Chapter 361 Yan Bingyue

"They are the family heads of the five major families in the Longjiang Base City." A representative from the government was making the introduction for the young lady and her companions.

The young lady took a glance at the five family heads but showed no emotions. The elderly man who traveled with her looked at those sitting in the front row. A smile came into his eyes. "Is that King of Swords?"

The three titled battle pet warriors from the government had no idea that the elderly had heard about Qin Shuhai's title, or that he even knew about Qin Shuhai.

"Yes." One of the representatives of the government nodded.

"He once wanted to go there to further his studies. Unfortunately, he wasn't qualified enough." The elderly chuckled but said nothing else. But what he did say was enough to startle the three government representatives.

To further his studies? Not qualified enough?

He was saying that Qin Shuhai had once gone there but was eliminated?

The three didn't pry further. With increased fear, they merely darted another glance at the young lady in the middle. If everything went well for the girl, she would probably become someone more terrifying than Qin Shuhai.

They had approached their seats as they talked. The three titled battle pet warriors from the government were wearing smiles; they greeted the family heads and made the introductions.

Those family heads probably knew about the new faces but they still had to go through the motions.

"That is Dragon Knight, Yin Fengxiao.

"He is the Rifle Devil, Zhao Wuji.

"This is Lady Yan, Yan Bingyue. "She is her maid, Xiao Ju."

Then, the three titled battle pet warriors of the government introduced the five family heads one by one. They started with Qin Duhuang. The introduction seemed casual but the order of the introductions was important and it couldn't be altered.

"Qin Duhuang? The one that I heard killed three ninth-rank beasts with one roar, the Raging Spirit, Qin Duhuang?" The elderly named Yin Fengxiao squinted and gazed at Qin Duhuang who appeared to be at his age. A grave look flashed past Yin Fengxiao's eyes.

The middle-aged man with a strong body, Zhao Wuji the Rifle Devil, was also wearing a serious expression. It was clear that he had heard about Qin Duhuang before.

Qin Duhuang smiled. "That is merely a story from my past. Don't mention it. Dragon Knight, I have heard so much about you. Come on and have a seat."

Yin Fengxiao didn't say anything else to Qin Duhuang. He turned to the young lady. "Please."

Yan Bingyue nodded. After she heard Yin Fengxiao's words, she sized the old man named Qin Duhuang up and down. The moment the two of them established eye contact, the coldness in her eyes faded away a bit. She nodded to him and then took her seat.

She was sitting right next to Qin Duhuang.

They sat as equals!

As she sat down, those sitting in the row behind them took notice. Xu Kuang and Su Lingyue were both surprised. How could the girl who was about their age sit down as equal to the five family heads?

Mu Yuanshou, Ye Longtian, and Qin Shaotian seemed to be aware of something, judging by the grave look on their faces.

Yan Bingyue took her seat and Yin Fengxiao sat down next to her. The middle-aged man and her maid stood behind them.

Every family was allotted two seats and the same applied for them.

Each of the titled battle pet warriors from the government had a seat. That was a silent announcement that the government was the one ruling the Longjiang Base City!

The other family heads took a look at Yan Bingyue and then at Yin Fengxiao. They had heard about the title of Dragon Knight a long time before. He was a person who had established fame across the Subcontinent District.

The other family heads were upset since the Dragon Knight only talked to Qin Duhuang. Of course, they didn't show it on their faces. They all knew what kind of person Qin Duhuang was. However, they didn't understand why the Dragon Knight would pay so much attention to Qin Duhuang. It seemed that Qin Duhuang was hiding something else from them.

"Lady Yan, why have you come to the Longjiang Base City's Elite League? I believe no matter where you go, people will welcome you with great hospitality."

Not long after she took her seat, Liu Tianzong began to chat her up.

Yan Bingyue replied with a silent frown.

Yin Fengxiao knew her personality well. He answered the question for her. "You are the family head of the Liu Family, right? You may not know this but the elder member of Lady Yan's family is a friend of your mayor. That is why we came to represent the Longjiang Base City."

Liu Tianzong was a bit embarrassed since another person answered his question. He was a family head after all. The young lady was indeed from a noble family. However, people say that even a mighty dragon would avoid attacking a snake in its own haunts. Besides, a guest should suit the convenience of the host. That was easy to understand. Did she need to be taught about such a custom? How could she ignore me like this? Was she this arrogant?

That being said, Liu Tianzong did not throw a temper. The Liu Family was having a hard time as it was to deal with the Pixie Pet Store. They couldn't afford to provoke this young lady.

"Oh, I see."

Liu Tianzong showed a fake smile that appeared sincere. All of a sudden, he shook his head and heaved a sigh. "I'm so sorry that it's not the best of times for Lady Yan to pay us a visit. We had a lot of talents emerge at this year's Elite League. The ones who won places at the Top 5 in the past Elite Leagues wouldn't have even made it to the Top 10 this year."

Of course, he was speaking of Liu Jianxin who failed to enter the Top 10.

The other family heads were curious about his reaction.

This Liu Tianzong is particularly active today!

Why would you talk so much when none of the Liu family members is among the Top 5?

Some had already developed a theory and they began to eye Liu Tianzong with a grin.

Qin Duhuang found this amusing as well.

"Really?"

Yin Fengxiao raised his eyebrows upon hearing this. On the other hand, Yan Bingyu stayed as calm as usual, acting like she had not heard a word.

"Mr. Liu, are you saying that Lady Yan cannot make it to the Top 5?" Qin Fengxiao stared at Liu Tianzong with his squinted eyes. The smile had faded a bit from the former's face and the remaining expression appeared to be indifferent.

"Of course not," Liu Tianzong denied in a hurry, "I am well aware of what Lady Yan is capable of. She will make it to the Top 5. It will only be a little bit difficult.

"There are two talents this year who have gotten battle pets from god knows where. The battles are fierce and can get easily out of control. Lady Yan, in the off chance that you encounter them, be sure to stay safe. This is just a match. Don't get yourself hurt."

Yin Fengxiao almost burst into laughter out of extreme rage.

Entering the Top 5 was hard?

Encountering them?

There was no telling who would be the unfortunate party!

That guy is saying those words on purpose. He is trying to enrage us. Hmm, he wants to borrow a knife to kill a man but he's aiming at the wrong target! Yin Fengxiao was angry but he hid it well.

He could tell that Liu Tianzong was being deliberately ambiguous while harboring ill intentions, but there was nothing he could say. The five major families appeared to be hostile to each other but that could be bypassed when they were dealing with an outsider. Besides, they were only using the Longjiang Base

City as a springboard and wouldn't stay there for long. There was a chance that the other four major families would go after them together if they were to create trouble there.

Liu Tianzong might have said those words because he knew Yin Fengxiao would have those concerns.

Yin Fengxiao sneered but paid no more attention to Liu Tianzong.

Liu Tianzong smiled to himself. Yin Fengxiao's silence was an indication that he was offended. Yin Fengxiao may or may not tell that Liu Tianzong was provoking him on purpose. Either way, it worked.

Yan Bingyue, who had said nothing till this point, suddenly made an announcement.

Her voice was low and pleasant, like a chirping spring.

"I am here for the champion. I won't show mercy no matter who is in my way. I will say sorry in advance if I have to fight anyone from your families."

The family heads were startled. First, for her to actually speak out was a surprise to them. Second, she was too blunt and arrogant!

She must have been offended by LiuTianzong!

After seeing the reaction, the other four family heads turned their angry stares to Liu Tianzong. Hmm, no one in his family was at the Top 5 so he was trying to stir things up!

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"Lady Yan, of course, you're right. Everybody would have to show their true strengths on the stage and no sore losers would be accepted!"

The family head of the Ye Family chuckled but it was more like a sneer. "Mr. Liu's 'friendly reminder' is right. Indeed, the kids are stronger than those from previous years. I have to say that the Longjiang Base City is blessed with extreme luck, we are fortunate to have so many talents in our city. The young men from the Liu family, including their young master, couldn't even make it to the Top 5. That wouldn't have happened in the past years!"

"I agree. There's a galaxy of talents this year!" the family head of the Mu family chimed in and darted a glance at Liu Tianzong.

Hmm, this is a slap on your face. Let's see how you continue stirring up the pot now!

Qin Duhuang took a look at Zhou Tianlin who appeared to be calm. He just kept on sipping his tea, enjoying the conversation as an onlooker. It was understandable that Zhou Tianlin would prefer not being part of the conversation. Nobody from the Zhou family had made it to the finals, either. Then Qin Duhuang turned to Liu Tianzong whose face had turned cloudy. "Lady Yan, do not misread Mr. Liu's 'show of hospitality'." Qin Duhuang grinned.

Yan Bingyue glanced at Qin Duhuang but said nothing. She had already made her thoughts clear; there was no need for her to utter any more words.

Sitting next to her, the old fox Yin Fengxiao immediately sensed the "friendly" atmosphere between the major families. Just like he had expected, the internal strife was serious.

Yin Fengxiao smiled before he interposed, "Lady Yan is still young and can be a bit too candid. Please forgive her."

Mu Beihai smiled. Just then, he had said those words because he wanted to shame Liu Tianzong and at the same time, warn Yan Bingyue. After all, her words were too aggressive. If he had said nothing, Yan Bingyue and her people would have thought that the main families of the Longjiang Base City were timid and spineless.

Since the remaining participants were from the three major families, her words had essentially been harsh to all the three major families.

Sure, the girl had been provoked by the instigating Liu Tianzong. That being said, her words couldn't be forgiven!

"Who's that girl?"

Xu Kuang could no longer hold back his curiosity.

Qin Shaotian said nothing to him. He was still unhappy because Xu Kuang had spoken rudely to him while in Su Ping's store.

Mu Yuanshou was a man of steady character. He, too, said nothing. He just kept breathing in and out to adjust his state.

On the other hand, Ye Longtian answered the question but he did try to lower his loud voice. "Don't you know this? The girl is from someplace else. She's trying to leverage the Longjiang Base City, to win the championship so that she can go and compete on the international stage to win the global championship. I heard that her strength is unfathomable. She's at the same rank as ours but her abilities are equal to the titled rank!"

Both Xu Kuang and Su Lingyue were taken aback. "The titled rank? How is that possible?"

Ye Longtian was speechless for a moment, after seeing the two of them so shaken. "Why not? You are like that, aren't you?"

"Er, right, yeah."

Xu Kuang scratched his head.

Su Lingyue appeared to be a bit embarrassed. The titled rank? Without the battle pet Su Ping had given her, she wouldn't even be able to win against a seventh-rank advanced battle pet warrior.

Seeing the reaction from those two, Ye Longtian only shook his head. He stopped talking to them and turned to Qin Shaotian and Mu Yuanshou. With this girl joining the competition, one of the current Top 5 would be eliminated. They had seen how powerful Su Lingyue and Xu Kuang were. Su Lingyue had

already competed against Qin Shaotian. Considering her abilities, she would not be the one eliminated. As to the rest of them, they had to win against Qin Shaotian who had lost to Su Lingyue.

However...

Although Qin Shaotian had lost once, he was still formidable. Ye Longtian could not say for sure that he would defeat him.

Qin Shaotian, Mu Yuanshou, and Ye Longtian were sharing similar thoughts. They exchanged some eye contact and they could see the determination in each other's eyes.

Qin Shaotian remained indifferent. But he was no longer as composed as before. Ever since he lost to Su Lingyue, his fighting will was at an all time high.

Ye Longtian could detect the coldness in Qin Shaotian's eyes as well as his resolution to win. Same as him, Ye Longtian was also strongly seized by passion.

It was ten o'clock.

People's cheers gradually quieted down. The commentators had been waiting for a long time. They turned on their mics and used exciting words to enhance people's enthusiasm. Then, they started to announce the rules.

The commentators finished explaining the rules. The finals at the Longjiang Baes City level had just begun!

At the end of the speech, countless fireworks flew up from around the stage, including around the venue's perimeter. The sound of fireworks and brilliant sparks filled the entire stadium, igniting the atmosphere.

The mist caused by the fireworks was dispersed in the wind. On the stage, sexy cheerleaders danced happily to the music. On the big screen in the audience, profile pictures of the five participants were displayed. The photo retouching made them look better than in person.

The commentators officially introduced the five participants once again. The audience would shout in joy every time they read the information of a participant.

Each contender had already developed a fan base of their own. The one with the most fans was Su Lingyue, followed by Qin Shaotian and Xu Kuang.

Ye Longtian and Mu Yuanshou, given their mediocre performance previously, had fewer fans but still had great support.

Some people had favored Ye Longtian from the beginning and they would stick with their choice all the way.

After the introduction of the five participants was over, the commentators suddenly began to say something else while at the same time, an empty space appeared next to the five profile pictures on the screen.

That empty space confused the audience.

Soon, that empty space began to spin and a picture that had been artfully prepared showed up. It was Yan Bingyue who was sitting next to Qin Duhuang.

Yan Bingyue had a breathtaking look, but the coldness on her face made her look detached. The fine-tuning had accentuated the coldness on her face.

Baffled, everyone heard the commentators' excited voice as the picture continued to spin, "Next up, is our sixth participant!"

What!

The audience burst into an uproar.

Everyone looked at each other in speechless astonishment. The sixth player?

There should be five. What's with the sixth one?

Some people had picked up some grapevine information. Smirking, they began to explain to the puzzled crowd around them.

"A sixth participant?"

Su Ping was surprised, just like everyone else.

What's the meaning of that?

All the eliminating matches were over. So, the sixth player just came out from nowhere?

"It is true..." Fei Yanbo mumbled.

Mr. Luo and Ms. Lin also turned to Fei Yanbo. "Fei, what is true?" He asked in a hurry.

Fei Yanbo came back to his senses. He looked at Mr. Luo and then at Su Ping. Realizing that Su Ping was unaware of the story, Fei Yanbo began to explain. "Anyways, I heard this from our Principal. There have been some changes to the Top 5 matches. Some VIP would be coming to the Longjiang Base City to join our match. I thought that was just a rumor. As it turns out, it is true." Fei Yanbo tried hard not to show that he was pleased with himself about knowing this inside information.

"Seriously?!"

Mr. Luo stared at Fei Yanbo. "How unfair!"

"I now." Ms. Lin frowned as well. At the same time, she stole a glance at Su Ping. One of the Top 5 was his sister. Su Ping should be the angriest about this newcomer. They, after all, were just onlookers.

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. He, too, felt it was unfair.

Everyone worked hard through the challenges. How could you just cut in line?

Because you're beautiful?

I am handsome!

I didn't do anything like that!

Fei Yanbo continued, "Fairness... Huh, we have all been working for years. Do you think we haven't seen enough unfairness? There's nothing we can do. I heard that this girl has strong connections and is from some powerful background. No one in the Longjiang Base City can afford to anger her. Look at the five major families. Why else do you think they can accept this?"

After those words, all of them shifted their sights to the first row, only to see the girl in the picture, who was actually sitting with the family heads as if among equals!

They became dazed for a second because of this.

Unbelievable!

Those family heads were all titled battle pet warriors. They were usually the ones calling the shots. How could the girl sit with them?

"That..." Mr. Luo was stunned speechless. He couldn't even complain. Disaster emanates from careless talk. That he understood.

Mr. Lin looked away but said nothing more.

Even the five major families were unable to disagree with the arrangement. One could imagine how threatening the girl was.

If they had said anything offensive and the girl heard, they, the nobodies, would have been killed without a chance to defend themselves.

Su Ping gazed at the place where the girl was. He saw two familiar faces, the family head and the elder from the Zhou family. Since those major families had accepted this fact, it wasn't his place to jump out and say anything against

it.

So be it. Anyways, Su Lingyue was not going to be the one pushed out. No one could stop her from getting the championship!

As the sixth player's information was read, clamoring comments rose in the venue. Most of the audience was unaware of the inside information. All the people voiced their doubts because they deemed this action unfair.

That noise displeased Yin Fengxiao and the others.

Yan Bingyue kept as expressionless as before but the coldness in her eyes deepened.

The representatives from the major families acted as if they had not heard all those questions. It was the government that had made this arrangement and this was not their business. The government could go and clean up their mess.

"Quiet!"

All of a sudden, a representative from the government flew up and stood in the air above the stage.

Titled battle pet warrior!

As a titled battle pet warrior came out, the hubbub of voices quieted down. No one could afford to offend a titled battle pet warrior. The commentators were afraid to say anything. They left it to the titled battle pet warrior to do the explanation. "I understand that you're unhappy about this. We are sorry for not having revealed enough information previously." The titled battle pet warrior from the government looked around the venue. He remained unafraid, even as he addressed one hundred thousand people. "It is by no means accidental. Lady Yan Bingyue was unable to participate in the previous matches due to certain reasons.

"But, at the Longjiang Base City, we select talents!

"And we will not miss out on any chance to discover a talent!

"Lady Yan Bingyue has proven to us that she can be one of the Top 5. Here, we will perform a test. If she can pass it, she will participate. If not, she won't have the opportunity!"

The audience looked blankly into each other's faces.

Some had accepted the explanation and thought that they could understand that Yan Bingyue had missed out on the previous matches.

However, there were still others who were unsatisfied. She could still take part after being late? What about the times when people were late for a bus, then? Or for work? Could working late make up for that?

Could I take the college entrance exam again if I were late for it?

In life, when you're late, you miss your opportunity. That was it.

Of course, since it was a titled battle pet warrior that had made the announcement, people would not dare to voice their questions. They did, however, displayed their unhappiness on their faces.

The titled battle pet warrior continued as the voice of doubt died down, "The test is that Lady Yan Bingyue shall withstand a full-force strike from an eighth-rank Cyborg Pet with her own strength!"

After those words, everyone began to look around in astonishment.

ON her own?

An eighth-rank Cyborg Pet's attack?

How!

The Cyborg Pet would never show mercy. They would act as long as the level of their energy allowed. To withstand a strike from those pets would be hard even for eighth-rank battle pet warriors. After all, compared to beasts at the same rank, battle pet warriors were much weaker. That was a fact known to all.

Not to mention the fact that the pet was two ranks higher than Yan Bingyue!

The titled battle pet warrior was happy to see the people's reactions. He understood that his words had achieved the desired effect.

"Now, let the test begin. Here we go." The titled battle pet warrior waved his hand as he made the announcement.

With the help of astral powers, his voice echoed across the venue and he directed everyone's attention to the stage.

Soon, a group of staff members came out from the corridor. At the same time, a Cyborg Pet that was entangled in wires and cables stepped to the stage, surrounded by many people.

The people in the audience held their breaths.

The test began.

The titled battle pet warrior flew to Yan Bingyue and whispered, "Lady Yan, sorry about this. Please."

Yan Bingyue answered calmly, "No big deal."

Then, she stood up, raised her hand, and said, "My sword."

The maid Xiao Ju who was holding the sword handed it over at once.

Yan Bingyue grabbed the handle and unsheathed the sword. The edge was so clear that it could mirror her breathtaking face.

"You won't blame me if I accidentally break the pet, will you?" Yan Bingyue asked.

The titled battle pet warrior didn't expect this question. "Lady Yan, you cannot use your battle pet."

"I won't."

With that said, Yan Bingyue hopped onto the stage.

Qin Shaotian raised his eyebrows. Another swordsman?

He found it interesting. Because of Qin Shuhai's influence, Qin Shaotian had become addicted to swords as well. Qin Shuhai had said in person that Qin Shaotian was quite talented and he had studied the many secret skills related to swords.

He loved swords.

If Qin Shuhai was the King of Swords.

Then Qin Shaotian would be the Sword Addict.

He believed that he was going to become the God of Swords!

As he looked at the girl with the sword, Qin Shaotian couldn't wait to fight her.

On the stage.

As she jumped onto the stage, fewer and fewer people were expressing their questions and doubts.

Soon, a staff member approached Yan Bingyue.

The first thing to be tested was not for her to fight, but to test her rank.

The staff member took out some devices and the camera streamed the test onto the screen as well as on the TV channels.

That was a test device to ascertain people's ranks.

Many battle pet warriors recognized it. This device was new, eliminating any possibility of cheating

"Lady Yan, please," a man said.

Yan Bingyue released some astral powers.

Soon, the device began to glisten. A row of lights were kindled, eventually stopping at the red part of the sixth light.

She was at the peak of the sixth-rank!

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The peak of the sixth rank was still the sixth rank.

This girl was eligible for the Elite League.

The worker raised the device above his head to show the audience that the test was impartial.

Afterward, the worker stepped off the stage. Soon, the only ones remaining on the stage were Yan Bingyue, the Cyborg Pet, and a title-ranked judge. Quickly, the seal was raised, closing off the stage. The test was about to begin.

"She's not going to die because of this, is she?"

"This test is outrageous. She should be fine if she were allowed to use her battle pets. I don't think she can do it with her own strength!"

"This is far too dangerous!"

Some people in the audience felt worried; they could sympathize with her. Fei Yanbo, Mr. Lin, and Mrs. Luo wore concerned expressions as well. It was hard that she had to battle an eighth-rank Cyborg, to begin with, not to mention that she couldn't summon her pets. A battle pet warrior without pets was akin to lacking an arm. The three believed that by forbidding her pets, she wouldn't even have the confidence to fight a beast of her same rank, let alone with a beast at a higher rank.

The students from the Berserking Blade Academy were discussing in a low voice how excessive the test was.

Su Ping, on the other hand, was very much interested. It was the first time he had seen a Cyborg Pet like this, kind of like a Gundam, quite cool.

He wondered if the Cyborg Pet could be as good as other eighth-rank battle pets.

The judge told the commentators to announce that the test had started. The people in the audience held their breaths and listened guietly.

"Energy export, initiate!" "Consciousness, initiate!"

"Battle state, initiate!"

The working staff began to transmit back-end signals.

The cables and wires around the eighth-rank Lava Devil fell off and they retracted back into a device, like many moving vipers. As if freed from its shackles, the Lava Devil's eyes turned scarlet. It made a step forward and produced a soul-shattering yell.

Roar!!

The roar even made the air tremble.

Immediately after, heavy flames leaped up from the Lava Devil, which was bathing in a sea of lava. This was a monster that was constantly burning.

The people watching became even more nervous as the Lava Devil unveiled its appalling look.

No one would want to stay within the same space as this monster.

However, Yan Bingyue remained as composed as ever. When the Lava Devil bellowed, she showed her resolve and clenched tightly to her sword.

Roar!

The Lava Devil kept on roaring. The surrounding lava and burning flames suddenly converged and formed a wall of fire behind it, and many lava spheres suddenly flew out from the wall of fire.

That was an eighth-rank skill, Molten Meteorite!

An AOE skill.

The moment the Molten Meteorites were discharged, people gasped. Even Xu Kuang and the rest of the Top 5 were taken aback.

At that very moment, Yan Bingyue suddenly dashed forward while bending down!

Secret skill, Thunder Eyes!

Secret skill, Sonic Sprint! Whoosh!

Yan Bingyue vanished on the spot. A Molten Meteorite with a diameter of two meters landed where she was. A huge pit appeared on the shaking ground.

But Yan Bingyue was more than ten meters away from where she originally was. Then the second Molten Meteorite came and landed on the place where she was standing, but she had evaded it at the same time.

Bang!

The Molten Meteorite missed its target.

Bang, bang, bang!

The ensuing Molten Meteorites kept on aiming at Yan Bingyue, but she was always able to dash away. The Lava Devil used data to calculate where to launch the Molten Meteorites and still, it was unable to hit her.

There was a heavy rain of Molten Meteorites. Yan Bingyue dashed around in a blur among the Molten Meteorites and every time she moved, she would be that much closer to the Lava Devil. In an instant, she had covered two hundred meters.

A glint of coldness rose in her eyes. Whoosh!

Yan Bingyue suddenly ran over at a speed much faster than before. She crossed thirty meters in the blink of an eye and she reached the Lava Devil, to stand right in front of its chest.

A cold glare bounced off from the sharp sword. Whoosh and kill!

Bang!

The lava armor worn by the Lava Devil fell into pieces. The lava that spilled onto Yan Bingyue bounced off from a transparent shield covering her. She pushed the sharp sword further into the broken lava armor, cutting it aside. At the same time, she kicked backward on the ground; she jumped to the Lava Devil, and leveraging that strength, she landed in a place twenty meters away from the Lava Devil. She shook the sword, turned around, and stepped away.

Bang!!

There came a loud noise. A huge cut appeared on the Lava Devil's body. It burst open!

Fire soared to the sky after the explosion. Everyone was as mute as a fish. She had slain the Lava Devil!

She killed an eighth-rank Cyborg Pet with her own strength!

Everyone was stunned speechless by this shocking scene and by the girl's almost heroic deed.

Qin Shaotian and the other four looked sullen. Her speed and physical quality were overwhelming. She was a monster

The skill used by the Cyborg Pet just then was of the eighth-rank, one that would travel incredibly fast. Not even beasts at the sixth rank would have been able to dodged it. This girl surely used some unique secret skills.

Some secret skills could only come into effect after a person's physical quality had been improved.

Terrifying!

Qin Shaotian's desire to fight was burning high. Interesting. Very interesting!

Both Xu Kuang and Su Lingyue were struck dumb with astonishment. This Elite League had been an eyeopener for them. First, they witnessed how Qin Shaotian used one seventh-rank pet to defeat all of his opponents before he entered the Top 10. This day, they saw this girl battling a battle pet two ranks higher than her, by herself.

What kind of person was she?!

"That was marvelous!" Fei Yanbo, Mr. Lin, and Ms. Luo were just as stupefied as anyone else.

The students sitting behind them, including Luo Fengtian and Yu Weihan, were paralyzed with shock.

She was so young and at a rank similar to theirs. But she was much more intimidating. Why was she so different from them?

Su Ping, too, was dumbfounded.

What...

They were making it too easy for her! They said the Cyborg Pet would use full strength.

Su Ping was speechless. The Cyborg Pet was fighting one person but used an AOE skill. Was it the Lava Devil that was stupid or the working staff?

Or, did they think that the people in the audience were fools?

If the Lava Devil were to use another eighth-rank skill, the Lava Cut, the girl wouldn't have won that easily.

Lava Cut was fast and it took almost no time to prepare. That skill could exert great damage and that was the most powerful skill the Lava Devil should use.

Su Ping heaved a sigh and shook his head. Never mind.

She passed the test, so be it.

Besides, the girl did demonstrate enough strength to qualify being among the Top 5.

The test ended and without a doubt, Yan Bingyue was successful.

The impact of the explosion quieted down, leaving behind a ground full of remains.

The working staff was at a loss for words.

An eighth-rank Cyborg Pet was expensive, almost as pricey as an adult eighth-rank battle pet. It was destroyed just like that. No one dared to say anything, of course. They just produced some bitter smiles.

Soon, a man from the government ordered the working staff to clean up the scene and had some pets of the stone family repair what had been damaged on the stage during the fight. Liu Tianzong was excited as he looked at Yan Bingyue returning to her seat. She indeed was formidable; she turned out to be more outstanding than the Liu Family's young master, although they had already devoted many resources to train him.

The family heads of the Qin, Mu, and Ye Families were unhappy but they still kept the casual and natural smiles on their faces.

"Interesting."

Yin Fengxiao wore a grin as he saw the reactions from the people around him. Testing Lady Yan's abilities? What a bunch of ignorant

guys!

Soon, the official match began.

Yan Bingyue would be participating as the sixth player and her name would be put together with the other five.

This time, no one said anything in protest. Some who studied battle pets carefully found it strange that the Lava Devil wouldn't use Lava Cut. Anyways, the girl had proven to be intimidating enough to be able to withstand the Molten Meteorite by herself.

Many people turned their focus to the big screen.

Soon, the three pairs were determined.

Qin Shaotian against Yan Bingyue.

Su Lingyue against Ye Longtian.

And Mu Yuanshou against Xu Kuang.

They all looked at their respective opponents and soon, everyone turned to Qin Shaotian.

He was the first to go and he had to fight the horrifying Yan Bingyue.

Qin Shaotian smiled and gently patted the sword in his arms.

"Qin Shaotian?"

Yan Bingyue stared at her opponent.

When she found out that she had to fight a Qin guy, she threw a look at Qin Duhuang.

But Qin Duhuang was still wearing that harmless smile; she couldn't tell what he was thinking

"What a surprise. We have heard that Qin Shaotian is talented. Now we'll find out first hand." Yin Fengxiao smiled.

Qin Duhuang replied smilingly, "He is not nearly as good as Lady Yan yet." Yin Fengxiao was surprised, since Qin Duhuang had already found himself a way out for the outcome.

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"I heard that there are several secret skills related to swords mastered by the Qin Family and those skills have never been leaked," Yan Bingyue said. She took the sword from Xiao Yu's arms. This time, she didn't draw her blade. She took the sheath as well as she stood up. "I hope I won't be disappointed."

Qin Duhuang was offended by her words but then he chuckled without saying anything. With this, he had made it clear to Yan Bingyue that she wasn't qualified to talk about disappointment yet. Yan Bingyue paid no heed to his reaction and went onto the stage.

Qin Shaotian stood up and slowly walked to the stage as well.

The seal was closed as soon as they arrived, leaving them and the judge inside.

The loud cheers gradually came to a stop. Everyone was looking forward to the upcoming match.

"I can tell that you use swords well. I would like to find out more." Wearing a smile, Qin Shaotian said to Yan Bingyue who was on the opposite side of the stage.

Yan Bingyue cast a glance at the sword he held. "I heard that you lost once. You're not as good as people say, then. Don't let me down this time."

Chapter 364 One Slap

Qin Shaotian turned a bit pale. The girl went after his sore spot directly. How relentless.

The smile vanished from his face and coldness rose in his eyes. "You are coming here as a guest. Let me show you the rules a guest must follow!"

Yan Bingyue said nothing else as if not in the mood to win an argument. Since the two of them were having a "good talk," the judge said the match would begin without further ado.

Hardly had the judge's voice faded away when four swirls appeared behind Qin Shaotian. He had summoned all the battle pets that he had exposed to the public.

The Bloody Servant, the Lava Dragon, the Earthen Dragon, and the Nature Guardian!

Four towering figures emerged from the swirls and stood on the stage. They created an overwhelming pressure, so strong that people had to hold their breaths.

All of them were top-level battle pets!

The Bloody Servant was rare and had almost gone extinct. The other three were all at the ninth-rank as well. Having any of those pets would make a warrior be seen as more powerful than the competition. However, for Qin Shaotian, the three were merely his secondary pets!

The violent aura was tumbling. The Bloody Servant's appearance was so hideous that people found it offending to the eyes.

Qin Shaotian mobilized his astral powers while surrounded by his battle pets. His dark hair danced in the air. He took a deep breath and another swirl opened up behind him.

Roar!!

Yet another dragon came out!

Wind-wing Dragon!

A ninth-rank battle pet that could reach the peak of the ninth-rank at the prime of its state!

Three dragons were standing behind Qin Shaotian, like three mountains that protected him. That view had stunned countless people into stillness.

A fierce wind was blowing. Many augmentation skills were cast over the dragons, the Bloody Servant, including Qin Shaotian himself.

That had been done by the Wind-wing Dragon, an improved version of the blast power. At this point, the seventh-rank Wind Siren that Qin Shaotian used before was not even qualified to join the fight. The

Wind Siren didn't have enough energy to sustain so many powerful battle pets at the same time. Only the Wind-wing Dragon had a large enough energy reserve to support all the pets.

Surrounded by the Wind Blessing, Qin Shaotian felt he was so light weighted that he could float off the ground at any time.

But that was not the end of his preparation. The Earthen Dragon and the Nature Guardian were casting their respective skills as well. In less than half a minute, Qin Shaotian was ready.

He was at the best of his state.

Yan Bingyue squinted.

There was a slight change on her face the moment the Bloody Servant appeared behind him, but that flashed past in a second. After Qin Shaotian got ready, she opened up three swirls and three battle pets came out, two of the demon family and one dragon.

That dragon was the fourth most powerful of all dragons, a Crystal Ocean Dragon!

That dragon was rare, a mutated dragon of the water family!

The two pets of the demon family were also powerful. One was a Hell Viper, with a body as tough as that of a dragon. Hell Vipers were skilled in close-quarter combat. The other one was a Nightmare Crafter; it was good at spiritual attacks and could reach the peak of the ninth rank.

Quickly, the stage was packed with top-level battle pets.

Silence reigned.

All of those battle pets were rarely seen and were actually on the same stage right then.

This was only the first battle of the day and it was more intense than anyone would have expected! Come on!

Qin Shaotian looked at her pets and squinted. He was a bit wary of that Crystal Ocean Dragon since it had an outstanding defense. Not even the Earthen Dragon could be as tough as the Crystal Ocean Dragon. It would be a much more difficult opponent if it had already mastered the many secret skills.

Without further thought, Qin Shaotian sent out the Bloody Servant and the Lava Dragon first.

Whoosh!

The Bloody Servant stirred up a foul wind as it dashed forward. Then, it suddenly contorted its body and disappeared into thin air.

The Lava Dragon charged toward its target, like a tank, and lava was boiling around it, leaving many holes on the ground. As the Lava Dragon ran, the ground was constantly changing under its feet.

Bang, bang!

The Lava Dragon breathed out some fireballs as a way to feel out its opponents.

The Crystal Ocean Dragon was glittering and translucent as if it were indeed carved out of crystal. This was a dragon of grandeur. The moment the fireballs were discharged, violent rage appeared in the dragon's dark golden eyes. The dragon suddenly bellowed into the air!

Roar!!

That roar was intimidating and had a tangible effect. The fireballs were stopped in mid air and then crushed.

The next second, many sharp crystal blades came into being in front of the Crystal Ocean Dragon, like ten thousand arrows shot at once.

Many stone walls appeared in front of the Lava Dragon. That was thanks to the Earthen Dragon.

Right then, a shrill cry was heard. Qin Shaotian and his battle pets were frozen on the spot for a bit. The only one unaffected was the Bloody Servant.

Whoosh!

The Nightmare Crafter had just launched its skill when the Hell Viper came, crushing down the stone walls. Its first target was the Lava Dragon. Halfway through, the Bloody Servant jumped onto the Hell Viper and hurled out some sharp blades. Soon, the Hell Viper's scales cracked and some cuts appeared.

The Bloody Servant robbed the Hell Viper of some of its dark energy as well.

The Hell Viper was alerted. It curled up and opened out its mouth, making some warning hisses.

All of that happened within an instant. Judging by the first round of attacks, Qin Shaotian and Yan Bingyue's battle pets were tied. Actually, Qin Shaotian was at an advantage because the Blood Servant was the best when it came to close-range combat; it was a natural enemy to the Hell Viper.

Qin Shaotian had finally cleared his head after the impact of the Nightmare Crafter's scream. He judged the situation, snorted, and issued another order.

Boom!

Vines crept out from the ground, turning the space behind Qin Shaotian into a dense forest where strange plants were growing out, such as flowers with spikes and twisting vines.

At the same time, part of the ground caved in ahead of the Lava Dragon. The lava coursed down its body and into the pit, instantly becoming a small lava pond.

Since those pets were at the eighth rank, changing the terrain was more than easy for them.

Roar!

The Lava Dragon stepped into the lava pond, making it boil. Many flaming arrows flew out from the pond toward Yan Bingyue.

A layer of frost-like substance appeared over the Nightmare Crafter and the Hell Viper's skins. That was a skill of the Crystal Ocean Dragon, Crystal Shell.

With the help of the Crystal Shell, the Hell Viper remained unhurt by the flaming arrows pouring down.

Roar!

The Crystal Ocean Dragon roared. A layer of ice covered up the ground and many ice spears as thick as ten meters grew out of the ground; their aim was the Lava Dragon. While the two parties' battle pets were hurling out all their skills, the judge had escaped to the highest point of the seal. The space inside the seal was shaking and trembling due to the pets clashing. All those skills were at the advanced rank, even the ninth rank. The audience was dazzled. The previous matches had always had one party with an overwhelming advantage. This was the first time they had seen a match where the two parties were exhausting each other with advanced skills. They watched with the utmost concentration and excitement.

Bravo!

What a marvelous battle!

On the stage, both Qin Shaotian and Yan Bingyue were standing there, waiting, while their battle pets roared and fought, as if the battle had nothing to do with the two of them.

They were generals, commanding their soldiers.

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Both were aware that the glamourous fights were merely the appetizer.

"Bloody Servant, Specter Strangulation!"

Qin Shaotian suddenly squinted his eyes to hide the sudden appearance of killing intent.

Enough playing around. Time for the real deal!

The Bloody Servant was brawling with the Hell Viper. Instantly, the former threw out the sharp blades in its body, freeing itself from the Hell Viper's entanglement, and at the same time, tearing off pieces of flesh from the reptile.

Whoosh!

The Bloody Servant broke free from the Hell Viper and then vanished like a puff of smoke.

In less than a second, Yan Bingyue suddenly turned around, only to see a ferocious figure crawling out from her shadow. It was the Bloody Servant!

It had run past the Hell Viper and the Crystal Ocean Dragon, directly popping out behind her!

Sneak attack!

The savage figure waved its sharp blades. The moment it crawled out from her shadow, the Bloody Servant had been ready to "hug" her.

Still, it seemed that Yan Bingyue was prepared. As she turned around, she mobilized astral powers and a strange pattern came into being in her hand. With a swishing sound, the sword in her hand began to

shine with boundless radiance. Some sparkles appeared in the air. She managed to fend off all of the Bloody Servant's sharp blades with her sword!

Qin Duhuang was taken aback by that sight.

The same could be said for the other family heads as well.

Did she manage to withstand a strike from the Bloody Servant with her physical strength and the sword?

The Bloody Servant was at the eighth-rank and was much more powerful than the Cyborg Pet. If the Cyborg Pet were to fight the Bloody Servant, the former would be torn into pieces within one move!

While people were still astonished, Yan Bingyue suddenly approached the Bloody Servant. Her dark eyes began to give out a purple glow and her pupils turned purple as well.

With a bang, she slapped the strange pattern on the Bloody Servant's chest.

The pattern exploded.

"Halt," she murmured.

The Bloody Servant felt a heavy load had lowered to its chest and then it heard how its bones were cracking. Because of that one slap, the Bloody Servant flew backward and smashed into the protective seal!

One slap and she knocked away the Bloody Servant!!!

That was soul-shattering. Countless people stood aghast, not daring to move.

Chapter 365 Instant Crush

Was that even a human girl?!

How could she have slapped away the Bloody Servant, the king of close-quarter combat, and one at a rank higher than hers, with her hand?

If it weren't for the fact that they had seen this with their own eyes, no one would have believed that this could even happen in the real world!

That was terrifying! Qin Shaotian was just as shocked. He never thought that the Bloody Servant's skill would be dealt with so easily.

Not to mention the fact that Yan Bingyue stopped it with her own hands!

Without relying on her pets!

The way she used her sword and strength...

Was she honestly at the sixth rank?!

Yan Bingyue was making another dash at the Bloody Servant. Qin Shaotian came back to his senses and pulled a long face. Yan Bingyue turned out to be more powerful than he had anticipated but this was not a time for him to flinch. The sneak attack failed. Part of the reason was that Yan Bingyue was

outstanding and the other part was that he was careless. She didn't actually think she could defeat a Bloody Servant, did she?

Come on!

Qin Shaotian freed all the limitations on the Bloody Servant so that it could display its full strength.

Roar!!

The Bloody Servant shouted. Its coarse and shrill voice made everyone's blood freeze and toes curl. At the same time, in a strangely twisted way, the Bloody Servant crawled up from the ground. The cracked bones in its chest began to heal.

As the Bloody Servant shouted, a large amount of dark energy came out from it, like a mass of dark mist; it had the ability to block all senses.

The dark mist quickly spread out and soon covered up Yan Bingyue.

Come on!

The Bloody Servant's sharp blades around its body dangled down within the mist. Suddenly, the Bloody Servant vanished on the spot and then reappeared on Yan Bingyue's left.

The sound as it moved and the whistles in the air were all covered up by the dark mist.

The ones inside the dark mist would be deprived of all senses; they would only perceive silence.

Merely standing in that silence was enough to make people feel stifled and panicked.

Whoosh!

Several sharp blades whooshed by. Quietly, they cut through the mist toward Yan Bingyue's limbs, instead of going toward her vital organs such as her brain and heart.

Qin Shaotian was still holding back, considering Yan Bingyue's background. He wouldn't aim to kill her. The Qin Family would be in big trouble if he resorted to killing over winning a place at the Elite League.

However, she suddenly opened her eyes the moment the sharp blades were about to reach her. As if two bolts of lightning struck within her purple eyes, they lit up the darkness!

She unsheathed her sword!

The sword glistened. Instantly, the light flashed and sparks were stirred up. All of the sharp blades were cut off!

In the meantime, one of the Bloody Servant's sharp blades suddenly began to bleed and then fell to the ground!

Yet again, she managed to fend off the Bloody Servant's strike and was fighting back!

Stimulated by the pain, the Bloody Servant screamed. With a tremor, three shadows appeared; they surrounded Yan Bingyue and started to attack simultaneously.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh!

The many blades were dancing wildly.

Yan Bingyue appeared to be scared. She swung her sword and wove a net of sword light that covered her up.

Still, the Bloody Servant's true self and its shadows were violent. For a moment, she was at a disadvantage. A cut appeared on her shoulder.

Another small cut appeared on her cheek.

Yan Bingyue was furious. She kicked the ground, trying to break out from the encirclement. However, as soon as she began to move, the Bloody Servant's sharp blades began to grow out some spikes.

Bang!

Yan Bingyue's sword bumped into one of the sharp blades. She felt something was pulling her. Caught off guard, she almost lost grip of her sword.

She made up her mind and gave instructions to her battle pets.

She could ward off blows from the best pet in close-quarter combat, but it would be too difficult to win!

No wonder the Bloody Servant was the king of close-quarter combat!

Roar!!

Her pets began to roar and that roar dissolved the dark mist around her. The darkness disappeared, revealing the Bloody Servant and Yan Bingyue.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh!

Yan Bingyue was still trying.

The Bloody Servant was still attacking furiously.

In total, there were four Bloody Servants, including its shadows, which stupefied everyone.

What was more astonishing was that Yan Bingyue was using one sword to fight all the four Bloody Servants that were violently attacking her.

In the distance, Qin Shaotian was unable to believe this.

He understood that the Bloody Servant was taking it seriously. But he couldn't have foreseen that Yan Bingyue could remain standing!

At that moment, he realized the gap between them.

A glint of coldness rose in his eyes.

Roar!

The Crystal Ocean Dragon bellowed and the ice expanded on the ground, creeping onto the Bloody Servant's feet. The three shadows of the Bloody Servant were pierced open by the ice and then

disappeared. The actual Bloody Servant hopped up; it melted the ice and put some distance between itself and Yan Bingyue.

The fact that it couldn't defeat Yan Bingyue had quickly filled the Bloody Servant with rage.

Thanks to the Crystal Ocean Dragon, Yan Bingyue was also covered by the Crystal Shell. She was panting and staring at the Bloody Servant, eager to fight.

The Bloody Servant was quite a nice training partner.

Her sword skills could be improved a bit more if she could fight this battle pet a few more times.

Of course, she could not play with it. It was an actual match.

Roar!

The Crystal Ocean Dragon manifested a crystal wall in front of the Lava Dragon. That was Crystal Prison; it would take time for the Lava Dragon to break free.

At the same time, the Crystal Ocean Dragon and the Hell Viper were rushing toward the Bloody Servant. Viper Eyes!

Crystal Ice!

The two skills were unleashed at the same time. The Bloody Servant could be immune to most skills, but it did pause for a second since the Hell Viper's deterrent skill was powerful.

In the meantime, a crystal layer appeared on the ice which crawled up and froze the Bloody Servant.

In the blink of an eye, both the Lava Dragon and the Bloody Servant had been contained. At that exact moment, Yan Bingyue made a dash for Qin Shaotian.

Thunder Flash!

Cloning Image!

While Yan Bingyue was running forward, she became two and then four. The four Yan Bingyues were dashing toward Qin Shaotian at the same time.

Qin Shaotian readied himself.

This was it.

He held tight to the sword in his hand, ready to fight.

Roar!

The Earthen Dragon and the Wind-wing Dragon jumped at Yan Bingyue at the same time.

Hurricanes swept across, surrounding Qin Shaotian and then blowing toward Yan Bingyue. The four Yan Bingyue figures were flexible and agile; they kept evading to the sides. "Eh?" Qin Shaotian detected something was off. All of a sudden, he felt an incoming assault from the left.

Qin Shaotian drew his sword instantly and at the same time, jumped away.

With a loud sound of metals clashing, Qin Shaotian felt a force running down his arm. He almost lost his sword, which frightened him.

After he once again reached the ground, he realized that it was Yan Bingyue who had attacked him.

Before he realized, she had broken free from the protection of the Earthen Dragon and the Wind-wing Dragon, directly reaching him! It was because of the Nightmare Crafter!

Qin Shaotian came back to his senses. The other four Yan Bingyues had been produced by the pet!

The real Yan Bingyue had already snuck to attack him using other means!

The Nightmare Crafter had affected their minds silently!

Damn it!

Qin Shaotian bit his teeth. But soon, the will to fight came back to him!

At the moment, he was facing Yan Bingyue alone, away from their battle pets. He was eager to find out what the gap between them actually was!

Slash!

Astral powers surged out. Qin Shaotian threw himself forward instantly. He waved his sword and unleashed a secret skill!

The sword grew to a massive size, becoming several meters long in his hand. That was the skill named the Great Sword!

Yan Bingyue flashed a mocking grin. She didn't step aside; she turned her waist displaying her sword skills with ease. She took a step backward and then to the side. Her sword clashed with the huge sword. In the meantime, the hair dangling down from Qin Shaotian's forehead had been chopped into pieces!

The sword didn't touch him, but the sword intent had reached him!

Qin Shaotian was taken aback. He turned the Great Sword around and tried to force Yan Bingyue away, but she slapped the huge sword with the strange astral rune in her hand. Some ripples appeared on the huge sword but the effect of the skill had been lost. The huge sword returned to its original state.

Taking the chance, Yan Bingyue pressed forward.

She appeared right in front of Qin Shaotian and stopped.

Qin Shaotian seemed to be frozen on the spot. A line of blood gradually emerged on his neck.

Chapter 366 Physical Skill Practitioner

"Is that the level of your swordsmanship? How disappointing." Yan Bingyue turned her waist and sheathed her sword.

She gazed at Qin Shaotian, waiting for his reply. If he were too stubborn to give up, she wouldn't mind resorting to more merciless methods!

Qin Shaotian looked at her with leaden eyes and confusion.

The coldness coming from his neck told him that... he had already lost.

If it weren't for the fact that Yan Bingyue had shown mercy...

Rather, if it weren't for the fact that he was the future family head of the Qin Family and she had to consider that, he would have been a dead man by then!

He merely used one skill; there were more he didn't get the chance to use. What was the good of that? He had lost.

No rule had ever stipulated that both parties would have to put all their cards on the table before they could decide who was stronger and who was weaker.

This was a battle, not a card game.

In that instant, he chose to use that skill to fight her but he had misjudged her strength. She wounded him within one move and that meant he had lost.

To fight a battle, a person would need the combination of skills in vision, judgment, spontaneous decision, and strength!

Qin Shaotian lowered his head and said in a low voice, "I give up..."

He had lost in a swordsmanship competition. He had lost to a younger girl and of the same rank.

He was disappointed, in pain, sad, and upset.

For a moment, he felt all hope was dashed to pieces.

Yan Bingyue kept a straight face as she heard Qin Shaotian admitting defeat. She told her battle pets to stop at once.

The Lava Dragon that was still trapped in the Crystal Prison raised its head with a dull look in its eyes. The dragon saw how its master was in a desolate mood. The dragon was unable to believe it was its master.

The dragon was experiencing a cloudy mood that it had never felt before. Dissatisfied, the Lava Dragon cried into the air!

In the distance, the Bloody Servant took a pause and then let out a wild scream. A heavy mass of dark mist came out and the Bloody Servant forced away the Hell Viper and the Crystal Ocean Dragon to get to its master.

The Bloody Servant crossed several hundred meters in an instant.

The huge Bloody Servant placed itself in front of Qin Shaotian.

With its bloody-red, hideous eyes, the Bloody Servant stared at Qin Shaotian. His image was reflected in those crimson eyes.

All of a sudden, sadness appeared in the Bloody Servant's eyes.

"Crack.... Gulp..."

The Bloody Servant's throat moved. It was trying to say something but was unable to utter any sound.

The Bloody Servant raised its arms as if trying to pat Qin Shaotian and to comfort him. However, at the same time, the Bloody Servant was afraid that its sharp arms were going to hurt him. The moment its arms were about to touch Qin Shaotian's head, the Bloody Servant put its hands back. Roar!!

The Bloody Servant raised its head and cried out a ghost cry.

Standing behind Qin Shaotian, Yan Bingyue was a bit scared about this shrill cry. She had no idea what Qin Shaotian was thinking. She was too far away from her battle pets and was besieged by her enemies. If the Bloody Servant were to attack her, she would be in immense danger.

She made a move and dashed away from Qin Shaotian.

After the Bloody Servant finished its cry, it wildly fixed its blood-red eyes on Yan Bingyue. It seemed that the Bloody Servant was on the verge of getting out of control.

Eventually, the Bloody Servant did nothing else other than stare at her. That relieved the judge. If the Bloody Servant were to lose control, it would be hard for him to deal with that mess.

Next to the stage in the front row.

Both Qin Duhuang and Qin Shuhai were down spirited. Qin Duhuang showed no emotion on his face while Qin Shuhai's eyes looked troubled. They knew Qin Shaotian very well. That was a young man who had been fond of studying swords since he was a kid, to the point of addiction. He would even carry a sword to bed with him.

And yet, he had been defeated by another swordsman who was at the same rank.

This was a crushing blow for him! "Shaotian..."

Qin Shuhai heaved a sigh. However strong you were, there would always be someone stronger. The girl was not only good at swordsmanship. The more frightening thing about her was her physical quality, which was unusual for a sixth-rank battle pet warrior.

The girl's physical strength should be about the seventh rank.

After all, she belonged to that place; those people couldn't be seen as normal.

The other family heads were still in shock. They weren't in the mood to mock the Qin Family.

Intimidating!

Yan Bingyue was intimidating!

She had managed to break through the protection of two dragons and the Natural Guardian, reaching all the way to attack Qin Shaotian.

Qin Shaotian was not an average young man. He had demonstrated outstanding skills in the previous battles. However, he lost to the girl within one move!

Qin Shaotian would have died if Yan Bingyue were not lenient!

Was Qin Shaotian weak?

No way!

No other family—be it the Ye Family, or the Mu Family—could claim that their talents could defeat Qin Shaotian.

It wasn't that Qin Shaotian was too weak... It was the girl who was too powerful! She wasn't a person that they could compete with!

More importantly, the girl had just used three battle pets up until then. No one believed that a person from that place would only have three battle pets.

Qin Shaotian had turned ghastly pale. The judge heaved a sigh. Qin Shaotian was a local from the Longjiang Base City. The judge was also unwilling to see him lose to an outsider. But facts were facts. The girl was formidable.

The judge flew down and asked Qin Shaotian to confirm, "Do you give up?"

Qin Shaotian trembled but kept his head low. "Yes." His voice was hoarse.

The judge's gaze lingered on him as he whispered, "Do not mind one defeat. You are the future family leader of the Qin Family. Don't be discouraged."

He finished his words quickly. After all, he was supposed to be neutral, unable to favor any family. Soon, he flew back up and announced the result.

Qin Shaotian trembled again after he heard what the judge whispered to him. He kept his head low in this entire process. He just turned around slowly, opened up the swirls, and allowed his battle pets go back in.

Silence was the reply to the judge's announcement.

No one would have imagined that Qin Shaotian would lose, not to mention how quickly it happened!

Their battle pets had yet to begin a serious fight when Qin Shaotian was defeated by the

girl!

In his previous battles, Qin Shaotian's dragons and the Bloody Servant weren't the only things that people would take delight in talking about. They would praise his physical skills as well. However, it turned out that he had also lost to a girl in physical arts, a girl at his rank!

For a moment, the audience didn't know what to think. Was it the girl too strong, or was Qin Shaotian too vulnerable?

"That was it?"

Xu Kuang was still in disbelief.

Su Lingyue was stunned still as well. She didn't know that Qin Shaotian would lose.

Both Ye Longtian and Mu Yuanshou looked sullen.

They would not go so far as say that Qin Shaotian was better than they were but they would admit that Qin Shaotian was a powerful young man. Still, the girl was like a monster when compared to him. She could fight the Bloody Servant herself and then sneak up to Qin Shaotian, hurting him within one second!

She was scary.

"Her physical skill is good!"

Fei Yanbo watched the entire match in shock.

Being a teacher, he was able to notice more things than the audience. The girl was not merely good at swordsmanship. She must have learned some long-lost physical skills. She had made her body as strong as that of a beast.

The device that was used to test the astral power rank was unable to measure the physical strength rank. The only way to find out about the latter was through some professional evaluation.

However, that evaluation method had been abandoned ever since the cultivation of physical skills fell into disuse.

Mr. Luo and Ms. Lin were just as dumbfounded as anyone else. Each new generation would excel the previous one. They believed that the girl at the sixth rank might even be more powerful than they were back then; they weren't confident that they could have beaten her. They, the normal people, would never compare with a freak.

"Physical skill?"

Su Ping was curious.

The girl had done well, indeed.

She was the most skilled one he had seen thus far.

"Why did physical skills fail to be handed down from past generations?" Su Ping asked.

As far as he could tell, the Celestial Gods and the True Gods in the Demigod Burial were quite physically skilled. They would never rely completely on their battle pets.

"I don't know the exact reasons but I heard it had something to do with the wealthy people..." Fei Yanbo replied.

Su Ping was even more baffled. What did it have to do with wealthy people? Fei Yanbo could read Su Ping's doubts from his expression. "It does make sense. Think about it. No matter how strong the physical skills are, battle pets will always be better. Of course, this didn't apply to Yan Bingyue there. I'm talking about normal people."

"Cultivating physical skills is hard and rarely can a person make achievements in that regard. They would rather spend that money on a battle pet.

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"The wealthy people can buy good battle pets to make up for what they lack in physical skills. Therefore, people would rather go and make some money or cultivate astral powers. That way, once they had a stronger battle pet, they would be able to immediately establish a contract."

Su Ping was speechless. So, it was like "bad money drives out good money"? Su Ping believed that this explanation was more like a joke; too one-sided.

But in a way, he could understand part of the reason: the cost to cultivate a physical skill practitioner was huge!

Beasts abounded on the Blue Planet. Humans had to train more and more battle pet warriors to safeguard the base cities and the borders. It was unlikely that so many resources would be invested in cultivating physical skill practitioners.

After the teachings from the True Gods at the Demigod Burial, Su Ping realized that breakthroughs in physical skills would only come slowly. One had to train diligently and use top-level herbs to make bodily improvements. The cost would be higher than making one battle pet warrior. Anyways, I'm sort of a physical skill practitioner, Su Ping thought.

He had never seriously learned any physical skills and the combat skills he had picked up were from lifeand-death struggles.

But recently, he had learned something about using weapons from the True Gods and Celestial Gods in the Demigod Burial.

He could hold his own with swords and sabers alike.

Of course, the thing he focused on the most was the "Fist of Exorcist" he got from the system. That should be counted as a secret physical skill.

It was from the ancient ages.

On the stage.

After Qin Shaotian admitted defeat, both him and Yan Bingyue left the stage.

Qin Shaotian went back to his seat. He still kept his head low. No one could tell what he was thinking. He just kept on stroking the sword in his arms.

People didn't have to ask to know that his confidence had been crushed.

Not everyone was able to recover from a severe setback in an area that they considered as their forte.

Yan Bingyue remained as composed as ever; it seemed as if she would have never used much strength during the battle. After she sat down, she said to Qin Duhang, "I'm sorry."

It was more like a taunt than an apology.

Qin Duhuang pulled a long face. However, the girl didn't seem to be gloating at all. Qin Duhuang frowned. He suddenly remembered that the people from that place would cultivate since they were kids and they lacked worldly wisdom. At that thought, Qin Duhuang replied with a casual "hum."

Chapter 367 Easy Win

During the intermission, the working staff entered the stage and used some pets of the element family to clean up the scene. The wrecked stage was restored to its original state. Then came the cheerleaders with a 15-minute show and then the second match started.

Su Lingyue against Ye Longtian. Ye Longtian turned a bit paler when the judge said his name. He turned around and looked at the girl, only to see that Su Lingyue was wearing a worried look. He curled his lips. I should be the one scared, all right? Ye Longtian stood up and said to Su Lingyue, "Get a grip on your dragon."

Su Lingyue was puzzled. Without wasting another second, Ye Longtian went to the stage. He was worried that the dragon might get out of control. He didn't want to be the second Qin Shaotian who ended up in that embarrassing state and almost lost his life.

Su Lingyue felt that Ye Longtian was a strange man. He said those clueless words and left directly. She thought for a while but was still unable to figure out the meaning.

"Do not mind him. Good luck!" Xu Kuang encouraged Su Lingyue. Mu Yuanshou had been looking steadily forward. Upon hearing Xu Kuang's words, Mu Yuanshou raised his eyebrows slightly.

Su Lingyue nodded to Xu Kuang and left.

As Su Lingyue stood on the stage, the audience burst into a loud cheer that drowned the entire venue.

Even Su Lingyue was scared by that loud volume. She had never thought she would become this popular all of a sudden.

Ye Longtian's face turned cloudy. That being said, he understood that the girl was the most promising candidate for the championship. It was natural that the audience would show her greater support.

"Is she the one who defeated Qin Shaotian?"

In the front row, Yan Bingyue assessed the girl on the stage. The passionate cheers from the audience were enough to wake the dead.

Qin Shuhai frowned. He could tell that the girl lacked worldly wisdom but to say those explicit words still made him feel uncomfortable; he wasn't in the mood to accept it.

Before Qin Shuhai was able to say anything, Qin Duhuang replied with a smile, "That's right. Shaotian was not as good as she was so he lost to her. She is regarded as a promising candidate for the first place. Lady Yan, if you're after the championship, I suggest you watch her match carefully."

Yan Bingyue replied with silence and turned her sight back to the stage.

Sitting next to her, Yin Fengxiao also heard Qin Duhuang's reply. Yin Fengxiao squinted his eyes and darted a meaningful look at Qin Duhuang

The Raging Spirit had changed into a sly fox.

Qin Shuhai swallowed back the words he was about to say. He turned his attention to the stage.

On the stage.

After Su Lingyue and Ye Longtian got into position, another judge entered the sealed area.

For this match, there would be two judges.

Ye Longtian's mouth twitched as he looked at the second judge arriving. "Get ready."

One of the judges said and then darted Su Lingyue a look.

Su Lingyue was well aware of her limit and she worried that Ye Longtian would ambush her at the start of the match. Therefore, she stood within the red line, and immediately summoned the Moonfrost Dragon.

"All yours, Frosty," Su Lingyue said to the Moonfrost Dragon in her mind. The Moonfrost Dragon seemed to be in a good mood that day. It gazed at Su Lingyue, flapping its wings as if telling her that there was nothing to worry.

As the Moonfrost Dragon came out, both judges seemed to be stressed out.

Ye Longtian took a deep breath and once again, he cautioned Su Lingyue coldly, "Remember not to lose control of your dragon!"

Su Lingyue was all the more baffled. "What do you mean?"

Ye Longtian snorted but offered no reply.

It was obvious, wasn't it?

If you can't keep a hold on your dragon and I'm unable to defeat it, what if your dragon killed me?!

Su Lingyue was speechless. There might be something wrong with this Ye Longtian fella.

The two judges found this amusing. Ye Longtian was a bit funny, being cruel and timid at the same time. You should have given up directly if you were this scared. Why would you put yourself through this?

"Let's begin," one of the judges announced.

Su Lingyue felt her heart skip a beat. She communicated with the Moonfrost Dragon at once. "Protect me and defeat him!"

Battle pets would usually go crazy if they were given those kinds of vague commands, but the Moonfrost Dragon understood her well. The Goddess of Ice was instantly summoned.

Not this again!

Standing in the distance, Ye Longtian was speechless.

This is a mean move!

She hides in the back while her pets do all her work again!

Ye Longtian was furious, but at the same time, there was nothing he could do about it. He focused his attention on the dragon. He couldn't wait to find out if the dragon was as horrifying as it seemed.

Soon, Ye Longtian summoned all of his battle pets.

All had ninth-rank bloodlines. The battle pets stood next to Ye Longtian, like several towering mountains. Charge! Ye Longtian bellowed and ordered his battle pets to attack.

The Moonfrost Dragon released a Frost Storm that swept all across the area. At the same time, walls of ice came into being. The Ice Prison was coming into shape behind the Moonfrost Dragon. The Moonfrost Dragon was unleashing its strongest skill at the beginning. Ye Longtian turned pale the moment he saw this. He immediately ordered his battle pets to go after the Moonfrost Dragon from different sides to interrupt this process.

The strongest AOE skill of the ice family?

In the front row, Yan Bingyue squinted.

Both Yin Fengxiao and Zhao Wuji appeared to be surprised and they wore grave expressions. That was the strongest AOE skill of the ice family that they knew of. If it were a battle pet at the peak of the ninth rank using this skill, the effect would be enough to destroy half a base city! The family heads had previously witnessed what the Moonfrost Dragon was able to do. At the moment, they were much calmer than Yin Fengxiao and Zhao Wuji.

The audience burst out with another shout of excitement.

The stunning move at the beginning of the match. This was going to be another quick fight, right?

Bang, bang! Many ice spears grew out from the Ice Prison; they were discharged like missiles. Every time a spear of ice fell, the entire stage would shake!

Over a dozen ice spears were launched in a row. Ye Longtian's battle pets immediately hurt.

"This is too scary!"

Ye Longtian's heart was racing. He was giving vent to a torrent of abuse inwardly.

Then, a gust of wind appeared and the wind grew heavier and heavier.

It continued until the wind became a gale!

A massive figure appeared behind the Moonfrost Dragon. At the same time, a cyan arrow filled with destructive force slowly came into being

Wind Arrow!

The arrow that managed to blast an arm off the judge when Su Lingyue was fighting against Qin Shaotian!

Ye Longtian's pupils were contracted.

He felt he had become the target.

There was no way to escape.

He was going to be hit.

He would die!

His blood froze and his toes were curled. This had to be what Qin Shaotian was feeling back then!

"I, I give up!" Ye Longtian shouted at once.

In the air, the judges were relieved to hear Ye Longtian's acknowledgement of defeat. Quickly enough, they said to Su Lingyue, "Your opponent has given up. Stop attacking now!"

In case she could not hear, the judges used astral powers to send their voices into the layer of ice.

The arrow that the Moonfrost Dragon was about to discharge was stopped.

The gale stopped blowing.

The Ice Prison's progress was dispelled.

A small gap appeared on the Goddess of Ice from which Su Lingyue stuck her head out. "Did I win?"

The two judges flew to the ground. "Yes, that is correct," they answered with a forced smile. Su Lingyue breathed in relief. She had won again!

This time, the win came even faster than the last time. When she was dealing with Qin Shaotian, she could feel that the Moonfrost Dragon had used that special kind of energy.

She heard from Su Ping that it was divine energy.

But this time, the Moonfrost Dragon won before she could use the skill with divinity enhancement.

Su Lingyue darted a look at Ye Longtian, called back the Moonfrost Dragon, and exited the stage.

Chapter 368 The Final One

The second match had ended.

It was both within and without people's expectations.

Everyone knew that Su Lingyue was a mighty participant. But the fact that she could score an easy win with the exact same set of skills still came as a surprise.

Ye Longtian was just like Qin Shaotian. Both were instantly overpowered.

After Su Lingyue's turn, the next ones up were Xu Kuang and Mu Yuanshou.

Xu Kuang let the Dark Dragon Hound take the lead. After going through the Heaven's Tests, the Dark Dragon Hound's combat strength had sharply increased to 9.9!

The Dark Dragon Hound had a more profound energy reserve and could release skills faster than before. As a result, Mu Yuanshou's battle pets were completely crushed.

The battle ended fast. There was no intensity as everyone had anticipated. Xu Kuang prevailed over Mu Yuanshou.

That was beyond everyone's expectation. The overall estimation had been that Ye Longtian and Mu Yuanshou were two promising candidates, but as things turned out, their performance was just fine. Of course, some of the saner audiences could tell that it wasn't because Ye Longtian and Mu Yuanshou were not qualified enough. It was because Su Lingyue and Xu Kuang's battle pets were threatening. Faced with those two battle pets, Ye Longtian and Mu Yuanshou's beasts didn't even have a chance to show their abilities. On the other hand, their matches would have been marvelous if they were fighting other participants from their same rank.

"The Dark Dragon Hound..."

The family heads, Yan Bingyue, and Yin Fengxiao... All of them looked grim-faced and shocked. They had perceived something strangely terrifying about the Dark Dragon Hound; it was a sixth-rank pet that could easily defeat a ninth-rank dragon.

The Dark Dragon Hound was hiding something that was quite mysterious and spooky, something that even they would feel stressed and afraid of. This battle pet is dangerous! For the first time, Yan Bingyue had a worried look and the smile on Yin Fengxiao's face had been replaced with a frown. Neither had expected that they would encounter such a scary battle pet in this tiny place. More importantly, how could a battle pet with a sixth-rank bloodline demonstrate such amazing abilities? Or, was this not a Dark Dragon Hound, but something that looked like one?

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After Xu Kuang finished his battle, the names of the Top Three were announced. Right after, there was a chance for the losing participants to challenge anyone of the first three.

The victor would stay within the Top Three.

This challenge was not merely an evaluation of battle strength but also of judgment.

No one stepped out to challenge the Top Three.

Ever since his defeat, Qin Shaotian kept his head down, continuously staring at his sword. He never took another look at the match.

Ye Longtian and Mu Yuanshou remained quiet on their seats; neither planned to challenge three tough people. Apart from Yan Bingyue, both Su Lingyue and Xu Kuang boasted terrifying and undefeatable battle pets. As for Yan Bingyue, she was a monster.

At this moment, the three would draw lots to compete for the winning, runner-up, and second runner-up spots, and then the losing parties would compete for the fourth and fifth places.

Everyone turned their attention to the large screen.

Since there were three, according to the rules, two would fight first and one would take a bye.

The one in the bye would fight the losing party and then the winning party if the one in the bye came out victorious. On the other hand, if the one in the bye was defeated in the first challenge, he or she would take third place, and the first three places would be determined.

Everyone held their breaths and the results were announced.

Su Lingyue against Yan Bingyue!

Xu Kuang was in the bye!

Seeing this result, Su Lingyue was visibly stunned. She couldn't help but dart a glance at the girl, only to receive a cold glare that was void of all feeling.

Su Lingyue felt her heart had skipped a beat. She looked away out of instinct.

"Well?"

Yan Bingyue frowned but soon, she believed she understood something. A mocking grin appeared on her face.

Xu Kuang gave Su Lingyue a pep talk, "Good luck. If you can beat her, you will be the champion because I'll resign when my turn to fight you comes."

Su Lingyue was surprised to hear his words. "Are you seriously going to resign?" He was very close to winning the glory of the championship.

"Yeah."

Xu Kuang did not seem to mind at all. "I've talked about this with my teacher. As a man, every word I say carries weight. Just try your best and spare no effort. We must let that kid who came out from nowhere know that not just anyone can become No.1 in the Longjiang Base City!"

Su Lingyue nodded to him slightly.

She could only smile bitterly on the inside. Try my best? The best I can do is not slowing Frosty down.

Then she thought of the upcoming battle. She shook her head and got rid of all the messy thoughts on her mind.

If Xu Kuang was serious about resigning, then the next battle would be the defining match!

If she won, she would have fulfilled Su Ping's wish!

She would have delivered a good result!

She took a deep breath and put on a serious look. It had been a thrilling journey for her. On the stage, she felt she was just an onlooker, a puppet without any actual sense of participation. That was exactly why she was considering things with trepidation.

She was carrying a heavy load but she was unable to do anything in person.

She had to leave it up to fate.

She had been depressed because of that feeling, almost bordering on a mental breakdown. But all of that was going to end.

All of that could end if Frosty could win this last battle!

Su Lingyue stood up and stepped to the stage, following the judge's command.

Everyone gazed at her as she stood up, including Ye Longtian and Mu Yuanshou. The two of them were wearing grave expressions.

This upcoming battle was going to be earthshaking!

Qin Shaotian, who had been staring at his sword, raised his head and looked at Su Lingyue.

Su Lingyue noticed that from the corner of her eye. She looked over, only to see him nodding to her and moving his lips. He said 'good luck'. Su Lingyue was experiencing a surge of unspeakable feelings.

Was it passion or excitement?

Fear? Hope?

She was unable to tell. One thing she did know for sure was that she had to win!

Even if she had nothing, even if she was useless, and even if all she could do was beg and pray.

But she had to win!

As soon as Fei Yanbo saw the results of the draw, he said to Su Ping, "It's your sister's turn."

Su Ping nodded. He saw that.

He cast his glance at the girl sitting in the front row. He was concerned. The girl surely concealed some of her strength when she was fighting Qin Shaotian. After all, considering her strength, it was unlikely that she merely had three battle pets.

The results of this battle would be up to how much strength the girl was hiding.

The Moonfrost Dragon had strength equal to the upper position of the titled rank. A pet like that could win the global championship and that, of course, would also be dependent on the battle pet warrior.

Since this was at the base city level, a pet alone would do.

Still, this outsider had shaken Su Ping's confidence. He couldn't help but feel afraid and worried.

At the same time, Yan Bingyue stood up.

"Lady Yan, be careful," Yin Fengxiao whispered to her, which was the first time.

Zhao Wuji was also wearing a concerned look. That dragon had proven to be quite threatening because even he had felt danger. He never thought that he would see such a pet in the Longjiang Base City. "Don't worry."

Yan Bingyue remained in her typical calm state and there was even the hint of a thin smile that indicated she was in a good mood.

Yin Fengxiao stared blankly at her. He knew that she would only look like this when she had found qualified prey. Otherwise, few things could stir up her mood like this.

Chapter 369 Pride of the Weak

The huge venue, able to house hundreds of thousands of people, was almost as silent as the grave.

There were no cheers, nor applause.

At this moment, inexplicably, all the audience felt a sense of pressure coming down as if they were certain that the next battle would be unprecedented! As the audience watched, Su Lingyue followed the staircase and walked to the stage step by step.

The stage was getting closer and closer, appearing increasingly larger in her eyes. A new world was opening up to her. The glistening blue seal opened up a pathway.

The working staff guided Su Lingyue onto the stage.

She reached her area and raised her head. At that moment, the world was spinning around her. The eyes, the media, the camera and the light were all on her.

All eyes on her!

As her eyesight had improved, she could see the detailed expressions displayed on the faces of those sitting in the front rows.

Those titled battle pet warriors were out of reach for her. But right then, they were all wearing grave expressions with burdens on their minds.

Xu Kuang, Qin Shaotian and the other two of the Top 5 were staring at her, seemingly looking forward to something.

The people in the audience were either excited or nervous; none of them could wait to watch the upcoming battle.

Su Lingyue looked around and finally, she cast her sight to where the family members were sitting. Soon, she found him. Her mind settled down the moment she saw him.

One more win and it would all be over, she said to herself and prayed.

"You got a friend sitting there?"

All of a sudden, Su Lingyue heard an indifferent voice. The person who said those words wasn't being cold intentionally. She had been that way since birth.

That voice pulled Su Lingyue's attention back to the stage. She looked over and saw that her opponent Yan Bingyue was already in her designated area on the stage.

Looking at Yan Bingyu, Su Lingyue had to admit that she was a bit jealous.

Truth be told, she did envy people like her, who could have their way on the stage relying on their own strength.

Those were the true talents!

They each had skills they were good at!

But that was not the case for her.

She had been working hard, much harder than her classmates and she was the top student of her year in the academy. But that was all she could do.

If it weren't for the battle pet Su Ping had given her, she would have never made it to this stage. She had never forgotten about that.

"He's not a friend," Su Lingyue answered Yan Bingyue's question, "He is family." Yan Bingyue raised her eyebrows. "Family?" That was a distant word.

She barely had an understanding of such a word.

Therefore, she could hardly sympathize with Su Lingyue.

"That's not good." Yan Bingyue replied coldly, "He must be looking forward to seeing you win. Unfortunately, the way I see it, your battle pet is strong but you seem to be very vulnerable!" She sounded calm as if merely stating an established fact.

And yet, this statement clenched Su Lingyue's heart.

She replied with silence.

"Thirty seconds. Get ready," the judge said. That was time for the two to get their battle pets ready before the battle started.

They could summon their battle pets at the waiting area so that they wouldn't be caught off guard when the battle officially began.

That frustrated look quickly receded from Su Lingyue's eyes. She raised her head and once again stared at that stunning girl.

All she could see on that stunning face was coldness and contempt.

Su Lingyue curled her lips but managed to remain composed. Same as before, she raised her hands.

To summon her battle pets.

The Moonfrost Dragon breathed heavily and stepped out from the swirl, standing next to Su Lingyue like the towering dragon it was.

Su Lingyue summoned the Phantom Flame Beast as well to stay with her. "Frosty..."

Su Lingyue looked up at the Moonfrost Dragon.

A sudden smile blossomed on her face.

"All yours."

Her smile grew wider.

Roar!

The Moonfrost Dragon bellowed as a reply.

Su Lingyue smiled at the dragon and then darted another look at her opponent.

Yan Bingyue frowned as she gazed at this Moonfrost Dragon with strange scales. She knew that this was a mutated dragon. The dragon definitely had to grow up in a unique environment since young or go through special training to become like this. Either way, the dragon was formidable and she had witnessed that.

Yan Bingyue didn't do anything, but three dark swirls emerged behind her.

Then, from the three swirls claws and limbs were extended.

Three ferocious and tall figures came out. The three pets were the ones she had summoned during her fight with Qin Shaotian.

Two pets of the demon family and the Crystal Ocean Dragon.

Both parties had summoned their pets. The judge looked at his watch and when the 30-second countdown ended, he announced that the match had begun.

At the same time, the two judges flew up, leaving the space to the two participants.

Here it comes!

The people in the audience held their breaths. Yan Bingyue focused her mind and put on a sneer. The moment the judge announced the start of the match, the Crystal Ocean Dragon took a step forward. The ground that the dragon touched froze up quickly and the ice was expanding.

As to the dragon's category, the Crystal Ocean Dragon was at a rank higher than that of the Moonfrost Dragon; it just so happened that the two dragons were both born to be able to use water-related skills! As such, the Crystal Ocean Dragon had the upper hand to easily crush the Moonfrost Dragon! At the same time, within the blink of an eye, the Moonfrost Dragon had finished performing the Goddess of Ice that covered up Su Lingyue and the Phantom Flame Beast.

The Moonfrost Dragon stood in front of the Goddess of Ice, leaving its back to Su Lingyue. Anyone who wanted to harm Su Lingyue would have to deal with the dragon first!

The temperature was dropping quickly. The profound coldness was spreading out from the Moonfrost Dragon. The ground under its feet was freezing and so was the seal around the stage. The thick layer of ice turned the seal into a wall of ice.

Huge spears grew out of the ice wall.

That was a sign that the Ice Prison was coming into shape! Same as before, the Moonfrost Dragon resorted to its strongest skill at the very beginning!

Yan Bingyue squinted. She had anticipated that this was going to happen. The Crystal Ocean Dragon stomped on the ground and the pieces of ice flew up, turning into an oval crystal shield that stood around Yan Bingyue, the dragon itself, and her two battle pets of the demon family.

Ice spears fired!

The ice spears were discharged as soon as they came into being, like missiles, and then they all landed on the crystal shield.

The entire stage was shaking. This was the third time that the audience had seen this skill. But still, they found it astonishing and all the ice spears were longer than ten meters, carrying destructive force.

The audience was startled; some people were even too afraid to watch what was going to happen to the crystal shield.

"Eh?"

Standing behind the crystal shield, Su Lingyue was able to feel the stage shaking; she could also hear the loud noises coming from the crystal shield. She stared at the crystal shield and to her dismay, she noticed how some cracks began to appear.

That power...

The Moonfrost Dragon could feel that the Hell Viper was quickly moving in to attack. A golden glow appeared in the Moonfrost Dragon's eyes as well as killing intent.

The wind suddenly sprang up around the Moonfrost Dragon. A massive figure appeared behind it. It was the Arrow of Wind!

The illusionary figure was holding the bow and a cyan arrow came into being.

The gale stopped the moment the arrow took shape. Then, a popping sound was heard when the arrow was discharged.

Roar!!

The Crystal Ocean Dragon bellowed as it built up a huge crystal wall in front of the Hell Viper.

Bang!!

The arrow bumped into the crystal wall. The ground was trembling and the noise was enough to wake the dead. Without any trace, no smoke nor dust, the Arrow of Wind disappeared!

On the other hand, the crystal shield was intact!

It shocked everyone.

The Moonfrost Dragon's Arrow of Wind was ineffective?!

Both Yin Fengxiao and Zhao Wuji breathed in relief. Then, they put on a meaningful smile and darted a knowing look to the head of the Ye family.

The meaning was, 'this skill had scared the wits out of your young master and he resigned directly.' But this is nothing for our Lady Yan!

The family head of the Ye family disregarded their look and kept on staring at the stage with a tight frown.

It was evident that the Moonfrost Dragon itself had failed to anticipate that the arrow could be rendered useless. The dragon stared at the Hell Viper that was meandering over from behind the crystal wall. All of a sudden, the Moonfrost Dragon felt danger approaching. It wasn't that the Moonfrost Dragon would be in danger. The dragon sensed that the viper would try to harm Su Lingyue! That realization ignited the killing intent in the Moonfrost Dragon's heart.

Roar!!

Rage occupied the Moonfrost Dragon's mind. Its eyes turned red as blood.

The illusionary figure behind the Moonfrost Dragon didn't vanish; it was becoming more substantial instead. This time, people could see a faint golden hue around the figure!

It raised its hand and pulled the string!

This time, the Arrow of Wind was purely golden in color!

A gale sprung forth and all the wind was traveling toward this arrow, which seemed to be able to suck in the air from even outside the seal!

That massive golden arrow was shining radiantly!

Both Yin Fengxiao and Zhao Wuji were stunned, then they turned pale.

All the family heads watched, nervously.

This was the one!

They had seen this from the video; they had a much clear sense of how terrifying the arrow was by being there! They observed with a shudder of horror. Even outside the seal, they could feel the destructive force in the arrow. Apart from the killing intent and the strength, there was something on the arrow that made them instinctively afraid!

It was as if the arrow had been discharged by the god of wind in person!

The arrow was formed and the string was pulled!

An unspeakable aura converged at the tip of the arrow. The quickly approaching Hell Viper suddenly shut its huge mouth and fear appeared in its eyes.

Death!

That was the feeling of death!

Roar!!

Stimulated by this fear, the Hell Viper screamed loudly. It stopped slithering, and quickly curled up and buried its head in its body.

The Crystal Ocean Dragon seemed to be stressed out as well. The dragon charged forth and at the same time, built up many crystal walls in front of the Hell Viper.

Bang!! There rose a noise in front of the arrow. The next second, the golden arrow was discharged.

The moment of that discharge, a strange and shrill cry came out but it was soon overwhelmed by the blasting noise in the air.

Bang, bang! The arrow touched the first crystal wall, which instantly fell into pieces. But the wall didn't manage to slow the arrow down. It was still piercing through the many crystal walls until it landed heavily on the curled-up Hell Viper. The over one-hundred-meter-long Hell Viper was blasted into several pieces that were flung backward.

The Nightmare Crafter caught one of the pieces.

The other pieces fell to the ground and were still wiggling!

The arrow had penetrated the Hell Viper, tearing it to pieces.

Maybe the walls did manage to slow the arrow down a bit, or maybe the arrow missed its target; the head of the Hell Viper remained in one piece. That being said, blood was oozing out from the cuts under the head.

Roar!!

The killing intent was still surging in the eyes of the Moonfrost Dragon. The second golden arrow was coming into being.

However, halfway through the process, the Moonfrost Dragon trembled, and then it turned its head back quickly, casting a glance at the Goddess of Ice.

There was a hole in it!!

The Moonfrost Dragon couldn't believe it.

The Moonfrost Dragon squinted its eyes!

At the same time, a man stood up from his seat!

Roar!

Instantly, the Moonfrost Dragon shouted a wild shout and threw itself backward.

Inside the Goddess of Ice, Su Lingyue blankly stared at the girl that stood in front of her. It was Yan Bingyue!

Yan Bingyue broke the Goddess of Ice and reached her!

What happened?

Su Lingyue couldn't think straight.

But from Yan Bingyue's strangely red eyes, Su Lingyue could sense that she was in danger.

Would she die?

That was the first thought that jumped into Su Lingyue's mind. But she remembered that at this stage, the rules stipulated that no killing was allowed.

As soon as that idea came into her mind, she thought of another possibility that she was even more afraid of.

She would not die. But, was she going to lose? She felt something was squeezing her heart as if wanting to make it stop pounding. At that moment, she wanted to cry. "I said that you were too vulnerable; you're nothing without this dragon." Yan Bingyue stared at her coldly and quickly wielded her shield.

The intent to take Su Lingyue's life was clear in Yan Bingyue's eyes.

Su Lingyue felt all of her hopes had turned into ashes. However, the next second, she suddenly bit her lips and gave out an order. At the same time, she mobilized her astral powers. All the augmentation skills that a student had to learn were unleashed.

Stall her!

That was the only thing on her mind. She could tell that the Moonfrost Dragon was still okay. As long as the dragon was still there...

Pff!

Blood blossomed in front of her.

Su Lingyue's mind had stopped working.

She opened her eyes wide; blood danced and fell onto her face.

The Phantom Flame Beast collapsed to the ground. There was a deep cut on its furry belly. The internal organs were falling out.

A Phantom Flame Beast that had combat strength equal to the eighth-rank was unable to last for one round?

"Hmm."

Yan Bingyue stood in front of Su Lingyue with the sword in her hand and a sneer on her face. At this moment, she was as powerful as a ninth-rank beast. She could even have killed the Bloody Servant!

"You are such a loser. You can only ask your battle pets to help you. How can you call yourself a battle pet warrior?" Yan Bingyue raised her sword. The moment the deafening sound reached her ears, she put her sword on Su Lingyue's neck. "You have lost!"

She gave her verdict.

Su Lingyue was unable to believe this.

Then, she looked up and a smile appeared on her deadly pale face.

Chapter 370 Elegy of the Dragon

"You're right. I am weak."

A touch of sadness was hiding in the smile on her face. She was talking to Yan Bingyue and at the same time, to herself.

Yan Bingyue was surprised by Su Lingyue's reaction.

The former became highly alerted.

She could tell that the roar was getting closer to her. She couldn't afford to let Su Lingyue continue. Yan Bingue circled behind Su Lingyue, keeping the sword on her neck. Yan Bingyue wiggled her sword a bit and a thin cut appeared on Su Lingyue's neck. That was a warning!

"Resign, or you will die!"

Hearing the cold voice coming from behind her, Su Lingyue put on an even bigger smile but sorrow was engraved in her eyes, as well as a trace of pride!

"Not even Frosty can protect me."

"I am the one who drags them down. No one can save me when I'm this weak."

"But..."

Su Lingyue slowly turned her head although the sword was still on her neck. She turned her head and stared at the cold but stunning face and that pair of blood-red eyes filled with killing intent.

In Su Lingyue's eyes, fear had disappeared. She was still wearing a smile, a smile that showed she was determined to face death unflinchingly.

Yan Bingyue stared blankly at the girl. "However weak I am, there is still someone that I want to protect..."

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She said, smilingly.

Then, she grabbed the sword by its blade.

Yan Bingyue squinted her eyes.

She suddenly realized what the girl was going to do.

"According to the rules, if you kill me, you would be disqualified..." Su Lingyue seemed to be relieved and at the same time, unwilling to let go of the world. Gazing at her shocked opponent, Su Lingyue whispered, "I am sorry, but we have to get the championship..." At that moment, what Su Lingyue was thinking about was the promise to win the championship.

About the words that Su Ping said to her at the branch venues during the mass selection.

You cannot be merciful!

You have to win the championship!

Or else the store's reputation would be jeopardized!

When that happened, their competitors would strike while the iron was still hot and their entire family could be in danger!

Unknowingly, she had remembered Su Ping's words and never questioned him.

Unknowingly, she had begun to respect and trust her older brother who she had once belittled!

It was because she had followed his advice that she had made it thus far.

But she had lost this time, indeed.

That being said, Xu Kuang was still there.

He was another one who bought the store's services.

Su Lingyue thought that if she could have Yan Bingyue disqualified, then there was a good chance that Xu Kuang could win first place.

Granted, she wouldn't be the champion but Xu Kuang could still help in salvaging some reputation for the store...

The only thing she could do right then was to drag Yan Bingyue down with her so that Xu Kuang didn't have to fight Yan Bingyue!

Yan Bingyue was astounded to see the determination to die in the eyes of the girl.

Is she crazy?

Was it even worthwhile just to win a prize?

What was the difference between the second place and the first place?

Yan Bingyue was fighting for the first place because that was always her only target.

But why would the girl be so fixated on the first place?

What was the point of winning the championship when she wouldn't even have a life for it?

Just for the vanity?!

That was insane!

Yan Bingyue found it hard to understand. As the initial stage of shock passed away, she became furious.

"Is this your last resort?" Yan Bingyue bit her teeth. Her eyes were full of contempt and anger. "You truly are a disappointing loser. Your death shall not be regretted!"

Su Lingyue remained calm. Nothing Yan Bingyue said could change her heart at this moment. No amount of ridicule would make her feel inferior anymore!

She had made up her mind.

The one last thing she wanted to do was to give another look at the person in the audience.

She wanted to look at her mom again.

Mom must be sitting in front of the TV and seeing her good-for-nothing daughter, Su Lingyue thought to herself. She bit even harder into her lips. Blood seeped into her mouth and she could feel the bitterness.

She didn't turn to the audience to have that one last look because she no longer had the time.

Bang!

She summoned her astral powers all of a sudden and threw herself at Yan Bingyue's sword as fast as she could.

"Hmm, I said your death shall not be regretted but do not, for a second, think that you can kill yourself so easily in front of me!"

Yan Bingyue grinned a sardonic grin. She twisted her sword and cut off the fingers Su Lingyue used to grip the sword. Then, Yan Bingyue took her sword back and waved her hand.

She slapped Su Lingyue. Su Lingyue's cheek turned red and swollen. Several teeth fell out, with traces of blood on them.

Yan Bingyue used so much strength that Su Lingyue felt her brain was buzzing and her eyes lost focus for a second. She was merely at the fifth rank. If it weren't for the fact that she had started to work on the Glaze Bulwark, which had strengthened her physical quality, that slap would have knocked her unconscious.

Yan Bingyue raised her hand and grabbed Su Lingyue's hair.

Whoosh!

Yan Bingyue dashed over and used her sword to cut through the other side of the Goddess of Ice!

Bang. Almost at the exact same time, the Moonfrost Dragon had smashed down on where the two girls were. The entire Goddess of Ice cracked.

Roar!!

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The dragon shouted in fury. However, the dragon saw the person that the girl held in her hand. At that sight, the dragon held down the urge to run forward and stopped.

Over a dozen meters away, Yan Bingyue stood there and she was dragging Su Lingyue with her hand. She had sheathed her sword. She yanked Su Lingyue's hair in one hand, standing in the world of ice proudly.

Without the protection of the Goddess of Ice, everyone was seeing this.

Silence fell in the venue.

Everyone was struck dumb with astonishment. No one could believe this.

No one could believe that Yan Bingyue could break a ninth-rank defensive skill without leaving a trace and subdue Su Lingyue within an instant.

Ever since the first battle, Su Lingyue had been relying on her dragon; she had never revealed her strength.

However, since Ye Longtian and Qin Shaotian had demonstrated formidable combat skills, some had come to the belief that Su Lingyue was quite the fighter herself.

But since her dragon could take care of everything, she didn't need to step forward. But the truth was...

She was dragged away like a dead dog. That scene confused many.

Yan Bingyue was powerful. But how come Su Lingyue had no ability to fight back at all?!

Su Lingyue's fans were unwilling to believe this. They were equally sad and surprised.

"You want to die..."

Yan Bingyue heaved a sigh of relief when she saw the dragon stopped on the spot. She put on a grin, flew up and yanked Su Lingyue's hair, dragging her off the ground as well.

She was flying!

Everyone was as mute as a fish!

Countless people stood up out of instinct!

She was... a titled battle pet warrior?!!

Even some participants, including Xu Kuang, Qin Shaotian, as well as the teachers from the famous academies were standing up, watching this unimaginable scene.

Flying was unique to titled battle pet warriors. But they were seeing a girl doing it right there. Yan Bingyue was using that skill!

Was she a titled battle pet warrior?

The family heads' frowns tightened but they seemed to be less shocked. They all noticed the strange energy patterns in Yan Bingyue's skin. They had developed a theory. They could tell that she was flying because of a special method. In fact, flying was not exclusive to titled battle pet warriors. There were many secret skills that a person could use to fly but they were rare. That was why people usually thought flying was unique to titled battle pet warriors.

The two judges raised their guards. They looked at each other and saw how they shared the same fear. This girl was intimidating!

Yan Bingyue flew up to the sky.

She slowly stopped. She looked around and saw how stunned everyone was. She grinned a scornful grin. The puny people from this small place do lack experience and knowledge. "You would rather die to have me disqualified. You are crazy, there's definitely something wrong with your brain. Let me make sure of it then!"

Yan Bingyue's smile was cruel. "There is something much more painful than death. What do you think if I take your clothes off and then cut you with my sword, piece by piece?"

In her hand, Su Lingyue's cheek was swollen and her eyes milky. Upon hearing this threat, clarity came back to her eyes. She turned pale. This was too much of a humiliation.

She stared at the dragon on the stage. Suddenly, she thought of an idea.

She gave an order.

Attack!

The Moonfrost Dragon could not believe this was the order. The killing intent ebbed in its eyes and in its place was sorrow and indignation.

The Moonfrost Dragon's mind was not sophisticated enough to understand that this was a competition. The dragon merely knew that this was a fight.

There would be deaths and blood in a fight.

At the moment, the dragon could feel that its master could die at any time.

Sadness, anger, and frustration occupied the heart of the Moonfrost Dragon. It was no longer a furious wrath. It was an endless pain. The Moonfrost Dragon was not moving. Su Lingyue was surprised. For a moment, she was not sure if she should be angry or happy. But soon, she pulled a long face and yelled on her mind, "Attack!"

The Moonfrost Dragon was trembling. The order came through from the contract. The dragon could feel that its body was going to follow the order uncontrollably.

But it couldn't do this!!

You are my only master. How could I attack you!!

It was my fault that I could not protect you. How could I destroy you?

Forgive me but I cannot do this!!

Roar!!!

The Moonfrost Dragon suddenly shouted a deafening shout. It fought back the compelling force of the contract. The dragon was shaking and its scales were falling.

There were two results when a battle pet went against the order. Either the master would be hurt, physically and spiritually, or the battle pet would have to shoulder consequences and lose its life!

The Moonfrost Dragon was choosing the latter.

It could no longer allow any more harm to befall onto Su Lingyue when it had already failed to protect her!

Su Lingyue froze when she saw blood coming out from the Moonfrost Dragon!

That was a scene that dumbfounded countless others.

The dragon...

It was choosing the second way. It would rather lose its life than carrying out its master's orders!!

Yan Bingyue was just as surprised as anyone else. She never expected that the relationship between the dragon and Su Lingyue would be so deep! "No!!"

Tears coursed down her cheeks. Su Lingyue lost control and cried out loud.

What did she do?

What the hell did she do!!

She immediately canceled the order but the effect of disobeying her order continued to cut through the Moonfrost Dragon!

Its towering figure shook and finally, the dragon got down on its knees.

Ever since the Moonfrost Dragon's first appearance on the stage, the dragon had been showing the audience unmatchable strength. But in front of its master, in front of everyone, the dragon fell to its knees.

Like a heavy-armored knighting, the dragon knelt in front of its master, saving the last piece of dignity!

"Please, no!!!"

Su Lingyue shouted in tears.

Yan Bingyue looked away from the dragon and glared at Su Lingyue even more coldly. "That is the result of your actions. I'm so sorry for your dragon, having you as master. Do you want vanity? Do you want first place? Let everyone see how you save your dignity!"

Yan Bingyue put her hand on Su Lingyue's clothes. She was going to rip her clothes apart.

It was at that moment when Su Lingyue had a strange feeling

It was an odd feeling that made her shudder with fear. It was as if a viper had snuck into her heart. She was forced to stop.

In the meanwhile, someone shouted, word by word, in a deep but violent voice.

"Let, go, of, her!"

It was like a demon was crying in hell.

That profound evil feeling made everyone turn their gazes from the dragon to the source of that voice.

A person was flying on its way to the seal.

A titled battle pet warrior?

It was inevitable that people would pay attention when a titled battle pet warrior came forward.

Zhou Tianlin and Zhou Tianguang were scared when they saw who the person that said those words was. They were getting a bad feeling.

"Eh?" Yin Fengxiao frowned. He could feel the energy in the person who was flying. The energy was not usually produced by titled battle pet warriors. Even if it was indeed a titled battle pet warrior, he had spoken rudely to Lady Yan. That had upset Yin Fengxiao.

"Teacher!"

Xu Kuang stood up instantly and stared at Su Ping, dumbstruck. He was aware that Su Ping was strong but unaware of the fact that he had reached the titled rank.

Qin Shaotian, Ye Longtian, as well as Mu Yuanshou were all taken aback.

Inside the seal, Yan Bingyue stood in the air. She saw this person flying toward the seal. The fact that the person was a young man surprised her but then she remembered there were secret ways for one to maintain a youthful look.

Yan Bingyue sneered. So, he was Su Lingyue's connection.

Yan Bingyue found it natural that Su Lingyue would be helped by a titled battle pet warrior when she, such a weak girl, could have such a powerful dragon.

But a titled battle pet warrior meant nothing to her.

"He is your family, right?"

Yan Bingyue glared at Su Lingyue. "You had your chance to resign. But, that offer is off the table now."

She paid no heed to the person outside the seal. She raised her hand, ready to slap Su Lingyue's other cheek. She was going to crush Su Lingyue's dignity.

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That was the price Su Lingyue had to pay after upsetting her.

But her hand stopped in the air. She was sensing a life-threatening danger. It was as if she had become the target of a monster.

When she was trained in that place, this was a feeling that she usually got. But it had been a long time since she felt it, because she had become strong enough.

She looked up at that person. The first thing that jumped into her eyes was a pair of bloody-red eyes that spoke of his anger.

The seal was like a prison.

She was inside the seal but she felt she was outside the prison which held a vicious beast.

All of a sudden, she was almost glad that the seal was there.

But that gladness disappeared the next second.

"I told you... to let go of her!!"

The beast-bellowing-like voice reached her ears from outside the seal. Abruptly, Su Ping punched the seal forcefully!

His fist glowed radiantly as he threw the punch!

Bang!!!

The entire seal began to shake and then collapsed. The energy escaped as a huge hole appeared in the seal!