

## Versatile 1241

### Chapter 1241: Carnelian-Head Spider

Mo Fan soon found the dark red woods after following Cao Qinqin's instructions. The forest was covered in sticky spider webs. It would be extremely difficult to break free from them if he was caught in them.

Mo Fan could not help but wonder what Bai Hongfei was doing here.

The dark red woods had a strange scent, too. Mo Fan soon saw some spider webs that had been destroyed. The further he went, the more cleared up the area was. He was able to proceed forward smoothly.

"Moths on the spider webs?" Mo Fan noticed lots of dead moths on the spider webs. Some of the moths were quite huge, the size of bats. They were mostly blue in color. When Mo Fan saw some moths diving at the spider webs, he immediately recalled the appearance of Qinyi Lake, which seemed like it was covered by a blue veil.

Bai Hongfei was right. The moths had stopped the water from flowing, but what were they trying to achieve?

A strange voice came from the woods. Mo Fan gathered his focus and saw a huge tree suddenly falling to the ground. The huge trunk and the branches immediately fell on top of the dark red shrubs nearby!

Mo Fan picked up his pace. He turned into a shadow bird and flew in the direction of the falling tree.

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As soon as he arrived, he saw some blood spraying across the air and dyed the leaves of the shrubs red. It was particularly eye-catching.

"Ahhhh... my arm!" Bai Hongfei screamed in pain.

His severed arm fell to the ground. Bai Hongfei grabbed the stump and desperately backed away. He did not even dare retrieve his arm.

"Bai Hongfei!" Mo Fan was startled.

How reckless could the kid be? Why could not he understand how capable he was, going so deep into the woods and provoking such a deadly spider!?

Mo Fan had seen the hairy spider. It had the legs and lower body of a spider, but its upper body was densely covered in red skulls. From afar, the red skulls set off the carnelian head on its back. It was oddly spooky!

"Sir, run away...this thing is too strong!" Bai Hongfei yelled at Mo Fan while gritting his teeth against the tremendous pain.

Bai Hongfei had decided to take out the Carnelian-Head Spider, as he did not want Yu Shishi to sacrifice herself any further. He was an Advanced Mage. He assumed the creature was not too strong, since it was close to the safe zone. He would be able to take care of it by himself.

However, Bai Hongfei had thought wrong. The Carnelian-Head Spider was crazily strong. Each of the skulls was able to spit out poisonous silk, making it extremely difficult for Bai Hongfei to do anything.

He was already regretting it; he should not have been so full of himself!

As soon as Bai Hongfei warned Mo Fan, the creature quickly spat out poisonous silk in all directions as if it understood what they were saying.

The poisonous silk spread throughout the woods, covering the trunks, the canopy, and the shrubs, forming a huge spiderweb that would prevent the two humans from escaping. It even covered the space above their heads. They could no longer see the stars!

“We’re done for!” Bai Hongfei yelled.

“No, we’re not, get behind me!” Mo Fan snapped.

“Sir, you don’t stand a chance against it...”

Bai Hongfei was already an Advanced Mage himself. Even though he was clear that the young mentor was stronger than him, there was no way he could take the Carnelian-Head Spider on alone. They would need a group of Advanced Mages against this Commander-level creature!

The Carnelian-Head Spider charged forward after setting up its spider web. The creature’s legs were remarkably strong. They kept flicking the soil into the air as it charged forward. It thrust its sharp and strong front limbs in Mo Fan’s direction!

“Piss off!” Mo Fan yelled furiously. A fiery dragon coiled around his arm.

The fiery dragon surged around Mo Fan’s wrist as he threw a punch. Facing this demon creature that was over twenty meters tall, the flames bursting out of Mo Fan’s fist soared fifty meters high into the air and filled up the space between Mo Fan’s fist and the Carnelian-Head Spider!

The flames lit up the woods. An even greater fiery dragon sprang forward and chased after the Carnelian-Head Spider that had been knocked flying. It knocked the Carnelian-Head Spider further into the distance...

The woods were densely covered in spider webs, but they soon had a huge clearing that was burning fiercely. The trees along the path of the flames were burned into ashes. The Carnelian-Head Spider was at the end of the trail. Its sturdy dark red armor was severely damaged. It was still burning!

“This...this...” Bai Hongfei was dumbfounded!

Did his mentor just knock the powerful Commander-level Carnelian-Head Spider flying with a single punch?

How powerful would the punch have to be? Judging from the Carnelian-Head Spider’s condition, it was not as simple as knocking it into the distance. Mo Fan had actually managed to penetrate its defenses!

He had only used a single ability, an ordinary-looking Fiery Fist, but its aura and strength were a lot stronger than the Advanced Spell of the Fire Mages he normally saw!

“Who would expect to find such a strong Commander-level creature less than fifty kilometers from the safe zone! Give me a few minutes, I’ll take it out first, so it won’t do any harm to the town!” Mo Fan turned around and said to Bai Hongfei.

The areas within fifty kilometers of the safe zone were usually patrolled by the army. They were normally referred to as the sub-safe zones. Some important cities requested that not a single demon creature was allowed to exist within their sub-safe zones, not even a Servant-class creature!

However, they had ended up stumbling into a Commander-level creature in the sub-safe zone here in Tongxiang. If the Commander-level creature was trying to harm the people in the town, it would be a devastating blow to the town and the villages, which were not heavily guarded.

In the past, Bo City was almost wiped out by a single Darkwing Wolf and its tribe!

“A...a few minutes?” Bai Hongfei had a complicated face after hearing those words.

Bai Hongfei saw the young mentor charging at the Carnelian-Head Spider. He felt like his understanding of the world had toppled all of a sudden. Wasn’t a Mage supposed to stay as far away from a demon creature as possible, to ensure they were safe enough to cast their spells? Why was his mentor taking the initiative to get close to the demon creature instead?

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Mo Fan was extremely quick, even though he was not using any movement spell. He had grown a lot stronger.

When he was thirty meters away from the Carnelian-Head Spider, the creature furiously leapt into the air, and landed on the spider web covering the canopy.

It was able to climb freely along the spider web using its legs. The webs further increased its speed!

“Don’t you dare run away! It’s my first time being a mentor, yet you are showing no respect by trying to kill him. Die!” Mo Fan yelled.

Mo Fan turned into a bolt of lightning and rose into the air, making his way toward the canopy layer. The Carnelian-Head Spider seemed to be afraid of Mo Fan’s punch. It quickly dodged aside and ran around in circles.

Mo Fan was having trouble landing his lightning on his target. When he decided to use an Advanced Spell, he suddenly realized that he was surrounded by silk that had appeared out of nowhere!

“Trying to trap me here?”

The Carnelian-Head Spider was very cunning. Even as it was dodging the attacks, it did not stop spitting out the invisible silk. The creature was running around in circles, trying to trap Mo Fan within the layers of silk!

Mo Fan found himself in an enclosed spider web. When the Carnelian-Head Spider pulled at the silk, the spider web began to tighten and contract rapidly, enclosing Mo Fan like a cage!

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“Sir!” Bai Hongfei was startled upon seeing this.

The giant spider web did not give Mo Fan any chance to escape. If the Carnelian-Head Spider had used the move against him instead, he would have ended up inside the Carnelian-Head Spider’s stomach as food by now!

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While Bai Hongfei was still immersed in shock, he discovered some space ripples not far away. Mo Fan’s blurry outline showed, silver lights gradually dissipating around him.

Bai Hongfei was stunned, but immediately looked very happy.

“Space Element, Blink!” Bai Hongfei did not expect his mentor to be an expert of the Space Element!

Mo Fan disregarded the passionate look in Bai Hongfei’s eyes. He lifted his gaze and stared at the Carnelian-Head Spider that was sitting up on the huge spider web and chuckled, “Sky-Flame Funeral: Hellish Flames!”

After acquiring the Ardent Sunset, his Fire Constellation looked even more stunning and imperious. A brilliant meteorite suddenly swept across the night sky, lighting up the sky and the woods. The meteorite enlarged as it gradually approached the ground. Its burning shadow was looming over the area!

The Carnelian-Head Spider was still looking forward to eating the prey it had just caught. To its surprise, the cage made of spider webs was completely empty. It soon realized that it was in a huge trouble when it sensed the scorching heat coming from above it.

The Carnelian-Head Spider was unable to escape the Advanced Spell’s huge area of effect in time. The Hellish Flames slammed down, burning the trees that were covered in spider webs to ashes!

The Ardent Sunset was a Soul-grade Fire, meaning that it was able to strengthen Mo Fan’s Sky-Flame Funeral: Hellish Flames by two to three times. Even the Commander-level Carnelian-Head Spider stood no chance against the violent flames!

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#### **Chapter 1242: The Laws of Natural Predators**

With a huge crash, the dark red woods were set aflame. The impact had resulted in an enormous pit, with a diameter over a hundred meters. Bai Hongfei was utterly dumbfounded by how destructive the spell was.

Even though his mentor was an Advanced Mage, just like him, the difference between their strength was absolutely insane. He could not even break through the Carnelian-Head Spider’s defense with his spells, yet his mentor’s spell was able to inflict serious damage on the Commander-level creature!

Many of the skulls on the Carnelian-Head Spider's back were destroyed. Some of its limbs had broken, too. It anxiously rose to its feet and fled staggering into the woods.

There was no way Mo Fan would let it escape. Lightning flashes were surging on his palms. A stormy cloud rapidly appeared in the direction the Carnelian-Head Spider was fleeing. The stormy cloud flickered restlessly.

"Sky..." Mo Fan was just about to take the creature out with the Sky Lightning Claw when countless blue things suddenly flew out of the woods.

Mo Fan did not attack. The lightning continued to accumulate its power above the clouds.

The blue things turned out to be an overwhelming number of moths. Mo Fan had no idea where they had come from. The creatures were lunging at the Carnelian-Head Spider as if they had long awaited this opportunity.

The moths completely blocked off the Carnelian-Head Spider's escape. They gathered together and began to emit a blue light. These lights were like sharp blades, piercing through the Carnelian-Head Spider's damaged armor.

The Carnelian-Head Spider cried out in agony. Normally, the moths had no chance of inflicting any damage on it, due to the outstanding defense of its armor. Most importantly, if the moths drew any closer than three hundred meters, its webs would entrap every single one of them.

However, the Carnelian-Head Spider was still burning! It was unable to spit out its silk!

Mo Fan and Bai Hongfei stood still and watched the moths carrying out their attacks. They angrily cut the Carnelian-Head Spider into pieces. Its blood splattered onto the moths and dyed them an eerie red.

"It seems like they have long been nursing a grievance against it," Mo Fan said.

"Yu Shishi mentioned that the spider is their natural enemy," Bai Hongfei said.

"Yu Shishi? Hang on, did you talk to that woman again?" Mo Fan was startled, and stared at Bai Hongfei.

"Yeah, it was Yu Shishi that told me there's a Carnelian-Head Spider here. We wouldn't have expected such a powerful creature here. Oh, sir, Yu Shishi is really a kind woman. She was using the moths to stop the water from flowing into Tongxiang because the Carnelian-Head Spider has been poisoning the water. The kids fainted because of its poison," Bai Hongfei said.

"She told you all that?" Mo Fan asked.

"Yeah, everything is fine now. The Carnelian-Head Spider is dead, which means our job here is done. Many moths were trapped by the spider webs before. Yu Shishi must be happy now that they were set free," Bai Hongfei smiled even though he was in great pain.

He raised his head and looked into the sky above the dense canopy. The spider webs had lost their magic after the Carnelian-Head Spider died. Many moths were flying out of the woods into the night sky. It was a spectacular sight.

Mo Fan was looking at the moths too. He was surprised by how many moths were trapped in the woods when he saw lots of them flying into the sky. They seemed to be heading into a certain direction too, as if they were being summoned...

“Mentor, let’s head back. I didn’t expect you to be so strong at such a young age. I always thought you are here just to make up the numbers,” Bai Hongfei said.

Even though he had consumed a blood serum, it did not relieve the pain by much. He retrieved his arm so he could reattach it after they got back to town.

Bai Hongfei could not wait to see the innocent gentle smile on Yu Shishi’s face when he went back. All he had gone through was worth it if he could win her affection. On top of that, he was surely going to graduate With Excellence this time, since not only was he able to complete his job, he also got rid of a huge threat to the town!

“Sir, aren’t we done with the job? Why are you frowning still?” Bai Hongfei asked in confusion.

“Don’t you think there are just too many of them?” Mo Fan pointed at the moths in the sky.

The sky that was covered in blue wings was as stunning, as if it was a remarkable piece of art. It was further set off by the dim lights of the town in the distance.

However, Mo Fan had an uneasy feeling...

Meanwhile, in the town hall, the hair of the woman that was tied to the stone pillar was drifting to the night breeze. Her pretty face looked pale and haggard. She seemed quite pitiful, but when she saw the spectacular blue veil that was approaching from the distance, she gradually smiled. Her smile slowly widened into a cunning evil grin!

“You’re all going to pay for this!”

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The town hall was soon covered by a wild blue tornado of moths. The City Hunters immediately ran into the town hall, but the blue moths had completely blocked off their vision. They had no chance of stopping them.

The ice chains were broken, allowing Yu Shishi to gain her freedom. She was walking on bare feet. She stood on her toes and crossed over Captain Feng Guangkuo’s body.

The moths quickly gathered under Yu Shishi’s feet like a blue rug, as if they were surrounding their empress. They slowly lifted the woman into the air.

Yu Shishi rose into the night sky. She was eventually beyond the reach of the lights. The area within a kilometer from her was fully covered by the blue moths. Many moths that were a lot bigger were gathering toward her from the distance. It was not long before a terrifying tornado consisting of the moths loomed over the town. From afar, it looked like an enormous blue beast was about to devour the tiny little town with its mouth wide open!

The moths sprinkled their powder in the sky. The powder had a strong fragrance, and was deadly poisonous. The people in the town fell unconscious before they even came into contact with any of the moths.

More people fainted and fell to the ground as if they had all fallen asleep. The blue moths landed on them. They did not tear them into pieces savagely, but they seemed to be collecting something from them, like butterflies collecting nectar!

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Mo Fan and Bai Hongfei were making their way back to the town as quickly as possible.

The rest of the students had also gone back to the town after they realized what happened.

“Sir, the moths are turning it into a disaster. What should we do now? They seem to be attacking the townsfolk!” Zhou Lixin blurted out in a panic.

The students stared at the town in disbelief too. They were utterly clueless about what was happening.

“They are most likely here to save Yu Shishi. They won’t attack the people...” Bai Hongfei said.

“How stupid do you have to be to still believe her!?” Mo Fan snapped.

“Sir...” Bai Hongfei was startled.

“That Yu Shishi is a vicious and greedy monster. She has played you like a fiddle and used you to finish her job. Damn it, why didn’t I realize that the Carnelian-Head Spider was Yu Shishi’s natural enemy. It was the most important thing needed to keep Yu Shishi under control!” Mo Fan cursed.

Mo Fan was condemning himself, too.

Commander Li Man had already told him at Dongting Lake that some powerful demon creatures in the same territory would suppress one another. The relationship between these creatures allowed humans to live in peace. The army would even go as far as sparing the lives of demon creatures at times just so they would prevent some other species from overpopulating the area!

Every living creature had its natural enemies. Otherwise, things would all go out of control, just like the Sandstorm Demon Locusts had. The Locusts pretty much had no natural enemies, especially those that had mutated after burning in a fire.

Similarly, it was likely that the moths had been around for some time. They had grown to a disastrous level under Yu Shishi’s leadership, and the Carnelian-Head Spider only showed up so close to the safe zone since the moths were delicious food to it!

The Carnelian-Head Spider had greatly controlled the number of the moths and stopped Yu Shishi from carrying out her plan with them. It was the reason why the town had been safe until now!

However, he had helped Yu Shishi eliminate her natural enemy by inflicting serious damage on the Carnelian-Head Spider. It had also set the countless moths that were trapped by the Carnelian-Head Spider free. The moths were going to massacre the townsfolk. They were demon creatures, after all. Eating humans was part of their nature, regardless of how pretty the moth woman might be!

Mo Fan never thought Yu Shishi was friendly, but he had decided to observe her for the time being since she did not harm Bai Hongfei. To his surprise, Yu Shishi was so cunning that she was planning to use the inexperienced Bai Hongfei to take out her natural enemy all along.

It was likely that Yu Shishi was thinking of using him too, but she realized it was not easy to trick him. It was true that Mo Fan never trusted Yu Shishi, but unfortunately, he had completely forgotten about the law of natural enemies between living creatures and ended up inflicting serious damage on the Carnelian-Head Spider!

“Why...why is this happening...” Bai Hongfei completely lost his mind. He could not believe that Yu Shishi had been lying to him.

But the truth was right before his eyes. Bai Hongfei felt like he was about to break down mentally after knowing that he had placed the town in such grave danger.

“She was using the moths to stop the water from flowing. She might be aware of Dean Xiao’s plan of using the Water Circulation Magic Formation to set up a barrier to protect the town, meaning that the barrier was effective against her!” Mo Fan clenched his teeth. His heart was burning in rage.

The truth had always been very simple. The City Hunters did not catch the wrong guy. The townsfolk were right too, but unfortunately, someone had fallen for the moth woman because of her seductive appearance!

“Sir, I’m sorry, I should have kept an eye on Bai Hongfei, just like you instructed!” Cao Qinqin was tearing up. She never thought the whole situation would end up like this!

“It’s useless to blame ourselves now. The few of you, go and find that puffed up mentor and ask him to activate the Water Circulation Magic Formation. The rest of you, try and find some way to increase the flow of the water... I’ll handle Yu Shishi and buy us more time. She must be absorbing the energy of the townsfolk without us noticing to make herself stronger. Her moths were all set free after her natural enemy was taken out. She is blatantly feeding on the energy of the townsfolk. They are still alive, we still have a chance to save them!” Mo Fan said seriously.

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#### **Chapter 1243: The Unstoppable Fire!**

“Sir, the powder of the blue moths seems to have a hypnotizing effect. I’ll go with you,” Cao Qinqin said.

Cao Qinqin was a Poison Mage. She could easily drive the powder away using Poison Cavity.

“You will go find a way to wake the City Hunters up. Ask them to evacuate the townsfolk to somewhere safe,” Mo Fan told Cao Qinqin.

“Will you be fine taking her on by yourself? She seems to be quite powerful,” Cao Qinqin asked, concerned.

“I will be fine,” Mo Fan replied.



Mo Fan glanced at Bai Hongfei, who still had a blank face. He frowned and said, "Come with me. Do you really want the people of the town to die in Yu Shishi's hands?"

Bai Hongfei nodded stiffly. He followed Mo Fan absent-mindedly.

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It was a relief that the number of moths under Yu Shishi's control was nowhere as terrifying as the Sandstorm Demon Locusts had been. However, the moths still posed a huge threat to the town.

"Ardent Sunset!" Flames like the clouds during sunset burst out of Mo Fan's body and circled him. The strong flames surged at the moths and cleared a path with fire.

However, with so many moths around, the fire was like a torch in complete darkness. It was only able to provide them with limited visibility.

"She's there!" The sense of defeat and astonishment in Bai Hongfei's heart gradually turned into anger. He disregarded the moths that were flying around him and jumped straight onto the black tiles of a roof.

He went straight toward where Yu Shishi was. The moths did not try to stop him.

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Yu Shishi was floating in the sky as if she was riding a flying blue raft. The intimidating glimmer of her eyes made her beautiful face oddly terrifying!

"Why did you lie to me!?" Bai Hongfei shouted at her from the roof.

Yu Shishi looked down at Bai Hongfei and giggled, "Didn't you see how they were treating me in the day? I'm just paying back the favor!"

"The Carnelian Head Spider is already dead. Your moths are free too! Please don't hurt the people in the town," Bai Hongfei soon lost his rage.

"Are you seriously treating me like a woman? HAHAHA!" Yu Shishi burst out laughing. Her even teeth slowly turned into fangs.

Her beautiful face was shifting, too. Her skin began to glitter blue as a giant pair of wings grew out of the flesh on her back in a spray of pus.

Bai Hongfei's eyes widened upon witnessing Yu Shishi's changes.

Was this Yu Shishi human or a demon creature? Why was she able to transform into such a ghastly creature even though she looked completely human just a second ago?

"You're such a naive little boy. Since you've done such a huge favor for me, I can let you leave unharmed. As for the people in this town... hehe, do you really think they are kind and pure? I've been living in this town for many years. I have seen how evil they are!" Yu Shishi laughed hollowly.

"But...but what about the kids? They didn't do anything wrong," Bai Hongfei said.

Yu Shishi did not answer. The number of moths around her kept increasing.

A bright flame swept past the cloudy night sky and went straight at Yu Shishi.

The moths around her were burned into ashes. Even the thickest wall of moths stood no chance against the fire.

Yu Shishi beat her wings in the direction of the fire as soon as she saw it. The fire initially heading for Yu Shishi ended up missing and flew off into the distance after it was deflected!

Another scorching Fiery Fist soon followed the first!

More Fiery Fists began to sweep past the night sky like a rain of meteorites. They were all heading toward Yu Shishi.

Yu Shishi continued to deflect the flames. However, she soon realized the flames were not only after her. She could see her moths turning into ashes by the Meteorite Fists. The cloud of moths around her shrank rapidly in just a few moments!

“Why did you even bother wasting your time talking to this b\*\*ch!?” Mo Fan appeared on top of a building. The flames of Ardent Sunset were coiling around his arms, their ripples preventing the moths from coming any closer. The flames were oddly bright within the cloudy tornado of moths and darkness!

Yu Shishi stared at Mo Fan angrily.

Mo Fan’s Rain of Flames had killed many of her moths. She was only able to produce the moths with the energy she had acquired from the townsfolk. She used to be extremely cautious. To avoid exposing herself, she would try her best not to absorb the energy from the same person, nor did she kill anyone...

“I swear I’m going to absorb all your energy!” Yu Shishi cursed at him.

“Is that so? I doubt your skinny body would even let me break a sweat,” Mo Fan mocked her back.

Yu Shishi shuddered. How dare the Mage underestimate her!?

The moths covering the people of the town quickly rose into the sky. Their thin wings turned into sharp blades, sweeping in Mo Fan’s direction wildly.

The wings were shockingly powerful. The wind was strong enough to blow wooden structures into the air before shredding the tiles, planks, and ceilings into pieces.

“Bai Hongfei, save the people!” Mo Fan ordered Bai Hongfei sternly.

Bai Hongfei naively thought Yu Shishi would spare the lives of the townsfolk. To his surprise, Yu Shishi had lost it all after her identity was exposed. She was more than willing to destroy everything in her abhorrence of their evil!

“Yes...got it, sir!” Bai Hongfei did not dare to waste any time. He quickly went to the buildings that were in danger and dragged the unconscious townsfolk out of them.

Bai Hongfei was an Advanced Mage, after all. He had no trouble saving the people while Mo Fan was keeping Yu Shishi occupied.

3Yu Shishi could not care less about the townsfolk, either. Her hatred of Mo Fan was the greatest after all the moths he had killed. If she absorbed the energy of a strong Mage like him, she could easily produce a huge bunch of powerful moths!

A few houses were razed to the ground. Mo Fan landed on an arching bridge. When the wind blades followed after him, he quickly moved to the roof of another building with a flicker of silver light.

Yu Shishi was struggling to keep track of him. When she finally realized where he was, Mo Fan had already Summoned a pair of wings made of the flames of the Ardent Sunset to propel himself at her.

Yu Shishi reacted quickly, beating her wings to dodge Mo Fan's attack. However, Mo Fan was not trying to attack Yu Shishi. He fired his burning feathers into every direction. The feathers exploded as soon as they made contact with the moths!

The night sky was suddenly lit up by explosions that looked like fireworks. The blue moths had turned into scorched pieces falling from the sky after the brilliant explosions.

"Damn it, damn it!" Yu Shishi trembled in rage.

Mo Fan was abusing the flames of his Ardent Sunset to massacre her moths. It was costing her all the effort that she had put in for countless nights!

"Die!" Yu Shishi charged at Mo Fan in hate, quick as a gust of wind. The wind was carrying her poisonous powder with her!

"Little Flame Belle, Possess!" Mo Fan yelled. It felt like he had long been waiting for Yu Shishi to lose her calm.

1The Ardent Sunset and the Calamity Fire erupted below Mo Fan's feet. The wild flames shrouded him like invincible armor. His aura skyrocketed as the Domain of the two fires spread rapidly, burning the moths into ashes.

Yu Shishi was right in front of Mo Fan. She began to panic when she saw how formidable Mo Fan's flames were.

Fire had always been a moth's weakness. Yu Shishi never thought the ordinary-looking Mage would possess such overwhelming power. Her skin was blistering from the scorching heat of the flames!

1"You have a new natural enemy from today on, and that's me!"

1The God of Flames descended from the sky, covered in flames. The flames spread recklessly under Mo Fan's control, setting the moths in their path on fire and turning the sky into an ocean of flames!

Mo Fan dashed toward Yu Shishi with a blazing sword formed with both flames!

Mo Fan swept the sword down. The heat surged forward like a tide; Yu Shishi was unable to dodge it in time. Moths quickly gathered in front of her like walls to defend her!

The flames surged wildly, their force knocked Yu Shishi flying. It was impossible to tell how many moths had just died to the flames. Mo Fan was completely unstoppable against insects by abusing the flames

of the Ardent Sunset. Even the spiderwebs of the Carnelian-Head Spider were not as effective as his flames!

Yu Shishi was not too strong on her own. She was swaying wildly in the air and had to rely on the moths for support.

“Since you didn’t kill the townsfolk, if you are willing to give the energy back to the kids, I’ll consider sparing your life!” Mo Fan lifted the fiery sword and pointed it at Yu Shishi. His flames showed no sign of dissipating, forcing the moths away from him!

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#### **Chapter 1244: An Out-And-Out Devil**

“No way! They are all going to die!” Yu Shishi declared coldly.

“I wonder how you’re going to harm them once I kill all your moths!” Mo Fan shot back.

His flames burned even more fiercely. He began to lift a huge fireball with his hands.

The fireball continued to expand. Its light was shining down upon the town like the sun.

“Go!” Mo Fan hurled the fireball into the air. The bright fireball rose to the highest point after his yell.

The scorching light did not damage the buildings and the ground, but the moths that had filled the sky were being reduced to ashes. Even the moths trying to hide under the ground and the buildings could not escape from the heat!

Half of the cloud of moths was driven away by the scorching light. Huge clusters of moths had died. They could not last for more than five seconds in the flames. Their flammable bodies were deadly to the other moths nearby, as they allowed the flames to spread rapidly, resulting in a spectacular ocean of flames in the sky above the town...

Yu Shishi was twitching crazily when she witnessed her moths being destroyed. She did not expect such a strong Fire Mage to show up after she finally got rid of the Carnelian-Head Spider!

It was exactly what the guy had said. He was her true nemesis, after all. The merciless flames showed no sign of stopping. Her little moths absolutely stood no chance against them. Their bodies scattered in the air when the wind blew at her. She was on the verge of losing her mind, and had completely lost her will to fight.

“Assh\*\*e, stop it right now!” Yu Shishi screamed at him.

“I can’t afford to let these things that feed on humans live!” Mo Fan did not stop there. His hands began to lift another fireball.

He had spent more time preparing the fireball, so it was a lot bigger than the one before. Its light was going to eliminate even more moths once it rose into the sky.

Mo Fan’s face was expressionless. He was showing no mercy to the moths Yu Shishi treated so preciously. The huge fireball rose into the sky. Its brilliance lit up the entire town once again.

The moths suffered the same fate, burned into ashes once again. The blue tornado looming over the town had turned into a thin blue veil. More moths were fleeing from the town in fear and escaping back to the forest.

“I’ll take you down with me!” Yu Shishi returned to the appearance of a monster and charged at Mo Fan.

As she was flying toward Mo Fan, lots of silk burst out of her body, forming a huge cocoon around her...

Yu Shishi was diving at Mo Fan, so the giant cocoon was trapping Mo Fan within it as it closed around Yu Shishi.

Surprisingly, the flames of the Ardent Sunset were not able to burn through the cocoon as quickly as they did the moths. The cocoon had trapped the flames too!

The cocoon was the size of a house, and its extremely thick walls prevented Mo Fan’s flames from breaking out of it. However, Yu Shishi was trapped inside the cocoon, too! She was only doing it to protect the moths. The Ardent Sunset and the Calamity Fire were devouring her!

Yu Shishi was no match for a violent Mage like Mo Fan. She had basically tossed herself into a huge furnace by trapping herself in the confined space. The Soul-grade Flames were devouring her!

Bai Hongfei took the people nearby to safety and glanced at the huge cocoon hanging between two buildings. He felt a surge of emotions flowing through him.

He admitted that he naively thought Yu Shishi might still have some conscience deep within her heart.

However, his rationality was telling him that his mentor was right. Perhaps Yu Shishi did not kill brutally like the rest of the demon creatures, but she was no kind being. She was using the appearance of a beautiful woman to disguise herself so she could steal the energy from people at night! She was still a threat!

Cao Qinqin came over and asked him, “Bai Hongfei, how do you feel?”

Cao Qinqin was with a few City Hunters. They were all staring at the huge cocoon with wide eyes. They did not expect the situation to come down to this.

“Luckily we had a mentor from the Pearl Institute with us. Otherwise, we would be in huge trouble. Speaking of which, your mentor is so strong. He’s the strongest Fire Mage I’ve ever seen!” one of the City Hunters admitted.

“Of course, our mentor is the best, but I can’t tell what’s happening inside there. I’m worried that the monster is serious about taking him down with her...” Cao Qinqin murmured.

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The flames were still burning inside the cocoon. Yu Shishi clenched her teeth and glared at Mo Fan. She had no intention of breaking the cocoon apart.

Mo Fan soon realized that the cocoon was slowly contracting. He would eventually suffocate if the cocoon kept shrinking and trapping him.

“I’m a Space Mage, do you really think you can trap me in here?” Mo Fan said indifferently to Yu Shishi.

"I won't give you a chance to use it!" Yu Shishi said firmly.

"You won't live for much longer, my flames are a lot stronger than you have imagined," Mo Fan said.

"Try it, then!" Yu Shishi had obviously decided to sacrifice herself.

"Let's put the fact that you will never be able to kill me aside, even if you did take me down with you, it's only a matter of time until the moths die to other demon creatures in the woods. They will still die, even if I don't burn them into ashes," Mo Fan said.

"It's all your fault!" Yu Shishi screamed at him.

"Humph, if you weren't trying to harm the people, why would I even bother taking you out? I'm no saint, I don't really care about serving justice or condemning the evil. Do you think I would care what you are if you didn't cross the line?" Mo Fan harrumphed coldly.

"It's no use telling me all that now. If I die, the kids are going to die too, and so are you!" Yu Shishi said.

"Let the kids go, and I'll spare your life," Mo Fan said seriously.

Mo Fan was not willing to go easy on Yu Shishi, since she did kill some of the townsfolk. However, killing her would not make any difference. It was more important to find a way to save the kids. If he kept insisting on punishing evil, everything would simply fall apart...

"I don't trust you!" Yu Shishi said.

"I have a girl who's from the Blood Tribe. She's currently living in the dark in a city. She won't harm anyone, so I will try my best to protect her too... What you are doesn't really matter to me, it's more about what you do. I can swear to Heaven that if those kids die, I will spend the rest of my life in the woods where I saw you and kill every single moth, including those that are just born! However, I can also promise you that if you save the kids, I will let you and the moths go. I can even ask the City Hunters to let you go! You can think of the moths that died as a punishment for the chaos that you stirred up. If you still want to avenge them, you can come find me anytime!"

Yu Shishi fell silent for a long time.

Mo Fan slowly tamped his flames after noticing that Yu Shishi was withdrawing her aura.

Mo Fan did not force Yu Shishi to make her decision right away. He had already told her everything he needed to. If she still insisted on taking him down with her, Mo Fan would destroy her with his flames, then contact Xinxia to send Healers of the Parthenon Temple here to save the kids.

Mo Fan already had a plan to save the kids, but he chose to give Yu Shishi a chance to decide whether she wanted to put the grudges aside, or vent her hatred instead!

"You've killed so many of my moths, but you're asking me to surrender instead. You're an out-and-out devil!" Yu Shishi was still holding a strong grudge, but she was obviously directing it toward Mo Fan now.

Mo Fan was ten times, or even a hundred times, scarier to Yu Shishi than the townsfolk!

"As I said, you can try to get your revenge on me, as long as you think you can kill me!" Mo Fan replied easily.

“Even killing you ten thousand times won’t be enough!”

Mo Fan did not respond. He did not want to provoke her; she was currently on edge, even after he had already convinced her.

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The giant cocoon slowly fell apart. The moths did not run away. They seemed to be worried about Yu Shishi, who had sacrificed herself for them, and flew uneasily around the cocoon. The moths were startled when they saw Mo Fan. They immediately dove at Mo Fan, as if they were about to sacrifice themselves to take him out.

“Forget it, come back here!” Yu Shishi told the moths.

It was literally moths flying into flames at this rate. Yu Shishi knew the young Mage was powerful beyond reason. There was nothing she could do to him!

“Go and return the energy to the kids,” Yu Shishi murmured to the moths.

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Some half-transparent moths quickly flew toward the hospital.

They stopped on the kids and emitted a soft light that sprinkled down onto the kids.

The kids slowly recovered. Their eyes began to blink.

The rest of the adults were still unconscious. The kid’s eyes widened when they saw everyone else sleeping soundly in the hospital. They were totally unaware of what had happened.

“I’m sorry, I will never catch you and break your wings again...”

“I won’t turn you into samples again,” a little girl promised softly.

“It’s all your fault, you said that you’re going to catch them and hang their wings across the walls.”

“But they are pests!” an older kid said firmly.

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#### **Chapter 1245: Shameless Bearing**

The sky was overlaid with a hint of gold as the fiery red sun rose above the canopy in the distance. When its light reached the town, the people awoke.

They were overjoyed when they learned their kids were awake and perfectly fine. They did not really care about the reason why they were sleeping in random places. They had no clue how dangerous the night before was, nor did they see the moths that had been looming over the city.

The ashes that fell into the town were blown and scattered into the woods and mountains by the wind. The remains of the moths had returned to where they belonged.

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“Are you going to keep your promise?” Yu Shishi glanced at Mo Fan coldly.

“Go now, and don’t ever hurt humans again,” Mo Fan said calmly.

Mo Fan withdrew the energy binding Yu Shishi. The woman was still looking at Mo Fan.

Perhaps Yu Shishi was struggling to believe that Mo Fan was willing to let her go so easily. She was observing him closely, to see if he was trying to trick her.

However, Yu Shishi did not see any sign of deceit from him.

She began to walk away. Mo Fan did not stop her. She summoned her damaged wings that were seriously damaged and slowly rose into the sky as her wings spread...

A group of blue moths circled her as she struggled to fly properly.

Yu Shishi turned around and saw that Mo Fan still had no intention of attacking her.

In Yu Shishi’s eyes, now that the kids and the townsfolk were safe, there was no reason for her to be alive anymore.

“Why haven’t you left yet? Are you waiting for the New Year to come?” Mo Fan lifted his gaze and harrumphed coldly.

Yu Shishi bit her lips. She had been living here for a long time. She would be lying if she said she was not reluctant to leave.

However, she had destroyed her chance with her own hands. No one could possibly accept her after what she did. She was not a pure demon creature, so it was unlikely that she could survive in the wild. She had to find a new place to stay, but she had no idea where to go.

Yu Shishi beat her wings and flew toward the woods. The moths followed closely around her. They were not particularly fond of the sunlight, so they quickly picked up their pace.

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“Sir, did you really let her go just like that? She killed Captain Feng Guangkuo,” Zhou Lixin said discontentedly.

They would have trouble explaining why they had spared the monster’s life to the townsfolk and the City Hunters, especially after the situation had escalated. It was unlikely that the Magic Association would turn a blind eye to it too. There was no reason to let her go.

“Fighting until the net splits isn’t going to do us any good. If we killed Yu Shishi, those moths would soon return to avenge her. They are able to reproduce quickly, are active at night, and are poisonous too. They will come and feed on the townsfolk when it’s the right season. It will end up as a worse disaster for the people in Jiangnan. It’s better to let Yu Shishi keep them under control,” Mo Fan replied.

It was impossible to tell exactly what the right thing to do was. Not every evil presence deserved to be eliminated, and not every kind existence was trustworthy, either...



Nature had its laws, and the cycle would just keep repeating. Mo Fan could not tell if letting Yu Shishi go would result in a worse tragedy in the future, nor did he know if the moths were better controlled by sparing Yu Shishi's life. Since everything was still unknown, he just needed to do what he thought was right.

As for the price that Yu Shishi was supposed to pay for the lives she took, it was none of Mo Fan's business. He was not the police or a judge. He was never driven by righteousness, or the obligation to serve justice. He was only following his conscience, and that included saving the kids!

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Since Yu Shishi was no longer using the moths to stop the flow of the water, it was flowing smoothly again.

Bai Hongfei still thought Yu Shishi was not wholly lying to him. He had collected some water to conduct some tests.

Unfortunately, Yu Shishi had indeed lied to him. She had deceived him with her beautiful looks, and abused his innocence. The young man was clearly having a hard time recovering from it.

He was utterly disappointed by how cunning Yu Shishi was. On the other hand, he had almost become her accomplice in her deadly plot because of how stupid he was.

Bai Hongfei knew he had committed a huge mistake. He did not request that he graduate With Excellence.

He even thought that he was no longer worthy to be a student of the Pearl Institute. He chose to leave the school without asking to graduate normally.

"Sir, I'm thinking of going on adventures. If I just keep staying in the cities, I'll soon lose the courage to take on demon creatures, and the ability to see through their deceit... I kept thinking that I'll be able to acquire a nice job in the renowned clans or organizations once I graduated With Excellence. I would be able to earn respect and fame, but I now realize how useless they are. Only I know what I'm actually capable of."

Bai Hongfei was standing in front of Mo Fan. The young man who was acting arrogantly when he first joined the team, who began to fawn upon Mo Fan after knowing that he was their mentor, was now being honest and sincere, utterly impressed by Mo Fan. Bai Hongfei knew there were many things he could learn, things he would never learn just by staying at school. It was time for him to get out of his comfort zone.

"I'm relieved to hear that. It's good going out on adventures, it will help you grow faster. There's no need to dwell on the past. When you're finally as experienced as I am when it comes to dealing with women, you will not be easily tricked by Yu Shishi again!" Mo Fan patted Bai Hongfei on the shoulder.

"Sir, apart from how you're able to just follow your heart, I'm also impressed by your shameless bearing. I'm afraid I will never learn these two things," Bai Hongfei smiled.

Mo Fan's expression stiffened. Mu Nujiao laughed so hard that she could not even stand straight. Her pleasant laughter and her gorgeous smile...

“Bai Hongfei, I believe you no longer want to graduate for the rest of your life,” Mo Fan glared at him.

“Sir, I actually decided not to graduate. Anyway, thank you for being our mentor. I didn’t manage to graduate With Excellence, but I’ve learned something more valuable than that. I’ll be going. Feel free to visit the Bai Clan whenever you want,” Bai Hongfei said.

Bai Hongfei waved and left the Pearl Institute with his belongings.

Mo Fan waved back helplessly. Seriously, where was the kid’s respect for his mentor?...

“Mo Fan, it seems like you’re actually pretty good at being a mentor.” Dean Xiao walked toward him with a smile.

Even though having one extra student graduating With Excellence would bring more fame to the school, Dean Xiao believed Bai Hongfei was going to achieve much more than mere fame from here on. He was still young, yet he was already an Advanced Mage. The only hindrance was his pride and stubbornness. If he was willing to take the step, he would be reborn and soar even higher and further!

“Dean Xiao, Bai Hongfei has willingly given up his chance to graduate With Excellence. Doesn’t that mean I can take his spot instead?” Mo Fan said.

“...” Dean Xiao was left speechless. It turned out that it was what Mo Fan had been planning all along!

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Dean Xiao gave Mo Fan the Pearl Badge of Excellence as he wished. As a matter of fact, Dean Xiao was willing to make Mo Fan an official mentor, too...

However, Mo Fan had gotten used to enjoying his freedom. It was just too tiring to lead a bunch of inexperienced students on a job!

“Mo Fan, come with me and get yourself some equipment. Apart from the Black Snake Armor, nothing that you are wearing is worth your achievement of winning the World College Tournament. I thought you were pretty rich, how come you didn’t even have a full set of magic Equipment? It’s going to be a disgrace if you tell the others that you have graduated With Excellence from the Pearl Institute. Look at you, you’re still wearing the Blood Tabi that I gave you ages ago...” Dean Xiao said.

Mo Fan’s face darkened upon hearing Dean Xiao’s words.

*-Damn it, since when was I rich? I am nothing but a poyo. The others only need to worry about getting enough resources to feed their three Elements, but what about me?-*

The Lightning and Fire Elements were the most expensive Elements to maintain. The cost needed to improve the Shadow Element was not too bad, but the Summoning Element was a bottomless pit. Little Flame Belle and the wolf could digest every yuan he threw at them. He could not even afford Little Flame Belle’s milk powder with the petty money that he earned from his part-time work.

And then there was the Space Element...

The Space Element was just another bottomless pit too, as spending resources on it would actually make a huge difference. Yang Bao from the Golden Battle Hunters was a Space Mage too. However, because

of how poor he was, his Space Element was basically useless. It was extremely unlikely that he could find something like the Stone of Will to improve his Space Element. If he tried to buy it from an auction, it would cost at least a few billion!

A few f\*\*king billion, the whole country only had just over a billion people. Everyone else only needed a billion at most at the Advanced Level, yet it was only enough for him to buy something that could improve his mental strength!

Luckily it was Dean Xiao that was talking to him; if anyone else said that he was rich, he would simply have the urge to slap them to death!

As for his magic Equipment... Each of his Elements was a bottomless money-burning pit, how could he possibly afford some high-quality magic Equipment!?

“Don’t look at me like that. Considering the things you have done for the school, I’ll discuss with the other deans and see if we can give you one of our heirloom treasures,” Dean Xiao chuckled. He was well aware of Mo Fan’s struggles.

Either way, Mo Fan had won the World College Tournament. The name of the Pearl Institute had spread across the world. On top of that, Mo Fan had successfully graduated. It was necessary for them to give him rewards!

“Don’t even bother if it’s worth less than a hundred million. Save it for my juniors instead,” Mo Fan said indifferently.

Mo Fan suddenly felt a great esteem after finishing the sentence. He once had to risk his life and fight against demon creatures just to earn a few million, but he was no longer interested in things that were worth less than a hundred million. Tsk tsk tsk...but it did not really change the fact that he would be a pov0 forever...

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#### **Chapter 1246: The Era of the Totem Beasts**

“Do you really think an heirloom treasure is worthless? They are all priceless. They are mostly some old magic Equipment that Super Mages donated to our school to express their gratitude as alumni,” Dean Xiao said.

“Seriously!?” Mo Fan blurted out.

The Dark Noble Mantle that he had received was a donation from Essendale, the strongest Shadow Mage. Even though the guy was condemned by the world so much that his coffin was about to explode, it did not stop his Dark Noble Mantle from leaving a mark for generations to come.

Many people still had no idea that Mo Fan had the Dark Noble Mantle. It was the most expensive equipment that Mo Fan had, apart from the Black Snake Armor. It was perfect for sneaking, running away, and ambushing his target!

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Mo Fan followed Dean Xiao to the Three Step Tower. He was a little confused. He could not help but wonder... was Dean Xiao actually thinking of offering him a chance to cultivate in the Three Step Tower for a year or a half as the reward?

Mo Fan had spent some time cultivating on the Mountain of Blessing in Greece. It was a lot more efficient than cultivating in the Three Step Tower. The Three Step Tower did not really help much with his current cultivation, since it was more effective for Elements below the Advanced Level. It would only be useful once he Awakened his seventh and eighth Elements! He would still benefit a lot from cultivating in the Three Step Tower before the two new Elements reached the Advanced Level, however!

“Come with me,” Dean Xiao led Mo Fan into the Three Step Tower.

Most interestingly, Dean Xiao did not bring Mo Fan to the cultivating corridor. There was another path that Mo Fan had never seen before, leading to a different place.

They went through a heavy door protected with magic. Mo Fan found himself in a room with lots of bookshelves and cabinets filled with ancient artifacts. It was like a museum, but somehow more dignified. It even had a pressure urging them to breathe slower and lighter. The things that were displayed had a certain aura to them...

“Look at all these treasures!” Mo Fan was astounded. He never thought the Pearl Institute would have a place like this.

High-level Equipment was normally referred to as a Soul-grade Equipment. These pieces of Equipment would have their own tempers, innate characters, power, and integrity, just like a living being. It was also why Mo Fan subconsciously held his breath as soon as he set foot into the room!

“Professor Shi, I’ve brought a student here to pick his reward. This is Mo Fan, the one that won the World College Tournament. He just graduated,” Dean Xiao walked up to an empty chair.

Mo Fan was stunned. Why was Dean Xiao talking to a chair?

However, when Mo Fan took a closer look, he realized that someone was actually leaning against the chair. The shadow had blocked his vision. The man was like a transparent ghost in the shadow. It took Mo Fan by surprise.

Mo Fan had the Shadow Element too, yet it was significantly weaker than the old man’s. He could not even detect the old man’s presence at such a close distance. Most importantly, the man was not using his magic at all. It was only the natural effect after his Shadow Element had reached a certain level.

“Oh, I’ve met the kid before.” The professor leaned back and rocked the chair a little.

Mo Fan went closer and realized that the old man did look familiar. However, he just could not remember where he had met the old man before.

“On the train you took when you left Bo City, you asked me if there was any special way you can enter the Pearl Institute. I told you there was none,” the professor reminded him.

Mo Fan finally remembered. On the train he, Xinxia, and his father took to Xiamen, they had a quick chat with a stubborn old professor they had stumbled into.

“So it’s you! How fateful are we...” Mo Fan blurted out.

“Fateful my ass! I already told you I was a professor at the Pearl Institute, but did you bother to come and visit me, despite being around in the school for so long?” the old man snapped.

“I thought you were a liar, HAHAAH!” Mo Fan burst out laughing.

“I won’t be fussy about it, considering the things you have done for the school.” The old professor smiled too.

“I’ll bring him around then,” Dean Xiao told the old professor.

“Yeah, feel free to do that.” The old professor did not talk further. He had a languid demeanor.

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Mo Fan followed Dean Xiao around the room. He turned around and took a quick look at the old professor, and discovered that the old man had vanished into thin air again.

Dean Xiao led Mo Fan deeper into the room. They soon reached a cabinet filled with Deathstrike Equipment.

Dean Xiao was thinking of getting Mo Fan a Deathstrike item, since they were usually more costly. Mo Fan still did not own a Deathstrike item.

“Dean, forget about the Deathstrike Equipment, I already have too many attacking moves,” Mo Fan told him.

“You’re right, what are you looking for then?” Dean Xiao asked.

“Some defensive equipment. My defense is lacking,” Mo Fan said.

Dean Xiao nodded. He brought Mo Fan to the section where the defensive Equipment was placed. As a matter of fact, there were not many pieces of magic Equipment. Each magic Equipment had its own display, with a long description of its lore.

“Wait here, I’ll take a look at the records. It’s been a while since I last came here,” Dean Xiao said.

“Alright.” Mo Fan proceeded to look around on his own.

He soon discovered a bright feather placed inside a glass cabinet. It was only a single feather, but it was as big as a fan. He could even see the lines on it.

Somehow, Mo Fan felt the pattern of the lines were familiar!

He soon recalled the pattern that he had seen in the little hut on the heart-shaped island at West Lake, and the lines on Zhao Manyan’s wooden clapper...

“Professor Timo...oh, Professor Shi, what is this feather?” Mo Fan said to the chair behind him.

1Professor Shi slowly appeared. He said without even looking at the feather, “The only evidence that proves some powerful creature once existed in this world.”

“What creature?” Mo Fan asked.

“What do you think the strongest creature in our country over five thousand years ago was?” Professor Shi asked.

“Women,” Mo Fan blurted out. He quickly straightened his face when he saw the displeased look on Professor Shi’s face, “I bet it’s the totem beasts?”

1“Not bad! Many old Mages still have no clue what totem beasts are,” Professor Shi said.

“Don’t tell me it’s the feather of a totem beast?” Mo Fan glanced at the feather and tried to imagine what the creature would look like.

If a single feather was already this big, what would the actual creature even look like?

“How much do you know about the totem beasts?” Professor Shi asked.

“A little. I’m only familiar with the Black Totem Snake,” Mo Fan said.

“Humans were at the bottom of the food chain in the early days. Back then, there were no Mages. The only reason we didn’t go extinct was that we were worshiping the Totem Beasts. Each primitive tribe worshipped their own Totem Beast, and in return, the Totem Beasts provided the vulnerable humans a safe environment. They were lots of Totem Beasts back in the day: Eagle Gods, Shark Gods, Snake Gods, Wolf Gods... different tribes were protected by different Totem Beasts,” Professor Shi explained.

The history textbooks did not mention anything about the past. They did not even mention the words Totem Beasts.

“Why don’t the textbooks mention anything about the Totem Beasts?” Mo Fan asked, confused.

“Humans have gotten stronger now with the help of magic. Who would be willing to admit that they were once ruled by the Totem Beasts like slaves, even though the Totem Beasts had always been friendly to us?” Professor Shi said.

“Fine,” Mo Fan understood.

Humans had gone through three eras. The first era was the Era of the Totem Beasts.

There were no cities, humans were living in the wild like the demon creatures. The humans had to rely on the protection of powerful Totem Beasts in order to not end up as food. A Totem Beast protected a human tribe. The Totem Beasts were also the symbols of the human tribes. Humans were weak and petty during that era!

The second era was when magic first appeared. Humans started Awakening Elements and became Mages. They slowly parted ways with the Totem Beasts and set up their own territories.

The third era was when magic became prosperous. Humans started to have lots of different Elements and build cities under the protection of magic barriers that even demon creatures had a hard time breaking through. Humans started living in cities and set up the safe zones, slowly expanding their

territories while competing against the demon creatures. Even though humans were still weak compared to the demon creatures with overwhelming numbers, they no longer lived pettily like in the past.

Every textbook in schools only recorded the history since the Awakening of magic. They never mentioned about the era where there were no Mages, nor did they mention the Totem Beasts.

“Why did the Totem Beasts disappear? Didn’t you say there were many of them? Did the demon creatures kill them all?” Mo Fan asked.

The only Totem Beast left in the country was the Black Totem Snake. It was too much of a difference compared to the era where every tribe was protected by a Totem Beast. Weren’t the Totem Beasts so powerful that the demon creatures would not dare to provoke? Why did so many of them disappear?

“I think so. The demon creatures have always been unfriendly to the Totem Beasts. However, the Totem Beasts were born for battle, yet their natural enemies weren’t the demon creatures...” Professor Shi said. He did not continue.

Mo Fan felt silent, too.

Perhaps the reason that humans were unwilling to mention the Totem Beasts was not just because they felt humiliated.

“No one knew what actually happened, since it’s been so long...” Professor Shi said.

Professor Shi did not continue the topic. Mo Fan lowered his head and read the description on the feather instead.

The description was extremely long, but most of it was just speculation. Even the person that wrote it emphasized that he could only speculate about the Totem Beast due to the lack of evidence.

Mo Fan read until the end and noticed a familiar name at the bottom.

“Jiang Shaoguan?” Mo Fan read the name out.

“A good kid who’s extremely fond of the Totem Beasts. Unfortunately, he never came back after he discovered the ruins of a powerful Totem Beast,” Professor Shi said.

Mo Fan had heard the name from Jiang Shaoxu!

She had gone to the desert to look for clues of her brother’s whereabouts. Mo Fan had not expected that Jiang Shaoxu’s brother had found the feather of a Totem Beast. It was a remarkable discovery!

Without those people exploring the ancient ruins, humans would eventually forget about the Totem Beasts!

History was never something to feel ashamed of, or scars that people were not willing to reveal. It was actually a reminder of how humans had been moving forward!

There were no species that could not go extinct in the world. Even the Totem Beasts that were born for battle had become a part of history...

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### Chapter 1247: Hand of Silent Thunder

“Mo Fan, you’re not in luck; there doesn’t seem to be any defensive equipment that suits you right now,” Dean Xiao’s voice came from behind him.

Mo Fan headed toward Dean Xiao and saw him holding a piece of magic Equipment that resembled a gauntlet. It had three parts, and looked extremely cool!

“What is this?” Mo Fan had never seen a gauntlet-type defensive magic Equipment.

“It’s the Hand of Silent Thunder, a very special magical device. It’s not necessarily a defensive magic Equipment, since it’s not going to nullify or weaken attacks for you,” Dean Xiao told him.

“Huh? What can it even do then?” Mo Fan was left speechless. Why would he need a piece of defensive Equipment that couldn’t defend him!?

“Be patient and listen to me. It’s basically useless to many people, but it’s extremely useful for you. Even though it can’t be used for defensive purposes, it has a remarkable power; the ability to transform the Element of the attacks that the bearer is receiving to other Elements. You can think of it as an Element Transformer at a ratio of one to one,” Dean Xiao said.

Changing the Element of spells targeting him without weakening them...

“Dean Xiao, are you being serious now? If it doesn’t weaken the attacks, what’s the use of changing their Element? If someone’s Wind Spell is strong enough to kill me, wouldn’t it kill me still if it’s changed into the Light Element?” Mo Fan said.

“Yeah, the damage remains the same. You’re still going to die if you change the Wind Element to the Light Element, but what if you turn it into the Lightning Element?” Dean Xiao asked him sternly.

Mo Fan was startled.

*-F\*\*k me! It’s a f\*\*king gem! This thing is a f\*\*king gem!-*

2Mo Fan had extraordinary Lightning Resistance, especially after obtaining the Lightning Tyrant. He did not even need to dodge the attacks from ordinary Spirit-grade Seeds.

If an Advanced Light Spell landed right on Mo Fan when he did not have any protection, it would inflict serious harm on him. However, he would be perfectly fine if it was an Advanced Lightning Spell!

“Can this Hand of Silent Thunder really turn other Elements into the Lightning Element?” Mo Fan asked excitedly.

Dean Xiao nodded with a smile, “Which is why I say this thing is useless to others, but priceless to you! I clearly remember that you were able to defeat Zorro, the strongest genius from England, by abusing your Lightning Resistance!”



Mo Fan nodded in agreement. Without the Lightning Tyrant's ability to absorb lightning and his Lightning Resistance, he had no chance of defeating Zorro. He only managed to defeat him after multiplying the damage of the Sky Lightning Claw at least fivefold. Mo Fan would never forget how destructive it was!

"It was not a piece of defensive equipment, but if it's able to transform the Element of spells to Lightning, it's the best defensive equipment that you could ever hope for," Dean Xiao said.

"HAHAHA, thanks, Dean Xiao!" Mo Fan gladly accepted the gift.

It was better than he could have imagined! Mo Fan was very satisfied with it. He decisively established the spiritual link with the Hand of Silent Thunder.

"Do you want to try it out?" Dean Xiao asked.

"Sure!" Mo Fan nodded.

"Try it somewhere else, this isn't your home!" Professor Shi snapped in displeasure.

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Mo Fan and Dean Xiao went to the training ground. Dean Xiao cast a Rolling Wave at Mo Fan, a typical Water Spell.

Mo Fan did not defend himself, and activated the Hand of Silent Thunder. A blurry purple outline resembling a hand of lightning surrounded Mo Fan. The Rolling Wave disappeared as soon as it reached the purple outline. The next second, the shield formed by the Hand of Silent Thunder fired a series of lightning strikes at Mo Fan.

The Lightning was incredibly powerful. Mo Fan had no clue what tier Dean Xiao's Rolling Wave was. However, he could feel a burning sensation from the lightning.

"Lightning Tyrant Domain!" Mo Fan unleashed his Domain and absorbed the lightning targeting him.

The lightning arcs surged wildly over Mo Fan, but soon vanished within his Domain. Mo Fan flipped his hand and tossed a strengthened Lightning Strike at the training dummy nearby!

The training dummy turned into ashes instantly. It clearly could not withstand Mo Fan's extraordinary power!

"Not bad, not bad! It's brilliant!" Mo Fan had a very happy face.

"Use it wisely, it can only activate once. It needs time for its energy to replenish. Use it as your final resort," Dean Xiao reminded.

"I understand!" Mo Fan nodded. He knew he could treat it as a trump card, especially when he was up against enemies who were stronger than him!

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Mo Fan was in a great mood after receiving the gift.

Mo Fan hummed pleasantly on his way home. He was surprised to discover a pair of heels at the entrance. He could imagine the tender smooth legs of their owner just by looking at the tiny crystalline shoes...

Mo Fan went inside, wondering who was paying him a visit. It was definitely not Mu Nujiao and Ai Tutu, since they always placed their shoes inside.

Mo Fan picked up a unique scent as soon as he went inside. There was indeed a woman visitor. If only he could recognize women just by picking up their scent, he would be able to say the name of the woman before seeing her. It would surely pull the strings of her heart!...

“Mo Fan, what are you doing?” Ai Tutu asked in confusion.

“Oh, oh, nothing, I’m just wondering who it is... Oh, Xuexue, I knew it was you. HAHHAHA, no wonder I was in such a good mood on my way here!” Mo Fan’s smile widened as soon as he saw Mu Ningxue.

However, he was feeling a little awkward too. He was thinking of recognizing women just by picking up their scent, but he could not even tell the scent of his Big Wife. He clearly had no talent in that area.

Mu Ningxue was drinking a cup of tea. She looked at Mo Fan and poured a cup of tea for him, too. She placed the cup opposite her, signaling Mo Fan to sit down. She had something to talk to him about.

Mu Ningxue had indeed come to talk to Mo Fan. She needed his help!

To her surprise, the shameless man simply sat beside her and stuck very closely to her. He picked up Mu Ningxue’s cup and emptied it in one gulp.

He had no idea how expensive the tea was. Mu Ningxue had purposely brought it to share with Mu Nujiao and Ai Tutu. The two were slowly enjoying the delicate tea, yet Mo Fan just gulped it down to quench his thirst. He even took his bottle and poured the rest of the tea into it...

After becoming aware of the cold look from the others, Mo Fan finally realized that he had wasted the exquisite tea. He chuckled awkwardly and asked, “How is your clan doing?”

“We have a problem,” Mu Ningxue said.

“So you need my help?” Mo Fan smiled.

“Yeah, I just bought some land. The Magic Association recently evaluated it, and they say we aren’t allowed to use it as a private property of the clan,” Mu Ningxue said.

A clan had to have their own land. Having a few houses in the city was just a parvenu instead of a magic clan, let alone a renowned clan.

Mu Ningxue had basically started from scratch. The clan needed time to grow; it would not take only a day or two to become a renowned clan.

“Should I go and beat the crap out of the people that evaluated it?” Mo Fan asked.

Mu Ningxue rolled her eyes and said, “Someone was pulling the strings and tricking us. We never knew the Magic Association had marked the land gray just before we bought it.”

“So someone set you up?” Mo Fan’s eyes widened.

Mu Ningxue shook her head and said, “Not really, the land didn’t cost much. It’s all we got. It actually has a great potential. If we can fix the problem, the land will be worth even more than the price we bought it for. It’s perfect for our development, too!”

“I’ll go to the Magic Association with you. Let’s see what they have to say,” Mo Fan said.

“Mm, I’ll need your help with it. If there really is any problem with the land, we’ll just give it up,” Mu Ningxue nodded.

“Humph, if they are doing it on purpose, I’ll beat the teeth out of the people responsible for it. They are asking for a death wish by messing with my woman. Why didn’t they ask how the Enforcement Union at Beiyu Mountain went down?” Mo Fan said.

“Should I ask my family to help you, too? It’s not a huge problem. You just need to maintain a good relationship with the person in charge at the Magic Association. We do have some people that know what to do in our clan. You should be able to get it done quickly,” Mu Nujiao said.

Mu Ningxue shook her head, “We should do it ourselves. The evaluation report does have a valid reason why the land is dangerous to be used by the clan.”

“Sure, just tell me if you need any help,” Mu Nujiao said.

The Magic Association was in charge of a lot of things. A clan basically had to get their permission when it came to setting up their territory, getting Awakening Stones, reporting their numbers and resources, paying taxes, and a whole other bunch of stuff. None of it was Mo Fan’s concern. Only Mu Ningxue, who was eager to set up her own clan had the patience to deal with all of them...

Luckily, Mu Ningxue was not in charge of everything, either. She only had to attend serious matters like this.

“The Magic Association has an Evaluation Committee?” Mo Fan asked.

“Since when does a person that solely focuses on your cultivation and hunting demon creatures spend any time with the Magic Association?” Mu Nujiao said.

“You’re right, HAHA! I only went to the Magic Association when I first reached the Intermediate Level to Awaken new Elements. I think it was my last time there. I really should develop a better relationship with them. I heard they are in charge of almost everything.”

Chapter 1248: The Hindrance from the Local Tyrant

The two went to the Oriental Pearl Tower and headed straight up to the sphere. Mo Fan was wondering when he would ever have the chance to come up here to enjoy the view, and never expected he would be here to buy some land.

They went to the Evaluation Committee. Mo Fan discovered there were fewer visitors than workers.

Most interesting, even though there were not many visitors around, they waited for a long time before they were attended to. Mo Fan looked at Mu Ningxue and said, "It seems like the people here really have a grudge against us?"

A plump middle-aged man finally showed up after a long time. He said apologetically, "Sorry for the wait, there was a meeting that I had to attend. I've checked the land that you bought. The land is indeed inhabitable, especially with how you registered for three hundred people to inhabit the land. Three hundred people are basically a village. Being in the safe zone isn't enough, it has to be a hundred kilometers away from the demon creatures' territory, too!"

"That's something I don't understand, Mr. Pan. I already asked my friend to evaluate the land for me. Your men told my friend there wasn't a problem with the land, but now you're telling me otherwise?" Mu Ningxue asked seriously.

"Well, it's subject to changes. After all, demon creatures are constantly on the move. According to the report from the Hunter Union, there's a huge pack of demon creatures around thirty kilometers from the land. There's also a huge tribe of demon creatures around forty kilometers to the north. We are more than happy to let you set up your clan there if you have a barrier protecting you, or if you have enough Mages patrolling the vicinity. However, you have neither of them. How can I possibly give you the green light? The safety of the people is our priority. If something happens, you can easily compensate people for the loss with money, but wouldn't the public be doubting us then?" Senior Evaluator Pan said sternly.

"Why do you sound like we don't really care if our people die?" Mo Fan asked in return.

Senior Evaluator Pan kept his gravity and said, "I'm just talking about facts. Well, if you'll excuse me, I hope you will think about it. The land is strictly off-limits."

The man turned and headed to his office proudly.

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After Senior Evaluator Pan left, Mo Fan glanced at Mu Ningxue, who was looking at him too.

"Do you know that guy?" Mo Fan asked her.

Mu Ningxue shook her head. "He's very powerful. The lands that he considered risky have all turned into wastelands. You do know that every inch of the lands along the borders of the safe zone are worth gold. Even though the government hasn't developed them, it's difficult for private organizations to buy them!"

"Haven't the renowned families and clans already claim the good places?" Mo Fan asked.

"Yes. By the way, the land I bought is pretty close to Feinia City." Mu Ningxue took out a map and handed it to Mo Fan.

Mo Fan took a look at it, and saw that Feinia City was indeed very close to it.

Feinia City had been growing rapidly since the sea monsters were removed. It was a pretty good choice for Mu Ningxue to set up her clan there. It was not too far away from the Magic City, too!

“I’ve asked the Magic Association at Feinia City to evaluate the land for me. They told me that there isn’t much of a problem with using it. The risk is just within the acceptable range. The local Magic Association submitted their approval to the headquarters, but for some reason, Senior Evaluator Pan has rejected it,” Mu Ningxue said.

“I’ll try sneaking inside...” Mo Fan went to the man’s office.

The door had a little gap. Mo Fan easily snuck into the room with the Fleeing Shadow. Mu Ningxue tried to stop him, but he already vanished.

Mo Fan was pretty bold to eavesdrop on the man inside the Magic Association. The Dark Noble Mantle allowed him to trick the eyes of the people there, who were just as strong as he was.

Mo Fan heard another woman’s voice when he reached Senior Evaluator Pan’s office.

“Don’t you worry, she will not get the approval for her land as long as I’m in charge. I have been doing this for many years. No one dares to question my decisions,” Senior Evaluator Pan said.

The man was leaning back on his chair with a cigarette between his fingers.

A pretty woman with long curly hair was there, sitting opposite of Senior Evaluator Pan. She said with a smile, “It’s just a favor that Sister Zhou Yilin asked for. She used to be a good girl, but she became ungrateful after she grew stronger and became a star in the World College Tournament. Our Mu Clan has spent so many resources on her, yet not only didn’t she pay our kindness back, she even wanted to take us on. If not, why would we bother doing this to her?”

“Humph, I despise people like her the most. Don’t you worry, if she wants to challenge the Mu Clan, I’ll make sure that she can’t even set up a clan,” Senior Evaluator Pan replied. He squinted and looked at the edge of the short skirt that the woman was wearing.

“You have our thanks, Mr. Pan. Please do visit our Li Family when you have the chance. You will know how hospitable we are!” the woman smiled.

“Yeah, sure thing, I still remember going to the villa of your clan. It’s a nice place,” Senior Evaluator Pan said.

“Right, I almost forgot. I’m afraid you won’t be able to visit the villa for some time. Some Hunters found traces of a Ghastly Mountain Beast in the area. Our clan has been constantly patrolling the area to ensure the safety of the people. However, the Hunters still passed on their groundless accusations to the local Magic Association. We have no choice but to close it down to clear the demon creatures in the area. Unfortunately, the Mages of our clan has been busy preparing for the Renowned Families Tournament. It’s difficult to investigate the whole mountain. You know how many people and time we’ll need for that...” the woman grumbled.

“If the Hunters did find the traces of demon creatures and provide solid evidence, it’s reasonable that the local Magic Association is treating it with extra caution,” Senior Evaluator Pan said.

“I already went to investigate it. It isn’t traces of the Ghastly Mountain Beast. It’s just a wild beast that’s slightly bigger. It’s very common to find wild beasts in the mountains. Besides, many people that went to the villa on a vacation enjoy hunting and eating those beasts, too. Senior Evaluator Pan, you are well

aware of the money and people needed to clear the mountain; can't you just settle it with a few words?" the woman said while blinking her eyes.

"Well..." Senior Evaluator Pan seemed troubled.

"The next time you go to the villa, I'll drop by and drink some tea too. The night breeze is very soothing there." The woman's voice sounded a lot softer. It was obvious that she was giving hints.

Senior Evaluator Pan immediately knew what she was hinting. However, his expression remained the same as he said, "It's nothing, I'll let the local Magic Association know right away. Besides, I'm particularly fond of the villa myself too. I'll be damned if it's closed."

"Mm, mm, thank you, Mr. Pan. I'll personally brew you a nice cup of tea when the time comes."

"Sure!" Senior Evaluator Pan smiled and squinted as he thought about the luxurious villa, the pitch-black night with some nice tea and a deserted bamboo grove, where he would find a gorgeous woman that he could freely do anything to. Senior Evaluator Pan could already feel his pants tightening.

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Mo Fan shook his head after he left the man's office.

It seemed like society still was full of unspoken rules. He could not help but wonder how many shameless deeds this fatty had done by abusing his power.

Mo Fan went back to Mu Ningxue and told her what he learned.

Mu Ningxue frowned immediately, very displeased.

The truth was, the man had invited her to discuss the matter with him alone. The place was a remote tea house, too. It seemed like the guy was actually trying to give her hints. If she did not satisfy him, he would not give her permission to use the land!

Why would such a shameless man be given such an important role in the Magic Association!?

"The man's cultivation is pretty strong. He almost noticed me, even though I was using the Dark Noble Mantle. It's unlikely I'll be able to find a chance to teach him a lesson," Mo Fan said.

"Don't touch him; he still has quite a reputation in the Magic Association. It will only cause us more trouble. As for the Li Family you mentioned... they are indeed a renowned family who have attached themselves to the Mu Clan. They are mainly in charge of luxurious villas, but they are mostly used for bribing and coaxing the authorities of the Magic Association. They are in charge of the Mu Clan's public relations," Mu Ningxue said.

A renowned clan would have a number of renowned families attached to them. The Mu Clan was one of the biggest renowned clans in the country. Almost every city felt its influence.

The Li Family was a renowned family situated in Feinia City and Tongshan City. Mu Ningxue was obviously going to stumble into the Li Family since she was planning to set up her clan in Feinia City, but she did not think the local tyrant would set their eyes on her so soon!

"By the way, what does clearing up a mountain mean?" Mo Fan asked Mu Ningxue.

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### Chapter 1249: Bet For A Kiss

“Every renowned family and clan has its private territories. These territories are protected by their Mages, but to guarantee the safety of these private territories, the Magic Association will evaluate these territories every year with information collected by Hunters. If they discover any potential threat, they will immediately request the clans cleanse the territories. Normally, the clans are obligated to cleanse their territories and the nearby areas every now and then to ensure the people are safe, but since it demands lots of resources, most clans are reluctant to do it unless the Magic Association forces them to do so,” Mu Ningxue told him.

“That doesn’t sound too good,” Mo Fan said.

“I know, that’s why I won’t allow it to happen to my clan. No matter how short we are on funds, we shouldn’t compromise the safety of our people,” Mu Ningxue said seriously.

“Speaking of which, if we cleanse the land that we just bought and ask the people of the Magic Association to evaluate it, it should work right? That fatty can’t just lie through his teeth and reject our application?” Mo Fan said.

“Actually...” Mu Ningxue said after a slight hesitation, “I asked for a territory that had been cleansed, before buying it. We don’t have the funds to clean it up again.”

“Huh?” Mo Fan scratched his head. He suddenly realized how troublesome and annoying it was to establish a clan. In addition to that, Mu Ningxue had clearly been set up. The land had already been cleansed before, meaning that it had met the standard, yet the fatty from the Magic Association had to get in the way. Most importantly, the local Magic Association had already given its approval, but the fatty still rejected the application!

“If there’s no other way, I guess we’ll have to find another land,” Mu Ningxue sighed.

“Do you have something in mind?” Mo Fan asked.

“Lands that aren’t cleansed are a lot cheaper. If we really have to cleanse the land again for it to be accepted, we can consider buying a bigger plot. There’s actually one in the other direction of Feinia City. It’s the most ideal option for us, since Feinia City is eventually going to extend in that direction. Unfortunately, the land is just too spacious. It’s going to cost us a crazy fortune just to cleanse it,” Mu Ningxue said.

“Is there any other way to cleanse it?” Mo Fan asked.

“It’s a lot simpler if we can set up a barrier around it, since the barrier will automatically drive any demon creatures away. However, considering the size of the land, we will need a City Pistil. I don’t think any city is willing to lend us theirs just so we can cleanse the land,” Mu Ningxue said.

“Is a City Pistil the same as an Earth Pistil?” Mo Fan asked.

“Mm,” Mu Ningxue nodded.

“So how long is it going to take to cleanse the land if we have an Earth Pistil?” Mo Fan asked.

“Just three days, and we won’t need many people to do it, either,” Mu Ningxue informed him.

“I should be able to borrow an Earth Pistil; you can go ahead and buy the land,” Mo Fan said.

Mu Ningxue looked at him in confusion.

An Earth Pistil was deeply involved with the safety of a city. Mu Ningxue did not believe Mo Fan could convince a city to deactivate its barrier for three days and loan them its Earth Pistil to clean up an area that was not even their concern. The Earth Pistils were priceless, and most of them were in the hands of the military and the government. She had never heard of any renowned families or clans that had used an Earth Pistil to cleanse their territories!

“What? Do you think I’m lying?” Mo Fan chuckled when he saw the doubt in Mu Ningxue’s eyes.

“Mm, it’s not something you can borrow so easily! Even the Ancient Capital won’t lend theirs to you for your own purposes,” Mu Ningxue stated firmly.

“Why don’t we have a bet? If I manage to get an Earth Pistil, you’ll give me a kiss?” Mo Fan raised his brows.

“Can’t you ask for something else?” Mu Ningxue snapped.

“That’s all I’m asking for,” Mo Fan said.

Mu Ningxue was hesitant. She was familiar with Mo Fan’s character. If the man dared to ask for it, it meant he was feeling confident.

However, she found it difficult to believe Mo Fan could get her an Earth Pistil. Even someone like Mu Gong would have trouble borrowing one with his connections.

“Alright.” Mu Ningxue thought about it and assumed Mo Fan was just joking with her. She ignored the implications of his shameless request.

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When they arrived back at the apartment, Mo Fan asked Mu Ningxue to rest in the living room while he went to the balcony to make a call.

Mo Fan had deliberately acquired Li Man and Advisor Shao’s numbers before he left the Tarim Basin Fortress. The Earth Pistil was in Advisor Shao’s hand. He just needed to give her a call.

“You want to use the Earth Pistil to cleanse a land?” Advisor Shao sounded a little surprised, since the Earth Pistils were mostly used to protect an area. Using it to cleanse a land was like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut. After all, the Earth Pistils were one of the most precious possessions of humans.

“Mm, just for three days,” Mo Fan said.



“You never cease to amaze me, but I’m curious what clan has to go as far as using an Earth Pistil just to cleanse their land?” Advisor Shao asked with a smile.

“Well... it’s a new clan that my wife is establishing. We’re running short on funds, so we can’t really afford to hire people to cleanse the land. I heard from Li Man that you’re still looking for suitable land for a new fortress, so you won’t be using the Earth Pistil for some time. I’m just trying to save some money!” Mo Fan explained honestly.

“It was you who brought the Earth Pistil back, feel free to borrow it if you need it. I’ll ask Li Man to bring it to you. You can keep it until we find the right place to build a new fortress,” Advisor Shao said.

“That won’t be necessary, I understand how valuable the thing is,” Mo Fan said.

The Tarim Basin Fortress was completely abandoned. It once held a few hundred thousand people, the result of the effort that many people had put in. Many people would be left in despair if they had not found the Earth Pistil. Mo Fan knew how valuable the Earth Pistil was to them, hence he had no intention to keep it to himself. He just wanted to borrow it for a few days.

“Alright, just ask if you need any help,” Advisor Shao said.

“Can you lend Li Man to me for a few days too?” Mo Fan said.

“Sure, should I just ask her to marry you instead, so you won’t have to give her back?” Advisor Shao smiled in reply.

“HAHAHA, I don’t mind if she agrees. The last thing I will reject is a beautiful woman!” Mo Fan replied instantly.

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Mo Fan was brimming with joy after the call.

He was extremely excited, since he would finally be able to kiss Mu Ningxue’s alluring lips.

On second thought, after realizing how long it took for the revolutionary progress, he figured that if his life up to now was written into a novel, it would be almost three million words, yet he had only managed to kiss his goddess once by now. It was quite disappointing.

“Xuexue, you can go ahead and buy the land,” Mo Fan sat beside Mu Ningxue with a confident smile.

“Did you really get an Earth Pistil?” Mu Ningxue looked at Mo Fan with her mouth wide open.

“Of course,” Mo Fan went to the walls and switched off the main light as he was speaking. He turned on a dim yellow light and a fancy purple lamp instead.

“What are you doing?” Mu Ningxue rolled her eyes.

“Trying to get the mood right...”

“...”

“Should I get us some red wine? Ah, we’ll need some music too...” Mo Fan headed to the bar as the thought crossed his mind. He remembered there was still some wine.

When Mo Fan came back with the wine, he somehow could see a huge word written on Mu Ningxue's expressionless face... retard!

Mo Fan awkwardly put the wine back and sat beside Mu Ningxue. He said with a smile, "Didn't you already promise me? The Earth Pistil will be here tomorrow. Did you really think I'd lie to you for a kiss?"

"It's only valid once I see the Earth Pistil!" Mu Ningxue harrumphed coldly.

Why would Mu Ningxue trust Mo Fan? She remembered when she was still naive, when she placed all her trust in Mo Fan, the shameless guy had abused it to take away her first kiss. It was a very obvious lie, too. The little boy said the wind had blown some dust into his eyes, so she subconsciously pouted to blow the dust away from his eyes...

Mu Ningxue clearly remembered every detail of it. She even remembered how fast her heart was beating. For some reason, she was having the same feeling just then, even though nothing had happened.

If she had to describe what a kiss felt like, it was not warm and sweet, or a surge of electricity like the novels had described. However, in that particular instant, she had to remind herself that it was a kiss. She was just taken by surprise, and her mind immediately went blank.

Mu Ningxue sat still as she slowly recalled the memories that she had hidden deeply away...

However, as she was having the thoughts, she suddenly felt a hot breath coming toward her. Before she realized what was happening, a face with a stern look stuck up close. She immediately felt the breath coming from his nose. Following it was a warm sensation on her lips, and a surge of electricity that spread throughout her body.

Mu Ningxue's eyes widened. She did not expect Mo Fan would kiss her when she was completely defenseless, just like in the past! She did not shove him away, nor did she feel angry. She was just panicking!

She...she was tricked again!

Mu Ningxue slowly closed her eyes. Her feelings turned from panic to complicated, with an urge to just go with the flow.

The tip of his tongue slowly pried her teeth open. Mo Fan was clearly not satisfied with just a little peck. He wanted Mu Ningxue's tongue, its softness and tenderness that allowed him to express his affection to the woman he was in love with, at least it was what Mo Fan was feeling since he was the one taking the initiative... even though it was just a kiss.

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**Chapter 1250: Fanxue Mountain**

“Have you two seen my little ‘huehue’?” a voice came down from the stairs. Ai Tutu peeked down from the stairs and saw Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue sitting close together with their lips attached. The man’s hand was slowly moving from Mu Ningxue’s shoulder to her chest...

*{TL Note: Little ‘huehue’ is a nickname. It might be referring to a pet or maybe her pillow, possibly the one she’s been sleeping with since she was a kid.}*

Mu Ningxue quickly shoved Mo Fan away, blushing instantly. Mu Ningxue already had a beautiful face, and she looked even more feminine because of the blush. Mo Fan could feel his beastly blood rushing!

“What are you doing!?” Mu Ningxue snapped when he saw Mo Fan moving toward her again.

“She already went back to her room,” Mo Fan answered, after taking a glance at the stairs.

“I’m leaving,” Mu Ningxue hurried to her feet and headed for the door.

There was no chance Mo Fan would let her go. He pulled her back.

“You!” Mu Ningxue was embarrassed and angry. It seemed like she could only drive the man away with the usual methods of dealing with gangsters and perverts, but she just could not get herself to do it.

She ended up being pulled back to Mo Fan. He had no intention to give up. He had just started to enjoy the kiss, he would not just give up because of some external factor. It was the first breakthrough he had with Mu Ningxue after so long. Considering the kind of person Mu Ningxue was, the girl would not even let a man touch a single strand of her hair. However, if he could already kiss her, it meant he was not far from being able to sleep with her...

Up on the stairs, Ai Tutu did not make any noise this time. She sneakily poked her head out to see if the two were done, but she saw the two had changed from sitting down to standing up. She immediately dropped her jaw!

Did they really have to change posture while they were just kissing?

Besides, did they seriously just ignore her... oh my, Mo Fan the perverted was seriously moving his hands up, but Mu Ningxue still hadn’t frozen him to death. Was she drugged?

*-Don’t tell me they are simply going to do it in the living room and on the couch, that’s too open-minded!-*

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After some time, Mu Ningxue finally collected her thoughts. She finally shoved Mo Fan aside.

She had no choice but to use greater force. A polite nudge was never going to stop a jerk like Mo Fan, who preferred to do things his way!

If she did not shove him away, who knew what he would do to her...

“You’ve overdone it!” Mu Ningxue glared at the man. The blush on her face was replaced with frost.

“I didn’t mean it, it was just difficult to restrain the urge...” Mo Fan chuckled.

Mu Ningxue had no intention to stay with the man any longer. She went out to the balcony.

She did not even bother leaving through the door. She summoned a white gust of wind that turned into three pairs of Wind Wings on her back.

The wings spread apart, and Mu Ningxue quickly fled from the apartment. The strong wind surged wildly across the balcony.

This time, Mo Fan could no longer follow up the victory with hot pursuit. He was clearly outmatched by Mu Ningxue's speed.

*-So this is the meaning of a cooked duck flying away?-*

Mo Fan blamed it on the world of magic. If he was still back in the world of science, Mu Ningxue would have had no chance of escaping him!

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Mo Fan was still enjoying the lingering taste on his lips. He was overwhelmed with excitement. Words could not describe the sensation. He could kiss Mu Ningxue's alluring, soft, tender lips for his whole life!

"How was it?" Ai Tutu poked her head out and asked curiously.

"How was what?" Mo Fan said.

"How did it feel when a pleb like you finally won the heart of your goddess? The toad finally got its hands on the swan. I bet you're feeling something special. Quick, tell me about it!" Ai Tutu asked in high spirits.

"You want to hear about it?" Mo Fan chuckled when he saw Ai Tutu's reaction. "Go get me a glass of water."

Ai Tutu had a dirty mind, but it only applied to her thoughts. Not many dared to approach her because of her tanned and overbearing brother. As a result, despite having knowledge of the most complicated postures, she was still single and inexperienced!

Ai Tutu surprisingly went to pour Mo Fan a glass of water. Mo Fan was amused by how obedient she was.

He was actually feeling a little thirsty after the kiss.

Mo Fan sat on the couch and acted like he was about to give a lecture while Ai Tutu sat down and listened carefully, like a hardworking student.

Mu Nujiao came home just after Mo Fan started to give his talk. She seemed worn out after spending the whole day cultivating magic. She was actually more hardworking than Mo Fan at times, especially the way she stuck strictly to her routine.

"Jiaojiao, come over quickly, Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue just kissed the crap out in the living room. Do you want to listen?" Ai Tutu said.

Mu Nujiao was startled. She looked at Mo Fan.

Mo Fan smiled back awkwardly.

Mu Nujiao gave Ai Tutu a quick stare and said, "What the heck are you thinking? Why are you so excited about it!?"

Mu Nujiao clearly had no interest in it. She changed into her in-house slippers and tiredly went upstairs to her room.

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Li Man arrived at the Magic City the next morning. Mo Fan quickly went to visit Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue was still angry about what happened the day before. She looked like she was unwilling to talk to Mo Fan.

"Xuexue, aren't you going to take a look at the Earth Pistil?" Mo Fan asked.

Mo Fan went up to Mu Ningxue. The girl was surprised when she saw the Earth Pistil in his hand.

"Is that really an Earth Pistil?" Mu Ningxue asked.

"Of course."

Mu Ningxue really thought Mo Fan was just lying to her. After all, the Earth Pistil was not just a piece of magic equipment or some resources that one could buy with money.

Mu Ningxue assumed Mo Fan was just trying to take advantage of her yesterday, but it turned out that Mo Fan was telling the truth. He did borrow the Earth Pistil for her...

The joy at seeing the Earth Pistil soon replaced the grudge she had against Mo Fan. She went to the land auction and bought the land to the north of Feinia City.

The area was huge, roughly half the size of Bo City. It was considered a sub-safe zone since it was had not been cleansed before. The local government was more than willing to sell the lands for development by renowned families and clans. They would slowly include those lands into the safe zone, allowing human territories to expand, giving them more lands for farming, mining, and construction.

Mu Zhuoyun showed up not long after they bought the land.

"Ningxue, why did you buy the land in the sub-safe zone? I know it's full of resources, but it's still not within the safe zone. If we set up our clan there, no Mages would be willing to join us. It's very important to have people living there too, since they are our labor for mining and production. Aren't you wasting money buying land that's uninhabitable?" Mu Zhuoyun demanded.

Mu Zhuoyun was well aware of the procedures of setting up a clan. He was once the ruler of Bo City. He was extremely worried when he heard Mu Ningxue had bought the empty land.

Her daughter was a genius Mage, yet why was she constantly being tricked when it came to managing a clan? It seemed like she was still too naive, trying to set up her own clan...

"The land will soon be included in the safe zone. I'll submit a request to the Magic Association. We just need someone with a rank of Hunter Master or above from the Hunter Union to verify that the place is

safe, and ask the Magic Association to send someone over when we are cleansing it. We also need people from the government and the military to inspect the place, and it will soon be considered the territory of our Fanxue Mountain,” Mu Ningxue said seriously. The smile on her face was quite obvious.

It was a sense of belonging. They no longer had to rely on others or take orders from someone else. It felt like the chains binding them for so long had finally come apart. They no longer felt any burden on their shoulders. Even breathing felt a lot smoother!

“Fanxue Mountain?” Mo Fan was surprised when he heard the name of the clan.

1Mu Ningxue had used his name as part of the new clan! The name sounded like the clan was a love crystal managed by them both as husband and wife. It was not something Mo Fan had expected.

Could it be that Mu Ningxue had finally started to open her heart after the World College Tournament?

“I...I was just trying to use your reputation. Don’t think too much,” Mu Ningxue quickly explained when she saw the weird look in Mo Fan’s eyes.

“Kid, don’t get the wrong idea here. If it wasn’t because of the huge sum of money you contributed, I would never have let Ningxue use the name! Humph!” Mu Zhuoyun glared at Mo Fan, as if he was extremely discontent that a wild boar had snatched the cabbage that he had put so much effort into!

“Old Mu, what did I say back then? It’s only a matter of time until your daughter is mine, nothing can stop me!” Mo Fan said proudly.

“You little brat, I’m telling you, even though Mu Ningxue has grown up, she still listens to me. I will never let her marry you!” Mu Zhuoyun was not to be outdone.

“You still have the same stinky temper, just you wait!”

“So be it!”

Mu Ningxue snapped as the two kept arguing beside her, “Enough, both of you!”

Li Man giggled when she saw Mo Fan and Mu Zhuoyun quarreling like two kids.

Mu Zhuoyun did not waste any further time with Mo Fan. He turned and asked Li Man, “And you are?”

Li Man briefly introduced herself and told Mu Zhuoyun that she had the right to sign the documents on behalf of the military.

Li Man was actually a Land Surveyor for the army. Otherwise, she would not have been entrusted with the mission of investigating Dongting Lake.

Mo Fan was thinking of letting Li Man inspect their land when he said he was going to borrow her for a few days, just so she could sign the document to prove that the land was safe on behalf of the army.

As for the verification from the Hunter Union, it was even simpler. Mo Fan was a Hunter Master himself. He was ranked high enough to verify if a land was safe. He just needed to sign the document as a Hunter Master. That being said, Mo Fan was not too familiar with the procedures, but he could easily ask Lingling for help since she was a Hunter Master, too. Her rank was even higher than Mo Fan’s. Two

Hunter Masters should be more than enough. If not, they could still ask Old Bao to come instead. As a Senior Hunter, his verification would be even more convincing than theirs!