

The Good 721

Chapter 721: Returning to Saint Laurent Academy (4)

“Meng Meng, it’s not that we are stubborn, but there are indeed many things you are unaware of. His Highness did not object to your choices due to the rumors against Warlocks. It’s because the path as a Warlock is extremely complicated and not anyone can bear it.” The middle-aged man helplessly looked at the young girl.

“Liar! Shen Yanxiao is a Warlock and she’s even younger than me by three years. Why can she become a Warlock and I can’t!?”

The middle-aged man furrowed his brows. Then, he spoke in a volume only both of them could hear, “Don’t mention her name again. His Highness is already preparing to set off towards the Forsaken Land to meet with her, and do you honestly think Warlocks are so easy? You kids have no idea the internal struggles within and if you continue to remain so oblivious, you will not even know how you die after becoming a Warlock.”

The young lady was stunned after having heard what he said. “Your mean... His Highness will be heading towards the Forsaken Lands to meet Shen Yanxiao? Would His Highness... don’t tell me...”

“Don’t let your imagination wander. His Highness will never harm her,” the middle-aged man said.

Only then, did she relax. That Shen Yanxiao who she had never met before was her idol! She had the courage to appear in the Inter-academy Tournament with the identity of a Warlock that was spurned by everyone, and in addition, she had triumph over all her opponents to obtain the championship. Shen Yanxiao’s brilliant achievements had simply made her worship her.

“Hey Uncle, why don’t you talk to His Highness to ask if I can tag along...” The young lady’s eyes shined. Since a long time ago, she already had the thought of personally meeting with her idol!

“You want to go?”

The young lady nodded repeatedly with eagerness, so much so that the only lacking thing was the words ‘I want to go’ on her forehead.

“Sure. His Highness would be setting off in five days and if you are to rush back now, perhaps you might return in time to discuss...” Before the middle-aged man could manage to finish his sentence, the young lady had already disappeared a hundred steps away.

“Uncle, I’ll be going first! Remember to pack my luggage, bye!!” The young lady left without looking back, leaving the dazed middle-aged man standing alone in the cold winds.

Exactly where did that kid get her personality from, for her to act like she’s ‘high on drugs’ every single day!

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Shen Yanxiao made a detour from the Warlock Division’s main entrance and entered from the back wall. With her skills, no one could detect her movements even in broad daylight.

Within Saint Laurent Academy, only Ouyang Huanyu was able to threaten her.

However, he had just left her city several days ago and with his speed, he would have yet to leave the Forsaken Lands, not to mention returning to the academy.

After she returned to the familiar Warlock Division, all sorts of feelings welled up in her heart as she looked at each blade of grass and each tree here. If she had to say where in the academy that she had the fondest memories of, it would have to be in this rundown Warlock Division.

Shen Yanxiao came to the tower through a familiar route and even though it was still bright outside, the interior of the tower was still rather dim. Standing outside the door and looking at the familiar silhouette from her memories who was quietly seated before the table while burying his head into a pile of books, her expression could not help but soften.

She then slowed down her steps and entered the tower. Yun Qi, who was currently mending the books, suddenly sensed a presence and hesitatingly raised his head to look towards the petite figure that stood outside.

His kind-looking face revealed traces of surprise, and as he looked at that unfamiliar face, Yun Qi called out a familiar name. "Xiao Xiao?"

Shen Yanxiao removed her disguise and a sweet smile curled up on her beautiful face.

"Teacher, I've returned."

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Yun Qi excitedly stood up and looked at Shen Yanxiao whom he had not seen for months.

"Why have you returned? How's the progress in the Forsaken Land? Did you encounter any difficulties?" Yun Qi sized up Shen Yanxiao as he asked. After several months of separation, Shen Yanxiao grew a little, but she got more slender and weak. When he saw that his student had been working so hard, he felt rather unhappy. He was even upset at himself for caring about the agreement between him and Ouyang Huanyu, while letting his student fight alone in such a dangerous place.

"You've lost weight, but you also grew a little. Is it very tiring in the Forsaken Land?" Yun Qi felt heartache for the only student he had.

Shen Yanxiao shook her head with a smile.

"I'm perfectly fine, and the Emperor has allocated the East area, Sun Never Sets, to me. Right now, it is more or less complete."

"Sun Never Sets?" Yun Qi separated from Shen Yanxiao right after the Inter-academy Tournament so he did not have much information about Shen Yanxiao's situation in the Forsaken Land. However, he knew about the name, 'Sun Never Sets'.

"How could he let you go to Sun Never Sets, that place is... Hold on!" Yun Qi suddenly came into realization as he looked at Shen Yanxiao in surprise.

"You said that it is more or less complete?"

Shen Yanxiao nodded in response.

“The city walls and the interiors are basically complete, with only some minor decorations left. At most, in another month’s time, the city will be fully completed.

Yun Qi gasped as he looked at Shen Yanxiao with an expression of disbelief.

“That city is one of the five main cities of the Devil race, and they are always flooded with countless demons inside. You had been there less than half a year... so how did you...”

“Erm, it’s a long story.” Shen Yanxiao scratched her head. For the time being, she did not dare to reveal the fact that she was rearing demons, as she feared that it was too much to take in; it was not a suitable time to shock Yun Qi yet.

“My return this time is because I have encountered some problems which require teacher’s assistance.”

“Whatever help you need, just say it.” Yun Qi agreed without the slightest hesitation. Even if Shen Yanxiao wanted him to undergo the most severe trials, he would not reject her request.

Shen Yanxiao was silent for a moment before she revealed to Yun Qi the fact that the city’s water sources had been poisoned. As the more he heard about the situation, Yun Qi’s expression became increasingly solemn.

“You mean that even you are unable to discern the curse?” Yun Qi was well aware of the ability of his student. Even though Shen Yanxiao was young, she was already an advanced Warlock. A curse that she was unable to identify would definitely be the work of a Summoner who had undergone the second class promotion.

However...

Warlocks had been in a state of decline for ages, and there were only a few Warlocks left in the entire Brilliance Continent. Moreover, those that were at the level of a Summoner could be counted on one hand.

Even before the Warlocks entered a state of decline, the number of Warlocks who had achieved the level of a Summoner did not exceed a hundred. Moreover, the majority of them had already lost their lives by now.

“Teacher, do you have any leads?” Shen Yanxiao felt worried as she looked at Yun Qi’s ugly expression.

Yun Qi furrowed his brows and lightly shook his head.

“I am unable to determine the culprit as of now, but what I can be sure is that he or she is definitely a survivor of the previous Warlock incident. After all, with the current situation, not to mention Summoners, even intermediate Warlocks are rare to come by. Even if someone were to secretly learn about curses, it is impossible to advance to a Summoner without any guidance. The difference between a Great Warlock and a Summoner is extremely vast and generally speaking, it is basically impossible for the former to break through without a sufficiently powerful teacher to guide them.

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“But I shall accompany you to the Forsaken Land to solve this problem. Even though my strength is little to none, it would not be a problem for me to identify the curse used. As long as we can identify it, I believe we can easily undo it with both our abilities.

“That is exactly my intention.” Shen Yanxiao finally let out a sigh of relief. She believed there was no curse that could stumble her as long as she had the help of Yun Qi!

“However, I’m afraid I am unable to help in regards to herbalism.” Yun Qi sighed. The situation in Sun Never Sets was complicated and even if he did undo the curse, the detrimental potion was still another problem.

“It’s not a problem, as I am rather confident of this. I intend to request for Teacher Ye Qing’s help,” Shen Yanxiao said.

“Ye Qing?” Yun Qi nodded. After he returned to Saint Laurent Academy, Ye Qing came to see him one night. Both of them did not say much, but they knew in their hearts that they had a common student.

“Ye Qing is a man of integrity and you are also his student. I believe he will agree to your request.” Shen Yanxiao had considered all the aspects about the situation.

Looking at his student maturing properly, Yun Qi felt proud in his heart.

“Now I’ll have trouble teacher to make preparations while I visit teacher Ye Qing. Hopefully we can rush back to the city in the evening.” Shen Yanxiao had no choice but to rush, as the longer she took, the more suffering her citizens would have to bear.

“I understand, prepare what you need and I will follow your plans.”

Shen Yanxiao remained in the Warlock Division until late in the evening before she left.

The Herbalist and Warlock Divisions were structurally different with the former being more luxurious than the latter’s rundown buildings. To get to Ye Qing’s floor, she had to take the elevator. However, to get through undetected she had to sneak in late in the evening when all the teachers had left for dinner.

Just when Shen Yanxiao intended to slip into Ye Qing’s room, Xiu’s voice suddenly sounded by her ear.

“There’s someone here.”

Shen Yanxiao was immediately startled and she nimbly jumped up the beam as she hid herself in the dark

The next second, two familiar silhouettes walked past beneath her.

Luo De nervously looked at the expressionless Ye Qing and hastily said, “Great Master Ye Qing, no matter what, you have to help. I am unable to contact Shen Jue right now to inform her of this incident, but now that I know of it, I can’t possibly look on helplessly as trouble befall on the Vermilion Bird Family.”

Shen Yanxiao, who was hidden above the beam, was surprised by Luo De’s words, when suddenly a bad premonition surfaced in her heart.

Trouble happened in the Vermilion Bird Family? What’s going on?

"I will try to step in, and with my name I believe they will more or less consider my reputation. The most crucial problem is to stabilize Shen Feng's injuries and to prevent it from worsening. I will prepare some potions right now and write a letter along with it for you to deliver to the capital. No matter what, we have to save Shen Feng." Ye Qing's expression was rather ugly and his tone carried traces of anger.

Shen Feng's injuries. These three words immediately exploded in her mind and without a care for anything, she directly leaped down and appeared before Luo De and Ye Qing.

Both of them were shocked by her appearance and even took a few steps back.

"What happened to my grandfather!" Shen Yanxiao nervously asked as an ominous premonition rose in her heart.

"Shen... Shen Jue?" Luo De looked at Shen Yanxiao in surprise and doubt. Ever since Shen Yanxiao obtained the championship, Shen Jue had also disappeared, and based on that Luo De and Ye Qing had more or less guessed her identity.

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However, it still felt somewhat unusual for him to see 'Shen Jue' with Shen Yanxiao's appearance.

"Yes it's me, Teacher Luo De and Teacher Ye Qing. What has happened to my grandfather? Please tell me!" Shen Yanxiao's heartbeat sped up. Shen Feng was her only family member in her two lives. She could not imagine how heartbroken she would feel if something bad were to befall on Shen Feng.

A trace of hesitation appeared on Luo De and Ye Qing's expressions. They did not expect Shen Yanxiao to appear here right now, but they had already mentioned Shen Feng's condition in their conversation earlier on, so even if they wanted to hide it, it would probably be futile.

Ye Qing sighed and looked at Shen Yanxiao in all seriousness. "I can tell you, but promise me to remain calm. You cannot be impulsive."

"Ok!" Shen Yanxiao decisively answered.

"Several days ago, Luo De delivered a batch of potions to the Emperor in the capital and while he was there, he had heard of some rumors about the Vermilion Bird Family. It seems like a great tribulation has happened to the Vermilion Bird Family with the current Family Head's sons, Shen Yue and Shen Duan, suddenly rebelling and pushing your grandfather down from his position before putting him under house arrest. Luo De specially went to inquire about it, and a guard mentioned that Shen Feng was rightfully furious that his two sons had rebelled, so he tried to quell the rebellion but he failed. As a result, he incurred rather severe injuries. Thinking about the rumors that would spread the moment they injured their father, Shen Duan and Shen Yue casually found a few priests to take care of him while keeping the news of their rebellions under wraps."

Shen Yanxiao's expression gradually darkened as Ye Qing shared the story. Her hands were tightly clenched into fists while her pitch-black eyes were brewing with an intent to kill.

"How dare they!" Shen Yanxiao felt as if her chest was about to explode. She did not expect there to be such a tremendous change in the family when she had merely been absent for several months.

Shen Duan and Shen Yue actually had the courage to harm their father and forcefully seize the position of Family Head. Are they still humans?!

“Xiao Xiao! Calm down. Now is not the time to be rash. Both your uncles seem to have invited several experts as help and even your fifth uncle, Shen Ling, who had led the confidants of the Vermilion Bird Family to quell the rebellion had been captured. Right now, the family is under both your uncles’ control. Even if you are angry right now, you cannot be rash and you must carefully think things through. The only person who can save your grandfather and your uncles now is you. If you recklessly barge in there and challenge them, there would be no more hope for the Vermilion Bird Family” Luo De sensed Shen Yanxiao’s escalating anger and hastily pulled her arm.

“Letting emotions affect my decisions? Ha! Shen Duan and Shen Yue must be sick of living. Since they have gone this far, how can I allow them to do as they please!” Shen Yanxiao was already enraged right now. She could not bear to imagine how Shen Feng had felt after his sons rebelled against him. Even though Shen Feng was strict, he was deeply concerned about family ties. How much heartache did he feel when he looked on helplessly as his sons committed such treacherous acts?

Moreover, Shen Duan and Shen Yue, those two immoral beasts had been unwilling to invite experts to treat Shen Feng’s injuries in order to cover up their crimes?

The thought of a physically and mentally exhausted Shen Feng lying on an ice-cold bed, Shen Yanxiao could no longer suppress her overflowing killing intent.

Damn it, all of them deserve to die!

“So what if they have experts behind them? Even if they were to gather the entire army of the Longxuan Empire, I will still make them pay the price.”

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“You... Great Master Ye Qing has already decided to help. He will ask the Emperor to intervene in this matter on his account. Right now, it is of most importance to rescue your grandfather.” Luo De had never seen Shen Yanxiao radiating such a murderous aura before. He could not imagine why a fourteen-year-old child would have such terrifying killing intent.

Shen Yanxiao took a deep breath and calmed herself down. She knew that Luo De and Ye Qing had her best interest at heart and if Luo De had not inquired about the Vermilion Bird Family’s situation in the capital, Ye Qing would not have known of this news.

Shen Yanxiao was deeply grateful to Luo De from the depths of her heart and if not for him, she would not have known of the trouble faced by her only family member.

“Thank you Teacher Luo De and Teacher Ye Qing. But I wish to personally resolve this issue, as this is a private issue of the Vermilion Bird Family. Even if the Emperor were to intervene, it would be difficult for the issue to be solved. Moreover, my return to Saint Laurent Academy is because I have something else that requires Teacher Ye Qing’s help.” Shen Yanxiao refused Ye Qing and Luo De’s kind intentions. She was not being ignorant or unappreciative, but because she knew that the bastard seated on the throne would not be so kind to rescue Shen Feng.

If Luo De had heard of the news, how was it possible that the Emperor was unaware of the great changes in her family?

If he had the heart to resolve this issue, he would have already provided his assistance.

But clearly from his inaction in this issue, it was clear that he paid no heed to this matter. So, even if Ye Qing were to request for his aid, he would probably just display a few perfunctory acts, basically doing nothing of worth to resolve this issue.

Thus, rather than just waiting for that damn Emperor to lift his buttocks from his throne, Shen Yanxiao would rather settle this with her own hands.

“What do you need my help for?” Ye Qing asked curiously.

At that, Shen Yanxiao immediately told Ye Qing the problem Sun Never Sets was facing, which he promptly agreed to help without a second thought.

“I’d have to trouble Teacher Ye Qing to make this trip. I will send my mythical beast, Vermilion Bird, to send you and Teacher Yun Qi to the city,” Shen Yanxiao gratefully said.

Ye Qing immediately noticed a problem in what she was saying.

“If Vermilion Bird is sending us there, what about you?”

Shen Yanxiao expressionlessly narrowed her eyes.

“I will go to the capital.”

“You? Alone? Without a mythical beast?” Ye Qing was surprised. He was well aware of Vermilion Bird’s prowess, and with him by her side, he would not be worried even if she were to head for the capital.

However, Shen Yanxiao wanted Vermilion Bird to send them to her city, but what about her?

Does she really intend to head to the capital alone?

“My grandfather is suffering and as his granddaughter, I can’t possibly ignore this. However, the citizens in Sun Never Sets are also my family, and I cannot selfishly disregard them. Therefore, I can only have my mythical beast to send both of you to the Forsaken Land and I shall head for the imperial capital.” Shen Yanxiao didn’t want to waste anymore time.

Although treating the people in her city was important, the life of Shen Feng was just as important, if not more.

Therefore, to tackle these two problems at once, she could only send Ye Qing and Yun Qi with Vermilion Bird back to Sun Never Sets, while she alone headed towards the capital to save Shen Feng and Shen Ling.

The weight of responsibility on both sides was heavy, and as the bearer of those responsibilities and as their only source of hope, she could never let down any side!

“This won’t do! It’s too risky.” Ye Qing immediately rejected Shen Yanxiao’s proposal.

“We don’t know how many confidants your grandfather has in the family, but even all of them combined are not your uncles’ opponents. You going alone without your mythical beast is simply seeking death!” Shen Yanxiao’s plan was simply too dangerous. And as her teacher, he could not look on helplessly while Shen Yanxiao was sending herself to her death.

Since Shen Duan and Shen Yue dared to usurp the position of the Family Head, they must have the confidence to keep it. If Shen Yanxiao was to go there alone, how could she possibly go against them?

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“Teacher, please be rest assured. I know my limits. Plus, with Vermilion Bird’s speed, he can soon rush back to me after sending you there.” Shen Yanxiao was determined to head towards the capital. Plus, now that she knew that her grandfather was in need of help, she could never turn her back on him.

After going through two lives, she had finally gotten a resemblance of a family, and he would forever be her utmost importance.

Ye Qing and Luo De’s continuous pleading was of no use, as they understood how stubborn she could be. As such, Ye Qing could only agree to Shen Yanxiao’s arrangements, albeit unwillingly.

“Yun Qi and I will treat the people in Sun Never Sets, but you have to promise to be careful and to not be impulsive,” Ye Qing ordered.

“I understand.” Shen Yanxiao’s mind was already back in the capital. Imagining her grandfather being all alone, she sincerely wished that she could immediately return there, back to the Vermilion Bird Family and crush those two betrayers into pieces.

With the current situation as such, Ye Qing could not say anything else.

When night fell, Ye Qing and Yun Qi disguised themselves with the help of Shen Yanxiao and left the academy. As she looked at their departing backs as they rode on Vermilion Bird, Shen Yanxiao’s gaze turned chilly.

“Xiu, do you know what I can’t tolerate the most?” Shen Yanxiao stood under the moonlight and looked up at the stars.

“What? Hmm?”

“I can’t tolerate anyone who steps outside their boundaries. Anyone who thinks that I will do nothing while they continue to mess with my people will have to pay dearly for what they have done.” Shen Yanxiao’s voice carried traces of killing intent.

“Then let them know what will happen if they cross your bottom line.”

“I will.”

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The capital of the Longxuan Empire was bustling with activity. There were still a large number of citizens roaming about in the city in the afternoon and the streams of people along with the noisy streets made everything seem full of vitality.

This was the heart of the capital, and those who resided here all had an indescribable sense of pride.

A thin figure stepped into the capital under the scorching sun. This petite figure did not attract any attention and her unprepossessing appearance basically made her look like an insignificant passer-by when mixed into the crowd. No one would spare a single glance at an unattractive little brat.

This petite figure cut through the crowd and walked towards the Vermilion Bird Family's estate.

Outside the gates, there were four bodyguards standing guard — everything looked the same at first.

However, this petite figure noticed that the four guards standing outside looked unfamiliar.

"They've even changed the guards. Shen Duan and Shen Yue are rather thorough." This unprepossessing little brat was Shen Yanxiao in her disguise.

His fifth uncle, Shen Ling, was in-charge of the guards in the family. Back then, under Shen Feng's orders for Shen Yanxiao to get in contact with the core members of the family, he had gathered all the guards under Shen Ling's charge. However, the four guards before her were complete strangers so evidently, Luo De's information was accurate. A huge overturn had happened in the Vermilion Bird Family behind the backs of everyone.

As one of the five great aristocratic families of the Longxuan Empire, no one had noticed such a huge internal change. Just from that, one could tell how inconspicuous Shen Duan and Shen Yue had been in their plans.

"What are your plans?" Xiu could sense the fury inside Shen Yanxiao's heart. It has been a whole week since she left the academy; she had been on the road for seven days and nights before she finally reached the capital.

But even so, the flames of fury in her heart only ever increased

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"We have to locate grandfather and fifth uncle's position." Even though Shen Yanxiao was furious, she did not lose her reasoning. After all, nothing was more important than Shen Feng's safety.

Based on the information Luo De got hold of, Shen Feng and Shen Ling's whereabouts were basically unknown, but they were suspected to be detained by Shen Duan and Shen Yue. Thus, her most urgent task at hand was to locate where they were locked up. Only after finding Shen Feng and rescuing him, could she take care of the two traitors without any reservations.

"Xiu, help me sense where my grandfather and fifth uncle are at."

"En."

Xiu's perception was keener than Vermilion Bird. Moreover, he had seen Shen Feng and Shen Ling before. As such, he naturally knew of their aura so it would not be difficult for him to locate them.

However, a strange thing happened.

Xiu spread his perception and covered the entire estate of the Vermilion Bird Family. But even then, he was unable to locate Shen Feng and Shen Ling's aura. Furthermore, he was shocked to sense a powerful aura inside.

"Something's wrong. There's a powerful expert stationed inside and from the looks of it, it is very likely he had gone through his second class promotion. He has also covered the entire area with his aura. I am unable to locate your grandfather and fifth uncle with his interference."

"An expert that has gone through second class promotion?" Shen Yanxiao was stunned. A person who had gone through second class promotion was basically someone who reached the peak of their first class and improved themselves even further. Something like a Great Magus advancing to an Archmagus, a Great Swordsman advancing to a Master Swordsman, a Great Archer advancing to a Master Archer, Great Priest advancing to a Bishop, Great Swordsman advancing to a Master Swordsman, and Great Warlock advancing to a Summoner.

The differences between the two were extremely vast. If the six professions were the important crossroads of magicians and fighter apprentices, then second class promotion would be the peak existence of the six professions.

Within the entire Longxuan Empire, those who had managed to go through second class professions were figures famous throughout the continent.

For example, Ouyang Huanyu of Saint Laurent Academy was someone who has gone through his second class promotion. His reputation among the magicians in the Longxuan Empire was unmatched.

Even though the five great aristocratic families were powerful, they relied more on the protection of their guardian mythical beasts. So far, none of the five families had an expert that had gone through their second class promotion.

However, Xiu had sensed an expert of the second class inside the estate of the Vermilion Bird Family. That alone surprised her greatly.

She was clear about the abilities of Shen Duan and Shen Yue. Both of them were cunning but their abilities were rather lacking. From her memories, they were only of advanced profession standards and Shen Yifeng whom they highly regarded was merely an Intermediate Swordsman but still, there was a considerable gap between him and the second class.

As for Shen Jiayi and Shen Jiawei, those two unruly kids, there was no need to mention them.

If those from the Shen Family were not it, then that expert could only be someone Shen Duan and Shen Yue had invited.

Shen Yanxiao narrowed her eyes. Luo De previously mentioned that those two bastards had invited an expert as help. She originally assumed it was an expert at the peak of first class. However, she did not expect them to have managed to invite someone of second class caliber.

No wonder Shen Feng and Shen Ling had suffered such a devastating defeat. It seemed like Shen Duan and Shen Yue had expended all their efforts on this rebellion.

Xiu had a powerful perception ability, but as of now, he was still in his soul state. Moreover, the opponent deliberately covered the entire estate with his aura, making it practically impossible to pinpoint the exact location of Shen Feng and Shen Ling.

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“It seems like they have made preparations.” Shen Yanxiao sneered. It was evident that the strange situation in the estate was aimed at her. They knew that she possessed Vermilion Bird whose perception was very keen, and so they used this move to block his perception.

From the looks of it, they had already made preparations to guard against her if she were to get hold of the news.

“They are really careful. Shen Yue that idiot would never have thought of this idea. This is highly likely Shen Duan’s plan.” She was far away in the Forsaken Land, but Shen Duan had already taken precautions in the event she were to show up. She did not even have to think to realize that the estate of the Vermilion Bird Family had basically turned into a tiger’s den. Shen Duan must be hoping for her to get hold of the news so that she could fall into their trap.

They knew that she was contracted with Vermilion Bird, and yet they still dared to commit such acts. It was evident that Shen Duan possessed a trick up his sleeves!

Unfortunately, never in his wildest dreams would he expect that other than Vermilion Bird, Shen Yanxiao had another hidden card that no one knew of.

That would be her abilities as a goddess of thievery!

Even if Xiu could not pinpoint Shen Feng and Shen Ling’s position, Shen Yanxiao would personally sneak into the estate to find out.

With her abilities and the Moonlight Necklace Yun Qi had given her, not to mention an expert of second class promotion, even god-level experts were incapable of detecting her presence.

After she made up her mind, she left the entrance of the estate for the time being.

Now that she had returned, she knew that she could not be impulsive. Shen Duan had specifically prepared a wide net for her and if she were to mess up, she would then fall into his trap.

Shen Yanxiao hastily left the Vermilion Bird Family and found an inn to rest. And as soon as the sun sets, she would then sneak into the estate.

As she was still deeply worried about her grandfather’s safety, Shen Yanxiao did not have much appetite as she barely managed to fill her stomach. She then sat near the window and gazed at the bustling streets.

The crowded streets were similar to a tide and Shen Yanxiao indifferently glanced around. All of a sudden, her eyes locked onto a familiar figure.

On a bustling street, Shen Yifeng in green clothes was walking around accompanied by two guards.

Ever since she left for Saint Laurent Academy, she had never seen Shen Yifeng. He was supposedly a student of the Swordsman Division, but for some reason, he had not returned for the past six months.

When she saw the current Shen Yifeng, she was rather surprised. The reason for that was because his demeanor compared to the past was entirely different.

He still had the stereotypical handsome face, but his aura underwent a complete transformation. Looking from afar, there was no longer that false smile but instead, a cold, chilly aura had replaced it.

He was moving forwards expressionlessly with the accompaniment of two guards and his chilly gaze was not locked on anything.

“Xiu, that’s Shen Yifeng?” If not for his identical facial features, it was hard for her to associate the current Shen Yifeng who was radiating a sinister aura with the hypocrite in her memory.

“It’s him, but he’s different from before. His aura is much stronger now that he has reached the peak of first class, a Great Swordsman.”

Shen Yanxiao was surprised by Xiu’s statement.

Half a year ago, Shen Yifeng was merely an Intermediate Swordsman, so how did he suddenly advance through three tiers to

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Shen Yanxiao’s advancement was mainly reliant on the Seven Star Moon Seal and Xiu’s help. However, Shen Yifeng’s talents can only be considered average so it was practically impossible for him to improve by such leaps and bounds.

But with the truth presented before her, she had no choice but to believe it.

Shen Yifeng’s disappearance for the past six month coupled with his surge in strength made Shen Yanxiao suspicious.

She felt that there was definitely some secret behind his huge power-up.

And that secret was very likely related to Shen Duan and Shen Yue’s rebellion.

Narrowing her eyes, Shen Yanxiao suddenly stood up. Since she met him, she would never let Shen Yifeng that brat slip away. Be it whether he was a Great Swordsman or an Intermediate Swordsman, she would pry open his mouth and question the whereabouts of Shen Feng and Shen Ling!

After she made up her mind, Shen Yanxiao immediately left the inn and trailed behind him calmly with the crowd as her cover.

Shen Yifeng calmly proceeded forward. It seemed like he did not intend to return to the estate of the Vermilion Bird Family.

Shen Yanxiao was somewhat surprised when she noticed the direction he went. The reason for that was because he was heading towards the estate of the Azure Dragon Family!

Shen Yifeng stood outside the gates and his two guards immediately went forward to converse with the Azure Dragon Family's guards.

A short moment later, the guards opened the gates and made way for them.

"Why is Shen Yifeng here at the Azure Dragon Family's estate?" Shen Yanxiao hid at a corner and looked at the trio that entered the gates while her mind was flooded with confusion.

The five great aristocratic families had been rather disharmonious for the longest time and even though Qi Xia and the rest had good relations with each other, the Family Heads still treated each other as eyesores. There was basically no contact amongst them and even during occasional encounters, their relations were like fire and water.

Therefore, Shen Yanxiao was really confused about Shen Yifeng's sudden visit to the Azure Dragon Family.

She then immediately jumped over the back walls of the estate with no one noticing her presence.

As that estate was a place where she had once stretched her thieving hands into, she was rather familiar with its internal structure. Without any effort, she found the main hall and found a safe, hidden location to hide herself in, as she decided to find out the reason behind Shen Yifeng's visit.

The current Family Head, Yang Qiong, was currently seated in the main hall.

Yang Qiong was Yang Xi's grandfather, an old-fashioned and inflexible person. Not to mention about meeting with the younger generation of the other four aristocratic families, that old man would still mercilessly reject the other Family Heads even if they were to request for a meeting

Therefore, it was extremely weird that he had allowed Shen Yifeng to enter the estate.

Shen Yifeng was currently standing before Yang Qiong and he forcefully revealed a strange smile.

"I pay my respects to Elder Yang."

Yang Qiong had a taut expression and seemed rather impatient as he looked at Shen Yanxiao. However, he had unexpectedly restrained himself and spoke with a neutral tone, "Sit."

"Many thanks." Shen Yifeng sat down at the side.

"Why is the purpose of your trip here today?" Yang Qiong asked.

"My teacher heard that the Azure Dragon's Hundred Year Spirit Weapon of this century has been completed, and so he specially sent me here to inquire if Elder Yang is willing to sell that weapon to my teacher."

Shen Yanxiao was surprised. The purpose of his trip was to ask for the Hundred Year Spirit Weapon of the Azure Dragon Family!

That was simply unreasonable! Not to mention about the disharmonious relation between their families, Shen Yifeng as a part of the younger generation should not be the one coming to convey the request even if it was his teacher who wanted the weapon.

Chapter 730: Hundred Year Spirit Weapon (2)

The Azure Dragon Family was famous for their mastery in forging. And their most prized product would be the spirit weapon that could only be forged once every century.

The completion of the weapon would attract powerful experts from all over the Brilliance Continent, and the rule of the Azure Dragon was to auction it in an auction house for those interested parties to bid for it. The highest bidder would then obtain the weapon. No one had ever dared to request for it. After all, the might of the weapon was too powerful and basically everyone wished to obtain it. The Azure Dragon's plan was to avoid any families breathing down their necks while obtaining the highest profit for the weapon.

Therefore, Shen Yifeng's request was unreasonable in every aspect and god knows how he had the courage to bring that up.

Just as Shen Yanxiao assumed Yang Qiong would kick him out, he merely furrowed his brows and said, "Your teacher wants the Hundred Year Spirit Weapon? If my memory serves me right, he should be a Swordsman, and the weapon of this century is not a sword, but a staff. Even if I were to heed to your request, I'm afraid your teacher has no use for it."

Instead of throwing him out, Yang Qiong had patiently explained to him. Even though his intent was to refuse, his tone and roundabout way of rejection had been very tactful.

Yang Qiong's reaction was unexpected, greatly surprising Shen Yanxiao. Yang Xi had mentioned his grandfather's temper and it was said that it was extremely one of a kind. No kinds of rubbish talk were allowed in his vicinity and he adhered to the beliefs that rules were supreme. Even when a member of the Azure Dragon Family wanted to go through the backdoor to obtain the weapon, they were completely ignored.

Therefore, what caused Yang Qiong's change of temper?

He had unexpectedly spoken nicely to Shen Yifeng, a junior?

The only reason Shen Yanxiao could think of was Shen Yifeng's teacher.

In the past when Shen Yifeng studied in Saint Laurent Academy, he did not have a teacher. But merely half a year had passed and not only did a teacher suddenly appear out of nowhere, but his strength had also greatly improved.

It was hard for her not to be curious about that teacher of his.

As she observed Yang Qiong's attitude, Shen Yanxiao suspected that he should know who Shen Yifeng's teacher was and it was to the extent he somewhat feared him?

Someone that even the Family Head of the five great aristocratic families feared...

Shen Yanxiao found it unimaginable.

"Don't tell me his teacher is that expert who has gone through second class promotion?" Shen Yanxiao softly murmured. Shen Yifeng's drastic changes might be related to that teacher of his. No ordinary teacher could allow an Intermediate Swordsmans advanced to a Great Swordsman in half a year's time.

A second class expert had a great understanding of their own profession and if they were to give one or two pointers, the beneficiary would definitely have some improvements.

However, their improvements should not be as ridiculous as Shen Yifeng's!

Shen Yanxiao's mind was filled with questions and she was extremely curious about Shen Yifeng's change along with his teacher's identity.

In the face of Yang Qiong's roundabout refusal, Shen Yifeng said with a fake smile, "It's up to my teacher's discretion whether the weapon is useful or not. Naturally, he has his reasons if he wants it and as a student, I will not pry much. I only came to convey his words so it is up to Elder Yang Qiong if you are willing to part with it."

Even though Shen Yifeng's words seemed polite on the surface, it had carried some sorts of threat within.

Yang Qiong's expression was very ugly. If not on the account of that teacher behind him, how could a junior like him dare to be unbridled in front of him?