of them were to attack him, the Vermillion Bird was not afraid of them.

The Phoenixes were mythical-level beasts, and so they could sense the little guy's peculiarity. They thought that he was a human, and so they did not expect that he would radiate such pure fire-element. It was evident that they were of the same species, and his strength was a notch higher than them.

The two Phoenixes were determined to fight it out with the Vermilion Bird, and the smaller bird had also sensed his opponents' animosity. He immediately pushed Shen Yanxiao behind his back and whispered, "When we start to fight, find a place and hide. With that bastard, Xiu, by your side, I don't think you'll be in any danger. I won't be able to care for your safety while I fight. You had better not blame me if you decide to run out there to court death."

The Vermilion Bird might have said all those in a rude tone, but his words were of care and concern for his master.

How could Shen Yanxiao possibly be unaware of it?

She was the cream of the crop in the Saint Laurent Academy, but it seemed like she lacked the skills to deal with mythical-level Phoenixes.

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"Be careful." Shen Yanxiao immediately left after she said that and concealed herself within the dense forest.

Anything that she said beyond that would seem too pretentious. The Vermilion Bird was already at a disadvantage as he had to fight against two opponents. If she were to remain due to her concern for him, she would become his burden instead.

When he made sure that Shen Yanxiao had found a hiding place, the Vermilion Bird looked at the two massive Phoenixes with a smirk on his lips.

"You're only a Phoenix. I have not feared anyone since the day I was born; just come at me together!" The Vermilion Bird's immature voice had a natural domineering tone, and the moment his body, he said that his body exploded with intense light. The light expanded infinitely as it gradually formed a sizable flaming bird in the sky.

When the blinding light faded, a massive bird with flames that covered its entire body had appeared in the sky as it attacked the two Phoenixes.

The three mythical beasts caused waves and waves of earthquakes on Mount Kulo. All the magical beasts had sensed the might of those powerful beasts, and none of them had dared to venture outside their lairs.

It was not a confrontation that ordinary magical beasts could participate.

The might of those three mythical beasts were enough to make all magical beasts surrender their will.

The three massive, fiery figures intertwined together in an instant, and many flares of light exploded as some remnant flames devoured the surrounding dense forest.

In the blink of an eye, the entire peak of Mount Kuluo lit up in a sea of fire.

At the base of the mountain, those fleeing mercenaries had been shocked senseless by what they had witnessed.

They had initially believed that the Phoenix was the most powerful being in the world, and they had never expected a more powerful mythical beast would suddenly appear on the mountain.

Since they were quite far away from the peak of the mountain, they could only see the vague figure of the flaming bird that fought with the Phoenixes. Unfortunately, they could not get a better look at it.

“Three mythical beasts! Oh, heavens! What is this Mount Kuluo? Why are there so many mythical beasts here?” Everyone had gone mad, and they no longer cared for their dear lives. Instead, they stood rooted to the spot as they watched the once-in-a-lifetime battle between those three mythical beasts.

Du Lang’s hands had already started to tremble as an astonishing thought surfaced in his mind.

He sensed that Huo Xiao’s departure and that flaming bird’s appearance were clearly connected.

As the Vermilion Bird and the Phoenixes fought on the mountain top, a large area had been covered with flames.

As Shen Yanxiao tried her best to avoid the raining flames, she also paid attention to the fierce battle in the sky.

In a fight against two opponents, she was surprised to see that the Vermillion was not at a disadvantage as he fought off the Phoenixes’ attacks.

She could sense the powerful energy radiated by all three of the mythical beasts where she stood. She knew that it was a fight that she could not interfere.

“The Vermilion Bird cannot continue to fight against the Phoenixes as he is still injured. Even though they seemed equally matched, they would probably injure the Vermillion Bird if the fight were to drag on,” Xiu’s icy-cold voice echoed in Shen Yanxiao’s mind as he brought her the bad news.

“The Vermilion Bird is injured?” Shen Yanxiao was momentarily stunned. She had not noticed any signs of injuries on the Vermillion Bird since she had signed the contract with him. However, Xiu would not mention that for no reason at all.

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“Yes. The Vermillion Bird should appear in the form of an adult human. Since he is currently in a child’s form, I deduced that he still had an old injury that he is recovering from, and this minimized form was to help treat his injuries,” Xiu explained.

It seemed that the Vermillion Bird was in a deep slumber for hundreds of years for a good reason.

When Shen Yanxiao heard that, she was worried about the Vermillion Bird. Even though the two Phoenixes were slightly weaker than him, their mutual cooperation would far exceed the other bird.

They advanced and retreated promptly to attack and to defend, and finally, to entangle the Vermilion Bird.

Xiu mentioned that the Vermilion Bird was injured and could not fight a prolonged battle. It would not take long before the Vermillion Bird fell behind in his attacks.

Even though Shen Yanxiao usually treated the Vermilion Bird rudely, she had only wanted to tease him. She had already regarded him as her magical beast, and she did not want to see him injured.

As if to verify Xiu's speculation, the Vermilion Bird looked gradually fatigued as the two Phoenixes continued to attack him.

Even the Vermilion Bird would find it a struggle to deal with two mythical beasts at once. Plus, he was still not at his peak.

The massive fireball exploded on the Vermilion Bird and seemed to have blended into the flames on his body. However, Shen Yanxiao could clearly see the scorched marks on the Vermilion Bird's feathers. The Phoenixes' flames had wounded him!

At that moment, Shen Yanxiao was vexed at her lack of strength. She could not even protect her magical beast from those two mythical-level beasts!

She clenched her fist and made up her mind. If the Vermilion Bird could no longer hold on, she would immediately recall him into her body and try to escape the situation. Even though she was not as fast as the Phoenixes, she would not stand idly by as the Vermilion Bird fought a losing battle.

It was evident that those two Phoenixes were out to kill him!

Two Phoenixes' cries accompanied by the Vermilion Bird's high-pitched shriek resounded throughout Mount Kuluo. The Phoenixes combined their attacks to blast the Vermillion Bird with a massive fireball.

The angry flames covered his entire body, and his scarlet feathers turned scorched black.

Shen Yanxiao could no longer continue to watch. She consumed a speed potion and dashed to the location where the Vermilion Bird had fallen.

The Vermilion Bird felt stinging pain from the fire but discovered that his bastard master had rushed toward him in an area that was already engulfed in flames. He was stunned when he saw her action.

Why did she go to him? Did she want to die?!

When the two Phoenixes in the sky saw that the Vermilion Bird had fallen, they immediately flew forward with two massive fireballs aimed at him.

Just as the massive fireball was about to devour the Vermilion Bird and his master, a purple light suddenly burst out of Shen Yanxiao.

The blinding purple light immediately shrouded Shen Yanxiao and the Vermilion Bird in a layer of a dazzling barrier. Just as the firewall was about to hit them, the layer of protective barrier bounced them away.

Shen Yanxiao had no time to react as she felt an acute pain in her chest. The heart-wrenching pain swallowed her strength as her legs buckled, and she dropped to the ground.

The purple light that shot out of her chest gradually formed a human shape in the air.

When the light finally faded, a slender and elegant figure had suddenly appeared in mid-air!

Chapter 404: Xiu (1)

The entire Mount Kuluo was drowned in an intense pressure in the blink of an eye, and the vegetation around the mountain moved without any wind. The magical beasts that stayed hidden in their nests felt the extreme pressure, and even first and second-ranked low-level magical beasts had fainted with white foam in their mouths. Intermediate-level magical beasts felt as if thousands of kilograms of stones were pressed onto their bodies. Only high-level beasts could resist that powerful pressure, but even then, they sweated profusely.

Mercenaries in the vicinity felt as if their legs had softened under the intense weight. Even the seven advanced wolves had difficulties with their breathing.

That degree of unparalleled pressure had shocked the entire Mount Kuluo.

Be it magical beasts or human beings, none of them had the power to resist it.

That was an existence that stood at the highest peak in the world!

The instant that figure appeared, the two Phoenixes were pushed back several meters by its strength. They only managed to steady themselves with great difficulty, so that they would not fall from the skies.

Even so, they were dumbstruck by that powerful strength.

An extraordinarily handsome and elegant silhouette was suspended in the air, and black-colored mist fluttered with the wind's directions. Set against a breath-taking appearance, the silhouette's golden eyes narrowed under the scorching sun while his eyes revealed a coldness that was beyond any comparison.

"Xiu..." Shen Yanxiao gripped her intensely painful chest and looked at Xiu, who had suddenly appeared in front of her. She could not believe what was before her eyes.

She had seen Xiu numerous times in her heart's lake, but that was the first time that she had ever seen him in reality.

The warm sunlight sprinkled all over the earth and covered Xiu's entire body. The golden and bright light seemed to penetrate his body as his shadow was nowhere to be found on the ground.

The Xiu that she saw was only a silhouette and not his real body.

However, a mere silhouette was powerful enough to bring such a massive effect on Mount Kuluo.

Who was Xiu?!

Who exactly was Xiu?

Xiu lifted his chin slightly, and his half-narrowed eyes were vacant.

The two Phoenixes had to hold themselves back due to Xiu's power as they stared at him carefully.

The Phoenixes had lived on Mount Kuluo for thousands of years, and with their strength, none were their rival. Even when they had to go against the Vermilion Bird that was of the same rank as them, they still dared to engage in a fight. However, the moment that mysterious man appeared, they felt a significant impact on their bodies.

An incorporeal aura enveloped their bodies, and they could not help but to give in to their desire to submit to that mysterious guy before them.

Both of them felt dread to find out how they would stand against him.

The furious two Phoenixes were immediately appeased when Xiu appeared, and they had only respect and admiration for that supreme being.

Magical beasts could recognize strong opponents easily.

They intuitively knew that the figure was not someone they could fight. Even before the person moved a single inch or said a single word, they already knew that they were not his opponent.

In front of such overpowering strength, everything else was merely dust.

Even though the Phoenixes were arrogant and confident, they were foolish. Therefore, they dared not attack that mysterious man.

Xiu's indifferent gaze swept across the two Phoenixes that stood rooted to their positions. He was not bothered about them at all. He appeared to merely inform them that there were some things and people that they could not touch.

Chapter 405: Xiu (2)

The Phoenixes were afraid. From the moment they were born, that was the first time that they had felt fear.

Xiu was merely suspended in mid-air, and he did not budge an inch, but those two Phoenix also did not dare to move the slightest.

Shen Yanxiao's chest hurt so badly that she almost thought that it had been torn apart.

Cold sweat continued to trickle from her forehead.

Xiu seemed to have noticed her discomfort, and he ignored the two silly Phoenixes as he floated toward her. Then he reached out to carry Shen Yanxiao, who was about to collapse onto the ground.

Even though he had carried her, Shen Yanxiao did not feel the sensation of his skin. She did feel the invisible force that had held her up, but there was no warmth nor sense of touch.

Xiu looked at Shen Yanxiao, who had sweated profusely and said, "Bear with it for a few more moments." He knew the reason she was in that condition.

When he appeared, he did not suppress his strength so that he could deter the Phoenixes. Even though he was not as powerful as he had been, it was still not something that Shen Yanxiao could withstand so easily. Furthermore, he had forced himself out of her body with his spiritual energy, and he had barely managed to conceal his silhouette. He did not only consume his spiritual energy when he did that, but his actions could also potentially harm her body.

However, the little kid and the Vermillion Bird would be in great danger had he not appeared.

Xiu's voice was still as cold as ice, but that was the first time that Shen Yanxiao had heard his voice through her ears. It was very different from the usual spiritual transmittance, and it sounded very real.

It was as if he was just right by her ears as he spoke.

Shen Yanxiao gritted her teeth and remained silent. How could she possibly have the spare energy to reply to him?

Xiu carried her and glanced at the Phoenixes with indifference. "You're merely thousand-year-old mythical beasts, and if you wish for a battle, this lord shall give it to you."

Xiu's voice was very light and faint, and yet they could feel a chill that crept up to their hearts.

The pair of Phoenixes were startled; how would they dare to fight against Xiu?

When it was only the Vermilion Bird, even though it was a mythical beast, they would still fight it without any hesitation for the sake of their youngling. However, they knew the limitation of their strength.

They could not even gauge that man's strength, and when Xiu had emerged, they had sensed the significant change throughout Mount Kuluo. That kind of powerful pressure was not something they could compare!

The two Phoenixes did not dare to make any rash movements while Xiu remained still. Thus, the atmosphere at the mountain's peak was in a standstill.

The magical beasts and human beings in the mountain could only suffer. Xiu's aura had even managed to change the Phoenixes' complexions, let alone the ordinary humans and other magical beasts. The intense pressure continued, and even Du Lang and those with advanced professions had to rest on the ground due to extreme exhaustion.

They did not know what had happened at the mountain peak, but even the battle between those three mythical beasts was not as terrifying as that strange situation.

The seven wolves sat on the ground as they panted, and Du Lang's condition was not better either.

As for those black-cloaked men who had wanted to sneak into the Phoenixes' nest, they had been struck dumb by that terrifying pressure.

Chapter 406: Xiu (2)

They had barely managed to escape with their lives, and they had gathered together with great difficulties. Before they had the time to analyze the anomaly of that mission, the invisible pressure had pinned them to the ground.

The leader was already in a sorry state after the Phoenixes pursued him, and coupled with the invisible pressure, he had nearly fainted. Even so, he had an even more critical thought in his mind.

He had never experienced such a powerful aura, so which mysterious expert had suddenly appeared there? Had the information about the Phoenix egg been exposed?

Regardless of what was in his mind, the mountain's peak was no longer a place that they could go.

Shen Yanxiao was still drenched in sweat, and Xiu narrowed his eyes slightly. He was not powerful enough to appear in a physical body. It had already consumed much of his energy when he appeared as a silhouette. Furthermore, Shen Yanxiao's spiritual energy would continue to deplete as long as he stayed in reality.

Shen Yanxiao would not be able to bear the consumption for much longer.

Therefore, he had to end the situation as quickly as possible!

Xiu made a swift decision to take care of that pair of Phoenixes.

If anyone knew what was in his mind, they would most probably mourn and kneel to beg for his leniency.

That was two mythical-level Phoenixes, for goodness sake!!

It was a treasure that most could only dream of, and that person had wanted to kill them without a second thought! It was an extreme waste of natural resources!

Mythical-level beasts were not considered as a rarity in Xiu's eyes, and therefore, he did not hesitate with his decision.

The two Phoenixes could feel the murderous aura from Xiu. It was so dense that it nearly suffocated them. They were immediately nervous about their fate. They knew that they would not survive if that mysterious man were to attack them!

Just as Xiu was prepared to end their lives, a soft and fluffy sound suddenly broke the grave atmosphere.

"Chu~" The little Phoenix that laid protected in its parent's embrace had somehow recovered its senses and stretched out its head from its mother's feathers. As it looked from left to right, it saw the injured Vermilion Bird on the ground.

Even though the defeated bird looked different, the little Phoenix could sense that the giant bird was its 'family' the moment it saw him.

The young little Phoenix did not care about the severity of the situation as it fluttered its thumb-sized wings and jumped off its mother's protective embrace.

The Phoenixes were still suspended in mid-air, and they were hundreds of meters above the ground. If the young little Phoenix were to drop from that height, it would probably turn into meat sludge.

The little Phoenix's unexpected actions had stunned its parents.

When they realized that their offspring was about to turn into meat sludge, how could the Phoenixes still care about Xiu? They dove down in haste to save their child.

However, the little Phoenix's round figure did not crash onto the ground as it descended. It desperately flapped its mini wings, and it managed to stabilize its limp body as it slowly spun its way toward the Vermilion Bird.

Xiu furrowed his eyebrows, but he did not attack.

The Vermilion Bird was thoroughly stunned as well. Why did that little creature come out at such a crucial juncture?

Did it not see that he was battling its parents?

At that single moment, Mount Kuluo turned eerily silent, and none of them moved a single inch. All their gazes were locked onto that wobbling little Phoenix as it tried its best to fly toward the Vermilion Bird.

Chapter 407: Phoenix's Request (1)

At the peak of Mount Kuluo, a small, round, and fluffy little creature flapped its almost negligible small wings. When it was finally on the ground, it clumsily made its way toward the Vermilion Bird, who was frozen on the spot.

"Chu~ Chu~" When it finally approached the Vermilion Bird, the little Phoenix chirped happily at him. Then it pounced onto the Vermilion Bird's claws and used all its limbs to slowly inch upwards.

All the other magical beasts were in extreme shock, and they could only look on helplessly at that little creature as it climbed up to the Vermilion Bird's head. When it arrived at its destination, it immediately snuggled into the Vermilion Bird's puffy feathers. It shook its body left and right until it found the most comfortable position and sat there.

The two Phoenixes were thoroughly speechless.

What just happened?

What had happened?

Why was their offspring so intimate with the enemy? Did it not remember that the enemy had tossed it out of their nest just moments ago?

The Phoenixes were bitter when they saw their youngling snuggled with the enemy.

They had wanted to be affectionate with their offspring too.

The Vermilion Bird was also annoyed. Why was the little Phoenix so courageous to approach him? Had it not noticed how its parents wanted to burn him into ashes?

“Chu!” The little Phoenix was utterly unaware of the grave thoughts in the other three mythical beasts’ minds. It only wanted to snuggle with the Vermilion Bird, and it was very comfortable with his familiar fire-elements.

The situation had become so odd. They were ready to fight, but things turned weird with the little Phoenix’s actions.

The two Phoenixes were not fearful of the Vermilion Bird, but they were terrified of Xiu.

They knew that they were not his opponent and so they had no intention to fight him. Furthermore, their youngling was already in their hands, so how were they supposed to fight him then?

That youngling had clung to them on its own accord, and it was a sight that they could not bear to see.

The Vermilion Bird’s anger had dissipated when it saw the little Phoenix. He had suffered a defeat at its parents’ hands just a moment before that, but he could not possibly vent his anger on that little creature, could he?

He was a mythical beast with principles!

If the enemy remained unmoved, then it should do the same. At that moment, one could only hear the little Phoenix’s joyful chirps.

Even fools could see that the young Phoenix had acknowledged the Vermilion Bird as its family. How could its birth parents endure that?

However, it seemed like the fight would no longer continue.

When Xiu was sure that the two Phoenixes would not attack them, he immediately placed Shen Yanxiao beneath the Vermilion Bird’s wings, and then he returned to her body.

All the living beings on Mount Kuluo could finally breathe in relief when Xiu left, and the extreme pressure disappeared with him.

The pain that Shen Yanxiao had experienced also decreased with Xiu’s disappearance. She touched her chest, and it felt as if everything had returned to normal, and the acute pain that she had experienced was only an illusion.

Was that because of Xiu?

Shen Yanxiao fell into deep thoughts. That was the first time she had experienced Xiu’s strength, and she finally knew the power of the Seven Star Moon Seal in her.

However, that was not the time to ponder about all those things. Shen Yanxiao stood up and looked at the pair of Phoenixes.

The trouble that the Vermilion Bird had caused had to be resolved. However, after Xiu’s ‘shock therapy,’ she believed that the pair of Phoenixes would not dare to attack them again.

Chapter 408: Phoenix's Request (2)

The two Phoenixes did not dare to attack them. Firstly, the mysterious man was too powerful, and secondly, it was because of their youngling...

When they no longer intended to attack their opponents, the two Phoenixes suddenly transformed into two balls of flames that gradually shrunk as they slowly descended to the ground. The moment they landed, the fire had shrunk into two human forms before a man and woman appeared in front of Shen Yanxiao.

That man was extremely handsome. He had a headful of fiery-colored long hair that reached the ground and wore a long robe made of flame feathers. His long and narrow eyes carried a trace of arrogance, and there was a flame mark in between his brows. The woman by his side was dressed rather elegantly, and she was also a first-class beauty. Her physique was much smaller than her mate, and that made people feel as if they should protect her in their embrace.

Mythical-level magical beasts could morph into human forms, and the couple was the pair of Phoenixes that resided on Mount Kuluo.

The Vermilion Bird also followed suit as he transformed into his human form. Even though he had shrunk into a smaller form, there was still a petite little creature on top of his head.

"Chu?" The little Phoenix seemed to be curious about the Vermilion Bird's change in outer appearance. Its mini claws grabbed onto his hair tightly as it squirmed before it exposed its head to look around.

When the pair of Phoenixes saw how their child had acted, they could not stop the embarrassment that crept up to their faces.

"Our child has a playful temperament. I'll apologize on its behalf." The Phoenix-man could already guess what had transpired, and he noticed the twitch on the Vermilion Bird's face.

Most of the mythical-level magical beasts were arrogant and indifferent. Therefore, they would not be pleased to have a young magical beast to suddenly cling to them.

The Vermilion Bird coldly snorted, but he remained silent. His pride had already been severely damaged when the pair of Phoenixes defeated him. He was pretty depressed about it. They would not have been able to do that if it were not for his injury.

Shen Yanxiao was familiar with the Vermilion Bird's personality. However, the pair of Phoenixes did not seem unreasonable either. The fight was most probably started when they saw how the Vermilion Bird had thrown their child out of the cave.

It was still the Vermilion Bird's fault!

"It's alright. It was all a misunderstanding," Shen Yanxiao smiled and said.

The petite female Phoenix glanced at the little Phoenix with the Vermilion Bird again and said in a grieving tone, "We would not have attacked you if it were under normal circumstances. Our egg was about to hatch, and there had been multiple attempts to steal our egg before this. So we have been

pretty nervous about it. When we saw this brother threw our child from our nest, we saw you as the enemy. Now that we know this brother is also a mythical beast, I believe that you would not have targeted my youngling.” The Phoenix-woman spoke in a soft and sweet voice; it was very soothing to those who heard it.

Xiu was right; the Phoenixes were proud and aloof, but they also had a kind temperament. They would not have attacked unless provoked. They had acted the way they did because they had been enraged by those who tried to steal their egg. They could only conceive once every thousand years, and so one could understand the importance of that egg to them. The thieves who had attempted the thievery had crossed their bottom line.

After the Phoenixes’ fury had receded, they could finally talk to the human and the mythical beast in front of them.

The Vermillion Bird was more powerful than either of those Phoenixes. If they had not combined their strength, they would not have been his match.

Chapter 409: The Phoenix’s Request (3)

If one would have such a powerful mythical beast, why would one want a youngling? Even if the Phoenix would advance to a mythical-level beast when it reached its adulthood, it was a long wait for a human. During its growth, the little Phoenix would only be an advanced-level magical beast.

A human can only be contracted to one magical beast in their entire life, and therefore, the human before them had no reason to snatch their child.

Furthermore, that overwhelmingly powerful mysterious man seemed to have a close relation to her.

With the two great assistance by her side, she would not need a young Phoenix.

Once they had thought things through, the Phoenixes were not as hostile as they had been toward Shen Yanxiao and the Vermilion Bird.

Magical beasts were mostly innocent and naive creatures. There was only right and evil in their world.

“Well, the goal of my trip was not your child. I only wanted the Flame Grass that grew around your nest.” Shen Yanxiao did not think there was a need to conceal the truth from the Phoenixes. Even though she was not a good person, she had no prejudices toward any magical beasts.

“Flame Grass? There are loads of them in our nest, but the cave has collapsed now. I reckon that we would need to clear the rubbles before we can find any.” The female Phoenix blinked kindly. They were magical beasts, and so they had no use for the Flame Grass. If the grasses did not have any fire element, they would not even use it to build their nest.

It was an olive branch if one could see it.

When they had resolved their misunderstanding, the Phoenixes did not make things difficult for Shen Yanxiao and the Vermilion Bird. They even helped them to find a few stalks of Flame Grass from the rubbles.

After Shen Yanxiao obtained the Flame Grass, her mood immediately lifted.

However, at that very moment, there was still a problem.

That was...

“Chu?” The little Phoenix on the Vermilion Bird’s head suddenly noticed the three pairs of eyes that stared at it. It shrank its neck in ignorance and curled its soft and fluffy body inside the Vermilion Bird’s hair as if to hide from their gazes.

The Phoenix-man coughed and looked awkwardly at Shen Yanxiao. He had no idea what to do in that situation. It was evident that the little Phoenix felt more comfortable with the Vermilion Bird than its own birth parents.

The Phoenix-woman looked at her child with teary eyes. She reached out as if she wanted to bring the little Phoenix to her side, but it immediately used its claws and wings to hug the Vermilion Bird’s hair tightly. It looked like the little Phoenix did not want to let go of the Vermilion Bird.

“...” The Vermilion Bird was speechless. Could the pair of parents quickly retrieve their unruly child?! Why would it want to stay on its head?

The man sighed and stopped his partner before he looked at Shen Yanxiao and said, “It seems like our child had taken a liking to this little brother. Humans have been continuously disrupting us recently and now, our nest has collapsed. I’m afraid that we would have to relocate to another safe place to reconstruct our nest. Those humans would likely return here to try and steal our offspring. I have a presumptuous request that would require your help.”

“Please speak your mind.” The Phoenixes had helped her to get the Flame Grass, and she did not like to take things for free. Besides, she decided that they were rather pleasing to the eye.

The Phoenix-man glanced at the little Phoenix on the Vermilion Bird’s head and slowly said, “Before we could find a new home, I would like to request for you to care for our youngling. We would come and fetch it once we have found a safe place for our nest.”

Chapter 410: I Don’t Want To Take Care of a Child (1)

“...” It took a few moments before Shan Yanxiao could react to the news.

“What?”

What?

What!?

They wanted to entrust the little Phoenix to them while they looked for a new nest?

Shen Yanxiao did not know that their decision was also out of helplessness.

Even though an adult Phoenix was powerful, a young Phoenix was weak and required a hundred percent care and protection from its parents during their growth.

On ordinary occasions, the adult Phoenix would search for a safe location before they laid their egg so that they could wait for it to hatch. They had wanted Mount Kuluo to be that place. However, they did

not expect continuous harassment from the humans, and if they had not already laid the egg, they would have left that place a long time ago.

Their nest had been destroyed, and they would need some time to reconstruct a new one, and until they could do that, their offspring would remain in danger.

The Phoenixes had witnessed Xiu's strength, and Shen Yanxiao also had a mythical beast that was more powerful than them that. That was why they wanted Shen Yanxiao to care for the youngling while they looked for a new nest.

Their nest at Mount Kuluo had been exposed so they could not continue to stay there.

To search for a new home was a journey filled with uncertainties, and they did not want their child to endure that hardship with them. That mysterious man was so powerful that they believed no one would be able to harm their child if they left it with them.

Most importantly!!!

Most importantly...

Their child seemed to have regarded the Vermilion Bird as its family. If they were to take it away forcefully, it might not even acknowledge them as its birth parents. It might even instinctively turn hostile toward them.

The couple had no choice but to make such a decision.

They could only wait for the little Phoenix to grow up and for them to find a safe location before they fetched their child from Shen Yanxiao. That was the best solution for their situation.

The Phoenix's request shocked her. Shen Yanxiao knew the little Phoenix's importance to its parents, but she was also familiar with men's greedy nature. The mission had failed, but they would continue to harass the Phoenixes.

Therefore, they had made the right decision.

However, there was still another problem...

Shen Yanxiao silently shifted her line of sight to the Vermilion Bird. The little Phoenix did not want her; he was the one the youngling needed.

However...

When she saw the Phoenix's ashen complexion, she did not even need to ask to know what that little grandpa would say.

If he did not lose to the Phoenixes, he would have probably thrown the little Phoenix back at them.

How could he possibly allow it to jump around his head?

"Absolutely not! I won't agree to this!" The Vermilion Bird had refuted the request the moment he heard it.

Shen Yanxiao felt helpless when she saw how the Vermilion Bird had exploded.

When the Phoenix-woman saw the Vermilion Bird's reaction, she immediately teared up and said. "Little brother, I know that you are unhappy, but our child really likes you. Please, help us to take care of our child. It's only for a short while. When we find a new home, we will immediately come back for our child."

"Who are you calling little brother? I am older than both of your ages combined! I won't agree with this, no way! I don't want to take care of a little creature." The Vermilion Bird resisted until the end. He was already tired when he had to take care of an idiot for a master. If he had to care for a youngling as well, he could not imagine how dull his future days would be.