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Chapter 691: Ouyang Huanyu (3)

Words of concern flowed out of Ouyang Huanyu's mouth.

Shen Yanxiao raised her eyebrows a bit. What was this feeling that something was wrong when Ouyang Huanyu uttered those words of concern and love? Shen Yanxiao raised her eyebrows in realization. In such a place of growing crisis, stored the richest treasures of the Brilliance Continent.

"When you were in Saint Laurent Academy, I had always been hoping to finally meet you. I want to see what kind of person dares to risk being alienated by everyone else and tread on the path of a Warlock," Ouyang Huanyu exclaimed to Shen Yanxiao. In the depth of his eyes, he displayed delight.

"People of the Brilliance Continent hold a bias against Warlocks after the previous disasters. You should know that in the entire Longxuan Empire, Saint Laurent Academy is the only place that still has a Warlock's Division. Even so, it has been years since the Warlock's Divisions has recruited any students. Do you know how excited I was when I heard that a student had decided to become a Warlock? On this continent, there is still a person that is not affected by secondhand prejudice."

"The profession in itself is not good or bad, the people are. The nightmares that the Warlocks had brought to the people had nothing to do with the Warlock profession." Shen Yanxiao had no idea why Ouyang Huanyu would mention this out of nowhere.

"Yes. Right or wrong can only be deduced by behavior and action, nothing else. But I do believe that you must have felt the negatives your profession has brought you since you have arrived at the Forsaken Land." Ouyang Huanyu looked at Shen Yanxiao and went on slowly, "Each year, the winner of the Inter-academy Tournament is given a city in the Forsaken Land. When the winner is rebuilding the city, they would gain immense support from the Longxuan Empire. However, when it comes to you, the Emperor gave you nothing. You must know the reason why, right?"

Shen Yanxiao frowned. She was well aware of how harshly she was treated by the Emperor. But she did not mind. A city that was built with her own hands was a city that belonged to her. She did not need to owe anyone.

"The Emperor must have his reason. We cannot discuss that." Shen Yanxiao was getting impatient. She was at a loss after Ouyang Huanyu talked endlessly with no end in sight.

"Right, the supremacy of the Emperor." Ouyang Huanyu smiled. He seemed to have sensed Shen Yanxiao's impatience. He stopped rambling on and put on a straight face. "You already know about this, so I will not waste anymore of your time. As a matter of fact, I have come to the Forsaken Land under the Emperor's order."

"The Emperor's order?" That took Shen Yanxiao by surprise. It was the Emperor that had ordered Ouyang Huanyu to come to the Forsaken Land?

"I heard that a special group of envoys sent here from the capital was staying in Sun Never Sets. Prince Longyue and State Master Pei Yuan are in the group. Several months ago, the Emperor received State Teacher Pei Yuan's hand-written letter stating that he and the prince would stay in Sun Never Sets for a while. Although the Emperor believes in the state teacher's abilities, he is still a bit worried, so he has

asked me to come for a visit. After all, he knows that you were a student of Saint Laurent Academy, which in turn means that you have some relationship with me, the Principal of Saint Laurent Academy.” Ouyang Huanyu spilled out the reason for his visit to the Forsaken Land without holding back any information. He was implying the Emperor’s worry in his words.

It had been over two months since the group of special envoys had arrived at the Forsaken Land. Pei Yuan and Long Yue had been staying in Sun Never Sets for a couple of months already. No matter how assuring Pei Yuan was in his letter, the Emperor would still be worried about them after two months.

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The Emperor was a cautious person, as shown by the fact that he did not send out more people to investigate. He did the smart thing of choosing the principal of the academy Shen Yanxiao used to go to for this investigation.

Ouyang Huanyu was more than just her old principal. He was also an outstanding magus himself. Over the years, he had a firm grasp over the many elites Saint Laurent Academy had developed. In the Longxuan Empire, he was a highly praised and respected individual. He was a prudent and modest person who had always been revered by others.

To ask such a person to come to the Forsaken Land, the Emperor sure was smart.

Shen Yanxiao could not harm Ouyang Huanyu even if she indeed was harboring some ill intent.

Saint Laurent Academy had a history of several centuries, and it had been almost a century since Ouyang Huanyu was assigned as the principal of said academy. For powerful people like him, their life span was not limited to a hundred years. His long life span enabled him to train many talents over the years, which in turn caused many of the talents to feel indebted towards him. The elites that had graduated from Saint Laurent Academy were now spread all over the Longxuan Empire, and they had absolute respect and love for Ouyang Huanyu.

If Shen Yanxiao were to mean Ouyang Huanyu any ill will, then the said elites would get revenge for their beloved teacher, even at the risk of everything.

On the other hand, it was also possible that the Emperor thought Shen Yanxiao would respect Ouyang Huanyu just like the other students. That was highly likely the rationale of the Emperor’s decision rather than the first one.

Too bad, Shen Yanxiao was an exception.

Of course, she would not provoke Ouyang Huanyu over anything. After all, the background of this old man was far too mysterious. She never believed that this old man was just as simple as he appeared to be on the surface.

A principal of an academy could exert influence in the territory of the Blue Moon Dynasty. How ridiculous was that?

Shen Yanxiao sneered on the inside while still wearing a calm look on the outside. “State Teacher Pei Yuan and Prince Long Yue are currently my guests in Sun Never Sets. Can you tell me what the Emperor has instructed you to inquire about?”

“He just told me to deliver some words of concern and love to them. You know that the Emperor has only one son, Long Yue. Naturally, the Emperor values his only son a lot. Plus, Long Yue rarely leaves the capital. But this time, he has stayed in Sun Never Sets for over two months without returning. Understandably, the Emperor misses him.” Ouyang Huanyu’s answer was flawless. It was as if he was the father of Prince Long Yue who had come to visit his son.

However, Shen Yanxiao was not stupid enough to trust those words of hypocrisy.

Only to deliver words of concern and love? The Emperor must have suspected that his son was detained by her. Since he had no proof of his suspicion, he sent Ouyang Huanyu here to check for him.

“Oh? Really?” Shen Yanxiao clenched her fists. In actuality, there had been some change in Pei Yuan and Long Yue’s attitude. That being said, she could not say for sure if they were going to reveal the truth to Ouyang Huanyu. After all, she did in fact detain them, and Pei Yuan had compromised because he had no other choice when he was threatened by her.

If they were to meet Ouyang Huanyu now, they might expose everything about her and her city.

On the other hand, not letting Ouyang Huanyu meet them was indirect proof that the Emperor’s suspicion was right. At the moment, Sun Never Set’s reconstruction had yet to be finished. If the Emperor wanted to attack the city, she could withstand it with force and use Long Yue as a hostage. But as for Shen Feng who was far away in the capital...

“Of course, I am just here to deliver some words. If State Teacher Pei Yuan and Prince Long Yue wish to continue staying here, they can stay here for as long as they like,” Ouyang Huanyu replied.

“Alright, I will take you to meet them later.” After much deliberation, Shen Yanxiao decided to let Ouyang Huanyu meet Pei Yuan and Long Yue. Of course, she must do some preparations first. Just in case.

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“Sure, no hurry.” Ouyang Huanyu smiled. It seemed like he was in no rush to meet Pei Yuan and Long Yue.

At his answer, Shen Yanxiao wanted to immediately leave, but Ouyang Huanyuan had more to say to her.

“Factually, you were a student from Saint Laurent Academy, and I was your principal. I am sorry for what has happened to you. If I can be of any help, please tell me. As an old man, I cannot be of much support but I still can keep out the wind and rain for my students.” All of a sudden, Ouyang Huanyu’s tone became much milder. He looked at Shen Yanxiao with eyes full of tenderness.

“I have accepted the Emperor’s order not because of State Teacher Pei Yuan and Prince Long Yue, but because of the injustice done to you that I have heard from others. Yes, you are a Warlock, but you were a student from Saint Laurent Academy. You have won the Inter-academy Tournament, fair and square. So, why do you have to suffer such unfairness? With me still being the principal, students from Saint Laurent Academy shall not suffer such blatant discrimination.”

Shen Yanxiao stared at Ouyang Huanyu's display of righteousness. She realized that she really could not see through this old fox. When he was making his remarks, his expression looked so sincere that no trace of hypocrisy could be detected. It was as if he truly was enraged for what she had suffered.

For a moment there, Shen Yanxiao even doubted that it was not Ouyang Huanyu who was sitting in front of her, but Yun Qi in disguise.

"Principal, thank you very much for your concern, but I am quite well." Shen Yanxiao lowered her head. She could not find any indication of deception in him, whether it was through his words or on his expression. If it wasn't for her eavesdropping on that conversation that night, Shen Yanxiao might have truly believed Ouyang Huanyu's statements.

But now, the only feeling Ouyang Huanyu gave her was dread. He was very dangerous for being able to be so genuine with his false display of affection. He was so sincere that no one could not tell the truth.

People like him could easily manipulate everyone around them with just their words. Just one moment of carelessness, and he could turn others into his pawns.

"You do not need to put on a brave front for me. I know that you and I are not well acquainted with each other. You may find my words hypocritical. But I sincerely care not only because it is you, but also because of your previous identity as a student from Saint Laurent Academy. Although I don't know you very well, once you wore the pin of the Saint Laurent Academy, you are always regarded as a part of the Saint Laurent Academy family. As the principal of Saint Laurent Academy, it is only natural that I would not like to see my kids wronged." Ouyang Huanyu heaved a deep sigh. He didn't say more, but his words truly left an awe-inspiring impression.

Everyone wished to be a part of something bigger. Everyone wished to be united. People wished to still belong, even after they had left. It was from that sense of belonging that they realized they still had a home.

Ouyang Huanyu truly did the smart thing of placing Shen Yanxiao in the same position as the others. On the surface, he acted as if he was not trying to get too familiar to her, when in fact, he was luring her deeper into his trap.

Naturally, Shen Yanxiao had noticed Ouyang Huanyu's intention.

However, Ouyang Huanyu did not rush to pull her closer to him because he could still feel a sense of detachment coming from this student in front of him. He took one step backward and categorized her as one of the many students. He tried to gradually eliminate her suspicion and guide her to his trap.

Shen Yanxiao squinted her eyes. She finally could see why Yun Qi had fallen for Ouyang Huanyu's lies. Ouyang Huanyu was the most scheming person she had ever seen in her two lives. Nobody could compare to him in this aspect!

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"Principal, thank you." Shen Yanxiao knew she must be careful with her replies. Eloquent as Ouyang Huanyu was, he could easily shift the conversation into a strange direction if she was careless.

“Well, you and I are both from Saint Laurent Academy. You don’t have to thank me for doing what I should. If you need any help in the Forsaken Land, I am willing to offer my trifling service.” There was no change in Ouyang Huanyu’s expression, but inside, he was exclaiming how calm and prudent Shen Yanxiao was. He had been rather earnest, and yet she had not extended any gratefulness.

“Warlocks have a difficult life. Back in my days, Warlocks of the Brilliance Continent had suffered from unjustified persecution. Many of those Warlocks have done nothing to deserve such treatment. The fortunate thing is that many of them have escaped from such deep scrutiny. The unfortunate side is that considering the situation of the Brilliance Continent nowadays, for the moment, they rarely can reveal their identities in public.” At the mention of Warlocks, obvious signs of pity could be seen on Ouyang Huanyu’s face.

“At the moment, you are in the teeth of the storm and under tremendous pressure. But I believe the Warlocks in hiding must be proud of you. If one day you can gather those poor fellows and lead them to see the light of day again, that would shake the entire continent.”

Gathering the Warlocks? Shen Yanxiao frowned. Ouyang Huanyu leaked a piece of information from his statements. Apart from Yun Qi, Ouyang Huanyu knew of other Warlocks. He had rambled so much to her, but it seemed all of his statements were said after much careful deliberation. Was he trying to get her to contact those Warlocks?

Although it was her wish to allow the Warlocks to stand with the public again, she would never cooperate with someone like Ouyang Huanyu.

Asking a tiger for its skin was dangerous.

“I am but a kid. I cannot shoulder such a heavy responsibility. You flatter me, principal.” Shen Yanxiao gave a dismissive answer.

Ouyang Huanyu just kept smiling as he went on, “You are being too humble. Several Warlock friends of mine were ecstatic to hear stories about you. They are even hoping to get a chance to meet you. But, it was a pity that you left Saint Laurent Academy soon after the Inter-academy Tournament and came to the Forsaken Land not long afterwards. With your busy schedule, they never had the opportunity to meet you.”

Friends of Ouyang Huanyu?

Immediately, Shen Yanxiao thought of that mysterious person from that night. According to what that person had said the other night, he seemed to know of Yun Qi. Was that person a Warlock as well? If so, then that person must want to pull her into continuing their plan by wanting to meet her.

Ouyang Huanyu was smart. All of his words focused on the current situation Warlocks faced with. He expressed his pity and indicated that he was willing to lend a helping hand, and nothing else. It seemed he was sincere in trying to help Warlocks recover their status.

However, Shen Yanxiao did not believe him for even a second. She trusted that Yun Qi had always been looking forward to the return of Warlocks. But, Ouyang Huanyu, on the other hand, was not as honest as Yun Qi. Ouyang Huanyu must be up to no good.

“Really? That is such a pity. I am afraid the construction of Sun Never Sets is at its critical juncture. For the moment, I cannot free myself. In the future, if time permits, I will meet them.” Shen Yanxiao declined his offer calmly. She did not want to be involved with Ouyang Huanyu too much.

“Sure. I will come to you then.” Ouyang Huanyu did not push her too much, and he immediately stopped.

Ouyang Huanyu finally quieted down, and Shen Yanxiao had no desire to talk to him any longer. The old and the young gaze at each other in awkward silence.

With no other options, Shen Yanxiao stood up and said, “Let me go and invite State Teacher Pei Yuan and Prince Long Yue here. Principal Ouyang, you are here under the Emperor’s order, so it is within reason that this matter takes priority.”

Chapter 695: If I Am the Emperor (1)

Inside Sun Never Sets, Pei Yuan and Long Yue were standing in front of a building that was under construction, looking at the workers busing to and fro. Now and then, Pei Yuan would go and help. On the other hand, Long Yue would stand on the side and see how normal people used their own hands to build their own homes.

Before he came to Sun Never Sets, Long Yue was a classic prince that received the most orthodox royal education. He was familiar with history, both ancient and modern. He learned how the previous emperors of the Longxuan Empire managed their country, their officials, and balanced their power.

But this was his first time being in such close contact with the grass-roots of the Longxuan Empire. The people that he would not usually meet and the stories that he would not normally hear were right around him.

“State teacher, the people of Sun Never Sets are surprisingly not as barbaric as what my father has described. To me, they are as polite and as kind as they can.” After two months, gradually, Long Yue had grown fond of the common folk in Sun Never Sets. They would not fawn on him just because of his status, nor be obedient to me just because of his lineage. But they did care about him as a person.

Every night, after they finished their work, these people would gather together to rest and chat. From them, Long Yue heard many folklore and adventure trips the mercenaries had embarked on.

Slowly, Long Yue forgot about his identity as a prince. He began to laugh and talk with the people here just like an average teenager. As for those ugly demons, they would carefully step away a bit when they were around him. They seemed to understand that this new guest had not yet accepted them completely.

But both the people and the demons never showed any ill will towards Long Yue and Pei Yuan.

The demons would move all kinds of materials across the corners of the city. In the beginning, Long Yue was fearful of them. Now, he had become used to their presence.

He even felt those silly demons were adorable.

“Barbaric? Civilians are never born barbaric. They are tolerant and are afraid of the monarch. Your highness, your teacher and His Majesty may not know about these common folk. Truth be told, they are

simple and pure. They are content when they have food to eat and water to drink. They are not ambitious, nor sophisticated. They are busy every day, but they are happy.” Pei Yuan’s looks were filled with gentleness. Truthfully, he was not born into a noble family. He had achieved his current position bit by bit with his own strength. Compared to the rest of the royal members, Pei Yuan understood the public the best. He knew that the education that Long Yue received was lacking in that regard the most.

But the trip to Sun Never Sets gradually filled that gap.

About this, Pei Yuan did not know whether it was good or bad. Shen Yanxiao limited their freedom, but she had given Long Yue a golden opportunity for him to experience life with the general public in person. He was allowed to experience life with his future subjects.

All emperors of the past were heartless. Even today, the Emperor would ignore the existence and the opinions of the people when he made decisions. Pei Yuan had tried many times to persuade him to just even be a bit mindful of them. However, he had failed every time.

Inside, Pei Yuan was happy to see the change in Long Yue’s attitude.

“But father always tells me that the civilians are inelegant, greedy, and lazy, and that they know no politeness. I once trusted my father’s words. But recently, I began to have some doubts. State Teacher Pei Yuan, tell me, are civilians of the Longxuan Empire as lovable as these in Sun Never Sets?” Long Yue was still underage. His mind could still be muddled sometimes.

“Yes.” Pei Yuan answered with a smile filled with confidence.

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“How about demons? For all this time, I have heard that demons are extremely savage and cruel creatures. But the many demons in Sun Never Sets have not attacked me once. Yesterday, Brother Jia Lan even gave me a lot of delicious food.” Long Yue was confused. During his stay in Sun Never Sets, what he experienced greatly differed from his prior knowledge. This kind of difference filled his heart with confusion and doubts.

Pei Yuan stood there in a daze. He honestly did not know the answer to this question.

Demons in Sun Never Sets were the strangest group of demons he had ever seen. They never attacked humans, nor showed any signs of wanting to eat humans in their presence. If it was not for the fact that Pei Yuan had witnessed how demons could kill without hesitation, he would have the same questions as Long Yue.

He was hesitating and filled full of doubts.

He had no idea how Shen Yanxiao achieved this. It was a surprise that she could turn those cruel and ferocious demons into such kind and friendly beings. His worries and doubts from the very beginning gradually faded away.

Could it be that demons and humans could coexist in peace?

“They are different.” All of a sudden, they heard Shen Yanxiao’s voice.

Pei Yuan and Long Yue turned around and saw Shen Yanxiao walking towards them. During their stay in Sun Never Sets, they would rarely meet Shen Yanxiao. It was as if she had forgotten about their existence.

“Shen Yanxiao!” When Long Yue saw Shen Yanxiao, a glint of happiness emerged in the depth of his eyes. He looked at this delicate girl, ill at ease, but there was a blush on his handsome face.

Shen Yanxiao looked at the shy prince and the careful Pei Yuan and went on with a smile, “The demons outside are not the same as the demons in Sun Never Sets. If you dare to be this close to demons outside, you will get eaten up within seconds.”

“Eh.” Long Yue was taken aback.

Shen Yanxiao found it amusing to see how Long Yue’s face turned stiff. She had never seen any prince be as bashful as Long Yue. Every time she met him, this little handsome guy would turn shy. She could not help but laugh at this sight.

“Most of the demons on the Brilliance Continent feed on humans. But I am convinced that one day in the future, they will not be interested in humans anymore, just like demons in Sun Never Sets.” With constant supply of dark elements, the demons that would still eat humans would gradually get ostracized and phase out!

“One day? Demons have been eating humans for over a millennium. How can they be changed so easily?” Pei Yuan did not believe Shen Yanxiao’s words.

“But right in front of you, there is a group of demons that has changed,” pointing to a low-ranked demon that was carrying a basket of rocks on its back, Shen Yanxiao said with a smile.

Pei Yuan frowned. Demons in Sun Never Sets were a special bunch amongst all the demons!

“City lord, are you here to discuss with us about the demons’ food by coming here today?”

Shen Yanxiao shrugged. Pei Yuan had never liked her. This old man carried a strong sense of righteousness. Though he could talk cheerfully and humorously with a kind and pleasant countenance with the high-ranked demons in the city, but every time he met her, he would always have an unhappy expression on his face.

“The Emperor has sent someone here to see you, and I am here to get you to meet him.”

“The Emperor has sent someone to see us? Who?” Pei Yuan asked.

“Principal of Saint Laurent Academy, Ouyang Huanyu.”

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“It’s him.”

“Come with me and meet him. But, state teacher, you should know what to say and what to do, right?” Shen Yanxiao let out the most crafty and evil smile.

Pei Yuan snorted.

“Don’t you worry. I naturally know what to say.” With the eight mythical beasts here, even in front of Ouyang Huanyu, Pei Yuan would not dare to take any risks to leak any information of their detainment.

“State teacher, you are a clever man, and I like a clever man.” Shen Yanxiao was happy about Pei Yuan’s answer.

“This way please.” Shen Yanxiao took a step to the side and gestured to her left, laughing.

Pei Yuan darted her a look and stepped forward. Long Yue followed him closely. As Long Yue was walking past Shen Yanxiao, he suddenly stopped and fixed his eyes on Shen Yanxiao’s delicate face, shyly.

“Shen Yanxiao, can demons on the Brilliance Continent coexist with humans in peace in the future?”

Shen Yanxiao was surprised. She did not expect this question from Long Yue. Her previous answer was just to satisfy the curiosity of a kid. But Long Yue appeared to be serious. He must be truly pondering about her words.

“It is possible. But I don’t know if humans can accept demons even when they show goodwill. Some hatred and fear are too deep-rooted in the minds of humans, and they cannot be erased overnight. That being said, I look forward to that day.” If she could see demons everywhere, that would mean that Xiu would be able to recover quickly. That was Shen Yanxiao’s dream!

Long Yue said nothing for a moment. Then, he looked back at Shen Yanxiao solemnly.

“In the future, once I am the emperor, I will have the people gradually accept demons.” For the sake of her dream, he was willing to take the risk. Besides, he had already seen it with his own eyes – humans and demons could truly coexist. Sun Never Sets was the greatest example of that.

Shen Yanxiao giggled lightly as she gazed at this resolute Long Yue. This shy prince was so adorable, much more interesting than that father of his.

“Oh? I will wait for the day when you ascend the throne. I hope that, with your governance, the Longxuan Empire will prosper and that the people will grow strong and powerful.” She also wished that he could stuff the state treasury with gold coins, so that she could pay a visit there and make a huge fortune.

“Sure!” Decisively, Long Yue nodded. He set up a lofty ambition for when he declared himself as emperor in the future.

He had no idea what kind of shameless intentions were buried deep in a certain someone’s words of encouragement.

Soon after, Pei Yuan and Long Yue met Ouyang Huanyu. To avoid any suspicion, Shen Yanxiao did not stay with them. She trusted that Pei Yuan would not joke about Long Yue’s life. She did not need to worry about Pei Yuan saying something he should not have.

After about an hour, Pei Yuan and Long Yue came out of the room.

Pei Yuan gave Shen Yanxiao a look with many meanings but said nothing and left with Long Yue.

Inside the room, Ouyang Huanyu said to Shen Yanxiao with a smile, "So I see that the state teacher and His Highness have been enjoying their days in Sun Never Sets. That's great! Now, I have something to report back to the Emperor when I get back."

"Thank you, Principal Ouyang." Shen Yanxiao's mood was greatly improved when she heard Ouyang Huanyu was going back soon.

"However, I wonder when will you head back? I need to make arrangements for when you do. After all, Sun Never Sets is not close to the Longxuan Empire, and I noticed that you only have one horse with you. Should I prepare you a carriage?" Shen Yanxiao said politely, when in fact she was showing him the door.

She did not want this sly old fox to say on her territory for any longer. Who knew what other tricks he had in his sleeve?

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Surprisingly, Ouyang Huanyu did not overstay his welcome. He just rejected the carriage and left at once.

Shen Yanxiao even sent someone to give Ouyang Huanyu some field rations. As for anything else, she was sorry but Sun Never Sets was still poor. So, please take these few rations and go!

Shen Yanxiao watched as Ouyang Huanyu rode on the white horse and left the city gates. Looking at him disappearing over the horizon, she was finally relieved. She had to admit that talking with this old fox was tiring. She could already feel her brain cells dying in her short contact with Ouyang Huanyu.

She must eat some pig's brain stew to regain those back!

However, Shen Yanxiao had no idea that Ouyang Huanyu did not go back the way he came from after he left Sun Never Sets. Instead, he traveled toward a mountain in the south.

Outside Sun Never Sets, demons were lurking everywhere.

The taste of humans was tempting to them. Demons that were hidden in the dark took a chance and jumped at Ouyang Huanyu on the white horse.

Ouyang Huanyu lifted his eyes. Seeing some dark figures coming at him, he waved his skinny right hand. In an instant, the demons disintegrated into dark dust before scattering away in the wind.

If someone were to witness this, their jaws would immediately drop to the ground because Ouyang Huanyu was not using a staff and that he did so without any magical powers in his hand. Even then, several low-ranked demons had turned into dust.

"Damn, every time I see that, I get this creepy feeling." Behind a pile of stones, a man covered with a black robe presented himself quietly.

He stood about 10 steps away from Ouyang Huanyu. Around the robed man's feet, there were piles upon piles of dismembered remains of demons.

Behind the black-robed man, the ground was littered with dead bodies. Corpses of over a thousand low-ranked demons were placed on the ground in disorder. Looking at the scene, it was easily inferred that the demons had died a tragic death.

Ouyang Huanyu frowned as he looked at the sea of dead demons.

The black-robed man seemed to have sensed Ouyang Huanyu's dissatisfaction. So, the former hurriedly said, "You have stayed in Sun Never Sets for a bit too long that these demons had enough time to track me down by picking up my scent. And since I have to wait for you, I thought I should just take care of them."

Ouyang Huanyu's eyebrows were still knitted together. His voice sounded cold. "You have created such a huge scene. What do you think will happen if someone sees this?"

The black-robed man shrugged dismissively. "Is there even a single soul in sight outside of Sun Never Sets in the eastern region of the Forsaken Land? Anyways, how did you do over there? Is that little Warlock willing to cooperate?" This black-robed man was the person that Shen Yanxiao saw in Ouyang Huanyu's room that night.

Ouyang Huanyu shook his head. "The protege of Yun Qi is even more stubborn than he is. I tried every means, and I even discussed it with her for a long time but she continues to stubbornly reject."

"Oh? Is she another insensible one?" The black-robed man sneered, and a glint of killing intent flashed past his eyes.

"Since we cannot use her, then I say..."

"No hurry." Ouyang Huanyu glared at him before turning to the direction of Sun Never Sets.

"The girl has a strong connection in the Longxuan Empire. She has become an advanced Warlock at such a young age. Not even the three of us had such talents back in the days. At this time, she may continue to resist me, but I don't think she is unshakable. She is different from Yun Qi. If we cannot win Yun Qi over, we still have you and him. But this girl's achievement in the Warlock profession is beyond comparison. If she is trained carefully, given time, she will be more accomplished than you are."

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"So what. You cannot persuade Yun Qi. What makes you think you can convince his student?" The black-robed man grinned sarcastically.

"Whether I can convince her or not is not dependent on that. Currently, she is feared by the Longxuan Empire, but she is far away from the Longxuan Empire to put any political pressure. But, on the other hand, staying in the Forsaken Land, she is uninhibited. Moreover, Sun Never Sets is about to take shape. When Sun Never Sets finally finishes, she will have no more weakness that I can find." Ouyang Huanyu carefully analyzed Shen Yanxiao's current status. If Shen Yanxiao was average in her abilities, he would not stop the black-robed man from killing her. But this girl was amazingly talented. It had been a long time since Ouyang Huanyu had met someone with such immense talent.

It would be a shame to destroy her right now while she was still a budding flower.

"What do you mean?"

“Since she has no weaknesses, we will give her some weaknesses. With her young age, once she goes through some setbacks, I doubt she could bear them. By then, I will swoop in and save her out of her misery. When conditions are ripe, success will come.” There was no trace of despicable intentions on Ouyang Huanyu’s kind face, and yet his words were scary.

“We will break her wings so that she can only stay in her cage.”

The black-robed man grinned as he gazed at the upright look on Ouyang Huanyu’s face.

“Ouyang Huanyu, you truly are the No.1 hypocrite in the entire Brilliance Continent. If your students can see your face now, I doubt they can even recognize you. The principal they so respected and loved is capable of such sinister plans to plot against his very own student.”

Surprisingly, Ouyang Huanyu was not enraged by those words. He just looked at the black-robed man calmly.

“How can anyone know my true self? Anyways, how are things with you? I heard that No.2 is missing from the Graveyard of the Sun. What is that about?”

The mentioning of “No.2” cut short the black-robed man’s laughter. Depressed, he kept his eyes on Ouyang Huanyu and said while grinding his teeth, “It is all because of those good-for-nothing losers. They had mistakenly put No.2 into the pile of failed products that was soon disposed of. And now, they lost No.2. I have already sent people to look for No.2.”

“Losers!” Ouyang Huanyu took a deep breath in.

“How can they misplace test subjects No.2 to No.10? What were they thinking? We have devoted so much energy into those nine test subjects. How can they lose one so easily? There is really no need for those idiots to exist anymore.”

“I have taken care of them already. The test sites at the Graveyard of the Sun have also been destroyed,” the black-robed man replied.

“The most urgent matter at hand is to find No.2! Of the nine test subjects, No.2 and No.4 are the only stable ones. We cannot afford to lose either one of them at the moment!” There was additional prudence in Ouyang Huanyu’s tone.

“How is No.4 doing?”

“I have sent extra people to No.4, and he is not allowed to leave the base at all. For now, everything is good. The other seven test subjects have settled down too. Nothing like that will be allowed to happen again.” The black-robed man was frustrated. He was in charge of the scope of operations in the Longxuan Empire. However, under his supervision, the most precious test subject went missing. This was an insult to him!

“That would be the best. Also, send more people to look for No.2. We cannot let anyone find out his special features. Again, when you go back, have all the failed products destroyed. I do not want to see this happen ever again!”

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“Of course.” The black-robed man grinded his teeth in frustration.

“Good. Now, pay a visit to Fantasy Devil City with me.” Ouyang Huanyu nodded. For now, he trusted the black-robed man’s word.

“Fantasy Devil City? What are you going to do over there?” The black-robed man was surprised.

“He said the Blue Moon Dynasty has found a new test subject that meets the requirement. And just recently, he has brought the new test subjects to Fantasy Devil City. Quickly, put on a disguise and come with me to Fantasy Devil City to take a look at the new test subject. Let’s check if that person can be No.11,” Ouyang Huanyu explained.

“Really?” The black-robed man put on a smile.

“A new test subject? I wonder what he is like. It is such a pity that test subject No.1 was ruined back in the day. Otherwise, No.1 would have been the best. It is such a shame. I have never seen anyone else with a constitution so perfect for our requirements! That was our masterpiece!” The black-robed man appeared to be yearning for that past.

Ouyang Huanyu frowned.

“Do not mention test subject No.1. The consequences of No.1 being ruined were too severe. If it wasn’t for the fact that something went wrong at the final critical moment, I believe our test would have been successful.”

The black-robed man calmed himself down and hid himself back inside the black robe.

The matter of test subject No.1 had always been taboo. Apart from a very few, the others in the organization did not even know that test subject No.1 ever existed. No one ever mentioned this either. One of the reasons was due to the loss of test subject No.1. But more importantly, it was because, at that time, the final fusion test was carried out with test subject No.1. However, during that last step, a huge accident happened. Not only was test subject No.1 ruined, but the key point to the final fusion was also lost.

It was the greatest disaster in the entire organization’s history, and they could never recover from that accident!

Even Ouyang Huanyu had turbulent emotions when just talking about test subject No.1. He was unwilling to talk about this till today.

“Let us not discuss this. I just hope that the person he picks will not disappoint us,” the black-robed man mumbled.

“It’s okay. Even if he doesn’t fit out criteria, I will still pay a visit to Fantasy Devil City.” A grin with malicious intent climbed to Ouyang Huanyu’s mouth.

“Oh? Why?”

“Because before I can break the wings of a certain someone, the first thing I have to do is to destroy her favorite toy. The destruction of Sun Never Sets will be a heavy blow to Shen Yanxiao. Without Sun Never Sets, she will not be able to stay in the Forsaken Land any longer. Outside of the Forsaken Land and in

the Longxuan Empire, how much disdain and contempt can she withstand just because of her identity as a Warlock? No matter how mature she is, she will never be able to get over being looked at as some poop at the bottom of a shoe." Ouyang Huanyu curled his lips up. As he gazed at the direction of Sun Never Sets, excitement could obviously be seen in his eyes.

He wanted to see how desperate that proud little girl would be when she fell from the sky.

The stars were the most beautiful when they were on their last legs.

The black-robed man looked at Ouyang Huanyu in shock. The latter's last remark was terrifying.

"You want to put her on the road of ruin?"

Ouyang Huanyu grinned. "I just want to put her on the road she should have been on. Warlocks are never meant to stay under the sun. Only with my hands can her talents and abilities be put on full display. It is too much of a shame to waste them here."

There was a trace of craziness in Ouyang Huanyu's eyes. The craziness was completely different from what was displayed on his face!