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Gu Chaoyan's expression remained less than joyful.

Nevertheless, it was impossible for her to flatly reject Gary's excitement and instruct him not to make the necessary preparations.

She was certain of one thing: if she attempted to drive the sorcerer away, it was highly likely that the Five Elements Clan would take issue with her and potentially expel her instead.

Therefore, she forced a smile.

Gary wasted no time in organizing a place for the sorcerer to stay and warmly welcomed him.

Seeing Gary's eagerness to settle the alleged charlatan-like wizard, Gu Chaoyan decided to let Gary handle these matters. She wasn't particularly interested in this visitor and was more inclined to check on Aina's progress.

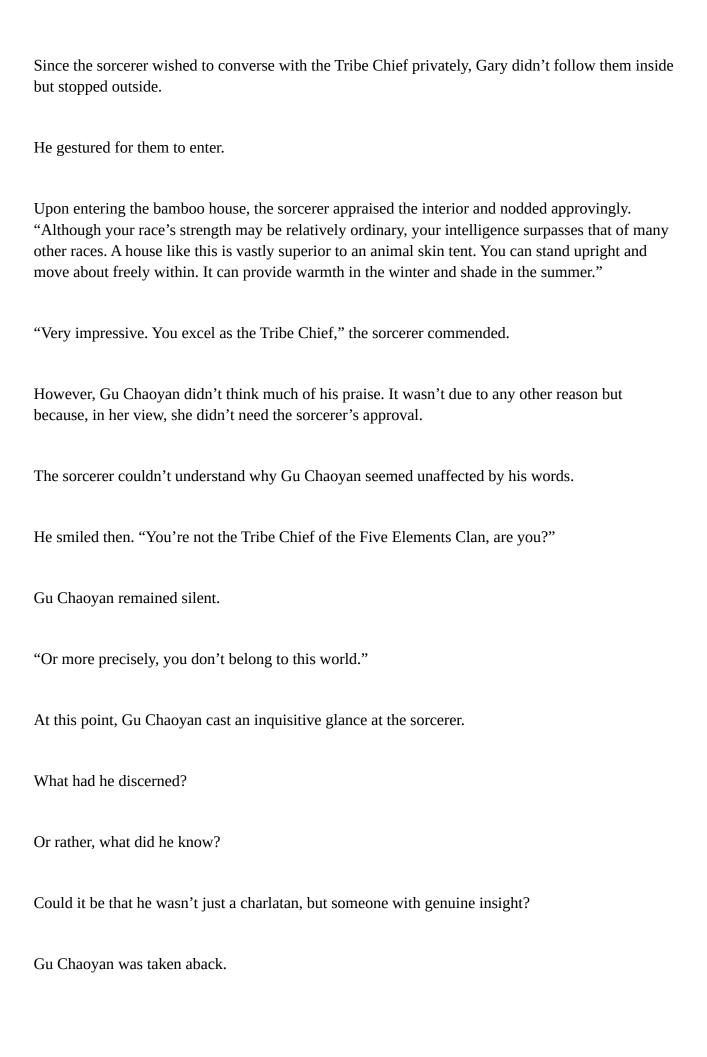
With this intention, Gu Chaoyan began to depart.

However, the sorcerer sensed her intent and halted her. "Tribe Chief, please accompany me. I have something to discuss with you."

Gu Chaoyan's plan to leave was thwarted completely.

She cast an unhappy glance at the sorcerer but reluctantly walked over to him.

The sorcerer wasn't deceived by Gary's actions. The vacant bamboo house he had prepared was somewhat larger than the one belonging to the Tribe Chief. The original inhabitants of this bamboo house willingly relocated to their former animal skin tent.



No wonder Gary and the others held this self-proclaimed sorcerer in such high regard.
"What are you talking about, sorcerer? I'm not the leader of the Five Elements Clan, and I have no connection to this world. I don't understand why I'm here within these 500 meters. Sorcerer, you must be tired," Gu Chaoyan denied flatly.
She had no desire to engage in further conversation with this sorcerer.
The sorcerer merely smiled.
He believed that Gu Chaoyan was deceiving herself.
"You've done an excellent job developing this clan, and you don't seem to have any harmful intentions. I'll choose to overlook what I've discerned for now. However, if you ever harbor ill intentions in the future, I'll naturally exercise my authority as a sorcerer," the sorcerer conveyed.
"Leave now. I'd like to rest for a while," he declared, disinterested in further conversation.
Gu Chaoyan took a step toward the exit but paused, turning back to glance at him before swiftly departing.
Outside, Gary kept a vigilant watch not far from the entrance.
Upon spotting her exit, he greeted her with an enthusiastic smile.
Gu Chaoyan was left with a throbbing headache.
Tribe Chief?

"Tribe Chief, what did the sorcerer say to you?" Gary inquired with curiosity.

Sorcerers had always maintained an air of mystery, seldom engaging in conversation with others. Even when they visited other clans, they typically had their own tasks to attend to and departed after completing them.

The sorcerer's interaction with the Tribe Chief seemed somewhat unique.

Gu Chaoyan cast a look at Gary. "Gather some men to construct the bamboo house. You're the only one who's curious."

With that, she playfully tapped Gary on the head before leaving, intent on seeking out Aina.

Aina had been contemplating how to fulfill the task given to her by Gu Chaoyan since the previous day.

When Gu Chaoyan arrived to find Aina, she was nearly finished.

Gu Chaoyan couldn't contain her astonishment and excitement as she gazed at the work before her. "Aina, you're amazing! This is exactly what I had in mind!"

"Following my instructions, create the same size. When winter comes, everyone can wrap themselves in it for warmth. There's no need to suffer in the cold, don't you agree?"

"Furthermore, we have ample cotton. We can produce numerous of these. We should be able to ensure that everyone has one before winter arrives."

"The first ones we complete will be distributed to the elderly and children, with the younger ones like us receiving them last."

"Aina, I'm entrusting this task to you. Please ensure it's finished before winter, alright?" Gu Chaoyan requested.

"Tribe Chief, I promise I'll do it perfectly!" Aina assured with enthusiasm.

Aina was overjoyed and excited to receive the Tribe Chief's approval. How could it not go well? That would be letting down the Tribe Chief.

Gu Chaoyan's mood improved considerably. A significant burden had been lifted from her heart, despite the arrival of another enigmatic figure in the clan. She already held a strong aversion to the sorcerer, and his mysterious aura only deepened her dislike.

In the clan, the sorcerer's house was their only destination. Fortunately, it seemed the sorcerer was preoccupied. He entered his bamboo house and didn't emerge again.

Out of sight, out of mind, Gu Chaoyan felt a sense of relief.

During these few days of relative freedom, she often roamed around, exploring the surrounding areas.

She wondered if she could find some animals suitable for use as transportation, such as donkeys. However, during her hunts with the clan members, she never encountered such creatures.

Upon her return to the clan, she encountered the sorcerer once more. In the past few days, he had rarely left his house.

Gu Chaoyan, in high spirits, approached him. "Sorcerer, are you planning to depart for something?" she inquired cheerfully.

The sorcerer's brow furrowed.

Gu Chaoyan's assessment was correct.

He had been present in the clan for the past few days, making it the longest time he had ever spent in any single clan.

His initial intent had been to observe Gu Chaoyan—what kind of person she was, and what motivated her to come here.



The clan members would not permit her to object, and she wasn't foolish enough to disrespect a sorcerer of his standing.

She knew his high regard in the hearts of the clan members.

Gu Chaoyan's cheerful expression instantly vanished. She clenched her teeth and replied, "Of course, I don't mind!"

"You can do as you please."

The sorcerer chuckled heartily.

He accompanied the clan members to partake in a meal.

Gu Chaoyan was seething with frustration. She had no desire to be in the sorcerer's presence and quickly departed.

Gary, somewhat perplexed, followed her. He didn't dare to speculate, but he had a hunch that her feelings were genuine. "Tribe Chief, do you not like the sorcerer and have reservations about him?"

"Why do you always appear displeased in front of sorcerers?"

"Tribe Chief, sorcerers protect us all. You can't harbor such sentiments. Being disrespectful to the gods isn't advisable."

"It's not just us who will suffer; you will as well," Gary advised.

Gu Chaoyan was on the verge of exasperation. If it were anyone else, she could freely express her dissatisfaction, but in the presence of this sorcerer...

These people were deeply superstitious about him, and she couldn't do anything to challenge that.

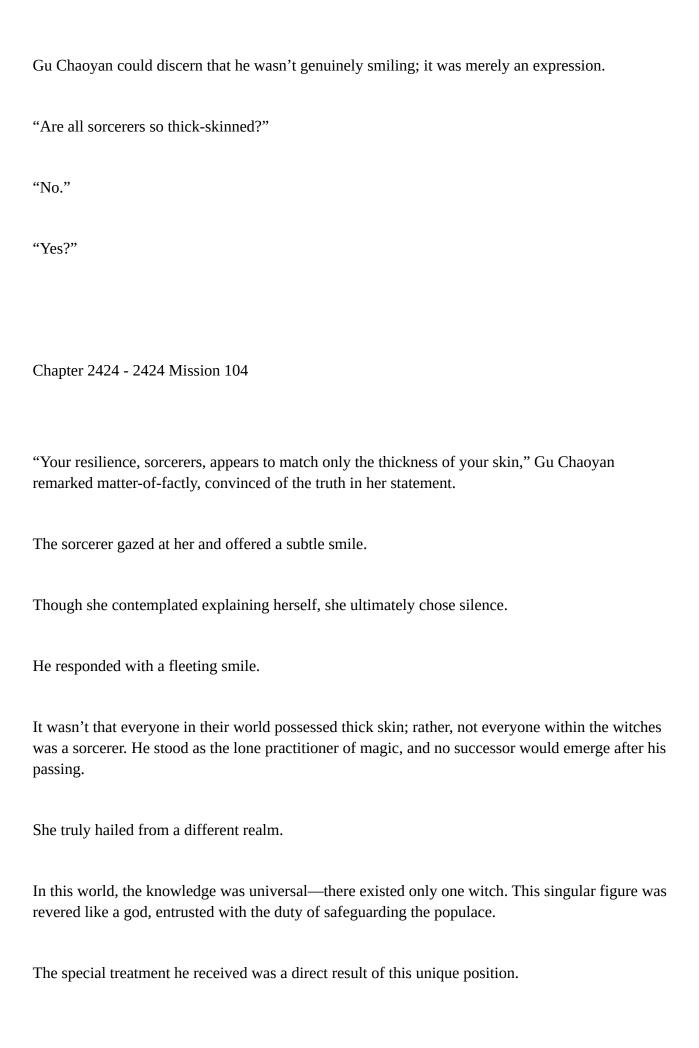
Her vexation knew no bounds.

She truly despised the existence of this sorcerer. "Tribe Chief, ponder what Gary has shared with you. I'll go attend to my duties now," Gary said with a concerned look directed at Gu Chaoyan. He couldn't fathom why she harbored such a dislike for sorcerers. Gu Chaoyan's headache persisted. She thought it best to visit Aina to lighten her mood. However, a figure in white obstructed her path. "You don't like me?" the sorcerer inquired. "And not because I know your secret." "So what's the reason?" "I wasn't initially curious, but your reaction piqued my curiosity." "If you tell me, I might consider departing early when I learn the situation," the sorcerer mentioned casually. "Do I need a reason to dislike someone?" Gu Chaoyan inquired with a puzzled expression.

"Then you simply don't like me. It's unrelated to anything else." The sorcerer appeared equally baffled. "This is the first time I've been disliked by you humans. It's a peculiar feeling, so I may

"Tribe Chief, you don't mind, do you?" the sorcerer inquired with a smile.

need to linger in your clan for a few more days."



At that moment, he opted not to unveil her origin and risk unsettling her. Instead, he maintained a composed smile. His expression, however, irked Gu Chaoyan. She sensed that he possessed a deeper understanding, as if he held all the cards. Observing him, she couldn't shake the feeling that everything lay within his grasp. His gaze shifted to the figure cradled in his hands, his smile casual. If she harbored no affection for him, she'd have no power over him and couldn't compel him to depart. In that case, departure seemed the best course. As a sorcerer, he could only linger for a few more days at most. Avoiding him entirely would spare her from further complications. Unexpectedly, however, winter set in. Even with the first snowflake's descent, the sorcerer showed no intention of leaving. He comfortably made use of the Five Elements Race's blanket, residing in the bamboo house. Occasionally, he would emerge, moving like a drifting cloud and a wild crane. Gu Chaoyan seethed with anger. She felt betrayed by Gary's apparent falsehood. Gary had assured her, "Magi never linger in one clan for long. Even if something arises, it's only for a few days." Yet, the sorcerer had stayed for more than a month. The idea of providing him with a bamboo house free of charge and utilizing the tribe's quilts irked Gu Chaoyan.

The more she dwelled on it, the more discontented she became.

For the first time, Gu Chaoyan emerged from her room and headed to the sorcerer's bamboo house, glaring at his door.

"What's the matter?" The sorcerer lazily emerged, meeting Gu Chaoyan's gaze with innocent eyes, seemingly oblivious to the situation.

Seeing his expression, Gu Chaoyan had the impulse to strike him. She was certain she could overpower him, but the clansmen would surely disapprove.

If she resorted to violence, she risked becoming an outcast.

Suppressing her anger and the urge to lash out physically, Gu Chaoyan entered his room and took a seat.

A warm charcoal fire illuminated the space.

Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but think it was a wasteful use of the Five Elements Clan's resources.

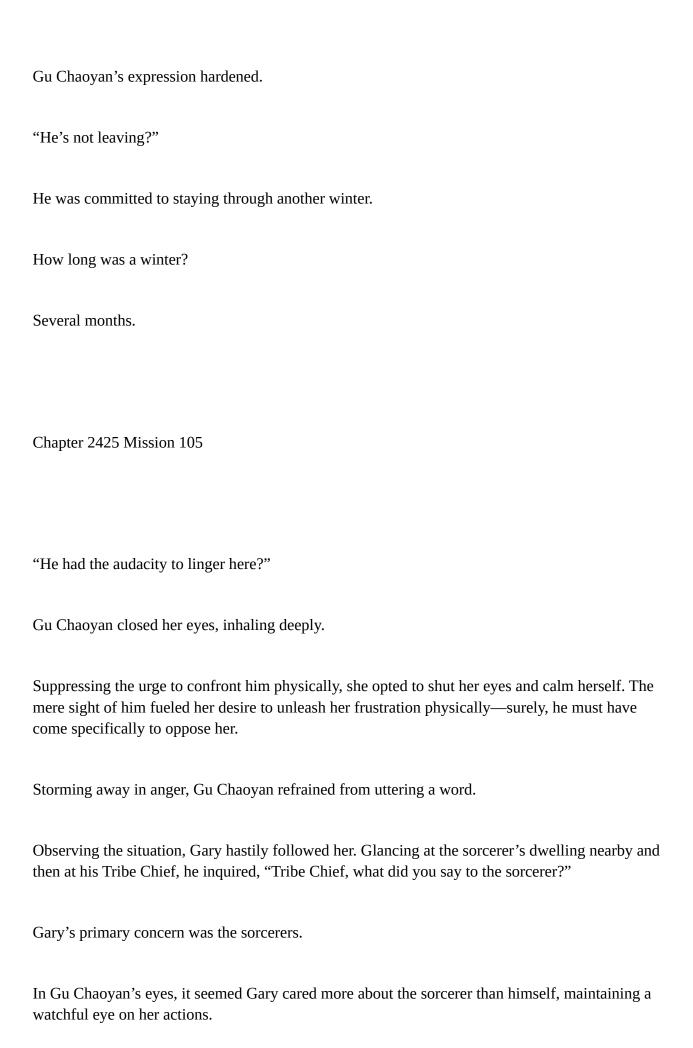
"It's snowing outside."

"I'm aware. Two days ago, it was snowing, and today as well. I took a look early in the morning. Indeed, it's snowing," the sorcerer replied casually.

"It's already snowing, and you're still here. Traveling will be difficult in the coming days," Gu

Chaoyan reminded him, hoping he would take the hint and depart, sparing her further encounters with him.

"Tribe Chief, it's precisely because of the snow that I can't leave. I'm afraid I'll have to impose on you for this winter," the sorcerer said to Gu Chaoyan with a smile.



She had barely stepped out when he approached her. This only fueled Gu Chaoyan's anger. "It's snowing, isn't it? I'm here to inquire about when the sorcerers will depart from our tribe. Traveling in the snow is no easy feat." Gary stomped his feet and gritted his teeth. "Tribe Chief!" "How could you?" "Sorcerers visiting is something many people eagerly anticipate. Yet, here you are, actively inquiring if the sorcerer is leaving. Wouldn't it be better if he stayed?" "How fortunate our clan is, unlike others!" Gary had higher expectations for the Tribe Chief. He believed that she consistently failed to grasp the significance of a sorcerer. Her inclination to drive the sorcerer away for a mere bamboo house and blanket frustrated him to no end. In his view, he was acting in the Tribe Chief's best interest. If she could secure some favor from the sorcerers, wouldn't that mean a worry-free life for the Tribe Chief? Regrettably, the Tribe Chief remained oblivious. Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but roll her eyes at Gary. "Don't worry, you're still in good fortune. Your sorcerer mentioned that he can't travel during snowy conditions, so he plans to stay here and depart

after this winter. He'll be here for at least a few more months. What's there to worry about?"

"Really?" Gary looked genuinely surprised.



That's what Gu Chaoyan claimed.
Gary couldn't discern it. In his perception, the Tribe Chief appeared to reject sorcerers.
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After the initial light snowfall of winter, it gained momentum and soon turned into a relentless cascade of heavy snow. Winter had officially set in.
Gary's warning about the yearly fatalities due to freezing temperatures now made sense.
The cold weather was unforgiving, leaving the inhabitants with limited options.
Fortunately, the blankets crafted by the Five Elements Clan were ready for use.
"Everyone gets one."
Equipped with these blankets, they could find refuge in bamboo houses, shielding themselves from the biting wind and snow, and maintaining warmth.
As they weren't yet privileged enough to own cotton clothes, the majority of their time was spent beneath the protective cover of the blankets.
Gu Chaoyan reduced the number of patrollers, leaving only one individual. They took turns guarding, vigilant for any newcomers to the Five Elements Clan.

Aina fashioned an extended covering for the patroller, adding an outer layer of animal skin for extra

insulation. In the winter, regardless of the race, cautiousness prevailed, minimizing the risk of

danger.

The elderly and children enjoyed a warm environment, leaving them with little to worry about. Surveying the current state of the Five Elements Clan, Aina couldn't help but feel like it was a dream—a reality they once dared not imagine. In previous winters, they would shiver beneath thin animal skins. Several months of winter passed swiftly. None of the elders of the Five Elements Clan succumbed to the freezing cold. Occasionally, there were a few who fell ill, but their ailments proved minor, and all eventually recovered. It wasn't anything serious. In the past, such a scenario would have been unimaginable. In previous winters, merely reducing the number of people succumbing to the cold was considered a success. Spring unfolded across the landscape, gradually melting away the snow. With the advent of spring, the clan members gradually emerged to engage in outdoor activities. In the past few days, the sorcerer, for the first time, didn't confine himself to the house. Instead, he roamed freely, discouraging anyone from following him. His destinations remained unknown. Gu Chaoyan sensed that something was amiss. There had to be something unusual. She was merely biding her time, waiting for the sorcerer to reveal his intentions. And indeed...

Three days later, the sorcerer approached her.

"We are almost prepared. Gather your people and head south," the sorcerer informed Gu Chaoyan.
Moving?
Things were going well here, so why the suggestion to relocate?
The bamboo houses were now complete, and many crops had been planted. With the arrival of spring, days were bound to improve. He must be jesting.
"Why should I heed your advice?" Gu Chaoyan responded with displeasure.
"Tribe Chief, let's consider the sorcerer's words. Our clan has a history of migration, and it's been quite some time since our last one. Besides, we've observed in the past two days that the Thunder Fire Clan is also gearing up for migration. If we stay, it might pose a risk," Gary cautioned.
He genuinely feared that the Tribe Chief's ingrained bias against sorcerers might impede significant decisions. Sorcerers were seers; if he suggested moving, it signaled an imminent significant event.
Gu Chaoyan shot Gary a glance.
Gary explained, "Typically, if everything is normal, we migrate once per season. However, if there's a particular reason, it's not uncommon for us to relocate every month or two."
"After winter ends, we always plan to move. It's been our tradition."
"Firstly, after winter, wild beasts might emerge here, necessitating a change of environment. Secondly, other clans are also on the move. If we linger, it could pose a threat when they encounter my clan"
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"They will assume our clan has lost the ability to move. To secure the remaining supplies, they will attack our race with full force," Gary explained.

Having just realized that the Tribe Chief was hesitant about the move, Gary had shared this detailed explanation.

The Tribe Chief had not been in charge for long. Before her, with the presence of the Patriarch, she was relatively unaware of the clan's affairs. Even after she assumed leadership, being young, there were many aspects she was unfamiliar with. The previous Patriarch had refrained from discussing clan matters with her, leaving her uninformed about various crucial details.

She remained unaware of the reasons for the clan's periodic relocation, resulting in her current dilemma.

Constructing the bamboo houses had demanded considerable effort. The Tribe Chief was reluctant to let go of them easily, even if they could be rebuilt later. Losing lives, on the other hand, was a different matter.

Gu Chaoyan shot a look at the sorcerer.

He maintained that faint smile on his face, seemingly inviting trouble.

Gu Chaoyan found herself irritated by his presence.

Nevertheless, he had indeed assisted them with the relocation, indicating that his intentions were for the benefit of the Five Elements Clan.

Though grateful, Gu Chaoyan still harbored the desire to give him a good beating.

"Thank you for your reminder, sorcerer. The clan can commence the relocation," Gu Chaoyan stiffly declared, sensing a debt owed to the sorcerer.

Gary breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing that.

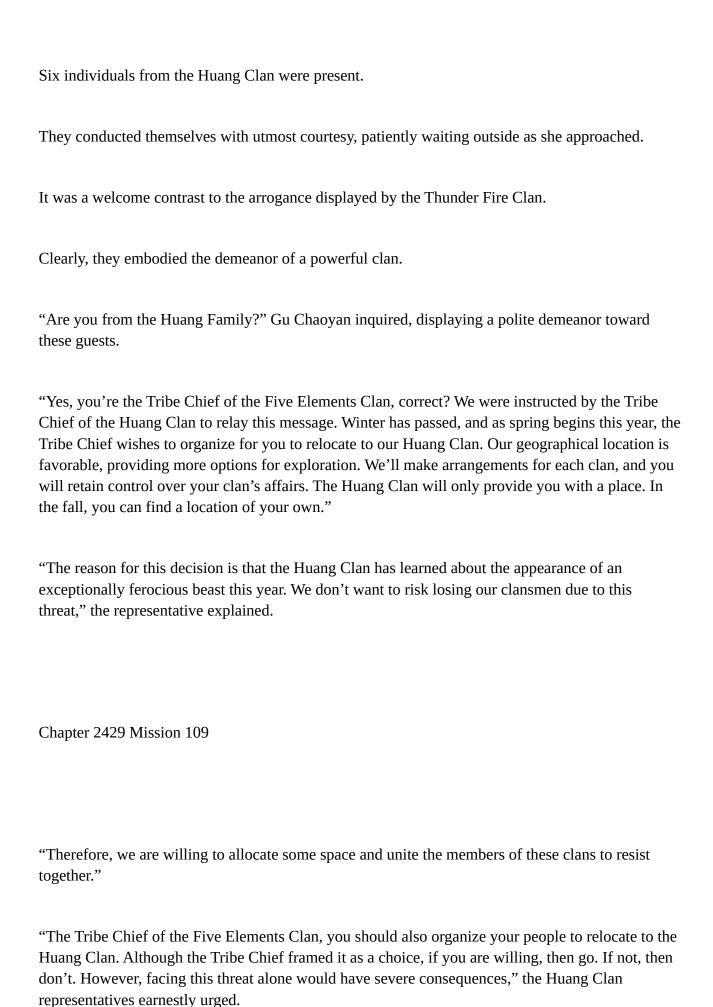
Fortunately, the Tribe Chief prioritized the welfare of the clan.

Otherwise, he wasn't sure how to handle the matter of the clan's relocation. Gary joyfully went down to make preparations. Gu Chaoyan was ready to depart. The sorcerer seemed to have something to say. He extended his hand and gestured in a direction, indicating for Gu Chaoyan to accompany him. Gu Chaoyan reluctantly followed the sorcerer. As they walked, the sorcerer began, "You're remarkably intelligent and powerful. I believe you could thrive on your own in this world. However, there are many aspects of this world that you may not comprehend. That's why things are the way they are. The nature of this world dictates that living in one place for an extended period is unfeasible. People must continually relocate based on the circumstances. Unless..." At this point, the sorcerer hesitated, refraining from divulging further. Unless they could establish a world with rules here. However, a structured world might not be suitable for this environment. "Unless there are no more wild beasts, and the races no longer have to fight each other," the sorcerer added with a smile. "After I depart, your fate will be in your hands. I'll be leaving tomorrow to venture elsewhere," the sorcerer declared earnestly. "Really?" Gu Chaoyan looked at the sorcerer with excitement. He was leaving.



"Did the sorcerer say anything to you?" Gary inquired, a hint of anxiety in his tone. Gu Chaoyan twirled around joyfully, looking at Gary. "Not much. He just mentioned leaving early, taking care of himself in the future, and that he's departing tomorrow." "Gary, you're the biggest fan of sorcerers. Go prepare some dry food for them to have on the journey," Gu Chaoyan suggested with delight. Gary couldn't muster a laugh. They genuinely believed the Tribe Chief was sincere. However... The sorcerer had stayed for an extended period. It was sufficient. If the sorcerer had tasks to attend to, he could handle them himself. Gary diligently went about preparing the rations. Gu Chaoyan was in high spirits witnessing Gary's earnest preparations and the impending departure of the sorcerer. She engaged in conversations with clan members, spreading her rare good mood. She even teased Aina. A day passed. The following day marked the sorcerer's departure. Gu Chaoyan rose early, eager to bid him farewell. Seeing him off brought her immense joy. Gu Chaoyan had just stepped outside when Gary wore a complicated expression. "Tribe Chief, the Huang Clan is here."





With that, they bid farewell to Gu Chaoyan and proceeded to inform the members of the Thunder Fire Clan. Gu Chaoyan saw them off, her thoughts conflicted. Presumably, the Huang Clan had anticipated the same danger as the sorcerer had mentioned. It was a critical decision they were about to make—either join the Huang Clan or choose an independent location. Well... Gu Chaoyan didn't want to make the decision herself. She delegated the task to Gary. "Gary, gather all the clansmen here and instruct them to relocate. Let them decide for themselves." Gary nodded gravely and went to inform his fellow clansmen. Once the clansmen were assembled, Gary explained the situation to them. Without hesitation, they chose to seek refuge with the Huang Clan. Gu Chaoyan grasped the situation. The Five Elements Clan, being small, had endured significant persecution. Exposed to external threats from both wild beasts and bullying by members of other clans, they were compelled to make this crucial decision. Subconsciously, they sought refuge in a larger clan, and the Huang Clan represented such an influential entity.

Choosing to rely on the Huang Clan in times of danger was perceived as the safest option.

If that was the sentiment among the Five Elements Clan members, Gu Chaoyan was content to let them proceed.

Once the Five Elements Clan concluded their decision-making, the sorcerer emerged. He glanced at Gu Chaoyan and donned his customary smile.

"So, are you leaving?" Chaoyan asked with a smile.

"I overheard your conversation. You're heading to the Huang Clan? If that's the case, it's along my way. I was planning to go there too, so I'll accompany you," the sorcerer remarked with a smile.

Gu Chaoyan, who had been smiling, suddenly felt her expression freeze.

'He's coming too?'

She had finally managed to get rid of this person, only for him to inform her that she hadn't succeeded?

"Next, I'll have to trouble the patriarch of the Five Elements Clan to take care of me," the sorcerer stated matter-of-factly.

Gary was delighted to hear that. "Then we don't need the dry food."

The sorcerer nodded.

Gu Chaoyan couldn't muster a smile. She walked away, paying no attention to the sorcerer.

Gary hurriedly chased after her and advised, "Tribe Chief! These are troubled times. Having sorcerers accompany us to the Huang Clan is advantageous. When we reach the Huang Clan, not only will the Tribe Chief take care of us due to the sorcerers' presence, but it will also be safer on the journey."

"This is a positive development. Tribe Chief, why aren't you happy?"

"With the sorcerers around, there will be much less trouble on the way. Everyone will head to the Huang Clan. There might be some friction on the journey. Our clan is small, so we are destined to face bullying. We have many blankets. If we encounter others on the way, how can we defend them? But with the sorcerers around, we can."

"I know, I know. Gary, when did you become so long-winded?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

Whenever sorcerers were involved, Gary tended to go on and on. How irritating.

Gary grinned foolishly before heading downstairs.

The preparations for relocation were swiftly completed, and the Five Elements Clan set off.

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Due to the inclusion of bulkier items like blankets in the Five Elements Clan's supplies, the burden on the clansmen was considerably heavier. Fortunately, Gu Chaoyan had crafted some wheelbarrows, allowing certain items to be effortlessly pulled and reducing the overall strain.

The relocation process was not excessively strenuous. Every member of the Five Elements Clan, including Gu Chaoyan, carried a load on their backs, except for one individual.

Leading the way was the sorcerer.

This sight irked Gu Chaoyan immensely.

While everyone else was visibly fatigued, he seemed unfazed, not carrying anything. He didn't even take essentials like the animal skin tent and blanket. This person was shamelessly thick-skinned, seemingly without a trace of guilt.

As the sorcerer walked ahead, he sensed the irritated gaze directed at him from behind. It almost made him want to burst into laughter.

In this world, she was perhaps the only one who held such a distinct position in his heart. She consistently treated him not as a sorcerer but as one of her own clansmen.

He willingly reciprocated.

However...

As a sorcerer, even if he was willing, the other clansmen wouldn't permit it.

Initially, he had tried to carry some items, but the Five Elements Clan insisted otherwise, forcing him to proceed alone.

The sorcerer felt helpless and continued his forward march.

Observing the situation, Gary addressed the Tribe Chief, explaining to the sorcerer, "Tribe Chief, the sorcerer intended to take some items when he joined us, but I intervened."

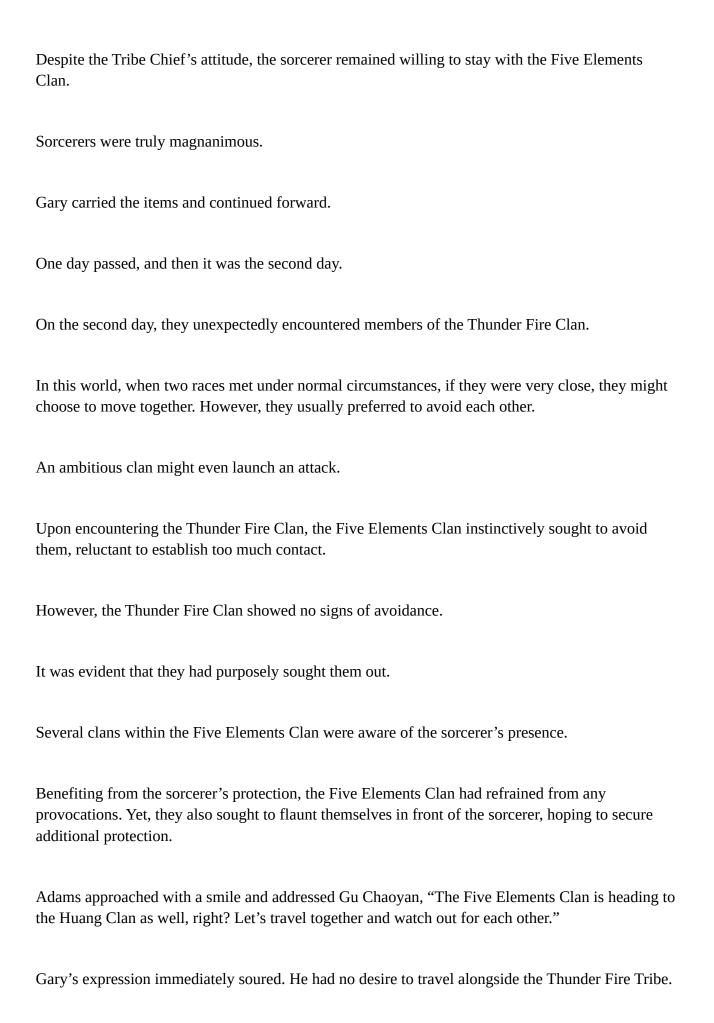
"He's a sorcerer. Despite being with us, there's no reason for him to take these things."

"Furthermore, during our relocation, we'll likely encounter members of other races. If they witness how the Five Elements Clan treats sorcerers, it could lead to unnecessary trouble. To minimize these issues, Gary is willing to work a bit harder. Tribe Chief, please don't dwell on this matter," Gary explained.

"It's troublesome to bring him along," Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but express.

Gary was taken aback.

He had hoped that his explanation would help the Tribe Chief understand sorcerers better, but it seemed that, even after all this time, the Tribe Chief still harbored disdain for sorcerers.



All eyes were on the Tribe Chief, anticipating her response.

Gu Chaoyan glanced at Adams.