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Chapter 1421: Shen Yanxiao's Plan (3)

Shen Yanxiao looked at the sobbing Taotie in surprise. She did not expect that her probing question would cause Taotie to cry out loud.

Looking at Taotie's crying face, Shen Yanxiao's heart clenched tightly. She once again recalled Vermilion Bird's appearance when he cried by her bed. At that time, je was also heartbroken and in despair.

It was rare that Vermilion Bird was not insulting Taotie. Instead, he quietly stood on one side and looked at the foodie who was crying like a child.

To be fair, Taotie's nature was not bad, but he was too one-track minded when it came to his actions. He was just like a child.

"Stop crying. It's so ugly." Vermilion Bird bit his lips and tore off a corner of his sleeve and threw it to Taotie. "Wipe it off. It's so ugly."

However, Taotie still held onto Shen Yanxiao's clothes and shook his head with all his might.

Shen Yanxiao patted Taotie's head. "I have to go."

Taotie sniffled and asked pitifully, "Can you take me with you?"

"..." Wasn't he too easy to fool? Before Shen Yanxiao could speak, Taotie had already planned to leave with her.

"Rest assured, I will not cause trouble for you. I-I can sign a contract with you. In that case, you don't have to worry about me being disobedient." Taotie looked at Shen Yanxiao with tears in his eyes. He was afraid that Shen Yanxiao would abandon him.

"..." The plot was starting to unfold! Shen Yanxiao was thoroughly speechless.

"Sign my ass! She already has me! Don't even think about it!" Vermilion Bird, who had just felt a little sympathy for Taotie, immediately exploded when he heard that Taotie wanted to snatch his master.

Idiot! Idiot!

As expected, he hated Taotie the most!

"I can only sign with one magical beast, so I cannot sign a contract with you. However, if you really wish to follow me, you can sign a contract with my brother." Shen Yanxiao smiled as she looked at the little foodie slowly walking into her trap. Things were progressing much smoother than she expected.

Taotie blinked.

"Will your brother feed me?"

"Yes, he is a good person," Shen Yanxiao smiled and said.

Vermilion Bird snorted.

Good person?

Shen Yanxiao was probably the only one who could describe a killing god that was good at tearing people apart with his bare hands as a good person.

However, as long as his master was not about to be snatched, he was too lazy to care about anything.

In any case, they were both annoying people; it was a perfect match in heaven.

"Then I'll sign a contract with your brother." Taotie obediently nodded. He did not mind selling himself at all.

Shen Yanxiao smiled happily. It was such an accomplishment to successfully fool a holy beast.

"Oh right, how can I sign the contract?" Taotie suddenly asked.

He had never signed a contract with anyone, so he was completely blank about that.

"Vermilion Bird, teach him." Shen Yanxiao was in a good mood. She smiled and asked Vermilion Bird to tutor Taotie.

Vermilion Bird unwillingly ran over to explain the method of signing the contract to Taotie. Taotie was in a daze as he listened. He even had the urge to slap him to death.

"Idiot! Use your source to link with your master's mental energy and form a contract, do you understand?!" Vermilion Bird practically roared.

With tears in the corner of his eyes, Taotie nodded pitifully. In order not to be scolded by Vermilion Bird again, he could only attempt to experiment with his source energy, and test subject of the experiment was Shen Yanxiao...

When Taotie attempted to make contact with Shen Yanxiao's mental energy, he felt that his source energy was continuously spreading towards her mental energy.

Chapter 1422: Shen Yanxiao's Plan (4)

Shen Yanxiao suddenly felt a force invading her mental energy. Moreover, it was extremely powerful, making her feel uncomfortable.

"Idiot! Stop it!" Vermilion Bird who had signed a contract with Shen Yanxiao suddenly discovered an additional power in his mind. Only then did he realize that Taotie, who was experimenting, was incapable of controlling the power of origin. He was no longer just experimenting, but instead, he was actually signing a contract with Shen Yanxiao!

"Wu..." Taotie did not know what he had done wrong. Vermilion Bird's scolding made him instinctively want to withdraw his origin power. However, he discovered that his origin power had fused with Shen Yanxiao, and that he could not break it apart.

A person could only sign a contract with one magical beast. Otherwise, their mental energy would collapse because the load they would bear would be too much.

The invasion of Taotie's source made Shen Yanxiao feel as if her head was about to explode. The tremendous pain made her fall to the ground with a pale face.

Vermilion Bird was burning with anxiety. If this continued, Shen Yanxiao's mind would be severely damaged!

"Idiot! You will kill her! Hurry up and interrupt the contract!" Vermilion Bird roared at Taotie as if he had gone crazy.

Taotie seemed to have also realized the severity of the matter, as he tried his best to restrain himself. However, he was not familiar with the process of signing a contract, so even if he wanted to, he could not stop.

Shen Yanxiao broke out in a cold sweat. Vermilion Bird was about to go crazy.

Just then, Xiu suddenly came out from Shen Yanxiao's body and condensed his body in the dungeon.

Xiu pulled Shen Yanxiao into his arms and gently covered her forehead with his slender palms.

"Right now, Taotie cannot interrupt the contract and can only complete it fully." A trace of seriousness appeared on Xiu's indifferent face.

No one expected that Taotie's attempt would bring about such a huge problem. Right now, Taotie's origin source and Shen Yanxiao's mental energy had fused together by almost fifty percent. If forcefully interrupted, not only would Taotie's origin source be damaged, but the source left in Shen Yanxiao's mental energy would also bring about great harm to her.

Therefore, there was only one choice!

Completed the contract!

"What a joke! She can't bear the origin of two magical beasts! There's no human in this world that can accept the origin of two magical beasts. That would kill her!" Vermilion Bird looked angrily at Xiu.

Xiu narrowed his eyes and calmly said, "Others can't, but she can. I will help her. Vermilion Bird, use your mental energy to infiltrate Xiaoxiao's mind and help Taotie complete the contract. You must use your source to protect Xiaoxiao's mind from Taotie. I will also use my power to control Taotie's power."

The reason why Xiu dared to do so was because Shen Yanxiao herself was a special existence. She possessed the power of seven races. Moreover, he had also infused the power of gods into her not long ago. Right now, Shen Yanxiao's mental energy had far exceeded every human in existence, making it not entirely impossible for her to sign a contract with two magical beasts.

However, the risk involved was too great, so Xiu had to cooperate with Vermilion Bird to ensure Shen Yanxiao's safety.

Looking at Shen Yanxiao's pale face, Xiu's heart could not help but sink.

He was used to Shen Yanxiao smiling like a flower all day long. He did not want to see her in such pain.

"As long as I am here, I will never let anything happen to you," Xiu promised in a low voice.

Chapter 1423: Stay With Me Forever (1)

Shen Yanxiao felt as if she had slept and was full of energy.

She opened her eyes and saw a pair of golden eyes similar to the sun.

Her heart skipped a beat.

"Xiu?"

"Are you feeling unwell?" Xiu asked in a low voice as he looked at Shen Yanxiao's puzzled expression.

"I'm not feeling unwell." Shen Yanxiao blinked. All of a sudden, she realized that she was lying in Xiu's embrace, and her face flushed red.

She wanted to get up, but Xiu held her tight.

"..."

"You've just completed the contract with Taotie, so your body is still weak." Xiu's voice did not have any fluctuations, but it made Shen Yanxiao's heartbeat speed up.

"Taotie and I?" Shen Yanxiao was stunned. How did she complete the contract with Taotie?

"Taotie couldn't control his side of the contract. Fortunately, your mental energy is strong enough. However, you have to be careful during this period of time. You cannot randomly use your mental energy," Xiu softly instructed.

Shen Yanxiao was speechless. Taotie was the holy beast she had prepared for Lan Fengli!

Why did he sign a contract with her?

Didn't that mean she already had two contracted magical beasts?

Shen Yanxiao turned around and looked at Taotie who was sitting in the cage. He looked at Shen Yanxiao with a guilty conscience, just like a kid who had done something wrong.

Vermilion Bird stood by Taotie's side with an angry posture.

If not to save Shen Yanxiao, how could he possibly allow Taotie to become her contracted magical beast?

The moment he thought that this idiot Taotie had snatched his master, Vermilion Bird wished he could chop him into pieces.

"After you sign a contract with Taotie, you can directly summon him into your body. You don't have to think of ways to undo the enchantment anymore," Xiu said.

Taotie had profited from a disaster. Not only was he bound to Shen Yanxiao, but he could also leave the cage at any time. However...

Taotie looked at the fierce Vermilion Bird on one side, not daring to reveal any joy.

"Oh." Shen Yanxiao nodded in a daze. Being hugged by Xiu, she felt that something was amiss. Her body was so hot that it was about to burst into flames.

She continuously twisted her body, wanting to dissipate that heat.

Xiu noticed Shen Yanxiao's actions. He lowered his head and looked at Shen Yanxiao who was blushing in his arms.

Shen Yanxiao did not dare to move as Xiu's gaze was fixed on her.

"You have to get used to it," Xiu said.

"What?" Shen Yanxiao did not understand.

"I don't have any body heat right now. You may feel uncomfortable, but you'll get used to it when I get my body back." Xiu said directly.

"What?" Shen Yanxiao was even more confused.

Xiu did not explain further. "You are the first and last."

"What... what are you talking about?" Shen Yanxiao's heartbeat suddenly sped up.

"In this world, will you stay with me forever?" Xiu looked at Shen Yanxiao, and his cold facial features seemed to have become gentle at that moment.

Shen Yanxiao's heartbeat stopped at that moment. She looked at Xiu, at this powerful soul that had been by her side since her rebirth, her heart in chaos.

"I-I won't live that long," Shen Yanxiao panicked and subconsciously said these words.

Xiu slightly curled his lips. For tens of millions of years, this War God that stood at the peak of all living beings revealed his first smile since he was born.

"I have passed on my divine power to you. In this world, as long as I am alive, you will not die. Are you willing to follow me down this path?"

Chapter 1424: Stay With Me Forever (2)

Shen Yanxiao looked at Xiu in surprise. Everything happened so suddenly and yet, it was reasonable.

It was not as if Shen Yanxiao did not notice it. Xiu's attitude towards her had become increasingly gentle, and the amount of time he had conversations with her had also increased.

Every time she woke up from an injury, the first person she saw would always be him.

She dared to cause trouble for the common people, perhaps because she knew deep down that no matter how powerful the enemy she encountered or what difficulties she would face, Xiu was always behind her.

If she lived, he would live.

If she died, he would die.

"You can refuse," Xiu suddenly said.

Shen Yanxiao was surprised.

"But I won't let go." Xiu smiled. His handsome face was so beautiful that the world lost its color in an instant.

"I don't care about anything in this world. I don't care if I live or die. I don't care if I am a god or a devil. I will do what I have to do. But there is nothing that I want to do from the bottom of my heart. Only you." Xiu looked at Shen Yanxiao and for the first time, he revealed the words that he had buried deep in his heart.

This might be the first time Xiu had said what was inside his heart, but it would only be open to one person in his life.

"I have always felt that humans are a very fragile race. When I realized that my soul was residing in a human's body, I felt that everything was too absurd. Until that day, when your soul awakened, I saw an interesting human. I began to wonder how far this little guy filled with raw desire could grow. I did not know when I was moved, but since it exists, I shall comply with it. Xiaoxiao, do you accept or reject my feelings?" Xiu looked at Shen Yanxiao and waited for her answer.

Perhaps his words were too sudden, but he did not want to wait any longer.

After he saw Shen Yanxiao's deathly pale complexion twice in a row, Xiu felt as if his heart had been pierced by a sharp sword. He did not want to suffer from that feeling again.

He did not care about anything in the world. Even the demise of the God race did not touch his nerves in the slightest. However, when he saw Shen Yanxiao's pale face, he experienced fear for the first time. Shen Yanxiao was the only one he did not want to lose.

As Shen Yanxiao listened to Xiu's explanation, her heart felt as if it would jump out from her chest the very next second.

Xiu... Xiu... confessed to her!

Shen Yanxiao felt as if her heart was about to explode. Her mind was blank, and she was so shocked that she could not speak.

Accept or reject?

Shen Yanxiao subconsciously wanted to choose the latter. However...

She... she... she could really... be with Xiu...

Shen Yanxiao was an idiot when it came to relationships. She did not have any experience in relationships in her previous life, and she had been busy improving her abilities in this life. She had never thought about romantic relationships.

However, she did not dislike Xiu. In fact, she did not have any negative feelings towards Xiu's words, and there seemed to be a trace of...

Excitement?

Xiu was too powerful for Shen Yanxiao. She had never thought that she and Xiu would end up together.

In Shen Yanxiao's eyes, Xiu was omnipotent.

There seemed to be nothing in the world that could stump him.

He was the War God and the last god of the world.

"You've already said that rejection is invalid, and it's useless even if I were to reject." Shen Yanxiao softly muttered with a flushed face. However, her complaint was filled with unconcealable joy.

Chapter 1425: Stay With Me Forever (3)

Xiu smiled, and Shen Yanxiao felt intoxicated.

Was this god really going to belong to her?

Shen Yanxiao felt that she did not suffer any losses. Instead, she felt as if she a-had gotten the best out of the deal.

She dared to guarantee that no man in the world could compare to Xiu in appearance!

Handsome! Powerful!

Was she trying to hit the jackpot?

"You are not allowed to laugh!" Shen Yanxiao mustered her courage and glared at Xiu's smiling face.

Xiu raised his brow.

"If you continue laughing, I won't be able to breathe." Shen Yanxiao's voice weakened. It was not that her resistance was weak, but her opponent's smile was too lethal!

"Alright." Xiu restrained his smile and was suddenly exceptionally easy to talk to.

So easy to talk to?

Shen Yanxiao felt helpless.

She gritted her teeth and stretched out her hand. Her fingertips trembled as she caressed Xiu's handsome face.

"I-I don't know if I like you. I've never been in contact with love, but I won't reject your approach. If I had to choose among all the people I know, I would choose you because you are the only one that can make me at a loss." Shen Yanxiao tried hard to stabilize her breath. God knew how much courage she had used to say those words.

The moment she said that, Shen Yanxiao regretted it.

Because at that moment, she clearly sensed her feelings for Xiu.

It was as if a small stone had been thrown into a tranquil lake, and it was no longer peaceful.

"No... I think... I like you..." Shen Yanxiao blushed and mustered her courage to meet Xiu's eyes.

The cold touch under her fingertips brought about a great sense of familiarity.

Even though it was so cold, it made her feel at ease.

This so-called love was nothing more than trust after an exciting mission.

She knew that as long as he was here, she could be fearless.

Such complete trust was not without reason.

Xiu looked at Shen Yanxiao and raised his hand to stroke her hair. "I am glad that God sent you to my side. If the Lord God is still here, I must thank him."

Thank you for letting him meet Shen Yanxiao. Thank you for letting his heart that had been frozen for tens of millions of years feel moved for the first time.

It turned out that liking someone was such a wonderful thing.

Looking at her smile and listening to her voice, he felt extremely at ease.

It was as if nothing in this world could compare to her smile.

"If you do not abandon me, I will always be by your side in life and in death." After he said that, Xiu lowered his head and gently planted a kiss on Shen Yanxiao's lips.

With a kiss, no one in the world could harm her from now on.

A pair for life.

He would accompany her for the rest of her life and watch the clouds roll by.

"If you dare to go back on your words, I will chase you to the ends of the world." Shen Yanxiao blushed and suddenly stretched out her arms. She wrapped her arms around Xiu's neck and nervously and shyly deepened the kiss.

Xiu's smile faded into a deep kiss. He hugged the little girl in his arms and felt satisfaction for the first time. It was as if everything in the world was in his arms.

Even though she was still young, he had plenty of time. He would personally see her grow up to the extent she could become his wife.

He would use the most sacred wedding of the God race to marry her and establish an eternal contract with her in the last temple of the God race.

Xiaoxiao, I'll wait for you to grow up.

Chapter 1426: Stay With Me Forever (4)

When the kiss ended, Shen Yanxiao's face was flushed red. However, she did not shy away. Instead, she hugged Xiu's neck.

"Wait for me for three years. I will marry you when I grow up." Shen Yanxiao wanted to say that she wanted to bind Xiu to her as her husband. However, she was now only fourteen and a half years old. She would only be fifteen years old in a few months.

Even though marriage between fifteen to sixteen years old was common in this world, Shen Yanxiao stubbornly believed that only reaching adulthood at the age of eighteen could she...

Well, she was evil.

"Sure." Xiu pressed his forehead against Shen Yanxiao's and softly agreed.

With an eternity ahead of them, he was not afraid of waiting.

No need to mention three years.

Even if it was thirty years or three hundred years, he would still wait.

"If you want to dote on me in the future, don't shout at me." Shen Yanxiao had already started to plan for the future.

"Sure." Xiu agreed without any hesitation.

"You have to bring me to your territory. I will be the mistress there."

"Sure."

"Do you know how humans confess? They are used to saying three..."

"I love you."

Shen Yanxiao was stunned. Looking at the man before her, she suddenly felt like crying.

"Idiot, you're so easy to talk to. You'll be bullied to death by me in the future." Shen Yanxiao lowered her eyes as her heart warmed up.

"I've never allowed anyone to bully me. But if it were you, I would gladly endure it," Xiu whispered.

"Idiot." Shen Yanxiao wanted to laugh and cry at the same time. This god that had been cold for thousands of years had given her the only gentle part of his heart without holding back.

How fortunate she was.

"After we return to the Brilliance Continent and tide through the beast tide, shall we go and retrieve your body?" Shen Yanxiao hugged Xiu. She was used to this body without any body heat, but she hoped that Xiu could recover his true body.

"Sure."

Shen Yanxiao smiled. She found Xiu interesting.

This cold god was so gentle.

His show of gentleness only belonged to her, and no one could snatch it away.

The silence was indeed the most touching.

That was until Vermilion Bird could no longer stand it and kicked Taotie away. After that, Taotie cried out, interrupting the warming atmosphere between the couple.

"Why did you kick me again?" Taotie pouted. Ever since he met Vermilion Bird, he had been abusing him for no reason. He did not do anything just now.

"I am happy, bite me!" Vermilion Bird unhappily snorted.

No one knew Shen Yanxiao's feelings better than him. The mental link between him and Shen Yanxiao allowed him to clearly feel the joy and happiness in her heart.

However...

Vermilion Bird was unhappy!

There was another person who wanted to snatch his master. What was more hateful was that?!

Moreover, this guy was too strong!

He could not defeat him!

Vermilion Bird was filled with resentment.

Shen Yanxiao stood up from Xiu's embrace with a flushed face. The shyness in her eyes was no longer there. However, when she stood up, she noticed that the feeling on her body was very intriguing. There seemed to be a huge surge of energy in her body.

"Why do I feel weird?" Shen Yanxiao asked Xiu.

Xiu rubbed her head and said, "You signed a contract with Taotie, and his strength helped you break through the sixth seal. Right now, there's only the last remaining seal left on your body."

Chapter 1427: Tree of Life (1)

The undoing of Shen Yanxiao's seal indicated that she was about to leave the Moon GOd Continent and return to the Brilliance Continent.

Shen Yanxiao, who only had one seal left, started to miss her friends who stayed in the Brilliance Continent.

However, she had another task to complete.

That was to find Wen Ya and Shen Yu.

Duan Xue had been investigating the situation around the Tree of Life. Every time she met Shen Yanxiao, she would give her new information.

One and a half months later, when Duan Xue and Shen Yanxiao met again, he brought her some accurate information.

"That day, I met the human by the Elf King's side. I can confirm that she is Wen Ya."

Shen Yanxiao took a deep breath and looked at Duan Xue. Even though this conjecture was already in her mind, she was still shocked when she heard about Wen Ya.

"This is the arrangement around the Tree of Life. If you wish to sneak in, I advise you to give up. There are special elves constantly guarding around the Tree of Life for twenty-four hours. Moreover, there are spirit beasts that possess extremely strong perception there. As long as any unfamiliar aura approaches, they will send a warning to the elves." Duan Xue handed the map she had personally drawn to Shen

Yanxiao. The Tree of Life was too tightly guarded, so even if Shen Yanxiao had a stealth potion, it would be hard to escape.

Moreover, if Shen Yanxiao's target was Wen Ya, then she must approach the Elf King.

It was practically impossible to approach the Elf King without getting discovered.

Shen Yanxiao narrowed her eyes. With the map, it was not difficult for her to sneak into the Tree of Life. Even if there were spirit beasts with strong perception as guards, she had potions that could conceal her aura.

However, just as Duan Xue was worried, Shen Yanxiao could not approach Wen Ya even if she could approach the Tree of Life. That was because she had the most powerful elf in the Lunar Continent by her side—the Elf King.

All of a sudden, a bold plan formed in Shen Yanxiao's mind. She looked at Duan Xue and said.

"Duan Xue, I need your help with something."

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The Tree of Life was located in the center of Moonshine City. Around the Tree of Life, it had been closely guarded. The sharpest elves in the Silvermoon Guards were all stationed there.

These elves were directly under the command of the Chief Commander, Fen Chu. Even Mo Yu and the rest had no right to question him.

The Saintess and the Elders had to go through three checkpoints before they could enter and exit the Tree of Life. At that moment, most of the Saintesses had just returned from getting the items they had requested.

A gentle figure slowly walked towards the first round of inspection, and the elf who stood guard at the site allowed the other party to stop before the inspection as per usual.

"Name?" The elf guard asked.

"Duan Xue," the gentle elf smiled and said.

The elf guard took out the documents with Duan Xue's name on it. Other than the portrait of Duan Xue, there was also some information about her.

The elf guard carefully compared the portrait with Duan Xue and observed her height and physique. After ensuring that there were no discrepancies with the data, he allowed her in.

Duan Xue smiled at him and continued to walk inside.

Not far away, she saw the spirit beast standing by the elf guarding the second checkpoint.

Duan Xue narrowed his eyes, and an unusual sharpness flickered in her eyes.

If an elf who was familiar with Duan Xue saw this abnormality, they would be extremely surprised. How did this elf who was usually extremely gentle suddenly possess such a sharp gaze?

That expression did not seem to belong to Duan Xue. It was more like the crafty appearance of some heartless thief.

Chapter 1428: Tree of Life (2)

"Xiu, do you think those spirit beasts will notice my abnormality?" Before the second round of inspection, a certain little devil in disguise stopped and asked her quasi 'fiance' in the heart lake with a guilty conscience.

"You can rest assured with me here." Xiu reassured Shen Yanxiao.

That's right.

The one standing in front of the checkpoint was not Duan Xue, but Shen Yanxiao in disguise.

It was too difficult to sneak into the Tree of Life. Even if Shen Yanxiao had the confidence to enter the surroundings of the Tree of Life, she did not have the confidence to look for Wen Ya. After all, Duan Xue mentioned that the Elf King would occasionally appear during the day.

If Shen Yanxiao were to sneak in at night, she could only go to the Elf King's residence. However, that was an absolute restricted area, and Duan Xue had not been able to figure out the situation there for more than a month.

Therefore, Shen Yanxiao could only think of a horrifying method.

Exchange identities with Duan Xue!

Shen Yanxiao would transform into Duan Xue and enter the surroundings of the Tree of Life, waiting for an opportunity for occur.

During this period, Duan Xue would disguise herself as Shen Yanxiao and guard Taotie.

Before she left, Shen Yanxiao had instructed Taotie to cooperate with Duan Xue. Moreover, she had given Taotie the interspatial ring that contained food and told him to eat it by himself when Duan Xue and An Ran were not paying attention.

After everything was prepared, Shen Yanxiao transformed into Duan Xue with Xiu's help. Xiu could even change her aura, even Vermilion Bird could not detect any abnormalities.

"Then I shall go." Shen Yanxiao took a deep breath and walked towards the second checkpoint.

However, at that very moment, she suddenly sensed an unfamiliar aura approaching her.

"Duan Xue!" A pretty female elf suddenly dashed to Shen Yanxiao's side.

Shen Yanxiao was surprised and looked at the elf.

She had seen this elf before. He was the elf who stood by Duan Xue's side when they met in Moonshine City.

Duan Xue mentioned that the rooms of Saintnesses were divided into two types according to the arrangement of the Tree of Life. The elf in front of her was called Shi Dan, and she was Duan Xue's partner to take care of the Tree of Life.

"Xiao Dan? You didn't go back?" Shen Yanxiao was surprised. Every time Duan Xue went back, she would meet with her at a later time. At that time, the other Saintesses should have passed all the checkpoints.

Why was Shi Dan still here?

Shi Dan looked at Duan Xue with a smile. "I was waiting for you."

"Waiting for me?" Shen Yanxiao was puzzled. She had not heard Duan Xue mention that there was such an agreement between her and Shi Dan.

"Hehe, Duan Xue, did you meet with your little lover today? Seriously, when are you going to let me meet him? I can also keep an eye on him for you." Shi Dan held Shen Yanxiao's hand and chuckled.

What, a lover?!

Shen Yanxiao was speechless.

Xiu raised his eyebrows.

"Don't be so shy. Didn't I promise you not to tell the other elves? You come back so late every time you go out to purchase items. I was afraid that the other elves would discover something, so I waited here for you to go back with me." Shi Dan's smile was sincere. She was doing this for Duan Xue's sake.

Shen Yanxiao soon guessed why this was happening.

She reckoned that Duan Xue was discovered by Shi Dan, as she was always the last to return. Therefore, she casually found an excuse to meet her 'lover' and fooled her.

Chapter 1429: Tree of Life (3)

"Thank you." Shen Yanxiao imitated Duan Xue's smile to perfection.

"But I say, is it really okay for you to be like this right now? I heard that the Elf King is about to choose a wife soon. If you were to be selected..." Shi Dan did not finish her sentence but everyone knew that once the Elf King had chosen a wife, there was no turning back.

From Shi Dan's point of view, Duan Xue had a gentle personality, and she was also very beautiful. She was also well-mannered. She could be considered as one of the best among the Saintesses.

"There are many Saintesses who are better than me. He would not choose me." Shen Yanxiao smiled. Stop joking. Duan Xue was the candidate she had internally selected as her third aunt. How could she let the Elf King snatch her away?

"Just pay attention to yourself. After the Elf King selects his wife, you can reveal your relationship with your lover." Shi Dan smiled and said. She had a lively personality and liked gentle women like Duan Xue.

Before the Elf King chose a wife, the Saintesses could not get married on their own. However, once the Elf King got married, they could marry a male elf from the Silvermoon Guards.

After passing the last two checkpoints with Shi Dan, the spirit beasts and elves did not notice anything amiss with Shen Yanxiao.

Entering the area of the Tree of Life, Shen Yanxiao could see the huge tree right in front of her eyes. It was so tall that she could not even see the top of the tree.

No wonder even Taotie said that the Tree of Life was huge.

At such a close distance, Shen Yanxiao could feel the purest life force surging in the air. The life force here was even purer than the seventh floor of the Pure Spirit Tower.

Duan Xue and Shi Dan were responsible for irrigating the Tree of Life. Every day, they would fetch water from the moonlight spring by the Tree of Life and irrigate the roots of the Tree of Life. As the Tree of Life was huge, there were more than ten Saintesses responsible for irrigating it.

Shen Yanxiao tried her best to play the role of Duan Xue. She knew that if any mistakes were to happen, she would not be the only one to suffer. Even Duan Xue might be implicated.

After observing the Tree of Life at a close distance, Shen Yanxiao finally realized how huge it was. At the same time, she carefully observed the situation of the Tree of Life. On the canopy branches, she keenly noticed a few withered leaves.

Such a situation was absolutely abnormal on the Tree of Life.

"Have you noticed it too?" Shi Dan stood by Shen Yanxiao's side and looked up at those withered leaves.

"What?" Shen Yanxiao asked.

Shi Dan whispered, "The Tree of Life seems to be sick."

"Why do you say that?"

Shi Dan looked around. Seeing that the other Saintesses were busy with their own things, she said in a small voice, "The Tree of Life has the most tenacious vitality among all the living beings in the world. It has existed for tens of millions of years, and it had even existed before elves were born. However, after so many years, I have never heard of any signs of wilting. However, in the recent hundred or so years, some wilting leaves have begun to appear on the Tree of Life. I heard..."

Shi Dan swallowed his saliva and said, "A hundred years ago, a magical beast hurt the Tree of Life, and that was why the Tree of Life was in such a state. That magical beast is currently imprisoned in the dungeon."

Shen Yanxiao narrowed her eyes. The Tree of Life was so huge that Taotie could not hurt it with a single bite. She did not think that the Tree of Life was sick because of Taotie.

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"Let me tell you, it's not only us. The other Saintesses also said that the area they are responsible for has withered leaves. Moreover, the Elders would pluck those withered leaves at night. Even so, there would be new withered leaves appearing every day. I wonder what that magical beast did to the Tree of Life. It's too much." Shi Dan was somewhat furious. In the minds of the elves, the Tree of Life was sacred and inviolable. The thought of a magical beast hurting the Tree of Life made her furious.

Shen Yanxiao touched her nose and remained silent. Taotie was honestly quite innocent.

She suspected that the abnormality of the Tree of Life was due to pollution, but she could not possibly randomly spew rumors to Shi Dan.

After a busy day, Shen Yanxiao and Shi Dan returned to their dormitory to rest. Even though they stayed in the same room, the room here was more than five times larger than the single room provided to the Silvermoon Guards.

The treatment of Saintesses was second only to the Elf King.

For the next few days, Shen Yanxiao played the role of Duan Xue, but she had never met the Elf King, which made her feel helpless.

However, during these few days, Shen Yanxiao vaguely felt that the Tree of Life was strange.

Every time she approached the Tree of Life, there would be two different reactions.

One came from her source of life's reliance on the Tree of Life, and the other came from her heart.

For some reason, every time Shen Yanxiao approached the Tree of Life, she would subconsciously feel a strong hostility.

Shen Yanxiao found it strange.

On the fifteenth day after Shen Yanxiao entered the area around the Tree of Life, the Elf King finally appeared.

Early in the morning, Shen Yanxiao and Shi Dan headed towards the Tree of Life. However, the moment they arrived, they saw the Silvermoon Guards Chief Commander, Fen Chu, standing on one side with a solemn expression. Beside him was a handsome elf in white robes.

He was such a beautiful elf that people would gasp in surprise at a single glance of him.

His skin was as white as jade, and his exquisite facial features were impeccable. His emerald green eyes were slightly narrowed, as if the living beings of the world could not compare to the slightest hint of flirtatiousness in his eyes. His long silver hair draped over his shoulders. He merely stood there quietly, but it had become the most beautiful scenery.

Shen Yanxiao had always believed that Lan Si was the most handsome elf she had ever seen. Even though Fen Chu was also very good-looking, he possessed the look of a soldier more.

However, the elf in front of her far exceeded Fen Chu and Lan Si. If Shen Yanxiao were to compare him to the males she had yet, probably only Xiu's appearance could best him. Even Shen Siyu was only on par with the elf.

Elf King!

Those two words immediately appeared in her mind!

"My king!"

In front of the Tree of Life, all the elves knelt and worshipped the Elf King.

Shen Yanxiao followed suit, but her eyes were searching for another figure.

Behind the Elf King, she saw a slender figure.

The short female human stood behind the Elf King with a relaxed expression. There was no trace of admiration nor solemnity on her face. Instead, there was a faint smile on her face as she looked at the kneeling elves with an interested expression.

That face completely overlapped with the image Shen Yanxiao saw in the source of life. Other than the color of her hair and eyes, it was practically identical.