

Heaven 1056

Chapter 1056: Mist Beast.

Yasenia's group curiously looked at the restrained beast that ambushed them. It was impressive that it was able to escape the detection of all of them and get close enough to snatch away one of the maids.

The maids were highly trained individuals who could react to assassins with relative ease. And yet, this beast was able to get close enough to physically grab one of the maids. Yasenia observed the beast and saw that it was a fully white spider-like beast but with a beast's body and two pincers.

A strange being in aspect, but fully evolved to walk in this area untouched. Tatyana commented, surprised. "Oh? They have a strange attribute."

Yasenia asked, confused. "A strange attribute?"

Tatyana smiled. "Well, an attribute that's not usually gained when one is born, like Kaleina's Void attribute." She pointed at the beast and said. "This creature has control over the [Mist] attribute. A fascinating element that usually develops as a mutation of the water, fire, and wind attributes."

Evelyn raised her eyebrow. "Water and fire? That's a Yin and Yang combination. Can it really happen?"

Yasenia patted her shoulder with her tail, and when Evelyn looked over, she pointed at herself with a smile. "Don't I exist?"

Evelyn blinked twice and laughed wryly. "Right, I have the biggest exception right by my side." She looked back at the beast and touched its body; the sensation made her show a surprised face. "This beast's body..."

Yasenia walked forward, interested. "What's wrong?"

Evelyn didn't answer, and instead, she slapped the leg of the beast. A sound of patting powder was heard, followed by the leg area Evelyn patted distorting into a cloud. Evelyn looked at the rest of the surprised people and smirked. "The body is not solid."

Valeria walked forward, making everyone look over due to her high stature. "These beasts... they are probably older than the Heavenly Cataclysm."

"Woah..." Angel muttered. "Really? This beast is older than the Heavenly Cataclysm?"

Valeria chuckled as she touched the beast's body. "Not this one. I meant the species. For a creature to have evolved to perfectly fuse with their environment to such an extent, you need many generations and years of development."

Yasenia commented, her tone thoughtful. "Doesn't that mean that this mountain has been here since those years?"

Tatyana patted Yasenia's back with a smile. "Don't forget that the Heavenly Cataclysm happened not that long ago. One million years is basically nothing for the mountains and rivers."

While she couldn't deny that, with how much fighting occurred during those one million years, the land changing a few times was not that uncommon. A mountain could be created and destroyed in just a few minutes with enough strength.

And yet, this one has proven the passage of time, even when it was explored quite frequently. That feat alone made the mountain quite special. Yasenias was about to speak, but Cecile muttered. "Cute."

Everyone paused and looked at Cecile with strange eyes. Even Yasenias was a bit baffled. "Um... What's cute, Sweetheart?"

Cecile pointed at the eight-legged white beast. "Cute."

Yasenias and the others felt a droplet of sweat falling on her temple as they tried to see how this beast was considered cute. Cecile approached Yasenias and looked directly into her eyes. "I want one."

How could Yasenias resist such an eager gaze on her Sweetheart's usually plain facial expression? This was the first time Cecile got interested in anything other than their family in a long time!

Andrea saw Yasenias's face and stuttered. "A-Are we really going to give her one?"

Yasenias looked at Andrea, her face indignant. "My Sweetheart wants one and says they are cute! Of course, I will want to find one and give it to her!"

Andrea had a sense of déjà vu, as if this had happened before with herself as well. 'Ah... Well, that's Yasenias for you, I guess.'

Meanwhile, Cecile crossed her arms and nodded twice. "Right."

Everyone deadpanned at Cecile. 'Don't "right" us!'

And so, their first objective in the [Moon Swallowing Mountain] became finding one of these beasts that had enough intelligence and potential to follow Cecile as a contracted beast.

Angel looked around the place, trying to look far but being unable to. Frustrated, she commented. "With our limited range of view, we will never find anything!"

Evelyn grinned. "What if that one was the only one?"

Cecile commented flatly. "Then, I'll make it submit by force."

Looking at her, they saw the phoenix woman dragging the fainted mist beast along. The beast was not small, so the situation looked quite comical. Andrea pointed out. "While it is big, it's nothing compared to Yasenias, Cecile, or Kali. And yet, it had quite a high-level of strength."

Leila, the brown-furred dogkin that was Andrea's personal maid, commented. "Not all beasts grow in size with their level. If that were the case, continents where there are many Mythical Core Beast Realm beasts would look like places where mountains walk!"

"Fair point." Andrea agreed and asked. "Then... Will Yasenias, Cecile, and Kali shrink in the future? Currently, they are mountain-sized, so if they continue to grow... Eventually, planets will look small by their side!"

Yasenias smiled, crossing arms with Andrea. "Well, Uncle Long is a good example. He is as big as a large Moon, but he can shrink to being as large as a mountain range."

Andrea rolled her eyes. "That's not much different from my point of view, eh? You went from, 'Oh, I can only make sense of your eye because the rest goes beyond the horizon,' to, 'Oh, your body is so large that you actually span my entire vision!'"

Yasenia laughed. "Don't worry, I will probably be able to manipulate my size~. I don't know about a [Life Origin's Nine-Tailed Fox] or a [Moon Phoenix]."

Kali commented faintly. "I should have no problem... Although, my size will probably also become very large..."

Cecile muttered. "I've read that a [Moon Phoenix] can even become the size of a pigeon. I can't control my size much for now, though."

"What about half transformations?" Yasenia extended her hand as she asked, her skin changing to a scally blue surface as her fingers curved and grew sharp and long claws at the tips.

Kali shook her head. "I have no idea how to do that. I've tried, but it seems that's not something I can do."

Cecile nodded. "I am the same."

Valeria smiled faintly, patting Cecile's and Kali's heads. "Semi-transformation is a quality that dragons have for the most part. Very few other beasts can do that."

"Huh?" Cecile frowned, feeling somewhat miffed about it. "How so?"

Thinking about it, Valeria tapped her chin with her finger and muttered. "I honestly don't know." Valeria looked at Angel and asked. "Do you know?"

Angel blinked a few times, confused. "Eh? Me?"

Mirrory appeared and gently bonked Angel's head. "She is clearly asking me, silly girl."

Angel pouted and blew a raspberry. Mirrory shook her head as well. "I don't know either. However, if I had to guess, I say it is because dragons are a race that can easily gain their human form. Much easier than other races. This ease might be a way for dragons to hide from their predators in the past. I am unsure, though."

Everyone pondered, and eventually, they just accepted it as a fact. Not everything needed to have a deep and profound explanation. Over that...

"Hey, where are the other friends of our eight-legged creature?"

Andrea answered Evelyn's complaint with a laugh. "Well, we are dragging one of them with us, if there are more, won't they be intelligent enough to not mess with us?"

"Ah..."

Everyone looked back at Cecile, and the Moon Phoenix became defensive. "I am not releasing Fluffy."

"Fluffy..." Kali rubbed her forehead. "Have you named it already?"

Cecile blinked and asked innocently. "I have. Why?"

Kali sighed and asked, her eyes somewhat knowing what was about to happen. "So, if we have to kill Fluffy, would you agree?"

Cecile blinked twice and looked at Yasenia. "Do we have to kill it?"

Her tone and facial expression were as emotionless as ever, but for our dragoness's ultra-sharp senses, Cecile currently looked like a lost puppy begging not to steal her toy. "Of course not!"

Yasenia looked at the rest. "Even if Fluffy is not compatible to become a contracted beast, I can carry it..." Looking at Cecile, the Moon Phoenix commented. "Female." Yasenia nodded and continued. "...I can carry her in my ring!"

Evelyn laughed, looking at the big mist beast. "It seems that you'll become one of us even if you don't want to."

The beast twitched, raising everyone's eyebrows. Cecile flapped her wings and landed in front of its head. The head was actually not that creepy. It was a canine head with blue eyes. A long snout, furry head, and... ten eyes. Well, a bit creepy, but much better looking than one could imagine with such a description!

Cecile saw the beast's ten eyes opening asynchronously and laughed faintly. "Cute."

The beast's ten eyes moved and locked on Cecile, making the Moon Phoenix tilt her head. "What's wrong?"

The beast opened its mouth, and Cecile smiled. "Oh, do you want to speak?"

CHOMP!

Yasenia blinked a few times as she saw the beast eat Cecile. 'Um... Sweetheart, are you okay?'

Cecile's voice reached Yasenia's mind. 'No problem.'

The rest were stunned, looking at the beast. However, seeing that the dragoness hadn't blasted it to pieces with a Dragon Breath, they assumed that Cecile was not harmed and waited.

Before they could think further, they heard a large explosion inside the beast's mouth.

BOOM!

The jaws of the beast were blasted open, and Cecile stepped out with a frown. She turned around and placed her arms akimbo. "Why did you eat me? That's rude!"

The beast was flabbergasted and looked at Cecile again with its ten eyes. Cecile crossed her arms and asked. "What? Are you going to eat-"

CHOMP!

Yasenia and the others felt their eyebrows trembling. 'Is this beast that stupid!?'

Yasenia asked, just in case. 'Sweetheart?'

'Tsk. I am annoyed.'

Yasenia's lips twitched, not knowing how to react. 'Annoyed, eh? Well, I would be too if someone ate me.'

'Hm?' Cecile commented. 'No. I am not annoyed because it ate me. The cute beast is ignoring me! Moreover, what if eating me is a sign of affection?'

Yasenia facepalmed. 'Denial. She is in complete denial.'

BANG!

The mouth of the beast was kicked open again, and Cecile stepped out with a small pout that made her beautiful face utterly adorable. Cecile looked at the mist beast and spoke sternly. "I understand that you are hungry, so how about I give you something to eat and you stop trying to eat me? If you do it again, I'll do that to you too!"

CHOMP!

"..."

Seeing the same scene repeat a third time, everyone deadpanned. 'Can't she at least dodge!? Why is she allowing it to eat her!?'

BANG!

Cecile stepped out once more, stomping on the snow angrily. "Okay, since you are like that, I'll make you go through the same experience! [Moon Phoenix's Dignity]!"

WHOOSH!

The ten-eyed beast saw Cecile's figure suddenly grow, transforming into a gorgeous silver phoenix that made itself look like a small creature.

Then, Cecile lowered her beak and...

CHOMP!

Looking at the [Moon Phoenix] eating the beast, everyone looked skyward and decided that accepting the current events as a form of communication would make it better for their sanity.

The beast inside Cecile's mouth blinked with its ten eyes, confused. 'Did I just get eaten by the savory-looking bird woman?'