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Ling Su Liu never thought to meet such poor cultivators here. She snorted when watching Yu Qi.

'Master, that woman snorted at you.' Shino reported to Aoi when he saw Ling Su Liu's action.

'Ignore her. She must think we are poor.' Yu Qi smiled while narrowing her eyes.

'Poor?' Shino tilted his eyes. His master was not poor. If she was poor, how could they always eat deliciously all the time?

'Hmm... She watched us collecting the cores and assumed that we are from a poor family. She must be a young lady from a well-off family.' Yu Qi did not care much about Ling Su Liu.

Yu Qi did not know Ling Su Liu. She was a person who happened on the way. She did not care much about what Ling Su Liu thought about her and Long Hui.

Ling Su Liu must be a person who always had money given to her. But Yu Qi was different. She knew how life was without money. She needed to work hard to get the money to live. Now, it became a habit. If she saw the opportunity to make money, she would go for it.

"Are you finished yet?" Ling Su Liu was getting bored waiting for Yu Qi and Long Hui to finish collecting the cores.

"If you want to go, you can go first. It is fine with us." Yu Qi stated.

Hearing that, Ling Su Liu went silent. She did not want to walk around in this place alone. She survived up until now due to the fact that she sensed the monsters first using an artifact that was given to her by her grandfather.

The artifact could tell the strength of the monsters. If the monster was stronger than her and she thought she could not fight the monster, then she could run away.

However, when she was caught by the evil cultivators, the artifact broke and she could not use it anymore. If she went alone, she might meet strong monsters and also lose her life.

"Let's go and clean at a river first." Yu Qi stated.

Long Hui nodded.

"For what?" Ling Su Liu asked.

"To clean our hands." Yu Qi showed her bloody hand to Ling Su Liu.

Ling Su Liu made a scream. It was not too loud.

Yu Qi smirked. So, they continued walking while searching for a source of water. Luckily for them, they were not far from a waterfall.

It was a beautiful waterfall. Yu Qi looked around. Ling Su Liu was also thirsty. She went to the riverbank to drink some water. However, she was being pulled by the wolf.

"Ah!!!" Ling Su Liu shouted.

Aoi released her.

"What are your contracted beast trying to do to me?" Ling Su Liu shouted to Yu Qi.

"Dumb. He is saving your life." Yu Qi glanced at Ling Su Liu.

"What?" Ling Su Liu was still angry.

"That place has monsters. If you don't believe me, you can try it again. This time, my contracted beast and I will not do it. Your death is not my fault." Yu Qi snorted.

Ling Su Liu was speechless. Of course, when they put it that way, she could not dare to try it.

Yu Qi asked Aoi to bring the water to them. The monster inside the waterfall did not want to attack another monster. So, it should be safe for Aoi to do so.

Yu Qi and Long Hui washed their hands. It was fortunate that the blood did not get onto their clothes.

"Hmm... Let's take a break first. We should eat lunch too." Yu Qi suggested.

"What? Why don't we just walk? We also wasted our time earlier collecting those cores." Ling Su Liu protested.

"Well, it is up to you. We want to rest here." Yu Qi said.

"Why do you just follow what she wants?" Ling Su Liu turned to Long Hui.

"Because she is my fiance." Long Hui replied sharply.

Yu Qi smiled at Long Hui. He smiled at Yu Qi back. Of course, he would follow his beloved Qi Qi's request. Otherwise, should he follow her? Who did she think she was?

Ling Su Liu was stunned. Just because of what? How could this man not have his own thought?

'Master, what are you cooking today?' Aoi asked in expectation.

'I am not cooking today.' Yu Qi said.

'What? Why?' Aoi asked.

'If I am cooking here, you will share it with that woman. Do you want that to happen?' Yu Qi asked.

'No!'

'No!'

Both of her little cuties shouted at the same time. Yu Qi's eyes twitched. They were also loud through the telepathy. She felt dizzy with the sudden shout.

'Good. Then, just hold back. I will make up for this later.' Yu Qi patted Aoi and Shino's heads.

Yu Qi took out something to eat and share them with Long Hui. Ling Su Liu only had to sit down and also took out something to eat. She chew the food hardly imagining that the food was this woman. She wanted to leave but she was afraid.

"Next time when we collect the cores, we need to wear gloves. I forget that I store some in my space." Yu Qi said to Long Hui.

"Hmm... That way, our hands will not so bloody." Long Hui also agreed with that.

"And we don't have to find the water over and over again." Yu Qi added.

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Ling Su Liu felt disgusted when they heard about that. 'Why don't they just stop collecting those cores? That is so disgusting.'

She really wanted to leave them but she was afraid to go alone through this freaking place. She was hoping to find other people so that she could leave them.

While they were eating, Shino stood up and looked in one direction.

'What is it, Shino?' Yu Qi asked.

'Something coming.' Shino stated.

'Is it a monster?' Yu Qi asked in a serious tone.

Shino focused his sense. 'No. Human. They are human.'

'They?' Yu Qi narrowed her eyes. It would be trouble for them to fight the evil cultivators if they were so many of them.

'Someone that we met before.' Aoi joined the conversation.

'Who?' Yu Qi asked again.

'Hmm... They are from Bucong Family.' Aoi said. He knew their scent.

'Oh.' Yu Qi felt relief hearing that. At least they were not the evil cultivators.

The group of humans mentioned by Aoi and Shino was indeed Bucong's family. There were also outsiders too. They joined for the sake of safety. Bucong Shuye was strong and Bucong Family had a lot of people coming to this miracle space as well.

"Sister Ling."

Ling Su Liu turned around when she heard her name had been called. She was very happy to see Bucong Jiye and others. She rushed to hug Bucong Jiye.

"I am really glad to see you, Jiye." Ling Su Liu said.

Her wish came true. She did not need to be with this freaking couple.

"What are you doing here?" Bucong Jiye asked.

"Well, I am with these people." Ling Su Liu pointed to Yu Qi and Long Hui.

People also listened to their conversations and looked behind Ling Su Liu. They were shocked and pulled out their weapon because they saw a monster nearby.

"What are you trying to do, huh?"

They heard the question coming from a woman beside the monster. They recognized the woman. It was Tang Yu Qi. Who did not know her?

"Miss Tang, get away from that monster."

"Yeah. It is dangerous over there."

"Come here."

They shouted at Yu Qi to move away from the monster. Yu Qi was speechless. They thought the couple did not notice the monster at all.

"Yeah, why don't you protect your fiancée?"

"Yeah. Grab her and move away from that monster."

Now, they were shouting at Long Hui.

Yu Qi and Long Hui looked at each other. And both of them turned at Aoi. Aoi felt horrible as these people called him a monster.

These people thought Yu Qi and Long Hui finally realized that there was a monster nearby. They also thought that Yu Qi and Long Hui would run away right now. But they did not see them move. Were they frozen in fear?

They were freaking out when Yu Qi suddenly patted the monster. Some of them closed their eyes thinking that the monster would attack Yu Qi.

"What are you talking about?" That is her contracted beast." Ling Su Liu said.

"What!!!!"

People were surprised to hear the statement.

'Never mind them.' Yu Qi comforted Aoi.

"Miss Tang, Mr. Long, I already find my friends. Thank you for your help." Ling Su Liu thanked Yu Qi.

"Sure. It will be better for you to practice more." Yu Qi stated.

"Thank you for the reminder." Ling Su Liu smiled while gritting her teeth.

She was happy to get rid of the poor couple.

"Miss Tang, Mr. Long, why don't you invite us?"

Someone invited Yu Qi and Long Hui into the group. Ling Su Liu really wanted to shout at that idiot.

"Thank you for the invitation but we are not interested. Better we go our separate ways." Yu Qi said.

"But..." The person wanted to say something again.

"Okay." Bucong Shuye cut off the person's statement.

"We are leaving here." Yu Qi said.

With that, they left the place.

"How could you end up with them?" Bucong Jiye asked Ling Su Liu.

"I had been attacked. They saved me." Ling Su Liu changed her tone after this from normal to disgusting one. "They are very poor."

"Huh? What are you talking about?" Bucong would not get what Ling Su Liu tried to say.

"They are collecting the cores from the monsters. When I asked them what they want to do with the stones, they tell me that they want to sell the cores. Only desperate people would do something like that." Ling Su Liu rolled her eyes.

"Are they crazy?" Bucong Jiye asked.

Ling Su Liu also felt the same. She wanted to add more but what she heard in the next sentence made her shocked.

"They just could ask Dian's Family for the money. Is Dian's Family broke or not?" Bucong Jiye snorted.

"What are you saying?" Ling Su Liu asked.

"Hmm... What do you mean?" Bucong Jiye asked her back. She did not understand.

"Dian Family? Why do you mention Dian's Family? Why they could just ask Dian's family for money?" Ling Su Liu asked several questions.

"Well, that woman is from Dian Family." Bucong Jiye said.

Ling Su Liu was speechless. That woman was from the Dian Family, one of the four great families. How could she be?

"But her surname is Tang. Not Dian?" Ling Su Liu asked again.

"Oh, she is the granddaughter of Elder Dian's daughter apparently." Bucong Jiye explained.

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"Elder Dian has a daughter?" Ling Su Liu was confused.

From what she knew that Elder Dian only had one son, no daughter.

"That daughter run away and married outsiders." Bucong Jiye told Ling Su Liu what she knew.

Bucong Jiye heard from her father before.

"Outsider?" Ling Su Liu was once again surprised.

Usually, when a cultivator wanted to marry a normal person, the family would prevent that from happening.

"Yeah. Elder Dian's daughter married a normal person and live outside. You should know that Dian's Family already moved outside. So, they did not care much about that." Bucong Jiye felt that it was a pity that the great family like Dian Family did something like that.

"But if she married an outsider, her descendant would not be a cultivator. How could she be a cultivator?" Ling Su Liu asked.

"Hmm... I dont know about that." Bucong Jiye said. "Well, we are glad that you are safe. My brother is happy to see her fiancée safe." She looked at her brother, Bucong Shuye.

Yes, Ling Su Liu was Bucong Shuye's fiancée. She was engaged to him when they were younger. Her mother was a friend of Bucong Shuye's mother and they wanted to be in-laws with each other.

Of course, Ling Su Liu was happy with her mother's arrangement. Bucong Shuye was a bachelor that all single women wanted. Power, look, and family background, which women did not want that?

When she met with her friends, they also felt jealous of her fiancé making her very proud of herself for being engaged to such a powerful man. However, when she saw that man earlier, her heart was beating fast.

She snapped out of herself. From what Bucong Jiye said earlier, that man was from outside. So, he must be a normal human. But how could he enter this miracle space? She really wondered about that.

"Sister Ling, let's go." Bucong Jiye called Ling Su Liu.

Ling Su Liu turned to Bucong Jiye. "Okay. Let's go." She should forget him. It was not worth it for herself.

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"Now, the burden is gone. We can talk the human language." Aoi said.

"Yeah. It is easier." Shino stated.

"Hmm... It is hard on you." Yu Qi said.

"It is better that you don't talk." Long Hui also joined the conversation.

"What do you say?" Aoi glared at Long Hui.

Both of them always fought like this. Yu Qi sighed when seeing they were like this.

"Can you stop it?" Yu Qi stopped it.

"He started it first." Aoi pouted blaming Long Hui for that.

Yu Qi glared at Long Hui. Long Hui looked in another direction. They walked again until they noticed something.

"Master, I think something strong is ahead," Aoi informed.

"Let's proceed carefully, then." Yu Qi said.

They walked carefully and saw a bird guarding something behind it. Yu Qi became curious about that. Then, she saw something.

"It is Lingli, a precious herb for cultivators." Yu Qi whispered to Long Hui.

Yu Qi already studied herbs in the cultivation world. She asked Grandpa Ray about that. Grandpa Ray was glad to follow her request since Yu Qi healed Great Grandpa Dian.

So, Yu Qi recognized the Lingli herb in instant. It was hard to find Lingli in the cultivation world. So, Yu Qi was surprised to see this herb here.

'Master, this Lingli is more precious than a normal Lingli.' Bo Ya said.

"What?" Yu Qi replied.

"Hmm? What is it, Master?" Shino responded.

"No... No... I am talking to Bo Ya." Yu Qi stated.

'This herb's age is about 10,000 years at most.' Bo Ya explained.

'Wow!' Yu Qi's eyes lifted up.

'Master, you should dig the herbs and plant them inside the space. The effect will be much better.' Bo Ya suggested.

'Really?' Yu Qi asked.

'Yes.' Bo Ya was happy to help Yu Qi with this. None of Shino, Aoi, and Long Hui knew about this.

'Okay. I will try to get it.' Yu Qi smiled.

"We will pick the herb." Yu Qi told the decision.

"I knew this would happen when we crossed herbs. Especially a rare herb as this." Long Hui chuckled.

"Master, that is roc bird," Aoi said. He recognized it.

"I see." Yu Qi nodded. She thought for a second. "Okay, we will fight it. Shino, your role is the most important one."

Shino stood up when hearing that. "What is that, Master? What is my role?" Instead of being scared, he was excited to be given an important role.

"I want you to dig the herb until its root. Make sure to be careful not to ruin the roots. Do you understand?" Yu Qi explained his role.

"Okay, Master, I will try my best." Shino nodded.

"After you are done, confirm with me as fast as you could." Yu Qi said.

"Yes, Master." Shino saluted.

"We will distract the roc bird." Yu Qi looked at Aoi and Long Hui.

"As you wish, my lady." Long Hui nodded.

"Yes, Master." Aoi saluted.

A normal monster in this place would be afraid of the roc bird. However, not for Aoi even though he was from this place. Because he grew up in Yu Qi's space and was inspired by Yu Qi for not being afraid of anything. To be honest, he was excited about fighting with the roc bird itself. If his parent knew this, they would be shocked. That's for sure.

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They made a sound making the roc bird notice them straight away. The roc bird obviously disliked intruders, especially humans.

Nothing was good when humans came. This time it must be the Lingli herbs. The herbs also helped the monster increase its strength and intelligence.

However, not many monsters knew about this fact. Only a few monsters knew that fact. The roc bird lived a long life. So, it knew from its experience.

Humans wanted to rob the Lingli herb from its hand. It would not allow that to happen. It would do anything to stop them.

The roc bird attacked using the mental wave. Long Hui had been affected a lot since his mental strength was not good. Yu Qi frowned a little bit.

The attack also affected her but not too much compared to Long Hui. Aoi was also affected too.

Yu Qi went to check on Long Hui. "Are you okay?"

"Hmm..." Long Hui nodded.

Yu Qi stepped in front of Long Hui blocking the attack on him.

"Aoi, make it stop." Yu Qi ordered.

"Okay, Master." Aoi rushed to the rock bird.

The roc bird did not pay much attention to Aoi since it had been focused on humans. Using his sharp nails, Aoi managed to injure the roc bird.

Feeling the pain, the rock bird stopped the mental attack. Yu Qi took the opportunity to attack the roc bird using her sword.

The roc bird had hurt once again, it let a cry out. It pissed me out. How dare the lowly-life human hurt it like this? It rushed to Yu Qi to attack.

Yu Qi was smiling. At last, the roc bird stepped away from the Lingli herbs. With it, Shino could do his job. The roc bird did not sense Shino at all.

Shino began to dig inside the soil. As his master instructed, he did not dare to damage the Lingli herbs.

The roc bird had a hard time fighting with one monster and two humans at the same time. It was very angry when it was getting hit by these two humans.

The roc bird looked at Aoi. Aoi also looked at the rock bird. It seemed something happened between them.

The roc bird: Why do you side with these cunning humans?

Aoi: She is my perfect master. She loves me and gives me a lot of food. I don't have to find any food anymore.

The roc bird: You are lying.

Aoi: It is up to you whether you want to believe or not.

The roc bird: Humph! I will not believe it and I will not let you guys take Lingli from me.

The roc bird attacked Aoi. Aoi avoided the attack.

At the same time, Shino already finished his work.

'Master, I am done.' Shino informed Yu Qi.

'Good job.' Yu Qi praised Shino.

Yu Qi still needed to go to the Lingli to grab it and bring it into her space. Taking advantage of the roc bird attacking Aoi, Yu Qi rushed to the Lingli herbs.

The roc bird noticed Yu Qi rushing to the Lingli herbs. It immediately left Aoi and wanted to stop Yu Qi.

Yu Qi almost reached Lingli herbs.

"Master, be careful."

"Qi Qi!"

Yu Qi could hear Long Hui and Aoi shouting at her. She managed to grab Lingli herbs. However, she also could feel something grab Lingli's herbs too when she was about to enter her space.

Yu Qi entered her space. When she looked around, she was surprised to see the roc bird was also there.

The roc bird felt dizzy for a second. After it was feeling okay, it saw Yu Qi in front of it and wanted to attack Yu Qi. However, the moment it wanted to strike Yu Qi, it could feel some force stopping it from attacking Yu Qi.

It tried once again. The same thing happened. Yu Qi also felt confused.

"Don't bother. You will not succeed." Bo Ya appeared.

"Bo Ya, what is going on?" Yu Qi asked.

"It is impossible to attack or hurt you in this space." Bo Ya stated.

"Huh? Why?" Yu Qi asked again.

"Because you are the owner of this space. The space's consciousness would not allow anything to attack or hurt you when you are here." Bo Ya explained.

'The owner of this space? What do you mean by that?' The roc bird asked Bo Ya?

The roc bird did not know why it could understand the boy in front of it. This boy looked like a human but deep down in its heart, it knew this boy was not a human. And it wanted to know what this place was.

"You have entered the space named Sere and she is the owner. You can't attack or hurt her when you are here. So, give up." Bo Ya said.

"Are you talking to the rock bird?" Yu Qi asked.

"Yes. It asks why it can't attack you here. So, I inform it about the space." Bo Ya said.

Yu Qi was relieved to hear that. She did not need to worry about the roc bird here.

"Bo Ya, this is Lingli herbs. Let's plant them now." Yu Qi showed the Lingli herbs.

"Yes." Bo Ya nodded.

They went to the garden to replant the Lingli herbs again.

The roc bird who was left behind was speechless. It did not expect to be ignored like this.

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The roc bird went to follow Yu Qi and Bo Ya. It was shocked to see the garden. It usually disliked the fruit but it did not know why the fruit seemed to be calling it to eat them.

Yu Qi and Bo Ya were busy replanting the Lingli herbs. While they were doing that, the rock bird looked at the fruits around. It glared at Yu Qi and Bo Ya. Seeing they were focusing on their job, the roc bird picked one strawberry and put it inside its mouth.

Its eyes lifted up when it tasted the fruit. The strawberry tasted very delicious and it could feel the spiritual power from the strawberry. 'What is this?'

It picked the strawberry once again and ate the strawberry. It could feel the same thing. 'Don't tell me that everything here has spiritual power?' The roc bird was shocked while it looked at the garden.

"Everything is good now." Bo Ya told Yu Qi.

The Lingli herbs had been replanted again. Yu Qi would be able to use the Lingli herbs whenever she wanted. She already thought about making some medicine using the Lingli herbs for Dian Family too.

"Well, Master, what do you going to do with the roc bird?" Bo Ya asked.

The roc bird's body flinched when hearing they were talking about itself.

Yu Qi glanced at the roc bird. "Hmm..." She was thinking about that too.

If she let the roc bird out, they would need to fight the roc bird again. It would be tiring for them.

"You are saying it could not fight me here, right?" Yu Qi asked for confirmation once again.

"Yes." Bo Ya nodded.

"Hmm... Why don't I just kill and cook it? I wonder how the roc bird taste." Yu Qi grinned.

"Hmm... It is a good idea. Which one is taste grill or stew?" Bo Ya also grinned.

The roc bird was shocked hearing that. It did not want to be killed like that.

'Dont kill me!' The roc bird cried out loud.

Only Bo Ya heard that. He turned to the roc bird.

"You can choose. Do you want to be killed here or outside? It is not much different. Either way, you are going to die." Bo Ya showed an evil smile.

Yu Qi was surprised. Bo Ya was an angelic boy but he could make a mad statement sometimes.

As for the roc bird, it was shocked. That was not even a choice, to begin with. It did not want to die.

'No. I don't want to die. Please, don't kill me.' The roc bird begged.

"Well, I have one suggestion that will not kill you." Bo Ya grinned again.

'What is it?' The roc bird was eager to know about it.

"Be my master's contracted beast." Bo Ya suggested.

'What? No! I don't want it.' The roc bird rejected.

As the majestic roc bird, it would not lower itself being a contracted beast for a lowly life human.

"Then, Master, let's kill it." Bo Ya said.

'Wait!' The roc bird said.

At the same time, Yu Qi also said something. 'Wait a minute, Bo Ya.'

The boy and roc bird looked at Yu Qi waiting for her to continue.'

"You want to use the Lingli herbs to increase your strength, is it?" Yu Qi asked the roc bird.

The roc bird understood the question and nodded.

"You can use it whenever you want if you become my contracted beast. Moreover, I think you have tasted the fruit in my garden. I don't think you will lose anything... Oh, I forget, you will lose your freedom and will be loyal to me, only me. But I will not force you to do anything that you don't want to do." Yu Qi persuaded the roc bird.

The roc bird went to silence. What this human said was the truth. It would lose its freedom. In contrast, it would get to use Lingli herbs. It was indeed not a bad idea.

'Okay. I will become your contracted beast.' The roc bird made the decision.

"Master, the roc bird agreed to be your contracted beast." Bo Ya said.

"Good. Let's proceed with the contract." Yu Qi said.

The roc bird approached Yu Qi. Bo Ya was being alerted in case the roc bird wanted to hurt Yu Qi.

Yu Qi handed out her hand to the roc bird. The roc bird bit Yu Qi's hand and performed the contract. Then, the roc bird became Yu Qi's contracted beast. Yu Qi could feel the connection with the roc bird.

"Good. Welcome." Bo Ya smiled.

"Hmm... " The roc bird felt weird. "Wait, I can talk, right?" It just noticed that it was talking.

'So, whatever makes the contract with Master, will gain the ability to talk the human language. I had confirmed it." Bo Ya nodded.

"What? What do you mean by that?" The roc bird asked.

"You should know Master has other two contracted beasts. They also can talk human language like you right now." Bo Ya explained.

"What? But how?" The roc bird was surprised.

It had met a lot of contracted beasts before. None of them could talk the human language.

"Well, I also don't know. It must be Master's ability." Bo Ya concluded.

"Hmm... I see." The roc bird nodded.

"By the way, what is your name? You must already have your own name, right?" Yu Qi asked.

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"Yes. Roc bird." The roc bird answered.

"What? Just that?" Yu Qi was surprised.

"Yes." The roc bird nodded.

Yu Qi thought for a moment. 'What is a suitable name for a roc bird? It must be simple and good.' She thought hard about this.

"Okay. Your name is Rukh." Yu Qi decided. "It is another name for roc bird but it is better to call you, Rukh compared to roc bird."

"Rukh? Thank you, Master." Rukh accepted the name.

"By the way, which gender are you? Male or female?" Yu Qi asked again.

"I am a male." Rukh expanded his wings proudly.

"I see. Let's get along, Rukh." Yu Qi said.

"Hmm... Master... Can I eat the fruit?" Rukh asked shyly.

Yu Qi laughed. "Well, you can take 10 for a moment. We need to get out of this space. Everyone is waiting." She gave Rukh permission.

Rukh rushed to pick up the fruit. Then, he returned to Yu Qi again.

"Bo Ya, is it safe for me to come out right now?" Yu Qi asked for safety reasons.

She did not want to appear whenever other people were around. Bo Ya checked it for her.

"Yes, you can go out now." Bo Ya nodded.

So, she grabbed Rukh and returned to the miracle space.

"Everyone." Yu Qi called.

Long Hui, Aoi, and Shino looked and rushed over to Yu Qi's side. At last, Long Hui hugged Yu Qi. The two, Aoi and Shino gritted their teeth seeing their master had been conquered by Long Hui alone.

"Are you okay?" Long Hui asked in worried.

"Hmm... Sorry to make you worry." Yu Qi calmed Long Hui down.

"Master, it is...." Aoi was shocked to see the roc bird was here too.

"Oh, introducing my new contracted beast, Rukh." Yu Qi introduced Rukh to others.

Rukh stood proudly.

"Master, why does it want to be your contracted beast?" Aoi could not believe his master right now.

"Well, Bo Ya threatened him at first. But I didn't force him or anything. He wanted that himself." Yu Qi explained.

"Tell me why do you want to be Master's contracted beast?" Aoi asked.

"The fruit inside the space is very good." Rukh licked his lips.

"Roc bird eats fruits?" Long Hui looked at Yu Qi.

Long Hui read about the roc bird before even though at that time, he just thought it was a made-up story from Persian folklore. He remembered that the roc bird was a predator bird that could kill the elephant.

"Oh, you are also a food lover like us." Aoi nodded.

He understood the feeling. Even though he was a dog, he sometimes snacked up the fruit. The fruit from Master's space indeed tasted good.

"Yeah... Yeah... Just admit that you guys are gluttons." Yu Qi laughed.

"A roc bird. Everyone be careful."

They heard someone shout. They turned around and saw a group of cultivators nearby.

"What are you doing over there? That is a roc bird. You will be killed by it." One of them shouted.

They were ready to attack the roc bird.

Yu Qi stepped in front of Rukh. "He is not a monster. He is my contracted beast."

Rukh looked at his petite master. Feeling protected by someone was a good feeling.

"You are Tang Yu Qi, is it? You already have your contracted beast. How could you say it is your contracted beast?" Someone recognized Yu Qi and knew that Yu Qi already had her contracted beast.

Yu Qi smiled. "Well, before this, I already had two contracted beasts. I just contracted this one earlier before you came here."

"What? You had two contracted beasts before?"

"Don't lie."

"People usually only have one contracted beast."

"Then, show me your another contracted beast."

The cultivators did not believe Yu Qi at all.

"Shino, come out." Yu Qi said.

Shino was staying inside Yu Qi's pocket, coming out and climbing up to Yu Qi's shoulder. He bowed his head greeting everyone.

Everyone was speechless. They did not expect it was true though.

"Humph... She must be lying." A woman from that group said and looked at Long Hui. "That is probably just his contracted beast."

Shino wanted to protest but seeing his master shake her head, he just could roll his eyes.

"I already showed the evidence. It is up to you whether you want to believe me or not. We will not waste our time here anymore." Yu Qi said.

"Let's go, Qi Qi. No need to bother those people." Long Hui said.

"Wait."

"What again? If you try to stop us again, we can fight. Even though you have more people on your side, I don't think you can win." Long Hui stated.

The people gulped. It was the truth. They did not have the confidence that they could defeat Long Hui and Yu Qi. They might get beaten by these two.

They watched Yu Qi and Long Hui as well as the contracted beasts left the place. They came here thinking that they could fight a strong monster and gain some experience. They did not know that monster was a contracted beast.

"Rukh, can you change your size to a smaller one?" Yu Qi asked.

Walking with a big roc bird would attract a lot of people.

"Of course." Rukh nodded. He changed his size to a small one. Enough for him to sit on a human shoulder.

"Good." Yu Qi nodded.

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Rukh was now in a smaller size and wanted to stay on someone's shoulder. He saw Long Hui and flew over to stay on Long Hui's shoulder.

Everyone was surprised to see this coming. Yu Qi's contracted beasts usually hated Long Hui and also fought with him. They would not want to stay with Long Hui without bickering.

"Are you sure to be here?" Long Hui asked Rukh.

"What? I can't? He is already over there. I am afraid my master will be tired of my weight. So, I go to you. You seem strong." Rukh stated.

"That's right. You should not tire your master. You can stay on my shoulder." Long Hui agreed.

Yu Qi laughed when she listened to the conversation. They continued their journey again. After a while of walking, they heard a commotion not far from their place.

"Let's go and see it." Long Hui said.

Yu Qi nodded. While approaching the place, Yu Qi heard a familiar voice.

"Brother Shu Xian, over there!" The girl shouted loudly.

When Long Hui and Yu Qi arrived there, they would see people from the Dian family currently fighting with a group of monsters. Without waiting any longer, they rushed to help people.

"Sister Yu Qi!" Dian Qi Qi was happy to see Yu Qi.

"We will help too." Yu Qi stated.

It was a large number of monsters. After a while, all of the monsters had been killed. People immediately took a rest after a horrible fight.

"It's over now." Dian Ren Qi was relieved.

"What happened here? Why there are so many monsters here?" Yu Qi asked Dian Qi Qi.

"There are some idiots who went to provoke the monsters. They came running to us. The monsters must think we are their enemy too." Dian Qi Qi volumes up her voice.

Some people immediately looked down when they heard that. They could not deny that.

"I see. Are you going to collect their cores?" Yu Qi asked.

"No. I don't need it. I don't want to touch the bloody monster's body." Dian Qi Qi shook her head.

"Everyone, does anyone wants the monster cores?" Yu Qi asked people around.

They also shook their heads. They were already tired. They did not want to waste their energy on something like that.

"Okay. I will be collecting them." Yu Qi was ready to do the work.

Without saying anything, Long Hui also helped Yu Qi collect the cores. The people watched them speechlessly.

There were a lot of monsters. So it required a lot of time to collect those cores. The people already wanted to leave.

"How much longer that they want to be here?"

"Yeah, the smell of blood is horrible."

"Why do they want to collect those cores?"

Some people could not help to complain about this. Yu Qi happened to hear that.

"You can go first. There is no need to wait for us. It would be taking a while that we will be here." Yu Qi said.

People who were talking earlier felt awkward but at the same time, they were happy to leave. They looked at others, especially Dian's family.

"We will be waiting for them." Dian Shu Xian's statement crushed their hope.

They were hoping Dian's family would be coming with them. They were the strongest people among them.

Dian Shu Xian approached Yu Qi. "I will help you too. Give me a pair of gloves."

"We can do it by ourselves." Yu Qi stated.

"It will be faster if I help you." Dian Shu Xian said.

Yu Qi took out the pair of gloves and gave them to Dian Shu Xian.

"You are prepared." Dian Shu Xian chuckled.

"Of course." Yu Qi smiled.

So, three of them collected the cores. Some of the people around did not want to wait any longer. They left the place.

Only Dian's Family and a few people were waiting for them. Well, they were waiting far from the place because the place smelled blood.

They told Yu Qi that they were prepared to stay the night at the place. Yu Qi and others should come after finishing the work here.

Two hours later, all of the cores had been collected. Yu Qi immediately put the cores inside her ring space and Long Hui's ring space.

"You are finished?" Dian Qi Qi appeared.

"Hmm..." Yu Qi nodded.

"Let's go. We find a cave where we can stay for a night." Dian Qi Qi said.

They walked for about half an hour to arrive at the cave mentioned by Dian Qi Qi. There were three people guarding the entrance. They were from Dian's branch family.

"You are back."

"Hmm.." Dian Qi Qi nodded.

They entered the cave. People also settled down.

"Come and eat." Wan Yang Mi saw them and called them to eat. "Everyone already eats. But I just prepared for you. There is not enough for the contracted beast."

"Thank you, Sister Yang Mi. I will give another food for them." Yu Qi said.

Yu Qi took out the food and called their contracted beasts.

"Aoi, Shino, Rukh, come here." Yu Qi called them.

"Wait, Sister Qi Qi, this is a newly contracted beast right?" Dian Qi Qi looked at Rukh.

Because of her loud voice, everyone turned to Yu Qi. The contracted beast was rare, so people tended to be interested for them. They could see there were three of the contracted beast over there.

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A person could only contract a beast. It was supposed to be common sense. However, there were three beasts over there. They could assume, one was Yu Qi's and one for Long Hui's but what about another one? Did mean one was the monster?

"You already know Aoi and Shino, right?" Yu Qi said to Dian Qi Qi.

"Yeah. They are your contracted beast." Dian Qi Qi nodded.

Dian's Family members knew this fact. So, they did not surprise much about that. However, not for others.

"Young Miss Dian, what are you saying? They both are her contracted beast?" One of the people asked.

"Yeah. They are." Dian Qi Qi nodded.

"Oh..."

People could not brain themselves for this fact. How could a person contract two beasts at the same time? They never heard that happened.

"Sister Yu Qi, is this your new contracted beast?" Dian Qi Qi asked.

People waited for Yu Qi's answer. They thought Yu Qi would say no and told them it was Long Hui's contracted beast. It was a valid explanation for this situation.

"You guess right, Qi Qi. Meet Rukh, my new contracted beast." Yu Qi introduced Rukh.

Rukh expanded her wings proudly to Dian Qi Qi.

"Oh... Wow..." Dian Qi Qi smiled.

People were in shock once again. Three contracted beasts were in one person.

"Miss Tang, you should not be lying to us." Someone said.

"What merit that I get by lying to you?" Yu Qi said.

People were silent. That was right. Yu Qi would not get anything by lying to them.

"And it does not matter to me if you believe me or not." Yu Qi added.

That was right too. They did not have anything with Yu Qi.

"Sister Yu Qi, just ignore them. Hmm... What kind of bird is this?" Dian Qi Qi looked at Rukh.

"Oh, he is a Roc Bird." Yu Qi stated.

"What?"

"What?"

"What?"

Dian Qi Qi, Dian Shu Xian and Dian Ren Qi shouted at the same time. People were shocked too.

Roc bird was one of the monsters that were very hard to find and they disliked humans very much. They would not easily be a contracted beast.

"Well, I... Fight with him... And he became my contracted beast." Yu Qi coughed in the middle of the statement. It was not fighting but threatening. Not her but Bo Ya. She was not to blame.

"Sister Yu Qi, Roc Bird is a big bird monster. How can..." Dian Qi Qi looked at Rukh.

Rukh immediately changed his size to the original. Luckily that the cave was big enough.

"Wow, it is really a Roc Bird." Dian Ren Qi said.

Seeing those idiot humans believe him, Rukh returned to the smaller size. Dian Qi Qi wanted to pat him, but Rukh avoided it and flew over to Long Hui.

"Oh, why do you avoid me?" Dian Qi Qi sulked.

Rukh turned over proudly. He disliked humans. Only his master could touch him. Well, this Long Hui was different. He had Master's scent on him. That was why he did not mind staying with him.

After a while, people stopped paying attention to Yu Qi and her contracted beasts. They started doing their own things like preparing the bed and cooking.

Dian's Family also cooked. Yu Qi did not dare to cook here. Her cooking could be inviting monsters over. She did not want that to happen now.

The people guarding the entrance had changed every one hour. It was to ensure that everyone got their rest to continue their days on the next day.

Yu Qi talked to Dian's siblings about their time being in the miracle space. She did not miss to tell that they met with the evil cultivators.

"Evil cultivators?" Dian Ren Qi was surprised.

"When do you meet them?" Dian Qi Qi asked.

"Are you guys injured?" Dian Shu Xian looked at Yu Qi and Long Hui in worry.

"We are okay. At first, we don't know about the evil cultivators. The person we saved told us about that." Yu Qi said.

"They are strong." Long Hui commented.

"Of course they are strong. Those fucking people suck other people's hard work and used it as their own." Dian Ren Qi was disgusted with those evil cultivators.

He had some experience with evil cultivators in the past. He went to the cultivation world's forest to gain some experience with some friends.

They met with the evil cultivators in that forest. Dian Ren Qi watched one of their friends being sucked dry by those fucking people.

They were lucky that there were some people nearby and the evil cultivators ran away when seeing others people coming over. Their friend lost his life there. They brought the body back.

Dian Ren Qi still could not forget the look on his friend's parents when they were told that their son die because of those fucking evil cultivators.

"It seems they are here too." Yu Qi made a conclusion.

"What do you mean by that?" Dian Shu Xian asked.

"What I heard from the evil cultivators, they have other people too. Does the miracle space has another entrance from what we used?" Yu Qi asked.

"Hmm... We don't know about that. It could be truth. Those fucking people might secure another entrance and enter the miracle space as well." Dian Ren Qi said.

"We need to be careful from now on. We don't know how many of them here." Dian Shu Xian said.

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"We still don't find Brother Zin Fang." Dian Ren Qi said.

"Hmm... With the evil cultivators around, the situation becomes more serious." Dian Shu Xian stated.

"We will try looking for Brother Zin Fang tomorrow." Dian Qi Qi said.

After the conversation, they went to rest. At 3 a.m., it was time for Yu Qi and Long Hui to guard the entrance. They would be accompanied by another cultivator.

'Master, I detect monsters around. They are heading toward our direction.' Aoi stated.

'Really?' Yu Qi frowned.

'Master, should I release my breath? Those monsters are afraid of me.' Rukh said.

'That's a good idea. You can do it.' Yu Qi gave her permission.

Rukh released his breath. The monsters detected it and stopped. They did not dare to continue anymore.

It was a Roc Bird. Monsters like them could not fight the legendary bird. They could die easily. It was not because they were clever but it was just their survival instinct.

'The monsters are retreating.' Aoi said.

'Good job, Rukh.' Yu Qi patted Rukh's head.

Rukh wanted to avoid the touch but he could not. However, after being patted by Yu Qi, he felt it was not bad.

"Is something over there?" Long Hui asked Yu Qi.

The person who guarded them became alert when hearing the question. He looked around. But he could not detect anything.

"Hmm... Monsters were heading toward us." Yu Qi nodded.

The person became nervous again.

"Don't worry. Our Rukh already took care of them for us." Yu Qi told them proudly. "You can relax." She said to the person.

"It is boring." Yu Qi sighed. Then she took about something. "Let's calculate the new cores."

Long Hui nodded. They took out the cores and calculated them.

"We already have about 1430." Yu Qi looked at the record.

"It is quite many." Long Hui nodded.

The person with them was dumbfounded when he saw this. 'Thousand? Yesterday, they only defeated around 300 monsters. But they already collected a thousand cores. Meaning they already defeated a thousand monsters before meeting with us. What's horrible strength they have.'

"Since we already meet up with Dian Family, we can not use your cooking as the bait for monsters." Long Hui stated.

"Hmm... What a pity." Yu Qi sighed.

If that method was used, they could lure the monsters over.

'Cooking as the bait for the monster? What is this couple talking about?' The person looked at Yu Qi and Long Hui. He wanted to ask but did not have the courage to ask them.

An hour had passed. They could switch the people to guard the entrance.

"I can't sleep anymore. Want to do something?" Yu Qi grinned at Long Hui.

"My beloved, there are some people here. Do you want to do it here?" Long Hui also grinned.

Yu Qi lifted up her leg to kick Long Hui. Long Hui swiftly avoided the kick.

"What are you thinking? How dirty your mind is!" Yu Qi shouted.

Long Hui did not say anything. He was just laughing.

The people who changed shifts with them watched them flirting with each other.

'Why are they giving us dog food in the middle of early morning?' That was what the people thought when they watched the interaction between Long Hui and Yu Qi.

"Qi Qi, what do you want to do?" Long Hui asked after a while.

"Monster hunting." Yu Qi said.

"Hmm... Let's go." Long Hui agreed without any complaint. Whatever his beloved Qi Qi wanted to do, he would accompany her.

The people who heard the conversation felt that Yu Qi was being burdensome.

"Ms Tang, Mr Long, it is unsafe." One of them said.

"Don't worry. We will be careful and will not affect this area." Yu Qi affirmed it.

Both Long Hui and Yu Qi, as well as her contracted beast left the place. Yu Qi asked Rukh and Aoi to detect where the monsters were.

Both of them gave the same answer. North. So, they headed north. When they arrived at the place, they could see a lot of monsters there.

"Time to go monster hunting. Rukh, you don't need to fight. Just look out for the monsters who want to run away." Yu Qi gave a new order to Rukh.

Rukh was a strong monster. It was true that with Rukh's strength, they could easily defeat the monsters. But right, now Yu Qi and Long Hui wanted to improve their skills, so it was better to let Rukh out of the fight.

Rukh nodded. He did not mind. So he ended up being a spectator. While watching them fight the monsters, he could see Yu Qi's skill. His master's skill was pretty good. It was not bad being her contracted beast.

Yu Qi used her sword skills. She could feel her movement become steadier and sharper. It was true what they said. The best way to improve was to fight by yourself.

Long Hui also felt the same. Aoi jumped over a monster and ripped off part of its body with his sharp teeth and nails.

After a while, all monsters had been killed by them. The boss of the monster's batch was very strong. It took some time to kill it. Luckily they coordinated well with each other.

They began to collect the cores from the monster. Since they had done it so many times, they became efficient about this.

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After that, they returned to the cave. It was already dawn. The guards were alert when they heard the sound but after seeing it was only Yu Qi and Long Hui, they were relieved.

"Where did you go?" A person asked.

"Hunting monsters." Long Hui said.

"What? At this time?"

They were surprised.

"Hmm... It is good exercise." Yu Qi nodded.

Both of them entered the cave. Some of the people already woke up including Dian Shu Xian and Dian Qi Qi.

"Sister Yu Qi, where did you go? I am surprised to see you were gone." Dian Qi Qi asked when she saw Yu Qi.

"We went out hunting monsters." Yu Qi stated.

"You went what?" Dian Qi Qi could not believe her ear. "In the middle of the night?"

"It is not bad. We practice getting used to fighting in the dark. And we also could not sleep after guarding the entrance." Yu Qi explained.

"Sister Yu Qi, next time, you should call me too." Dian Qi Qi said.

"Third wheel." Long Hui said.

"What do you say?" Dian Qi Qi looked at Long Hui.

Long Hui ignored Dian Qi Qi and turned to Yu Qi. "I am hungry."

"Let's prepare something to eat for breakfast." Yu Qi went to prepare something.

Half an hour later, all of the people had already woken up. They were all prepared to leave. After packing everything, they left the cave.

"I hope we will find a place like this to sleep next night." Dian Ren Qi was reluctant to leave.

Even though it was a normal cave, it was better to sleep out of nowhere. They were vulnerable to the monster's attack when they were sleeping in an open space.

"Don't be so spoiled." Wan Yang Mi said.

"I am not spoiled." Dian Ren Qi coughed when his girlfriend commented.

"Okay... Okay... Keep walking." Wan Yang Mi said.

The journey was very good so fast. They did not meet any monsters in the morning.

"They were probably sleeping." Dian Ren Qi was joking.

Right after Dian Ren Qi said something like that, they began to encounter monsters.

"Brother Ren Qi, your mouth is superb." Dian Qi Qi commented.

Dian Ren Qi did not reply. They began to defeat the monsters. Luckily for them, even though the number of them was large but they were weak. One slays and it was done.

Yu Qi did not miss the opportunity to collect the cores. Now, right after she killed the monster, she would take the cores right away.

Shino also got to work. He wore the overall protection on his body. Once the other cultivators killed the monsters, he would slip into the monster's body to collect the cores.

Shino got the idea of seeing Yu Qi's glove. He did not have the power to kill the monster. So, at least he would help Yu Qi by collecting the cores.

Because of that, they only spent a little time collecting the remaining cores.

Their group started to walk again. Their destination was a white building in this miracle space.

From what they heard from the family, powerful masters built the white building to take disciples every ten years. The selected ones would inherit some inheritance from the powerful master.

The number that the powerful masters wanted to select was not fit at all. It could be one or more than one. It depended on the cultivators. So, everyone had the right to try.

Well, Yu Qi was not too excited by that since she already had her own space, Sere. It had a lot of powerful inheritance. She was more excited about collecting the cores.

The white building was located at the center of the miracle space. That was what the old generation stated.

They heard some commotion ahead. They went to see it. A man was fighting with a giant snake.

Long Hui seemed to notice something. The giant snake was kind of similar to the one he defeated a past couple of days ago.

"That is Qiu Wang." Yu Qi said.

Qiu Wang was the sword user to whom Yu Qi gave the book for him to learn.

"Qiu Wang seems to have an advantage against the giant snake." Dian Shu Xian stated.

"Do we have to help him?" Dian Qi Qi said.

Qiu Wang could feel people not far away. He turned to look. He saw Yu Qi and Long Hui among the people.

pAn,Da n<0,>v,e1 "Do you need some help?" Long Hui shouted.

"No need. I can handle it." Qiu Wang replied.

Hearing that, they just waited for Qiu Wang to kill the giant snake. Qiu Wang did not take much time to kill the giant snake. In less than 10 minutes, Qiu Wang defeated the giant snake successfully.

He did not leave right away. He dismembered the giant snake to collect the cores. After that, he went to Yu Qi and Long Hui.

"Ms. Tang, Mr. Long, how are you?" Qiu Wang asked.

"We are fine. Your technique gets better and better." Long Hui praised. He admired Qiu Wang's technique

"Thanks to Ms. Tang who give me the guide. Without that, my technique will not improve this much." Qiu Wang was very humble.

"I can see you collecting the cores." Yu Qi commented.

Qiu Wang smiled. "I am a poor cultivator. I can get extra cash by selling these cores. I heard they paid extra for the monsters inside the miracle space."