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If that were the case, it made sense.

This could also explain why the Dao Child of Demon Clan appeared completely different from yesterday.

No wonder.

“It’s the birthday of the Chief of the Human Tribe, and I have to attend it? I assume the same goes for the First Elder,” Gu Chaoyan remarked.

The Dao Child of Demon Clan shook his head slightly.

While it was considerate for the Demon Clan to arrange for the First Elder to represent the Clan Leader at the Human Clan Chief’s birthday, the circumstances had changed.

“Clan Leader, you disappeared for a thousand years, and news of the fiend spread everywhere. The absence of the Demon Clan’s Clan Leader contributed to the gradual decline of our clan. Now that you’ve finally returned, the birthday celebration of the Human Clan Chief is a golden opportunity for everyone to witness the return of the Demon Clan’s Clan Leader. It will reassure the Demon Clan, both within the Demon Clan City and beyond. This way, they will feel more secure, and the Demon Clan won’t face constant threats. It’s a chance for the Demon Clan to regain its standing,” explained the Dao Child of Demon Clan.

Certainly, to the people of the Demon Clan, the Human Clan Chief’s birthday served as a test for the Clan Leader. Successfully navigating this event would reassure the Demon Clan members and pave the way for a peaceful acceptance of the Clan Leader.

Gu Chaoyan suddenly grasped the situation.

They intended to make her public.

In that case, she could only continue pretending to be the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan in this second world. Otherwise, navigating through this realm would be an arduous task.

The previous Clan Leader of the Demon Clan, had maintained a high profile. It was likely that many wished ill upon her. Under these circumstances, Gu Chaoyan had limited options.

Gu Chaoyan felt a bit disheartened.

This sensation was too overwhelming.

Being the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan was not as simple as it seemed.

Gu Chaoyan forced a smile and uttered with a feigned grin, "Understood."

The Dao Child of Demon Clan also nodded, content with the familiar temperament and habits of the Clan Leader. In such situations, there was always a tinge of discontent. Regardless, she complied, albeit reluctantly. A proper explanation and understanding would usually earn the Clan Leader's cooperation.

After the interaction with the Dao Child of Demon Clan, her mood slightly eased.

He was preparing to depart when persistent knocking on the door continued. The urgency in the voice suggested excitement.

"Sister, can I come in?" The Dao Child of Demon Clan, noticing the delay in the door opening, anxiously shouted from outside.

Gu Chaoyan exchanged a perplexed glance with the Dao Child of Demon Clan beside her and then at the one knocking on the door, addressing her as sister.

The Dao Child of Demon Clan looked thoroughly embarrassed.

After all, the Clan Leader had mistakenly recognized the wrong person, and he hadn't clarified the misunderstanding. Fearful of causing trouble, he opted to maintain the facade of being the younger brother. Little did he anticipate that the other Dao Child would show up at this moment.

He rose and opened the door that had been incessantly knocked on.

The Dao Child of Demon Clan eagerly rushed in. Fixating his gaze on Gu Chaoyan, he exclaimed, "Sister, why aren't you wearing the necklace I made for you? It's the finest one I've crafted in hundreds of years."

Gu Chaoyan was utterly dumbfounded.

Two Dao Children of the Demon Clan, two identical faces?

Consequently, it wasn't that the Dao Child of Demon Clan had two personas earlier; rather, it was someone else entirely, and she had mistakenly identified him as the Dao Child.

Gu Chaoyan appeared perplexed in the eyes of the Dao Child of Demon Clan. She harbored some dissatisfaction about his failure to clarify the misunderstanding earlier.

"Clan Leader," the Dao Child of Demon Clan called out.

Gu Chaoyan raised her gaze to meet his.

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The Dao Child of the Demon Clan found himself in a state of confusion.

Gu Chaoyan pointed accusingly at him and declared, "He claimed that it didn't suit me, so he removed it. Save your efforts, it's not worth your time."

The necklace in question was undeniably formidable.

Initially disappointed and somewhat sorrowful, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan's mood took a swift downturn upon learning that his brother's critique had prompted the removal. He erupted in frustration, exclaiming, "Brother!"

Silence followed.

"This is unforgivable! Don't expect me to show you any respect in the future!" The Dao Child of the Demon Clan expressed his displeasure openly.

"I did say it looked good," the Dao Child of the Demon Clan clarified. He found himself torn between his younger brother's demands and the expectations of the Clan Leader, who had a tendency to blame him for various matters. In the end, he conceded; after all, the Clan Leader was a good sister.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan sighed in resignation.

"It's because of you. Instead of merely saying it looks good, you should have praised me. Since you failed to do so, I naturally deemed it unsatisfactory. You only have yourself to blame. You must convince me that this necklace is praiseworthy, or you'll face consequences," bluntly declared the Dao Child of the Demon Clan.

As for the necklace in question, he genuinely believed it lacked aesthetic appeal. How could he possibly offer praise?

His elder brother within the Demon Clan pondered inwardly.

"Clan Leader, he genuinely put in considerable effort to locate this necklace. He meticulously selected the best one after another, and such unique pieces are rather scarce, so..." The Dao Child of the Demon Clan made an earnest attempt to convey the necklace's merit.

He was willing to acknowledge the meticulous effort but hesitated to commend its visual appeal.

"It's indeed subpar. Save your efforts in the future. If you have spare time, focus more on matters within the clan. That's what truly matters," remarked the Dao Child of the Demon Clan.

He rose, offered a bow to Gu Chaoyan, and promptly departed.

He left without any apparent joy.

How could the Dao Child of the Demon Clan be content? He felt responsible for his meticulously prepared gift being cast aside.

Anxiously, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan hurriedly pursued him.

Meanwhile, Gu Chaoyan finally regained her composure.

In that moment, she extracted the Dragonman from her arms. “Why didn’t you inform me that the Dao Child of the Demon Clan’s two brothers look identical? We almost encountered a perilous situation. Fortunately, he didn’t suspect anything. Otherwise, both of us might have met our end in the Demon Clan!”

The Dragonman recoiled.

It wasn’t that it chose to withhold the information; its father had never mentioned that the Dao Child of the Demon Clan’s brothers were identical. How could it have known?

Its father had shared the details more as a story, leaving out certain crucial facts.

“He didn’t become suspicious. Moreover, these two individuals appear to acknowledge you as the Clan Leader now. That’s a positive outcome,” the Dragonman attempted to console.

‘A positive outcome?’

Whether it was genuinely positive remained uncertain.

The immediate concern, however, was not the upcoming birthday celebration of the Human Clan’s Clan Leader. They were bound to encounter numerous clan members, and the risk of exposure was substantial. With her cultivation level, escaping would be impossible if the truth came to light.

Gu Chaoyan wore a melancholic expression, unmoved by the Dragonman's attempt at reassurance.

On the side of the Dao Child of the Demon Clan:

One pursued the other, seeking an explanation.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan encountered a few Elders.

"How is she?"

"The Clan Leader remains unchanged. Her personality shows little alteration—almost identical to before."

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"It's highly probable that our Clan Leader has returned. However, her aura seems somewhat diminished," expressed the Dao Child of the Demon Clan, harboring lingering doubts.

The First Elder and a few other elders maintained their cautious stance, waiting to observe further.

In their perspective, despite the Dao Child of the Demon Clan's impressive cultivation, his youth made him susceptible to deception.

This matter required their utmost vigilance.

"We might gain clearer insights during the birthday banquet of the Human Clan's Clan Leader," suggested a few elders.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan assented.

Their sentiments were aligned.

Upon hearing their remarks, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan couldn't conceal his discontent. "After all this time, you still harbor suspicions about Sister? I believed you were eager to announce Sister's return and intended to have her attend that human's birthday celebration."

"Let me make it clear—I've said it before. Big Sister is real, and my certainty is unwavering. I won't mistake her for someone else."

"You claim Sister's aura isn't as potent as before. Do you recall a thousand years ago when Sister vanquished all the clan patriarchs, emerging as the mightiest figure in the second world? At that time, she aspired to ascend even further, but an error in her cultivation led to unforeseen consequences, causing her prolonged absence. Yes, Sister's current cultivation may indeed be weaker, but isn't it in pursuit of strength for the sake of our Demon Clan that she faces this situation?"

"And yet, you all entertain suspicions about Big Sister at every turn." The Dao Child of the Demon Clan expressed his frustration.

"If you have the time, go and appease the Clan Leader. She wasn't pleased with the necklace you gifted her," his brother reminded him.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan seethed with anger.

It was this individual who caused his sister to dislike the necklace she received.

He would rather he not spend so much time with those unpleasant elders, casting doubt on his sister.

Fuming with frustration, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan stormed away.

Upon returning to the residence of the Clan Leader, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan meekly poked his head out, eager to enter. He called out obediently, "Sister."

Hearing the voice, Gu Chaoyan felt a shiver down her spine.

She could only muster the courage to respond, "What is it?"

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan glanced at the now-stored necklace, reluctant to let go. He felt it was a genuine pity.

But since his sister didn't appreciate it, he decided not to persist in making her unhappy. Perhaps, in the future, he could find an opportunity to praise the necklace. Maybe then his sister would like it.

Blaming his brother for undermining his gift, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan diverted his resentful gaze.

Then, with obedience, he said, "Sister, I'll personally accompany you to the Clan Leader of the Human Clan's birthday celebration. If anyone dares to mistreat you, I'll tear them apart!"

Having delivered the fierce promise, he grinned at Gu Chaoyan with obedience.

He feared his sister might not like him anymore.

Gu Chaoyan observed the Dao Child of the Demon Clan.

Mixed feelings of fear and compassion washed over her.

From the moment he laid eyes on her, despite his often brutal demeanor, he consistently exhibited a protective instinct, like a child seeking her approval. Meanwhile, she remained wary of him.

Thus, a twinge of heartache surfaced.

The Human Clan's Clan Leader's birthday celebration likely served as a test imposed by the Demon Clan.

Taking the Dao Child of the Demon Clan along might prove advantageous.



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The unpredictable future lay ahead.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan placed a considerable amount of trust in her as the Clan Leader. Having him by her side could provide protection in crucial moments, and the prospect seemed to bring him genuine joy.

It appeared to be a win-win situation.

With these considerations in mind, Gu Chaoyan nodded and gave her agreement. "Alright."

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan leaped up with evident happiness. "Sister, it's true!"

"Absolutely."

His joy was palpable.

"Sister, you used to dislike my excessive killing intent. I've genuinely made efforts to control it, thinking that was the reason you hesitated to bring me along for a long time a thousand years ago. I believed you hadn't forgiven me. I never imagined you're no longer upset with me," he expressed happily, almost bouncing in excitement.

Gu Chaoyan found herself at a loss.

She was unaware of this past incident, and her decisions were based on her own considerations. She hadn't anticipated the Dao Child of the Demon Clan's elation, nor did she anticipate him releasing the pent-up emotions within her.

Not knowing how to respond, Gu Chaoyan fell into a thoughtful silence, simply sitting there peacefully.

Once the Dao Child of the Demon Clan reveled in his happiness, he cast a glance at her, concerned that his jubilation might disrupt her peace. He rose carefully. “Sister, I’ll head down first. I’ll find you tomorrow.”

Gu Chaoyan smiled, nodded, and breathed a sigh of relief.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan was in high spirits as he departed at just the right moment, preventing any potential discontent from his sister.

With the Dao Child of the Demon Clan gone, Gu Chaoyan extracted the Dragonman from her arms.

“What’s the connection between the Dao Child of the Demon Clan and the Clan Leader of the Fiend and Demon Clan?” Gu Chaoyan was puzzled. Firstly, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan consistently referred to her as his sister, and secondly, the closeness between the Dao Child of the Demon Clan and the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan seemed unusually intimate.

The Dragonman munched on Spirit Stones and, with a serious expression, explained, “Strictly speaking, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan admires the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan, so, in terms of their relationship, they naturally share feelings for each other.”

Gu Chaoyan nearly choked on the water she had just sipped.

The Dragonman’s words startled her to the core.

A romantic relationship?

Between the Dao Child of the Demon Clan and herself?

He was like a child, seeking pampering at every turn.

How could that be?

Gu Chaoyan playfully smacked the Dragonman's head, accusing him of spouting nonsense.

The Dragonman shrugged helplessly. "Father said so. Besides, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan is the same age as you. He's not really a child. He's just like this."

"Moreover, Father mentioned that the Dao Child of the Demon Clan wasn't always like this. Something happened a thousand years ago that made him cautious around the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan." The Dragonman persisted.

Gu Chaoyan shuddered. It seemed she wasn't prepared to digest such information.

"No need to worry. A romantic relationship between the Dao Child of the Demon Clan and the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan is impossible. The Demon Clan strictly forbids it, so they treat each other as siblings," the Dragonman stated matter-of-factly.

Gu Chaoyan shot another glance at it.

Only then did the Dragonman resume, "Why can't the Dao Child of the Demon Clan and the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan be together? Father didn't provide any explanation at the time. It's probably because I'm still young, and he didn't want to disclose this to me."

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The Dragonman felt it was only fair.

Gu Chaoyan playfully slapped it again, opting not to press for further answers.

Given the Dragonman's youth, there were certain things his father chose not to disclose, and she respected that decision.

Though uncertain about how to express it...

However...

As long as she took care of him.

In these past few days, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan visited daily and exhibited great care.

The Human Clan's Clan Leader's birthday celebration was approaching, and it was almost time for them to depart.

In the past, the Clan Leader of the Human Clan would not have dared to invite the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan to participate in such trivial affairs.

But things had changed.

Not only was the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan attending personally, but the First Elder and another elder were accompanying him. Similarly, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan was also part of the group.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan's elder brother remained in the Demon Clan City to oversee matters.

The First Elder and the other Elder were there to test her, and Gu Chaoyan was well aware of it.

She was prepared to handle whatever challenges arose.

The journey passed in silence.

Beyond the Demon Clan City's territory, encounters with others became more frequent. Typically, when people recognized them as members of the Demon Clan, they instinctively steered clear.

As for those who directly confronted them, they showed no inclination to avoid the Demon Clan. On the contrary, they brazenly faced them head-on.

The Demon Clan came to a halt.

Outside, the angry voice of the Dao Child of the Demon Clan resonated. “This is outrageous! Are they bullying our Demon Clan just because we have no one left? Watch how I break their bones!”

Gu Chaoyan remained oblivious to the commotion outside, assuming it was a mere case of someone refusing to yield.

In the current circumstances, the Demon Clan could afford to yield.

“We are only heading to the Human Clan’s Clan Leader’s birthday celebration; there’s no need to engage in conflict on the way with anyone,” Gu Chaoyan stated, descending from her position.

Upon her descent, she witnessed the unfolding scene.

The opposing group confronted them directly, showing no signs of yielding. To make matters worse, they were beating the Demon Clan members who were carrying items for them, despite being aware that they belonged to the Demon Clan. These members refrained from using their cultivation and stood with covered bodies, bearing numerous wounds.

These humans had subjected them to chains, treating them as if they were slaves!

“When did we, the demons, fall to this state!” angrily exclaimed the Dao Child of the Demon Clan. Though murderous intent glinted in his eyes, he refrained from direct assault, instead awaiting Gu Chaoyan’s command.

“Why haven’t you taken action?” Gu Chaoyan inquired of the Demon Clan members.

Considering their capabilities, they could have resisted.

“Clan Leader, a century ago, the Demon Clan City established a rule to refrain from intervening in external matters. Without the Clan Leader’s authority, the Demon Clan City is rendered powerless,” explained the Dao Child of the Demon Clan. Despite his anger, he dared not violate the city’s rules; after all, he was the Dao Child of the Demon Clan.

The First Elder and the other elders remained silent on the matter.

Gu Chaoyan understood that they were awaiting her decision.

Surveying the situation with the Demon Clan, discomfort surged within her. Regardless of the city's rules, she couldn't simply stand idly by!

Gu Chaoyan snatched the whip from the man's hand and aimed it at the face of the human.

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She refrained from employing her spiritual energy but exhibited no mercy whatsoever. Channeling her utmost strength, the whip struck the face of the human who had lashed out at the Demon Clan. Under the impact of the whip, flowers of bruises blossomed across the human's face. The heavy mark of the whip left a blood-red imprint, flesh overturned and blood seeping from the wound, spanning from his face to his body.

The sudden strike left the human writhing in agony on the ground, his wails echoing, drained of the strength to resist.

The rescued Demon Clan members stared at Gu Chaoyan in disbelief. In the absence of the Demon Clan Leader for a millennium, demons had plummeted to the lowest echelon in the second world. Many were enslaved like this, and throughout the years, both their fellow Demon Clans and the inhabitants of the Demon Clan City never intervened. The Demon Clanspeople had resigned themselves to their fate.

Unexpectedly, someone had taken action.

Uncertain whether to feel gratitude or urge her to leave swiftly, the Demon Clan member hesitated. Stirring up trouble outside was the last thing the Demon Clan needed.

Attempting to intervene, it was already too late. Other humans rushed forward, seeking retribution.

Gu Chaoyan gripped the whip firmly, honing her hand speed through combat training. Her movements were swift, striking unseen. Each whip descended with precision. The humans were soon covered in wounds, resembling the Demon Clan members who had endured prolonged lashings.

In less than an hour, all the humans lay injured on the ground, while only one among the group of Demon Clan members had retaliated.

“Sister, you’re incredible. These wretched humans deserve a beating to death. This is too lenient. In my opinion, we should rip out their hearts and bring them back to our Demon Clan,” the Dao Child of the Demon Clan stated, his eyes flashing with a bloodthirsty glint, clearly contemplating such action.

Gu Chaoyan maintained her silence. While these individuals might deserve death, the brutality they were subjected to seemed excessive. Despite her reservations, she refrained from intervening.

Initially unafraid, the injured humans assumed the Demon Clan woman wouldn’t dare to kill them outright, fostering a sense of peace. However, upon hearing about their connection to the Demon Clan City, fear gripped them, causing visible trembling.

Though officially called the Demon Clan City, it was more accurate to refer to them as descendants of the ancient Demon Clan, residing in the now-empty ancient city due to the absence of their Clan Leader.

“We were wrong; we were merely following orders,” the humans pleaded, kneeling before Gu Chaoyan. “Please let us go. We’ll never dare harm the Demon Clan again.”

Their sincerity echoed through their words, accompanied by miserable pleas.

Yet, Gu Chaoyan remained silent.

Demon Clan members who were once captive attempted to intervene, advising, “Enough. This serves as a warning, and they won’t repeat such actions. We appreciate the concern of the Demon Clan City for our sect. However, with the Clan Leader’s prolonged absence, the Demon Clan City faces challenges. It’s better not to draw undue attention and trouble.”

“The Clan Leader of Demon Clan has been missing for a thousand years...”

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“It’s been a considerable time, but how do you know that the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan hasn’t returned? Those who tormented us haven’t relented. Since these individuals are merely following orders, I will address whoever is giving those orders!” Gu Chaoyan showed no inclination to let the matter slide; in fact, she planned to root out the source!

Panic swept through the humans.

The repercussions of this incident could be severe for them in the future!

Hailing from the Demon Clan’s ancient city, they boldly asserted that the patriarch of the fiend and demon race wouldn’t return. Did this imply the return of the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan?

Otherwise, why would they be so conspicuous?

Fear seized the trembling humans.

Gu Chaoyan pointed at them. “Remove their bracelets and anklets.”

The humans hastily complied.

Once the Demon Clan members were liberated, Gu Chaoyan singled out one of them. “Those in charge are up there; lead the way.”

In this moment, conflicted excitement coursed through the Demon Clan.

Having endured their descent for so long, what kind of life did the Demon Clan lead? They hadn’t anticipated liberation from the shackles of servitude.



Finally, someone stood up for them!

The ancient city of the Demon Clan demonstrated the ability to advocate for them!

As the Demon Clansmen guided them forward, they explained, “The individuals above are from the Jin Clan. They control several mountains yielding high-quality black iron and Spirit Stones. We, the Demon Clansmen, are employed by them to transport these resources. Monthly, they provide us with Spirit Stones and black iron for our survival. Without these resources, we would not endure.”

These Demon Clansmen primarily discussed their present circumstances.

Gu Chaoyan comprehended that, aside from the Demon Clan in the Demon Clan City, other Demon Clans inhabited diverse environments. This variance arose because the patriarch of the Demon Clan had been absent for an extended period, and no one in the Demon Clan could provide support.

The conversation continued for an extended duration.

They reached Kuangshan, the territory of the Jin family. Being Demon Clan members, they received no respect, denied entry by the Jin Clan. On the open mountainside, numerous Demon Clansmen endured lashings to hasten their work.

Now that they were present, the Demon Clan members felt compelled to take action. Gu Chaoyan possessed the strength to confront these humans, but facing a larger group would prove challenging.

She exchanged glances with the Dao Child of the Demon Clan, signaling that a direct assault was permissible.

Understanding her intention, the Dao Child of the Demon Clan beamed with joy. “Certainly, Sister.”

He was elated.

A millennium ago, his sister refrained from allowing him to engage in combat due to his excessive bloodshed. Along the journey, he suppressed his urges and refrained from attacking.

Now, with his sister personally authorizing him to act, it signified forgiveness for his past actions.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan naturally aimed to excel.

His cultivation was profound, rendering these humans powerless against him. They could barely withstand his onslaught.

Under the might of the Dao Child of the Demon Clan, the Jin Family's mountain seemed on the verge of collapse.

Finally, the members of the Jin Family emerged.

They were prepared to retaliate against the demons and swiftly identified the Dao Child of the Demon Clan. In that instant, they hesitated to act recklessly.

Even the Leader of the Human Clan couldn't discern the cultivation level of the Dao Child of the Demon Clan.

Why had the Dao Child of the Demon Clan suddenly become concerned with such matters?

Hadn't the ancient city of the Demon Clan long disregarded affairs beyond the city?

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"Misunderstanding, it's a misunderstanding! Everyone, stop!" pleaded the members of the Jin family, rushing to diffuse the situation.

"Misunderstanding?" Gu Chaoyan raised her eyebrows. "As a Demon Clan member, I have been detained and whipped by your people. Is that a misunderstanding? How about I put the bracelet on your anklet and whip you a few times to see if you still consider it a misunderstanding?"

Protests arose among the Jin Family members upon hearing a woman speak.

The elder of the Jin family restrained them. “Don’t act hastily.”

“The ancient city of the demon race has never bothered with such matters. Today’s anomaly suggests an unusual event in the ancient city of the demon race. This woman bears a striking resemblance to the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan. If our Jin Clan mishandles this situation, our clan might face the risk of extermination. This Dao Child of the Demon Clan is already exceptionally formidable,” the elder of the Jin Clan advised.

The Jin family had already suffered considerable losses and couldn’t afford another setback.

“This predicament is the fault of the Jin family. We will make amends and pledge not to mistreat them in the future. As compensation, each person will receive 50 kilograms of black iron and 50 kilograms of Spirit Stones. Lord Demon, do you find this acceptable?” the Jin family proposed, adopting a conciliatory tone.

Gu Chaoyan glanced at the Demon Clan members, who appeared content and nodded in agreement.

Satisfied with the resolution, Gu Chaoyan decided to let the Jin family off.

Given that the Demon Clan couldn’t swiftly regain its former glory, maintaining a low profile allowed ordinary Demon Clan members to lead better lives.

With the matter resolved, Gu Chaoyan chose to depart.

It must be acknowledged that it was truly invigorating.

Following this incident, the two Elders of the Demon Race exchanged glances.

Their reason for not intervening earlier was a test for their Clan Leader, assessing how she intended to address the current predicament of the Demon Clan.

Firstly, they aimed to scrutinize her approach.

Secondly, they sought insights into the Demon Clan's future actions based on her decisions.

The Clan Leader displayed little change. She remained flamboyant, refusing to back down in both her cultivation and handling the Demon Clan's affairs. She pressed forward steadily without retreat.

"Clan Leader, it appears to be our Clan Leader. She remains unchanged, but her cultivation seems less robust. I wonder if she has encountered cultivation difficulties," remarked the First Elder in agreement.

Another Elder concurred, "We can ascertain this directly after the Clan Leader of the Human Clan's birthday."

"The Clan Leader is indeed the Clan Leader. We've endured our frustration for centuries. Today, we feel truly invigorated. Life is genuinely refreshing with the Clan Leader around." The elated Elder expressed his contentment.

The First Elder nodded.

Today, the Demon Clan was undeniably jubilant.

News of the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan's return was bound to spread.

They could officially confirm this matter on the Clan Leader of the Human Clan's birthday.

The two Elders were in high spirits.

However, the most joyous person was undoubtedly the Dao Child of the Demon Clan.

He could finally take action.

Moreover...

His sister had forgiven him.

The Dao Child of the Demon Clan happily approached Gu Chaoyan and inquired, “Sister, are you pleased with what I did today? I refrained from killing those loathsome humans, leaving some room for them, just as you did.”

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Regarding this, he felt a deep sense of satisfaction that the Dao Child of the Demon Clan had personally taken care of the matter. His sister had always disapproved of his heavy-handed approach in the past. Now, he made a conscious effort to restrain himself, eager to claim credit.

Gu Chaoyan observed the Dao Child of the Demon Clan.

This child seemed harmless.

Yet, his words, often laced with menace, instilled a subtle fear in her.

She believed he would genuinely carry out his threats to break someone’s bones.

However, today he had exhibited mercy, and she acknowledged it.

“You handled things well today,” Gu Chaoyan commended.

A genuine, joyous smile lit up the Dao Child of the Demon Clan’s face. It mirrored the happiness of a recognized child.

Gu Chaoyan felt a twinge of guilt.

The Dao Child’s happiness wasn’t solely for her but for the Demon Clan Leader.

After the Dao Child of the Demon Clan departed, Gu Chaoyan sought refuge inside.

Undoubtedly, the Dao Child now fully acknowledged the Demon Clan Leader.

Today's events likely gained her respect from the two Elders as well.

Indeed.

Half of today's events stemmed from her inability to tolerate injustice, while the other half aimed to prove her identity to the First Elder. Only with their collective belief in her true standing could she lead a secure life within the Demon Clan without constant fear.

They continued their journey without encountering any further issues.

Inside the wagon, Gu Chaoyan suddenly grasped a realization as she observed the scene outside.

The residents of Demon Clan City, when venturing out, possessed the knack for avoiding unnecessary trouble. As for those from the Demon Clan, the First Elder likely orchestrated their presence for her benefit.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head.

It was, indeed, a test.

A day elapsed.

Finally, they reached the residence of the Clan Leader of the Human Clan.

The Human Clan was in high spirits.

After all, it marked the birthday of the Clan Leader of the Human Clan.

Upon the arrival of the Demon Clan, a collective sigh echoed through the crowd.

The Demon Clan had abandoned the ancient city of the Demon Clan, relocating to the distant Demon Clan City centuries ago. Back then, the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan had vanished, bringing notoriety to the Demon Clan. Considering their present circumstances, it was widely understood that the Demon Clan had no intention of attending the birthday banquet of the Clan Leader of the Human Clan.

Unexpectedly...

Here they were.

Thus, the assembled guests sighed collectively.

“The Demon Clan has arrived!” Following the sigh, normalcy resumed.

It was, after all, the residence of the Clan Leader of the Human Clan. He was not someone unfamiliar with the ways of the world, capable of handling such situations.

However...

Human guests exchanged knowing glances.

They all pondered the reasons behind the Demon Clan’s presence.

Why were they here? Who was the individual inside that warranted the protection of the Dao Child of the Demon Clan?

The members of the Demon Clan displayed pride, lining both sides of the carriage and clearing a path for their Clan Leader.

Gu Chaoyan disembarked, trailed by the Dao Child of the Demon Clan, accompanied by the First Elder and the Elder of the Demon Clan.

The initially tranquil residence of the Human Clan Leader erupted in commotion once more.

To elicit such a reception...

Apart from the fiends, who else could it be?

“The Clan Leader of the Demon Clan has returned?” someone speculated.

“Who else could it be? It’s been a thousand years, and I remember her vividly.” Someone gazed at Gu Chaoyan and remarked, “I fear the skies of the Second World are about to undergo a change once again.”

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A millennium ago, in the Second World, the Demon Clan held sway, with a female demon reigning as its leader.

However, following the mysterious disappearance of this influential female figure, the Second World descended into chaos. Both the Human Clan and the Blood Clan vied for dominance, yet none possessed the extraordinary cultivation of the departed female demon.

Consequently, the ensuing years were marked by incessant conflicts.

Contrastingly, during the era of the female demon, the Second World experienced a certain level of harmony, albeit primarily within the Demon Clan.

Anticipation filled the air concerning what would transpire upon the reappearance of the female demon.

Once the Demon Clan settled into their seats, a hush fell over the surroundings.



Gu Chaoyan sat upright, exuding a composed exterior that masked her inner trepidation.

Despite her outward calm, she harbored a deep fear. Upon entering, she keenly sensed the formidable aura of the unfamiliar experts present—individuals with abilities beyond any she had encountered before.

In the face of potential aggression, she realized her vulnerability. She could not match any one of them in combat and might meet her demise within these walls.

Under these circumstances...

Her imperative was clear: she could not afford to appear weak. They needed to emulate the fearless demeanor of the Clan Leader of the Demon Clan. If others sensed fear, they might exploit it.

Beside the prevailing fear, the gazes of all present, regardless of their race, were fixated on her, engaging in hushed discussions.

The Clan Leader of the Demon Clan had courted significant attention in the past.

While some spoke positively about her, many harbored intentions of doing her harm.

Frustration welled up within Gu Chaoyan at the persistent annoyance of being scrutinized and targeted.

At this moment...

In the backyard of the Clan Leader of the Human Clan.

The Clan Leader of the Human Clan and a few members of the Ling Family gathered together.

They were caught off guard, unaware that the Clan Leader of the Human Clan, absent for a thousand years, would return at this particular time, let alone make an appearance on the Clan Leader of the Human Clan's birthday.

“Could that female demon have calculated something or gained knowledge prompting her appearance today?” The suddenness of her return fueled suspicion among the Ling Family members.

This statement induced a thoughtful silence among the members of the Ling Family.

A thousand years ago, the cultivation of the female demon was unfathomable, making her the preeminent existence in the Second World.

Later, it seemed she suffered from Energy Deviation during cultivation.

However, current events suggested otherwise.

If anyone could decipher the intentions of that female demon, it might indeed be an extraordinary feat.

“It matters little whether she knows anything or not. Her presence changes nothing for me. I am not afraid of her now. When the time comes, I will confront her alongside others. It might take longer, but it’s a necessary undertaking,” declared the Clan Leader of the Human Clan.

The expressions of the Ling Family members eased slightly.

The Clan Leader of the Demon Clan instilled fear in everyone almost instinctively.

Yet, upon closer examination, her present status posed no significant threat to the Human Clan.

Within the Ling Family, routine continued unaffected.

Meanwhile, regarding the Demon Clan’s Patriarch under discussion...

At that moment, a forced smile adorned her face as she regarded the Clan Leader of the Bone Clan.

The Bone Clan, true to its name, consisted of skeletal beings.

Despite their skeletal appearance, the bones of the Bone Clan were surprisingly elegant and well-formed, lacking the usual ominous visage associated with bones.

Nevertheless, dealing with this assembly of bone beings posed a challenge for Gu Chaoyan.

The Clan Leader of the Bone Clan exclaimed with an infatuated look, “Yueyue, when did you return? Why didn’t you inform me? Why didn’t you join us today?”

“I just arrived,” Gu Chaoyan replied tersely.

“Yueyue, you’re treating me as coldly as you did a thousand years ago.”