

## The Good 871

### Chapter 871: You Have to Be Slapped When You're Lazy (1)

Once she had arranged everything, Shen Yanxiao went back to her room to meditate.

Lord Xiu was furious. Ever since she came to Sun Never Sets, she had not trained her battle aura or magic diligently. Even after she undid the fifth seal, her strength did not increase much.

Xiu, who had always followed the Spartan's way of teachings, whipped the little girl who had slacked off during the journey like a gale.

"Well, it's not like it's my fault that there are so many things I need to handle." Shen Yanxiao sat on the bed with her legs crossed. Even though Xiu's tone did not have any fluctuations and was still as cold as before, she could somehow tell that a certain Great Master was truly enraged.

"Many?" Xiu's voice was as cold as ice.

Shen Yanxiao gulped. Well, she had to admit that even though she had many things to do, she spent most of her time goofing around.

It was not her fault!

It had only been a year since she had transmigrated to this world, and she had gone through all sorts of training, challenges, and setbacks. Even if her body was made of steel, she would not be able to withstand such torment for long. The most terrifying aspect of all was her mental exhaustion.

The more she knew, the more she thought. So, a large number of questions quickly piled up in her mind, and in the end, they overwhelmed her.

In any case, she was only fourteen years old in her previous life, and she had already achieved what a forty-year-old could barely have done in this life.

"Isn't the construction of Sun Never Sets a success?" Shen Yanxiao shrunk her neck. She could not see his cold, handsome face, but she was still afraid.

"This is only a city. So what if you take over the entire Forsaken Land? You will still be merely a lord of the Brilliance Continent." Xiu's tone carried a trace of disdain.

"..." Shen Yanxiao wanted to cry. God knew how many people envied her as a city lord. If someone could unite the entire Forsaken Land, they would definitely be able to dominate the Brilliance Continent. However, Xiu made her brilliant achievements into... no...

Shen Yanxiao wanted to scratch the wall in anger. She felt that even if she were to unite the entire Brilliance Continent, a certain Great Master would still think that it was a piece of cake and that she was neglecting her proper duties.

"I just wanted to build my own military base." Shen Yanxiao knew that she had provoked a lot of people. So, in order to ensure that her family would have nothing to worry about, she decided to recruit soldiers to train in Sun Never Sets.

"Military?" Xiu's voice rose.

“You call the collective strength of those ants a military?”

“...” Shen Yanxiao was speechless. Xiu’s tone was filled with extreme contempt. She did not doubt that Xiu would despise her eighteen generations of ancestors if she were to nod.

“I think I can teach them slowly...” Shen Yanxiao lowered her head and shook her fingers. Why would she always turn into a timid quail when she was with Xiu?

That did not make any sense!

“You will?”

“No.”

“Then how are you going to teach them?”

“Du Lang...”

“He is a mercenary.”

“My fifth uncle...”

“He trains his guards.”

“...” Shen Yanxiao decided to shut her mouth. Her poisonous tongue had automatically gone on strike in front of Xiu.

If she did not break the silence, she would suffer in silence. Shen Yanxiao felt like she was going to die.

Just as she was ashamed of herself, Xiu suddenly said,

“I can train them for you.”

“!!!” Shen Yanxiao was instantly revived!

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“You will train them?” Shen Yanxiao could not conceal her excitement.

“Yes.”

“Please train them!” Shen Yanxiao thought that she looked no different from when Qi Xia hugged his grandfather’s thighs.

“Sure.” Xiu was suddenly exceptionally easy to talk to.

However, just as Shen Yanxiao was about to cheer, Xiu’s next words pushed her against the wall.

“When you advance to your second class promotion, I will train your army.”

“Second class promotion?” Shen Yanxiao blinked. It seemed like she was already on the verge of advancing to an Advanced Professional when the fifth layer of the seal was undone. However, she had not cultivated much during that period, so her progress was slow.

One could only advance to the second class promotion after they became an Advanced Professional, and the requirements for that were extremely harsh.

How many geniuses in the Brilliance Continent had been stuck at the level of an Advanced Professional below the second class promotion?

The second class promotion was the dividing line between the strong and the weak. Only those who had gone through the second class promotion could reach new heights.

Shen Yanxiao was not sure how long it would take for her to reach the second class promotion, but the bait that Xiu had thrown out was very tempting!

She needed strength, but she knew that she would not be able to stand at the peak if she were to rely on her strength alone. Therefore, she had to train her army. That way, even if she were to fall out with the Longxuan Empire or the Blue Moon Dynasty in the future, she would still be able to withstand their attacks.

“But that should take a long time, right?” She suspected that she would not even have the chance to go through her second class promotion once Oriental City was completed.

“How would you know if you don’t give it a try?”

“That’s true.” Shen Yanxiao scratched her head. Even though Xiu’s words were a little harsh, she knew that he was thinking for her sake.

“In that case, I shall focus on my training.” Shen Yanxiao acted like an obedient child, but her heart was bursting with joy. Even though she did not know Xiu’s background, this felt like hugging an omnipotent thigh. It would be a waste not to hug it.

“Not here,” Xiu suddenly said.

“Ah?” Shen Yanxiao blinked. Where else could they go if they would not train there?

“There are plenty of places in the Forsaken Land for you to increase your strength. You can only stimulate more of your potential when you are in adversity. Sun Never Sets is too easy for you.” Xiu did not intend for Shen Yanxiao to continue to stay in Sun Never Sets. Even if she wanted to cultivate in peace, it would be difficult.

If she were to stay in the city, details of the construction of Oriental City would constantly be relayed to her. Additionally, the location of the mineral reserves was still a matter of grave importance. And soon, Shen Yanxiao would have to sign a contract with the merchants who were prepared to trade with Sun Never Sets. Furthermore, there was also the unknown sage...

A lot of things revolved around Shen Yanxiao so her training would definitely be disrupted.

That was not what Xiu wanted.

“Are you encouraging me to ignore my responsibilities?” Shen Yanxiao wrinkled her eyebrows. To be honest, she also wanted to look around the Forsaken Land, but unfortunately, the responsibilities on her shoulders were just piling on endlessly.

“Why not? Du Lang, Uncle Nine, Qi Xia, and the others are already capable of holding their own. Even if you do not appear for some time, with them around, nothing will happen to the two cities,” Xiu said patiently.

“Then let’s do this! I will give them some instructions tomorrow, and then I will call for Vermilion Bird.” As someone who had just been whipped and lectured by a certain Great Master, Shen Yanxiao was sensible enough to agree to Xiu’s proposal.

She did not doubt that Xiu would form a body to carry her out of Sun Never Sets if she tried to resist.

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She would not even be surprised if Xiu were to do something like that.

“No Vermilion Bird.”

“Vermilion Bird is not coming?” Shen Yanxiao was stunned for a moment. Even though she had left Vermilion Bird with Shen Feng to take care of him, she had never thought of leaving her mythical beast behind!

“With it there with you, do you think you will be able to train?” Xiu was well aware of how protective Vermilion Bird was of Shen Yanxiao. With the Vermilion Bird’s current strength, he could challenge all the demons in the Forsaken Land. So, if she brought Vermilion Bird with them, Shen Yanxiao would not be going out to train, but to travel.

“In that case, I will have to discuss it with him.” Shen Yanxiao sighed. She could already predict Vermilion Bird’s expression once he heard the news.

“But if you leave Sun Never Sets, won’t you be unable to absorb dark elements?”

“Have you forgotten about the Black Crystal Stone?”

Shen Yanxiao immediately understood what Xiu meant. She should bring the black crystal with her so that Xiu could temporarily absorb the dark elements from it.

After she made up her mind to train in the outside world, Shen Yanxiao immediately started to make arrangements.

When everyone in Sun Never Sets knew that Shen Yanxiao would be away for her training, they were all dumbstruck.

It would be fine if she just threw all the responsibilities to them while she goofed around.

But what angered them was that Shen Yanxiao was preparing to go out alone without anyone!

For a moment, the entire Sun Never Sets was in an uproar.

“You... You said that you would never abandon me again!” Vermilion Bird looked at Shen Yanxiao with tears in his eyes as he pointed at the ‘heartless man’ who was about to ‘abandon’ him again!

Lan Fengli looked disappointed. He stretched out his hand and quietly pulled on Shen Yanxiao's sleeves. His facial expression looked as if he was saying, 'I am obedient. Take me with you. I don't want to leave my sister...'

"Oriental City has only just begun its construction. Is it appropriate for you to leave?" Du Lang stood before Shen Yanxiao with a pile of letters from Oriental City in his arms.

"I'm not young anymore. I can't handle any more responsibilities." Uncle Nine deliberately massaged his back, pretending that he was overwhelmed from work.

"It's not right to go solo." Qi Xia crossed his arms and looked at her calmly.

"You need to share the fun." Tang Nazhi forced a straight face.

"It's not safe for you to be alone outside." Yan Yu looked worried.

"Taking several people with you is better than going alone." Yang Xi touched his chin as he wondered if they should pack up and follow the little girl out of the city.

"I think they have a point." Li Xiaowei, in a low tone, agreed with the others.

Shen Yanxiao could not bear to look at the five beasts as they lectured her in unison. Did they discuss this beforehand?

Shen Yanxiao suddenly felt the pressure when she heard everyone's objections and protests.

She did not doubt that these people would tie her up and carry her back to the mansion as a mascot if she were to leave.

Due to public pressure, Shen Yanxiao decided not to go out for the time being.

Before anyone could react, she dashed back into her room.

When they saw that Shen Yanxiao had given up on the idea, they finally relaxed.

However, the next morning, everyone was stunned when they saw the empty bedroom.

'F\*ck! You ran away without permission!'

Do you even have the moral principles of a city lord?

### **Chapter 874: Northern Region (1)**

The so-called immoral city lord was Shen Yanxiao.

When they needed her, she would appear in a rush, and when she was not needed, she would start to slack off.

It was not the right time for her to stay in Sun Never Sets so she decided to skip her classes!

Of course, she would never admit that Xiu was the reason why she snuck out without any hesitation!

After she changed her appearance, she wore a cloak and held a map of the Forsaken Land. Shen Yanxiao stood a few kilometers away from Sun Never Sets as she looked at the scenery around her.

After she left Sun Never Sets, she passed through at least six to seven cities in a single night. She would occasionally encounter one or two demons, but they would leave the moment they saw her. They did not even resemble the demons who once ate humans for food.

Which demon would not pounce on a human and devour them?

Did those demons even have any dignity left?

In any case, the demons in the eastern region of the Forsaken Land would no longer take the initiative to attack humans who entered the Forsaken Land. They did not have the courage to challenge a human city lord who had hundreds of advanced-ranked demons.

Therefore, they chose to ignore the humans.

In order not to be tempted by the human's aura, they would go the opposite way of any humans they saw.

In any case, it was common for demons in the Forsaken Land to not have a single bite of human flesh for hundreds of years. They were still strong so they would not starve for the time being.

Furthermore, they had heard that there were dark elements in Sun Never Sets that demons would drool over. If they were fortunate enough to enter Sun Never Sets and have the chance to try this genuinely delicious food, then would it not be worthwhile to let these useless humans go in exchange of not provoking the City Lord of Sun Never Sets? They were still waiting for their turn to immigrate, so shouldn't they show her a good performance?

Since the demons in the eastern region were so well-behaved that it was heartbreaking, Shen Yanxiao could not rely on them to train herself.

"Was it a mistake for me to train them too well?" Shen Yanxiao held her forehead in depression when she saw the fifteenth demon turn and leave from a hundred meters away.

Xiu had mentioned that the best way to increase her strength in a short period of time was to engage in actual combat. Only in a real battle could she stimulate her potential.

In the Forsaken Land, only advanced-ranked demons could suppress her in terms of strength.

Shen Yanxiao's plan to leave Sun Never Sets was to train in magic and battle aura in the Forsaken Land while she fought with a few advanced demons to improve herself.

However, in the eastern region, even low-ranked demons would not attack humans, let alone advanced-ranked demons with intelligence comparable to humans.

It was difficult to train in her territory so Shen Yanxiao had no choice but to shift her attention to other areas.

The city that the Seventh Kingdom belonged to was located in the west of the Forsaken Land, but it was the furthest from the eastern region so there was no need to consider it.

Shen Yanxiao had also had a disagreement with Fantasy Devil City in the southern region. In the end, the only suitable place for her to go would probably be the northern region, the territory of the God Wind Alliance.

The God Wind Alliance was the first country to gain a foothold in the Forsaken Land, and Blizzard City had also thrived after hundreds of years of operations.

Even though the other three forces had tried to suppress the construction of Sun Never Sets, the Seventh Kingdom and the God Wind Alliance did not take any action. It was their gesture of kindness to their new neighbor.

### **Chapter 875: Northern Region (2)**

They were not enemies yet.

It had been five days since Shen Yanxiao's escape, and the people in Sun Never Sets had given up on the idea of capturing her. They could only work hard and arrange everything in the city. They despised Shen Yanxiao for her lack of moral principles as they continued with their work.

Little did they know that their city lord had left their jurisdiction and stepped into the northern region of the Forsaken Land.

The northern region of the Forsaken Land was the place where humans first set foot.

That year, the God Wind Alliance selected a Great Swordsman and dispatched more than 30,000 mercenaries. It took them ten years to successfully build Blizzard City.

After hundreds of years of operations, the northern region of the Forsaken Land had become relatively stable. However, that stability only existed near Blizzard City. Other than that, it was still a restricted area for humans, as demons still ran rampant there.

Shen Yanxiao traveled for five days before she reached the border between the eastern and northern regions. As long as she took another step forward, she would officially enter the territory of the God Wind Alliance.

When she thought about how she was dissatisfied with the other three forces for invading the eastern region's resources, she realized that she would have to train with the demons in the northern region.

Shen Yanxiao took out the map and looked at it. The northern region of the Forsaken Land was rather cold, and there were many mountain forests near the border. Shen Yanxiao's first stop was one of those mountains.

It was rumored that there were many demons on the mountain, making it a suitable location for her training.

Shen Yanxiao rubbed her palms as she walked towards her destination.

The temperature in the northern forest was very low. Fortunately, Shen Yanxiao was well-prepared and had changed into a thicker set of clothes so that she would not be affected by the cold.

On the barren mountain, she found a cave that seemed to have been abandoned for a long time. Even though it was not big, it was enough to shelter her from the wind and rain.

Shen Yanxiao regarded the cave as her camp. To start off her training, she did not go to the demons in the mountain to fight them. Instead, since her battle aura and magic had not improved for some time, her first priority was to train them.

At Xiu's request, Shen Yanxiao began to sit cross-legged on the ground with the Black Crystal and start her training.

The days of cultivation were dull and boring, but Shen Yanxiao was not annoyed at all. It was as if she had returned to the time when she first transmigrated, devoting all her time to her training. No one disturbed her, and nothing disturbed her. She had completely immersed herself in her training.

Every morning, she would eat some rations before starting to train again. Other than her three meals and the necessary breaks, she would devote all her time to training. She could sense that her battle aura and magic were growing at a rapid pace.

It was not as if the fifth layer of the seal was completely ineffective. It was just that she had slacked off in her training so she did not feel anything. Now that she was fully concentrating on her training, the effects had naturally appeared.

It had been a long time since she had that euphoric feeling. Shen Yanxiao was even thinking she was being intoxicated by that feeling.

She did not need Xiu's urging as she was already enjoying it.

After ten days of training, she solidified her position as an Advanced Archer and as an Advanced Warlock. She was now only one step away from the second class promotion.

Just as she was immersed in the joy of her advancement, Xiu proposed a suggestion to her.

"Starting tomorrow, you will train in the morning and afternoon. I will be responsible for your actual combat training at night," Xiu suddenly said.

### **Chapter 876: Northern Region (3)**

"What?" Shen Yanxiao, who was still gnawing on her rations, was stunned.

"What do you mean?" Forgive her for being slow-witted, but she had not recovered from her training-focused mindset.

"You, fight me," Xiu said calmly.

"Fight... you!" Shen Yanxiao almost choked to death from the rations that she had just consumed.

What a joke!

She had just become an Advanced Professional and he wanted her to fight him?

Did he want her dead?



Shen Yanxiao's heart clenched as she thought about how Xiu had crushed an eighth-ranked magical beast with one finger and how Xiu had defeated a Second-Class expert in one move.

She had been cultivating diligently during that period, and she did not make any mistakes. So, why did Lord Xiu suddenly decide to get rid of her?

Shen Yanxiao knew that she could not even withstand a single blow from Xiu.

"Yes." Xiu did not think that his proposal was shocking at all.

Shen Yanxiao's heart instantly shattered into pieces.

"I can't defeat you." Shen Yanxiao wiped her tears discreetly. She was not ashamed at all as she revealed that she still had a smidgen of self-awareness.

"That's for sure." Xiu's ice-cold tone petrified Shen Yanxiao.

Shen Yanxiao wanted to cry. Why did he torture her when he already knew about it?

Instant kill! She would definitely be insta-killed!

If Lord Xiu were to be careless again, he might crush her to death...

She was there to train, not to commit suicide!

"There's no need to use a sledgehammer to crack a nut. I think I'd better find a few advanced-ranked demons to practice with. I would not need your help then!" No! She would rather go all over the mountain to find demons to fight than to be tortured by Xiu!

"You have too little actual combat experience so your speed of improvement is only considered fast among humans. If you do not increase your actual combat experience soon, you will not be able to unleash your full strength. Even if you were to look for demons now, it will not be effective. Rest assured that after I guide you, you will have plenty of opportunities to look for demons to train with." Xiu spoke calmly as if he did not notice Shen Yanxiao's fear.

"But you will beat me to death..." Shen Yanxiao muttered to herself.

"Hmm?" Xiu raised his voice.

"You are too cruel. My arms and legs cannot take it." For the sake of her life, she would crush her dignity and throw them away.

"I know my limits."

"But you have accidentally crushed an eighth-ranked magical beast. If you were to be careless while training with me... I think I might not be as durable as an eighth-ranked magical beast." Humans trained in offense. Moreover, her two professions, Archer and Warlock, had the weakest defense. Knights might be able to withstand Xiu's carelessness, but with her weak defense, she would be sent flying before Xiu could even slap her.

The disparity between their strengths was too great. It was not that she was weak, but the enemy's fighting strength was off the charts!

“...” Xiu suddenly wondered if he had traumatized that little kid.

After a moment of silence, Xiu seemed to hesitate before he slowly said,

“I will not let you get hurt.”

“I am afraid that you will not be able to stop once you get into it.” She knew that Xiu would not kill her, but... Xiu’s past achievements were too brilliant! She could not stay calm even if she wanted to.

“No.”

“What?”

“You are too weak to provoke my fighting spirit.”

### **Chapter 877: Delicate Night (1)**

She was so weak that she could not provoke his fighting spirit...

That was why he was so confident!

Shen Yanxiao felt as if blood was stuck in the back of her throat. Even after she tried to spit it out, it would not come out.

She finally understood what it truly meant to have a poisonous tongue. Xiu had said something so damaging that she wished she could smack herself to death; He truly had a poisonous tongue!

Great Master Xiu, are you really here to train me, or to abuse me?

Shen Yanxiao had been so excited about her advancement to an Advanced Professional a second ago, but Xiu quickly beat her to a pulp the very next second.

She had always been the one to attack others. However, she could not remember how many times she had been attacked by Xiu.

Her confidence was now shattered into pieces!

“Are you sure? For sure, for sure that you will go easy on me?” Shen Yanxiao asked in grief and indignation as she swallowed the blood in her throat.

“Yes.” Xiu was determined.

“Very well.” Shen Yanxiao knew that she could not fight back, so she could only agree to Xiu’s proposal. However, she was sad about her impending hell-like life.

As expected, she should not hug someone’s thigh. If she did, she would just get beaten up!

In fact, Shen Yanxiao was worrying too much. Even if Xiu could materialize his physical body, he could only do so temporarily. Therefore, even if she were to be beaten up, it would only be for a short while.

The next night, Shen Yanxiao watched with a heavy heart as a black mist surged from her body as it gradually formed a silhouette in front of her.

The night king of the Forsaken Land was pitch-black. In the dark forest, Shen Yanxiao saw Xiu, whom she had not seen for a long time, with the help of the light crystals placed around him.

He was still as handsome as she remembered him to be, and his impeccable facial features seemed exceptionally captivating under the light. His golden half-squinted eyes had a trace of indifference. His long black hair casually draped over his shoulders. There was no sound around him, with only a gentle breeze blowing past him, lifting his black satin-like hair as it brushed against his fair and flawless cheeks.

Even though it was not her first time seeing Xiu in person, Shen Yanxiao still felt uneasy.

In the darkness of the night, the perfect man stood there quietly. Everything around him suddenly seemed unimportant. His appearance was like a beautiful painting. Wherever he stood, the scenery became unassuming.

“Ahem... should I start now?” Shen Yanxiao looked away uncomfortably. The handsome man in front of her was here to torture her, but why was she feeling shy?

It did not make any sense!

She was not a masochist!

“Hmm?” Xiu tilted his head. His long black hair flowed down his shoulders as he moved, and his long hair pushed against his waist. His golden half-squinted eyes were as calm as water. No emotion could be detected in those eyes.

Shen Yanxiao stole a glance at him. It was only a brief glance, but it still caused her heart to skip a beat.

After her reincarnation, she had seen countless handsome men. Even Qi Xia and the others were considered few of the more handsome ones she had seen. She thought that after she had experienced so many beauties, she would be able to stay calm in the face of all the beautiful males.

However, she did not expect that Xiu would constantly amaze her with his handsome appearance.

If Qi Xia and the others were as dazzling as the stars in the midnight sky, Xiu’s existence was like the bright sun of the day. Even if one did not look at his radiance, they would still be enveloped by sunlight.

## **Chapter 878: Delicate Night (2)**

Shen Yanxiao considered herself as a connoisseur of good looks. However, she could not find any words to describe Xiu’s appearance.

“What are you thinking about?” Xiu looked at Shen Yanxiao, who had a complicated expression on her face, and a trace of doubt surfaced in his golden eyes. He could sense a trace of fluctuation in Shen Yanxiao’s mind, but he had no idea where it stemmed from.

“Nothing! Nothing.” Shen Yanxiao hastily shook her head. If Xiu were to realize that she was secretly assessing his beauty, he would probably slap her to her death.

In this world, rarely would there be men who appreciated their beauty being assessed.

Even though Xiu was not a ‘man’ per say, he was still a male, and a powerful one at that. Therefore, he must dislike such comments.

In order not to be questioned by Xiu, Shen Yanxiao immediately dismissed all the strange thoughts in her mind. She would definitely be killed if she were to peek at the beauty of a super expert!

"I told you, you don't have to be afraid." Xiu could only sigh when he saw Shen Yanxiao's fearful expression. Before this, he had only shown his strength twice in front of Shen Yanxiao.

The first time was to intimidate the two Phoenixes, and the second time was while dealing with the Second-Class expert of the Broken Star Palace. He had never shown full strength, so why was the little girl so afraid?

"No..." Shen Yanxiao wanted to explain, but she was afraid that Xiu would discover her thoughts if she did so. In the end, she decided to keep her mouth shut.

If the people in Sun Never Sets knew that Shen Yanxiao, the girl who had always treated them like trash, had turned into a tame little rabbit in front of a certain great master, what would they think?

One could only say that in this world, those who had the biggest fist was the boss.

Shen Yanxiao's fist was not as big as Xiu's so she could only obediently submit to him.

"Then don't let your thoughts run wild. Use all of your moves on me and I will not retaliate." Xiu hesitated for a moment before he decided to let Shen Yanxiao rest her mind for the time being. He would let her attack him for a few days. It would be good for him to guide her to be on the offensive side first. Once she had adapted to it, he would then teach her how to truly fight.

"Very well." Shen Yanxiao nodded. Afraid that something bad would happen again, she took out Clemance from her space ring and held it in her hand.

Shen Yanxiao gulped as she looked at Xiu, who was only five steps away from her. Did he want her to attack him?

For some reason, Shen Yanxiao felt a little excited.

A tiny thought in her heart called out, 'I can justifiably hit my lord, while not having to worry about getting hit back'.

"In that case, I won't be polite," Shen Yanxiao said to Xiu in a pretentious manner. She no longer had any intention of holding back.

"Come." Xiu nodded.

Shen Yanxiao curled her lips into a nasty smile, and the evil flames danced happily in her eyes.

Was it fun to torture someone else?

She mustered her full strength and pulled the bowstring until it's taut. Then, she cast a curse on the arrow with her fingertips. In the blink of an eye, she released her fingers and the arrow flew towards Xiu's handsome face at lightning speed!

Shen Yanxiao's smile deepened, but the next second, she could no longer smile.

Xiu grabbed the arrows with his fingers, which immediately stopped all of her subsequent moves.

### Chapter 879: Delicate Night (3)

"..." Shen Yanxiao's smile froze before it suddenly twitched.

Xiu looked at Shen Yanxiao with his cold golden eyes.

"Too weak."

"..." Shen Yanxiao wanted to die.

"You wasted too much time. The speed of your hand signs already is very fast so you could have started it the moment you grab an arrow. If you do that, you will have completed all the hand signs once you nock an arrow. However, you have the habit of forming hand signs after you have nocked an arrow. It is a waste of time, and even if it didn't take much longer, a small difference in time could be fatal." Xiu's ice-cold voice did not contain a trace of emotion as he commented on Shen Yanxiao's attack.

Like Xiu mentioned, Shen Yanxiao would always overlook the fact that it took her less than a second to nock an arrow. On the other hand, it also took her less than a second to complete the needed hand signs. She could have done it while she drew the arrow, but she would only subconsciously do it after nocking an arrow .

Shen Yanxiao listened attentively. Xiu was right; she had not noticed it.

"The opponents you have encountered until now are either as strong as you or weaker than you. For such a small difference in time, they would not be able to react properly. However, if you were to encounter someone who has gone through the second class promotion or above, you would lose your life in less than a second." Before Xiu could finish his sentence, his slender figure had already disappeared from Shen Yanxiao's sight.

The next second, an ice-cold hand caressed Shen Yanxiao's slender neck.

"If I were your enemy, you would have already died a hundred times over." Xiu's deep voice echoed in Shen Yanxiao's ears.

A real expert would only need the blink of an eye to launch an attack. In a real battle, even a millisecond of hesitation could cost one's life.

Xiu's cold fingertips touched Shen Yanxiao's warm skin. He did not exert any strength, but he slowly removed his hand from her neck.

"I... got it." Shen Yanxiao felt a chill run down her spine. She knew that Xiu had not used his full strength yet. Otherwise, she would have been in his grasp before she could even realize.

Xiu nodded in satisfaction, and he appeared before Shen Yanxiao again.

"Archers are a fragile profession, and your habits while being one are not good. As an Archer, you must not stay in the exact same position before or after an attack. Archers's strengths are their agility and long-range. Even though I asked you to attack, you were not serious about it. If you don't get used to your archery skills, you will suffer in the future." Xiu crossed his arms calmly. In his eyes, Shen Yanxiao's attacks were full of flaws. She was only relying on her special ability to train in both magic and battle aura.

In reality, her actual combat experience was pathetic.

“If you cannot hide your tracks well, you will become a live target. The opponent will sense your position from the direction the arrow came from. In the future, you will have to face people who have gone through the second class promotion and above. It will be hard to kill them with one strike. Your current habits will easily expose you in a fight. If they do not die, you will.” Xiu was very reasonable as he mercilessly pointed out all of Shen Yanxiao’s weaknesses.

Shen Yanxiao listened quietly. Xiu was telling the truth. She definitely had developed a bad habit of attacking.

As an Archer, they should utilize their agility and long-range to their fullest extent.

Shen Yanxiao was glad that Xiu was the one who pointed out her flaws.

### **Chapter 880: Delicate Night (4)**

If they were not discovered and corrected in time, wouldn’t she lose her life if they had been discovered in a fight?

When she thought about that, Shen Yanxiao became more serious. Xiu sincerely wanted to teach her.

“I understand.” The smile on Shen Yanxiao’s face faded, and a trace of seriousness appeared in her eyes.

Xiu knew that Shen Yanxiao was very perceptive, so he did not say anything else. He stood in his position and waited for her to attack again.

Shen Yanxiao had learned her lesson. She did not attack Xiu immediately. Instead, she turned around and escaped from the light crystals as she blended into the darkness.

She was an exceptional thief goddess, and she was best at concealing her aura and footsteps. However, since her reincarnation, she had relied too much on her battle aura and magic, and so she neglected her advantages. After Xiu’s guidance, she immediately understood that she needed to play to her strengths and avoid her weaknesses.

In the pitch-black forest, only a little light could be seen. Xiu stood quietly in front of the cave that was surrounded by light crystals. He could only hear the wind blowing past his ears.

An imperceptible smile curled on his thin lips. The little girl was learning very quickly. If someone of the second class promotion were to look for the little girl, it would be impossible to find her in this silent night.

The forest was silent. Shen Yanxiao was like an agile cheetah as she blended into the night.

She narrowed her eyes and stared at Xiu in the light. Then, she restrained her aura and suppressed her battle aura and magic.

The moment she pulled the bowstring, her concealed aura would spread out. Before that, she had to find a perfect angle and seize the best opportunity to strike.

Archers who hid in the dark were like modern snipers. They hid in unknown places as they waited for their targets to reveal a flaw so that they could kill them in one shot!

All the preparations were for that single moment.

Shen Yanxiao slowed down her breaths and narrowed her eyes. Suddenly, a glint of determination flashed across her eyes.

In less than a second, she took out an arrow and swiftly formed a seal with one hand. She finished casting the curse when the arrow was fully nocked on the bowstring. The next moment, the arrow tore through the air!

The lightning-like arrow pierced through the night sky, streaking across a silver light towards Xiu's forehead!

"Even though there is progress, it is still insufficient." The moment Shen Yanxiao released the arrow, Xiu immediately sensed the battle aura and magic that exploded in the darkness. He swept his finger across and deflected the incoming arrow. The next second, he had already flown towards the source of the aura.

In the darkness, he reached out to touch it, but his fingertips did not feel the warmth that he expected. Instead, it was cold and stiff.

Through the darkness, Xiu saw an arrow nailed to a tree branch. The arrow radiated a steady stream of magical power.

Whoosh!

Xiu was stunned when he heard the sound of an arrow. He turned around and grabbed the arrow in his hand.

Just as he checked for Shen Yanxiao's aura, he noticed that dozens of magical auras had suddenly appeared in the pitch-black surroundings.

Xiu revealed a rare smile in the dark night.

"She's finally using her brain."

The chaotic aura must have been a trap. The little girl had started to get serious.

Only by disrupting the opponent's judgment could Archers launch an attack.

She had learned quickly!