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Chapter 661: Constructing a City that Would Never Fall (3)

Demons would always be a target of fear in the hearts of humans.

The battle between demons and humans was comparable to the fight between the God race and the Devil clan. They are basically like fire and water.

Before Shen Yanxiao, there was basically no one else who would possibly accept demons.

She was definitely the first human in history to have done that.

“I have already asked them to relocate the lower-ranked demons to the underground city. For high-ranked demons, they should not be easily discovered.” Shen Yanxiao had also thought of that aspect and so, she had already allocated those dark element-loving demons to the underground city.

She only discovered the underground city not long ago, and the living condition there was much more suitable for demons to live in.

The demons can choose to be active either underground or above ground in the morning, but they would have to return underground at night.

High-ranked demons could freely change their appearance, eliminating the possibility of getting discovered. Unless they were to encounter any supreme experts, they could live freely above ground.

“This is a good idea, but you have to guarantee that in the early stages of trading, the demons must not be discovered. There would be many caravans coming here for an examination in the early phase and only after information about the abundance of resources in the city spreads out, will there be people willing to come here. If they discover the demons after arriving here, it wouldn’t really pose a problem by then,” Qi Xia smiled as he explained.

“I will pay attention to that.” Shen Yanxiao nodded. In any case, she would never give up her plan of rearing demons. Xiu’s strength had recovered at a rapid speed for the past few days, and he would be able to undo her next seal very soon.

“In any case, this is not urgent. It would take another five months for the completion of the city. You’ll have all the time to uncover the resources in the Forsaken Land. Believe me, the wealth this place can bring you definitely exceeds your imagination.” The keen senses of a merchant had allowed Qi Xia to find wealth in this barren land and right now, it was up to Shen Yanxiao to grasp it.

In fact, the reason why the four countries had painstakingly tried to reclaim the Forsaken Land was because the resources here were too rich. Once they successfully reclaimed a piece of land, then the entire country might possibly undergo a dramatic change.

The Seventh Kingdom was a very good example. It was originally an alliance composed of seven small states. Compared to the three huge mountains: the Longxuan Empire, Blue Moon Dynasty and the God Wind Alliance, it was as small as a sand.

It was not until dozens of years ago when the Seventh Kingdom successfully reclaimed the Dusk City in the Forsaken Land did they gradually develop further to become the fourth country that was on par with the other three giants.

The Longxuan Empire failed to reclaim a city in the Forsaken Land for a long time which resulted in a gradual decline of their top seat as the number one country. As a result, the Emperor became as anxious as a cat on a hot tin roof.

“That’s right, have you sent that old guy, the Emperor, any news after arriving in the Forsaken Land for so long?” Qi Xia asked.

That old guy, the Emperor...

Shen Yanxiao turned silent. Are you sure it’s not a problem for you to blatantly refer to the Emperor as that old guy?

“I’ve sent a letter two days back, but I doubt I’ll receive any response. The Emperor doesn’t really look highly upon me, else he would not have given this city to me.” Shen Yanxiao shrugged her shoulders. In any case, she did not expect her home country to provide any assistance. If Du Lang had not reminded her the need to go through the required procedures, she would not even recall writing any letter for the Emperor.

“Is that so.” Qi Xia touched his chin and entered a deep thought.

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The city’s construction went ahead like a high speed train, but soon sad news arrived.

Shen Yanxiao stared at the letter sent by the messenger and her eyes nearly fell off.

“An envoy to patrol the city? Has that old Emperor gone bald?”

The main content of the letter was that the Longxuan Empire would send a team of special envoys to the Forsaken Land to inspect the progress of the city construction.

“Instead of sending money or resources, they simply sent a special envoy to patrol my city? What is that idiot Emperor thinking of!” Shen Yanxiao was furious as that Emperor had gone too far. When other champions entered the Forsaken Land, the Longxuan Empire had sent money and resources to assist them with the construction of the city.

When it came to her, there was not a single dime of assistance and they even mentioned they were sending envoys to check up on her?

Those lines of words were of a tone of someone superior, and it made Shen Yanxiao wish that she could immediately burn the letter.

Qi Xia shrugged his shoulders and said, “It’s obvious that the Emperor does not look favorably on you. Therefore, he’s still thinking of finding an excuse to settle you even though he knew that construction had begun. Due to the Vermilion Bird Family’s prestige, he could not openly attack you and so, he’s sending an envoy to cause trouble. At that time, the envoy can casually find an excuse to have you halt the construction and leave the Forsaken Land.”

“This is still not considered an open attack? The only thing the Emperor did not do was to tell her straight in the face that he would not be giving her a single cent and that she should leave.” Tang Nazhi mocked with a skin deep smile. The Emperor honestly disliked Shen Yanxiao and so, he had been repeatedly harsh on her.

The Emperor would send large amounts of gold coins when any other champion achieved even the slightest of achievements in the Forsaken Land. When it came to Shen Yanxiao, not to mention assistance, she would thank God if he did not cause her more trouble.

“It is reasonable to say that no matter how unwelcomed Shen Yanxiao’s identity as a Warlock was, the Emperor would not disregard the prestige of the Vermilion Bird Family. However, his actions looked as if he did not fear offending them. It is somewhat weird.” Yang Xi furrowed his brows and found the matter to be strange.

“I don’t think the envoy sent here this time is to stop Xiaoxiao from constructing the city,” Yan Yu slowly said.

“Why do you say that?” Shen Yanxiao crumpled the letter into a ball and threw it to one side before she turned to Yan Yu.

Yan Yu said, “The Forsaken Land is filled with dangers and if the Emperor only wanted for you to stop, he could let you do as you liked and stop any support. He would not have expected the few of us to come here and support you and with the abilities of the Vermilion Bird Family, it would pose some difficulties for them to assist with the city construction. As long as the Emperor left you alone, it would be hard for you to successfully complete the city. However, he instead dispatched an envoy at this point in time. So, I think his objective is not for you to stop, but rather for other reasons.”

“In any case, it is without a doubt that he has other intentions.” Tang Nazhi snorted.

“What Ah Yu said is reasonable. We cannot uncover the Emperor’s intention for the time being, so we can only wait for that envoy’s arrival before we can make further plans. What do you think, Xiaoxiao?” Qi Xia turned and asked Shen Yanxiao.

She thought for a moment and said, “No matter the objective of the envoy, they definitely have bad intentions. However, if they wish to give me a blow, it’ll depend if they have the ability to do so. Order the men stationed outside the city to pay more attention. If they were to discover any strangers, report to me at the very first instance. I’d like to see what ability that special envoy possesses.”

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The Forsaken Land had once again attracted a new group of guests.

A group of hundreds of men marched into the Forsaken Land, and there was a luxurious carriage in the middle which was the main focus of the group’s protection.

A handsome and wealthy little young master opened the window and looked at the outside scenery with his brows wrinkled.

“This is the Forsaken Land? Isn’t it merely so-so? Didn’t they say that it’s extremely dangerous here? However, I don’t see any demons attacking us yet.” The young man sat down comfortably and snorted rather disdainfully.

There were two more people seated in the carriage. A middle aged man around his forties looked at the young man and said with a flattering smile, “Your Highness, although the Forsaken Land is dangerous, you have the state teacher by your side. With his powerful might, no demons dare to approach.” After he said that, the middle-aged man did not forget to fawn at the old man with a celestial aura who was one foot in his grave.

The middle aged man was Li Qi, the special envoy sent by the Longxuan Empire to the Forsaken Land. After he knew he was sent to this wasteland where it is flooded with demons, he nearly cried.

But unexpectedly, the only son of the current Emperor, Prince Long Yue requested to tag along. At first, the Emperor was adamant in his refusal. In the end, he could not win against Long Yue’s insistence and so, he allowed him to go on under the precondition that the state teacher, Pei Yuan, was to tag along.

People who possess mythical beasts in the Longxuan Empire were all important figures. For example, the five great aristocratic families, and Pei Yuan included. Therefore, the Emperor ordered Pei Yuan to tag along with Long Yue to ensure the safety of the prince.

Pei Yuan indifferently glanced at Li Qi and said nothing.

“The state teacher is naturally powerful. I just wonder what kind of brat that girl named Shen Yanxiao is, to be capable enough of constructing a city in the Forsaken Land.” Long Yue was currently fifteen years of age, an age where he was curious about everything. The moment he heard that a fourteen-year-old little girl had built a city in a place like the Forsaken Land, he was shocked.

“Shen Yanxiao is from the Vermilion Bird Family, and I was not present at the tournament. As for how she won, I have no idea,” Li Qi smiled and said. His words revealed a slight hint of a bribe.

“Oh? Could it be that the Vermilion Bird Family bribed the other participants?” Long Yue detected the hidden meaning behind Li Qi’s words.

“I didn’t say that.” Even though Li Qi answered so, both his expression and tone of voice seemed to confirm Long Yue’s guess.

The participants of the annual Inter-Academy Tournament were the elites of various academies. Moreover, Shen Yanxiao was merely around the age of fourteen at that time. How could she have possibly defeated all the elites? No one in the capital believed that she relied on her own abilities to obtain victory, as all of them were more inclined to believe that it was the Vermilion Bird Family’s head, Shen Feng, who had secretly manipulated the tournament just so that he could bolster the reputation of his family.

“I thought she was very powerful. So it turns out, she merely relies on her background.” Long Yue snorted in disdain.

“That’s right, how can that little brat compare to Your Highness? If not because the Emperor forbade Your Highness from participating, the champion of the tournament would definitely be you.” Li Qi

hurriedly flattered the young prince. Only by buttering up the future Emperor would allow him to have a great future ahead.

“That’s right. It is written in the letter Shen Yanxiao sent to my imperial father that she has successfully entered Sun Never Sets?” Long Yue had always been at the top, even among his peers. He believed he had the best talent among peers around his age, so he could not accept the fact that someone had surpassed him.

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“It was written as such in the letter,” Li Qi honestly replied.

Long Yue asked another pile of questions and Li Qi answered all of them systematically and in full detail, whereas Pei Yuan maintained silence throughout the entire journey and merely kept his eyes closed.

On the 10th day the envoy from the Longxuan Empire had entered the Forsaken Land, Li Qi was on the verge of death due to the rough road. However, he did not dare to be too whiny in front of the prince so he could only nag by using his concern for the prince as an excuse.

“My lord, we’ve arrived,” the bodyguard outside whispered.

Li Qi hastily asked Long Yue and Pei Yuan to get up before he dawdled his way down.

After they got down from the carriage, the three of them were stunned by the spectacular sight.

The tall and upright city gates radiated a dazzling luster. As they stood before the city gates and looked up at the obsidian walls, no one could maintain a calm attitude.

“This is a wall made from obsidian?” That was the first time Pei Yuan spoke after entering the Forsaken Land, and it was to point out the material used for the city walls.

“Obsidian?” Li Qi blanked out for a moment and soon after, a frown appeared.

“Isn’t this city lord too extravagant? Obsidian is an extremely rare ore, so how could she use it to build a city wall? Isn’t she aware that she ought to offer these resources to the Emperor at the very first instance? This is simply disrespect to the royalties.” Li Qi’s objective for his trip was to check the current situation of Sun Never Sets, as Shen Yanxiao had already sent out news that she began the construction of the city only after one month. The Emperor could not believe his eyes when he first received the news. Every year, the champions who entered the Forsaken Land had to drag their feet around for a year or so before they could make any progress. However, Shen Yanxiao merely entered the Forsaken Land for a month and she had already started constructing a city.

Secondly, the Emperor tasked Li Qi to find ways to place their guards inside the city.

True to Yan Yu’s guess, the Emperor did not intend to give up the opportunity to enter the Forsaken Land. However, he did not wish to hand over the city to a Warlock. Therefore, he decided to pull the carpet from under Shen Yanxiao’s feet. If it was true that the city could be completed, he would slowly transfer it under his control.

With the Emperor's task at hand, Li Qi naturally regarded the city as a property of the Longxuan Empire. When he saw that Shen Yanxiao had built city walls that were even more impressive than the capital, he was unhappy.

Shen Yanxiao quickly received a notice that a group of men with the Longxuan Empire banner had appeared at the city gates.

"They sure are quick." Shen Yanxiao smiled and said to Yao Ji beside her, "Order those demons who are unable to transform together with the low-ranked and intermediate-ranked demons to return underground for the time being while the high-ranked demons are to transform into their human forms. Since the envoy wishes to patrol around, I don't mind acting out a show for him."

Yao Ji received the order and immediately informed the demons within the city.

After some thought, Shen Yanxiao said to the five jerks who were laughing at one side, "All of you are to wear a disguise."

"Ah? Why?" Tang Nazhi was waiting to see the appearance of the envoy but Shen Yanxiao's orders left him confused.

"Your appearances are too coquettish. Also, I'm afraid that the envoy might have seen you somewhere before, and I don't wish to let others know the alliance of the five great aristocratic families yet." Shen Yanxiao was a cautious person and in front of people who could become her enemy, she would conceal her strength to the greatest extent.

Never ever let your enemy know the number of chips you have in your hand, as that was the only way to obtain

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"What do you mean by coquettish!?" Tang Nazhi went speechless from Shen Yanxiao's use of words.

"Alright, hurry up and go. It is time for you and Yang Xi to use the disguise masks." Shen Yanxiao did not feel as if she had said anything wrong. Their appearances were a magnet for trouble but fortunately, there were not many females in her city. Otherwise, they might already have a fan group by now.

Even though they had yet to officially assume the position of family head, it was certain they would at least be the candidates for that position due to the fact that they had already possessed the mythical beasts of their family. The disharmony between the five families had reassured the Emperor very much. After all, the power they possessed was simply too much. Once the five families formed an alliance, even the Emperor could not touch a single strand of hair on them. This was what the Emperor was worried about the most. Right now, the Emperor had his reservations towards Shen Yanxiao and so, it would be best to hide their relationship.

In any case, no one with the exception of them knew about their close relationship.

Qi Xia and the rest understood the concern of Shen Yanxiao so they went under disguise without any objections.

Shen Yanxiao stretched and stood up. She then said to Yin Jiuchen, the Vermilion Bird, and Lan Fengli, "Let's go. Let's meet that special envoy."

Outside the city gates of Sun Never Sets, the team of envoys from the Longxuan Empire stood there. A few Cave Wolves Mercenary Group members were all crowded by the city walls looking at those tycoons from the capital.

“Dammit, does the city lord even know basic etiquette? We’ve been here for so long and she is still not here yet! A little kid is indeed a little kid. She doesn’t even have a single ounce of respect.” Li Qi disliked the air around the Forsaken Land, and he felt as if he was about to fall sick from just standing on the dirty ground.

Long Yue looked at the damaged interior with wide eyes.

“I thought the city had already finished construction. Why is it still so run-down inside?” When he compared the towering and extravagant city walls to the interior condition of the city, Long Yue felt that it did not fit the image he had imagined.

“This is a problem of the city lord’s management abilities. She’s only fourteen, and she already knows to seek to impress and to feign more than her abilities could afford. What’s the use of constructing the city wall so extravagantly? Ultimately, she’ll have to live in this pile of rubbles. I seriously doubt if she has any brains.” Li Qi despised the great contrast between the interior and the city walls. In his opinion, it was of more importance to construct the internals of a city. It was basically a waste of resources to spend so much rare materials and manpower on the walls.

After a long wait, four petite silhouettes finally walked over slowly.

Shen Yanxiao walked to the entrance at a moderate pace and smiled as she welcomed these ‘guests’ who had come from afar.

“Are you the envoys sent from the Longxuan Empire? I am the city lord, Shen Yanxiao.” She spoke with a neutral tone that was neither humble nor arrogant.

When they first saw Shen Yanxiao’s appearance, they were momentarily dazed.

Li Qi blinked his eyes in shock. If Shen Yanxiao had not personally revealed her identity, he probably would never associate the little beauty in front of him with the city lord.

When Shen Yanxiao entered the palace back then, she had only lingered for a short moment and Li Qi was not present. Thus, he was not aware of her appearance.

But compared to her appearance, he was more concerned about her attitude. She clearly knew that he was an envoy yet she was still so late. Moreover, she only brought three little kids along with her to welcome them! What kind of joke was that!?

“You are Shen Yanxiao?” Li Qi arrogantly spoke, giving off an appearance as if he was walking on air.

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The Vermilion Bird who stood behind Shen Yanxiao felt like giving him two tight slaps when Li Qi asked the obvious.

Is that idiot stupid or what?

Did you not hear Master introducing herself? So why are you asking again?

Do you have a screw loose in your head?

Shen Yanxiao smiled and answered in a well-mannered tone, "That's me."

Li Qi snorted and said, "I am the special envoy, Li Qi. This is Your Highness, Long Yue, and this is the state teacher of our country, lord Pei Yuan."

Shen Yanxiao raised her brow. What was that old man thinking? Sending an envoy alone wasn't enough so he even squeezed in his son and the state teacher here? Shen Yanxiao maintained a smile on the surface and said, "Welcome, Your Highness and the state teacher."

Pei Yuan slightly nodded, giving off the aura of an expert.

As for Long Yue, his gaze had never shifted away from Shen Yanxiao's face from the moment she appeared before him.

He had seen no lack of beautiful women throughout his days in the palace, but he had never seen a woman as gorgeous as Shen Yanxiao.

For a moment, he became somewhat infatuated.

"Shen Yanxiao, you evidently knew that the envoy would be arriving. So, why didn't you send men to welcome us? Instead, you made us wait for you here!" The moment he saw her, Li Qi immediately revealed a black face. Even though she was from the Vermilion Bird Family, they were not officials in the country. Li Qi indeed had some reservations at first, but since the Emperor did not give her the slightest respect, it was natural that he did not care for Shen Yanxiao's status as well.

The other party was merely an ignorant kid so there was nothing wrong with making an example out of her.

In Li Qi's opinion, Shen Yanxiao ought to have brought a lot of fanfare to welcome their arrival to the city. However, there was not the slightest decoration in sight. It was evident that they did not regard them as of any importance!

"Oh, my bad, that was inconsiderate of me." Shen Yanxiao's temper was oddly good today, even during instances when the Vermilion Bird believed she would explode, she still maintained a smile and a neutral tone of voice.

The Vermilion Bird had even suspected whether this girl was his master.

When has his master ever had this good of a temper?

"Hmph, inconsiderate? That's not the only thing you've been inconsiderate of. Let me ask you, are the city walls built from obsidian?" Ever since he saw the city walls, it had always been on the back of his mind. The surface area of the city was rather large so the amount of obsidian used on the walls should be a terrifying number.

"That's right." Shen Yanxiao nodded.

“How dare you use obsidian stone on your own accord to build the city walls?” Li Qi rudely scolded. “Do you know that every single plant and tree in the eastern area of the Forsaken Land belongs to the Emperor? You are required to report and obtain permission from the Emperor to even use any of the resources here. However, you have done none of that and you even egregiously wasted so much obsidian to build the city walls! Do you know how much resources of the Longxuan Empire you have wasted!?”

Li Qi was filled with indignation and heartache, as if Shen Yanxiao’s extravagance was unbearable.

Shen Yanxiao smiled and looked at the furious Li Qi. Even though she was smiling, it did not reach her eyes.

As for the mercenaries who eavesdropped as they stood on the city wall, they could not believe there was such an unreasonable man in the world.

What did he mean by all the resources in the eastern area belonged to the Longxuan Empire?

What did he mean by having to report if she wanted to use any resource?

Was that idiot a monkey someone invited?

The Longxuan Empire wished to obtain the resources in the Forsaken Land without their city lord? What a joke! Not to mention mining these resources, they would probably be eaten by the demons if they were to step foot here!

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All of the candidates sent by the Longxuan Empire had obtained great support from the country, but what did Shen Yanxiao receive?

With the exception of a letter of appointment, she received nothing.

She did not receive a single cent of support from the Longxuan Empire nor any sort of assistance. She entirely relied on her own capabilities to enter the Forsaken Land and construct a city.

However, that so-called envoy had the cheek to stand here and point fingers at Shen Yanxiao and accuse her of using the resources in the Forsaken Land after she had successfully reclaimed the city?

How can there possibly be such an unreasonable person in this world?

“Right now, I order you to immediately order your men to tear down the city walls and transport all the obsidian stones back to the Longxuan Empire.” Li Qi did not find his words to be unreasonable in the slightest. Warlock was an unwelcome profession in these parts, and if she had any problems about his attitude, she should not have chosen to become a Warlock in the first place. With that shameful profession, it was destined that she would not receive any sort of acknowledgement from the Emperor.

As for all the valuable resources in Sun Never Sets, Li Qi would do his best to send them all back to the Longxuan Empire and receive credit for it!

Tear down the city walls?

The mercenaries who were eavesdropping on the conversation nearly fell down from the walls.

Does that fool know how much energy and resources they had spent to build these walls?

Without factoring all that, he had the cheek to order them to tear down the walls so that he could bring it back and receive credit for it?

If not for the leaders of the group who pulled them back, the mercenaries on the walls would have already rushed down to tear that robber into pieces.

Shen Yanxiao remained silent and only smiled as she looked at Li Qi's appearance while he spewed off orders. There was not the slightest trace of anger on her face.

"In addition, all the resources you've obtained from the Forsaken Land must be transported to the Longxuan Empire at the very first instance from today onwards. Before the Emperor permits it, you are not to use it on your own accord. Otherwise, it would be regarded as treachery!" Li Qi gleefully laughed internally when he saw no resistance from Shen Yanxiao.

As expected, she is just a little kid who had not been exposed to the outside world for long. He had managed to scare her speechless with mere few words.

From the looks of it, the matter of shifting the owner of the city would also progress rather smoothly.

The more Li Qi thought, the more he started to toot his own horn. He had managed to snatch all the resources of the city back to the Longxuan Empire with just a few words, and he would certainly be commended and awarded by the Emperor for that great achievement. He looked down at Shen Yanxiao in contempt and said, "Fortunately I came today. If not, god knows what trouble you would have caused. I really wonder how your parents brought you up to be so thoughtless."

The smile on Shen Yanxiao deepened gradually, yet the chilly intent in her eyes grew deeper.

"Are you done?" Shen Yanxiao slowly asked.

Just as Shen Yanxiao suddenly interrupted him, he immediately frowned. "Haven't your parents taught you not to interrupt when others are speaking? Uneducated brat." In Li Qi's heart, Shen Yanxiao was merely a greenhouse flower raised by Shen Feng. Moreover, Shen Feng must have bribed the other participants in the Inter-Academy Tournament to obtain her championship title. As for the construction of the city, it should also be the Vermilion Bird Family that had poured in money to complete it. All in all, this little girl was completely useless.

Li Qi's scolding caused all the members of the Cave Wolves Mercenary Group to gasp. They had never seen anyone who dared to speak like that right in her face.

In an instant, an ominous premonition surfaced in their hearts and they immediately turned to look at Shen Yanxiao.

However, she did not reveal any big reaction and instead, it was Lan Fengli by her side who suddenly took a step forward.

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No one was allowed to criticize Shen Yanxiao in front of him and at that moment, killing intent surged in his heart.

But suddenly, Shen Yanxiao held onto Lan Fengli's hand and pulled him back.

"Sister?" Lan Fengli looked at her in confusion.

Shen Yanxiao shook her head.

"It's getting late. I believe the envoy, Your Highness and the state teacher must be tired from the long journey. I'll send someone to prepare some food. You can take a rest inside," Shen Yanxiao smiled and said.

Li Qi was satisfied with Shen Yanxiao's obedience. Only an obedient city lord would allow the Emperor's plan to proceed smoothly.

He nodded and immediately changed his attitude to a follower as he spoke to Long Yue and Pei Yuan in a fawning tone, "Your Highness, the state teacher, let's go inside and rest."

Long Yue seemed to be in a trance as he did not hear what Li Qi said. He merely nodded at random.

Pei Yuan had no objections and merely looked at Shen Yanxiao thoughtfully. She was different from the stupid Li Qi. Shen Yanxiao's concession gave Pei Yuan an impression that she was not simple.

Regardless of her own abilities, her composure was already far beyond people her age.

Pei Yuan had heard Li Qi's earlier words. Even though he was being unreasonable, Pei Yuan did not find that to be a problem as Li Qi was someone on the Emperor's side. However, when Li Qi irresponsibly criticized her lack of upbringing, he had involved her parents.

In the case of an ordinary youth, they would have already flown into a fit of rage regardless of how good of a temper they had. Even if they did not answer back, it was absolutely impossible for them to respond with a smile.

However, Shen Yanxiao had been very calm throughout the entire exchange. No matter how ugly Li Qi's words were, she did not respond aggressively in the slightest, and a faint smile could always be seen on her face that made it hard to see through her.

Pei Yuan was surprised by her calm composure. He had observed countless people in the court, and there were few who he could not see through. Yet, he was unable to determine if she indeed possessed a weak temperament or there was something else going on.

When Shen Yanxiao mentioned that she would prepare food, it was merely some ordinary dry rations. These rations were the easiest to store and fill one's stomach. Before she came to the city, she had very realistically decided what food to bring, and as for those chicken, duck or fish, there were definitely no such things here.

When he saw a table filled with buns, Li Qi's lips twitched uncontrollably.

That little kid dared to make a fool of him?

Was the food on the table even fit for human consumption?

"Go and get your city lord!" Li Qi's expression was extremely ugly. It seemed like he had to teach that brat a lesson and tell her what was required to serve people of high status!

The one who attended Li Qi's group was a high-ranked demon in human form. This demon had finally accepted humans after great difficulty but even then, he disliked the group of humans who had just entered the city.

But due to Shen Yanxiao's orders, he could not act rashly and merely clicked his touch and left.

However, Pei Yuan's gaze revealed traces of doubt.

"What is this trash? Are they even fit for human consumption? Shen Yanxiao is ultimately someone of the Vermilion Bird Family and yet she dares to make fun of us like this? I can bear this anger, but can Your Highness bear with such disrespect?" Li Qi could not possibly dare to be too arrogant before Long Yue and Pei Yuan and so, he could only push it on Long Yue.

Long Yue blanked out momentarily. When he looked at Li Qi's ugly expression, he was baffled.

"What did you say?"

The prince had been in a daze since the moment they met Shen Yanxiao, so he had not heard a single word Li Qi had said!

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"Your... Your Highness?" Li Qi found it embarrassing. He had been acting for an entire day and yet, Long Yue had not paid him any attention. This made him lose face to the extreme.

"I'm here. What were you saying earlier?" Long Yue furrowed his brows.

"I said, that girl, Shen Yanxiao..."

"Shen Yanxiao? Oh that's right!" Long Yue seemed to have suddenly thought of something and stood up.

Li Qi's eyes brightened, thinking that Long Yue finally wanted to find trouble with Shen Yanxiao.

His status as a prince was more important than he could ever be, so he'd like to see if that little brat dared to neglect them any further.

"Where's Shen Yanxiao? Why isn't she here?" Long Yue stretched out his head and looked around in search of that face who made his heart speed up.

"That's right, she's too disrespectful. How can a subject not serve by Your Highness's side during a meal?" Li Qi spoke in agreement.

"Serve?" When Long Yue heard that word, his face suddenly flushed red.

The young boy had not realized that the slight glimpse of Shen Yanxiao had already caused his heart to be entrapped by a certain someone.

On the other side, Shen Yanxiao was currently surrounded by a group of people. Jiu Yichen was currently looking at her with a reddened eye while feeling heartache.

"City lord, how can you... how can you allow that bastard to say that about you?" When Li Qi spoke earlier, Jiu Yichen had exercised restraint. She did not dare to cause trouble when Shen Yanxiao herself

had not said anything. However, Li Qi's words were similar to a knife being stabbed in her heart, as those revolting words entered her ear. She felt her heart ache for Shen Yanxiao's sake.

Their city lord was a proud person. When had she ever allowed someone to humiliate her as such?

"Sister, why did you stop me back then? I'll kill that baddie for you, alright?" Lan Fengli was also filled with curiosity.

The Cave Wolves Mercenary Group on one side were also angry. The moment Li Qi's group left, they had impatiently rushed to meet Shen Yanxiao.

"City lord, don't be afraid. With a single order of yours, all our brothers will take revenge for you!"

"That's right. Who does that bastard think he is? On what basis was he allowed to speak to you like that?"

They were all outraged at the situation. The Shen Yanxiao they knew who would never allow a single provocation from others seemed to have completely become mild-mannered. Li Qi's words were so intolerable and yet, she did not fly into a fit of rage?

Shen Yanxiao looked at the enraged group and shook her head with a smile.

"Don't worry about him. He's merely a lacky that uses his position to bully others. I won't even pay any attention to a side character like him." Shen Yanxiao persuaded everyone to calm down, but in her mind she had her own plans.

How was it possible Li Qi's words had not enraged her?

However, she was unable to take action against him at this point in time. The reason being, Li Qi came to the city under the Emperor's imperial degree, and since he dared to be so unbridled, the Emperor must have given him some sort of authority.

If Shen Yanxiao were to deal with him right now and word of it spreads out, she was worried that the Emperor would unleash his anger on Shen Feng in the capital, not to mention that the Emperor would use that as an excuse to deal with her.

Even though the Vermilion Bird Family was powerful, it would be very difficult for them to contend against a country. Moreover, the number of talents in her generation was withering while there was an internal strife within the family. She was also currently situated in the faraway Forsaken Land so if the Emperor really intended to harm her family, she would be helpless even if she had the heart to help.

The reason why Shen Yanxiao had endured it was because she didn't want to endanger people whom she cared for. Therefore, she had no choice but to put away her pride for the time being and endure it.

However, she would not endure it forever. When the day the city was completed, she would obtain her wings and no one in heaven or earth could push her around any longer.

Chapter 670: You Won't Die if You Don't Seek Death (1)

"City lord, those few bastards asked for you." The high-ranked demon walked to Shen Yanxiao with a gloomy face.

“Who are they to ask Xiaoxiao to come to them?” The five jerks in disguise stood before Shen Yanxiao. Their handsome features had been replaced by ordinary ones. They were the prime examples of a standard passerby that would not be noticed if placed in a crowd.

“Qi Xia?” Du Lang looked at the young man who spoke with some uncertainty. The contrast of the before and after was too large.

Qi Xia touched his unattractive face and said, “The disguise mask produced by Ah Xi is pretty good.”

Tang Nazhi grabbed onto that high-ranked demon and asked, “Oh right, who are the bastards that asked for Xiaoxiao?”

“It’s those few bastards from the capital. They are being extremely haughty about it too.” The high-ranked demon had already found them disagreeable from the start.

“The envoy?”

“And also prince Long Yue and Pei Yuan, the state teacher,” Du Lang added.

“Long Yue, that little brat is also here?” The five jerks were not unfamiliar with Long Yue.

They were all sons of the most powerful families in the Longxuan Empire. With the exception of Li Xiaowei, the four of them had met with Long Yue several times.

“I see, so Pei Yuan has also tagged along. That old and young pair are not people easy to deal with. Your expression seems somewhat odd, did something happen when we were absent?” Qi Xia asked.

Du Lang tactfully revealed the previous incident where Li Qi had humiliated Shen Yanxiao, and their expressions immediately turned ugly.

“Who does Li Qi think he is? How dare he speak about our Xiaoxiao like that? I will crush him with a single finger!” Tang Nazhi immediately exploded. What a joke. Shen Yanxiao was their precious little sister, so how could they allow other people to bully her? Not to mention Li Qi was only an official, even if it was the Emperor of the Longxuan Empire, he also dared to attack him!

“Alright, stop it. I’ll make my way there.” Shen Yanxiao had a splitting headache. She had no intentions of causing trouble right now.

The few jerks looked at Shen Yanxiao’s calm expression with an odd look. It was hard to imagine that the black-bellied little girl would submit to such humiliation.

“Let’s keep it at that. Xiaoxiao, since you are going, we’ll accompany you. As the city lord, you’ll need several followers, right?” Yan Yu spoke out to mediate the atmosphere. He believed she must have had her reasons for swallowing all those insults.

As a result, Shen Yanxiao and the five of them along with the Vermilion Bird went to visit those bastards. As Yin Jiuchen and Lan Fengli who were extremely angry towards Li Qi, she simply had them take a rest for fear that they were unable to control their emotions.

The moment they saw Li Qi, his expression immediately turned ugly.

“Our city lord is so ‘powerful’. Even with the prince and the state teacher present, you still require someone to coax and plead you before you come. I really wonder who else in the Longxuan Empire would pay you any attention.” Li Qi made cutting remarks at Shen Yanxiao.

In a short span of less than a minute, the five of them deeply understood why Du Lang and the other’s faces were so ugly. That guy named Li Qi was extremely rude and also arrogant. It made them feel like giving him two tight slaps.

Fortunately, the five of them were cultured people and since Shen Yanxiao had not said a word, they remained motionless.

Shen Yanxiao revealed a smile and directly ignored Li Qi. As she looked at the untouched buns on the table, she had an idea why they had asked for her.

It was evident that these three who lived and ate like a prince would never eat those buns.

But unfortunately, only those buns were available in her city, so it was up to them to eat it or starve.