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Chapter 1261: Wind Snow Arrows

The temperature dropped rapidly. Half of the fire that was still burning the woods was put out as white snow like feathers of swan fell from the sky. It soon turned the mountain white!

"Wind Snow Arrow!"

It was difficult to tell if the arrows were made of wind or snow. Either way, a huge rain of arrows suddenly poured down from nowhere at the two Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds.

Despite the sturdy flesh of the Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds, the fierce wind and snow still forced them to back away.

The Wind Snow Arrows landed right in front of Mo Fan, stopping the creatures from attacking the paralyzed Mo Fan.

Mo Fan knew it was Mu Ningxue as soon as he saw the falling snow. He raised his head and saw a glamorous woman hovering in the middle of the snow like a fairy. Her unique temperament and her attractive face made her look otherworldly.

Mo Fan quickly took hold of the opportunity that Mu Ningxue had bought him to break free from the Seal. He turned to Mu Ningxue and warned her, "These creatures are pretty tough, be careful!"

Mu Ningxue nodded. She beat the six white Wind Wings on her back and slowly landed beside him.

Houndman squinted and took a closer look at the beautiful woman. He soon regained a flippant grin and remarked, "A beauty, just like the rumors mentioned. I'm quite honored to stumble into two of the strongest students of the national team. This is starting to get interesting!"

Houndman had clearly recognized Mu Ningxue too. He did not seem to be worried about Mo Fan having a helper with him. His expression remained disdainful.

Mu Ningxue never liked to waste her time bullshitting with people. The fact that the place was destroyed beyond recognition was enough to show the man was not friendly.

"I'll deal with this one, you handle the other," Mo Fan told Mu Ningxue.

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds were remarkably strong. Mo Fan was having trouble fighting them on his own. The creatures were indeed tricky to deal with. It explained why they were called the strongest Summoned Beasts.

Mo Fan understood that it was not the time to act tough. They had to take the enemy out as quickly as possible.

Mu Ningxue nodded. She murmured softly. A brief moment later, ice chains quickly appeared and surrounded her completely. She was now able to control a few dozen ice chains simultaneously.

The muscular Dreadful Curse Hell Hound unleashed its strong murderous aura, as if it had decided on its opponent too. It pressed forward quickly, trying to limit Mu Ningxue's range of movement.

Mu Ningxue was incredibly fast, using the six Wind Wings to slide along the ground. The frost circling her would lunge at any threat nearby and freeze the enemy's limbs and body without her needing to control it.

The rotting murderous aura of the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound did help the creature resist the frost. It sprang forward and swung its claws fiercely. A few bloody slashes swept past, leaving astonishing gashes in the ground...

Mu Ningxue backed away to the mountain waist. She spread her Wind Wings and glided nimbly in the air.

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound went down on its lower limbs. With a powerful kick, it sprang at Mu Ningxue at a crazy speed, planning to intercept her.

"Icebound Coffin!" Mu Ningxue completed an Ice Constellation. An Icebound Coffin huge enough to crush the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound fell from the sky and pressed the creature down to the ground.

The rotting aura spread rapidly. It was unlikely that the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound would be frozen so easily. As soon as its aura shattered the ice, the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound lifted its gaze as if it was about to unleash its breath on Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue reacted swiftly, moving her fingers as if she was pulling some strings. They controlled the ice chains that she had long set up across the place, and they accurately wrapped around the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound's mouth like a rope. Its breath was stuck right in its throat, and it had no choice but to swallow it back!

It was obvious that the creature was not feeling great after swallowing the energy down. However, it was not the thing that worried the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound the most, as the remaining ice chains quickly wrapped around its head, neck, legs, and body. Their pointy tips stabbed the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound before nailing it deeply into the rocks with the other ends, making it extremely difficult for the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound to move around!

"Xuexue, let me finish it!" Mo Fan suddenly yelled.

Mu Ningxue turned around and saw Mo Fan, who was supposedly fighting the other Dreadful Curse Hell Hound, had surprisingly fled from the battle. He was targeting the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound that she had managed to suppress.

The agile Dreadful Curse Hell Hound was completely taken by surprise when it saw Mo Fan suddenly run to its other comrade. It was supposed to be a one-on-one battle, but the man shamelessly turned to attack its comrade instead!

Mu Ningxue and Mo Fan had fought their way through the World College Tournament. Their synergy was definitely on point. Mu Ningxue's magic was good at suppressing and controlling the enemy, yet in terms of destruction, Mo Fan's magic was clearly stronger. She would focus on restricting the movements of their targets while Mo Fan would deal the finishing blow. It was the most common tactic they had used against the Commander-level creatures they had fought against!

Mo Fan quickly moved toward the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound suppressed by the ice chains. Mu Ningxue also summoned an ice dune in no time to stop the other Dreadful Curse Hell Hound from intervening.

Mo Fan arrived in front of the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound that was bound to the ground. He leapt into the air and turned himself into a dark bolt of lightning, slamming right into the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound!

Mo Fan's reckless attack left a scorched hole on the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound's back. He ignored the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound's cry of agony and threw a Meteorite Fist right into the hole that he had just inflicted!

The force of the punch smashed the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound to the ground. Its blistered back was covered in blood after the explosion.

"Little Flame Belle, Possess!" Mo Fan was not done yet. He placed his hand on his chest. The flames of the Ardent Sunset and Fire Calamity erupted and swiftly engulfed him in like armor.

"Sky-Flame Nine Palaces!"

Mo Fan threw a few punches fiercely. Nine thick pillars of lava fell from the sky and slammed right onto the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound that was still lying on the ground!

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound could not even get back to its feet. It was knocked into a pit over ten meters deep!

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Chapter 1262: Defeating Houndman

The flames of the Sky-Flame Nine Palaces rose into the sky and formed a burning mountain spitting out countless fireballs. The Ardent Sunset flaunted how unstoppable its flames were. The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound's body blistered in the scorching heat as the flames continued to burn through its body parts!

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound cried out in agony. Not only was it struggling to fight back under Mo Fan's fierce attacks, it could not dodge them, as it was bound to the ground by Mu Ningxue's Ice Lock Formation!

After a series of explosions, the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound finally managed to break free from the ice chains. It immediately fled and hid behind its companion.

It had lost its initial imposing bearing. It was intimidated by Mo Fan's flames!

"Humph, I'll break all your fangs next time!" Mo Fan promised the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound.

Little Flame Belle was remarkably stronger after she was brought back to life, almost as strong as a Dreadful Curse Hell Hound on her own. However, when she merged with Mo Fan, it was like two swords combining into one. Their attacks were powerful enough to inflict serious damage on the creature described as the strongest Summoned Beast.

Houndman was completely dumbfounded after witnessing Mo Fan's strength while he was Possessed by Little Flame Belle. He knew better than anyone how sturdy his Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds were. Most Advanced Spells could not leave a single scratch on the Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds! He never thought the young man's Fire would be so terrifying!

More importantly, Houndman was greatly annoyed by the teamwork between Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue. Considering how agile the Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds were, it was very unlikely Mo Fan could directly land his attacks on them. It turned out that he had underestimated Mu Ningxue's capabilities, too!

"One left!" Mo Fan shifted his attention to the other Dreadful Curse Hell Hound. This creature was a lot quicker than the other one. If it had not been not blocked off by Mu Ningxue's ice dune, Mo Fan would not have had such a perfect chance to land his attacks on the first Dreadful Curse Hell Hound. It definitely felt great landing all his punches on the creature!

"Nyx Regime!" Mo Fan was well aware of how agile the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound was. He decisively Summoned the darkness.

Blackness loomed over the area. However, the eyes of the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound were surprisingly sharper in the darkness.

Mo Fan frowned. It seemed like the Nyx Regime was not that effective against the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound, let alone the Giant Shadow Spikes.

He soon gave up the plan of trying to seal the creature's movement with his Shadow Element. However, Mo Fan could still abuse the Nyx Regime to keep the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound busy with his Fleeing Shadow, buying time for Mu Ningxue to prepare her Ice Spells!

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound moved and attacked swiftly. It was able to change direction almost instantly after missing its attacks. However, Mo Fan continued to abuse his two powerful movement spells. He first used shadow clones to confuse and distract the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound, then managed to trick the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound into wasting its attacks on a shadow puppet.

Mo Fan used Blink to quickly back away from the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound after he successfully infuriated it. Soon enough, Mu Ningxue was done preparing her Ice Spell. The temperature began to drop rapidly as white frost covered the mountain.

The freezing Ice Spread spread rapidly across the place. The ice chased rapidly after the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound, regardless of which direction it was running!

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound was forced into a corner. It began to unleash its rotting aura recklessly to drive away the ice. However, Mu Ningxue's Ice Element was very powerful, and even the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound could not bear it. Its limbs were soon frozen while ice was creeping up its body from the ground!

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound was unwilling to admit defeat. It tried its best to break the ice slowly covering its body. Shards of ice scattered in the air.

"Gravity Space!"

Mo Fan summoned a silver Star Pattern at the perfect time. The rhomboid Space Rhythm bore down on the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound. The creature was struggling even harder to get rid of the ice, as if countless iron balls were tying it down.

The creature was constantly injured by the frost and the gravitational force pressing down on it. Half of its body was eventually covered in a thick layer of ice. The struggling creature eventually grew still!

Houndman realized that the situation was unfavorable to him. He immediately cast the Summoning Spell to forcibly withdraw the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound back into the Summoning Plane.

He would have trouble withdrawing the creature if he was slightly slower. Even so, it was unlikely he could Summon the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound back out to fight again!

“Humph, I wasn’t well-prepared today. I’ll come again next time! By then, you will hand over the moth woman obediently, or I assure you that your Fanxue Mountain is going to suffer for it!” Houndman harrumphed coldly with a smug look.

“So, you’re about to flee by tugging your tail between your legs, why must you sound like you’re proud of it? Besides, do you really think Fanxue Mountain is a place where you can come and go as you wish? I’ll make sure to make it an unforgettable experience for you!” Mo Fan laughed in his face.

Mo Fan saw Houndman Channeling his magic to withdraw the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound that was injured first. In response, Mo Fan quickly reacted and dragged the injured Dreadful Curse Hell Hound back out from the lunar-white gap with his Illusionary Claw. He did not allow the creature to escape back into the Summoned Beast Plane!

“What are you doing!?” Houndman’s expression faltered at the sight.

“Didn’t you ask them to tear off my limbs? I believe it’s fine if I kill one of these b**ches in return!” Mo Fan forcibly dragged the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound over to him.

Mu Ningxue had the same thought as Mo Fan. She knew Houndman would try his best to intervene. She quickly Summoned a strong gust of wind, sweeping it in Houndman’s direction.

The wind gradually turned into a tornado, spiraling like a dragon. It almost tossed Houndman, Zeng Guanglie, and their men into the sky. The Wind Spell flatly proved that Mu Ningxue’s cultivation was no weaker than an experienced Mage like Zeng Guanglie’s. Both Houndman and Zeng Guanglie were astounded by how strong the wind was!

“Lightning Tyrant Domain!”

“Ardent Sunset Domain!”

Mo Fan unleashed both his Domains. The strong fire and wild lightning clashed into one another, forming a terrifying destructive aura. The whole mountain began to tremble!

A huge lightning claw came shrieking down, and landed on the injured Dreadful Curse Hell Hound.

The dark lightning claw tore at the creature hard, leaving deep wounds on it. The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound’s vitality was quite surprising; any other ordinary Commander-level creature would have turned

into ashes scattering in the air after receiving Mo Fan's Fiery Fist. Meanwhile, the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound was still breathing after enduring the Sky Lightning Claw with its twelvefold damage.

However, the Sky Lightning Claw was not the end of Mo Fan's attacks. The Hellish Flames combined with the flames of the Calamity Fire, the Ardent Sunset, and the Rose Flame was the real deal. Burning meteorites plummeted from the sky, and destroyed the remaining life force of the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound before the effects of the Sky Lightning Claw disappeared!

The people saw the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound get smashed into pieces amid the flames. Its head was crushed while its body was burned into ashes. Its blood evaporated in the overwhelming heat.

The flames continued to spread wildly, forcing Zeng Guanglie, Houndman, and the others to back away.

Houndman's eyes almost fell out of their sockets. He was bound to the Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds with a soul contract. The death of the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound created in a strong backlash against him. His face contorted and twisted in pain and rage!

1 "You...you dared to kill my Summoned Beast!" Houndman yelled like an enraged beast.

"You can Summon the other one again. I wouldn't mind killing it too!" Mo Fan shot back.

Mo Fan seriously had no idea why the man had such a strong ego. Mo Fan never showed any mercy to people like him...

"Houndman, we've underestimated them. We should leave and come back again once we recover from our injuries. The kid isn't going to run away, and we won't have any trouble tracking down the moth woman with the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound's help..." Zeng Guanglie quickly advised. He knew they had messed up this time.

They were in the wrong, as they had trespassed into a private land. If they ended up being caught and handed to the Enforcement Union, their superior would have to bust them out.

Councilman Su Lu despised people that were useless to him. They could not afford to let him know what had happened. They must retreat for now and find a way to get their revenge and accomplish their mission!

"Let's go!" Houndman's face was twitching in pain and anger. It had been a long time since he felt so humiliated.

Both he and Zeng Guanglie were supposed to be elites of the Advanced Level, yet they had lost to two students from the national team. If their defeat was made public, they would be too ashamed to show their faces again. They had to get revenge at all costs!

"Come, time to leave!" Ke Lingxi did not even have the courage to speak. Both Zeng Guanglie and Houndman were stronger than him, yet they were still no match for the two young Mages.

These two students that helped the national team win the World College Tournament were indeed monsters. He had seen many graduates of magic institutions working as interns at the Research Union. They were mostly ordered around like servants by older Mages like him!

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Chapter 1263: Moon Moth Phoenix

"Who were these people?" Mu Ningxue asked.

The moths that survived finally had a chance to catch their breath after Mu Ningxue put out the fire. Mu Ningxue observed the dried remains of the moths scattered across the mountain. She could not understand why the group of people would do such a cruel act to Yu Shishi.

"They are from the Research Union. They have been stalking Yu Shishi for some time. They want to use her for their experiments," Mo Fan answered.

"How bad is the situation?" Mu Ningxue observed her surroundings.

"Not great. Many moths have died, but some still managed to survive. Let's check on her," Mo Fan said.

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue went up to Yu Shishi and saw her cautiously holding the youngest moths in her arms. She was comforting the little creatures in a soft voice. It seemed the little moths that had survived were greatly scared by the flames!

Yu Shishi turned around and saw Mu Ningxue and Mo Fan. She forced a pitiful smile and said, "Is it true that someone like me doesn't deserve to live peacefully in this world?"

"Don't you say that. You're welcome to stay here, but I believe you haven't told us everything about you. Are you sure they are the people of the Research Union?" Mu Ningxue asked calmly.

The Research Union was still under the Magic Association, but the behavior of Zeng Guanglie and Houndman clearly did not represent the Magic Association. It was likely that someone else was after Yu Shishi!

"I..." Yu Shishi looked away. She was clearly hiding something.

"We won't force you if you don't feel like telling us your secret, but if you are serious about staying here and want us to protect you and your moths, you should at least tell us the reason why they are so eager to get their hands on you, so we can think of a way to get rid of them," Mu Ningxue stated firmly.

Yu Shishi remained silent for some time. She glanced around the woods, now burned beyond recognition.

She let out a heavy sigh and said, "I'm afraid they are after a Totem Beast."

"A Totem Beast!" Mo Fan was startled.

They were after a Totem Beast?!

A Totem Beast was incredibly powerful. If they could find traces of one's whereabouts from some ancient ruins and utilize it, they would be invincible!

The safety that the Black Totem Snake provided Hangzhou was remarkable.

It turned out that there were still people looking for Totem Beasts out there, but did they really exist?

"What Totem Beast is it?" Mo Fan asked.

"The Moon Moth Phoenix!" Yu Shishi said.

"I hope you'll keep everything I'm about to tell you a secret at all costs, as it might bring danger to the Moon Moth Phoenix. The Totem Beasts are powerful, but they are extremely vulnerable in this era too. Compared to other demon creatures that continue to reproduce and evolve, the Totem Beasts are easier to kill off due to man-made disasters," Yu Shishi began earnestly while sitting on a boulder.

"I've heard a thing or two about the Moon Moth Phoenix. I remember that it was the Totem Beast of the Yueli Tribe to the south of Huang He (the Yellow River). It used to rule over the south of Huang He in the past, a well-developed human tribe, but I heard they were defeated and annexed by a stronger tribe. Its Totem Beast, the Moon Moth Phoenix went missing, too. Rumors say the Moon Moth Phoenix was the descendant of the most authoritative Totem Beast in history..." Mo Fan quickly explained what he knew about the Moon Moth Phoenix.

Professor Shi had told Mo Fan a lot of information about the Totem Beasts. Among the stories was information about the Moon Moth Phoenix, so he recognized it when Yu Shishi mentioned its name.

Yu Shishi never expected Mo Fan to know about the Moon Moth Phoenix. She added, "The Moon Moth Phoenix is hibernating most of the time. As its life approaches the end, it will turn into a cocoon and be reborn after a prolonged period to refresh its lifespan."

"So you're implying the Moon Moth Phoenix is currently in its cocoon phase, and you know where it is?" Mo Fan said.

Yu Shishi nodded. It was the Moon Moth Phoenix that had granted her the unique scent. The people of the Research Union must have noticed traces of the Moon Moth Phoenix after observing her. They were after the Moon Moth Phoenix, not her.

"I won't tell anyone where the Moon Moth Phoenix is," Yu Shishi said firmly.

"How did you become a moth woman?" Mu Ningxue asked.

"I was gravely ill when I was young. My family gave up on me, and abandoned me in a forest. I knew I won't be able to live for long, so I kept wandering aimlessly. I ended up fainting on some warm moist grass... I thought I was dead when I was wrapped up inside a white thing that I thought was a coffin, but I later realized it was actually a cocoon. I was inside it asleep for many years. When the cocoon broke apart, I was reborn like the Moon Moth Phoenix. I was no longer sick, nor was my body weak, but I suddenly had wings and fangs. My body is no longer human, apart from my appearance," Yu Shishi explained.

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue finally understood why Yu Shishi was trying so hard to protect the moths. It was the moths that had saved her when she had lost all hope. It was the moths that cured her and granted her power.

The moths had saved her, while her family had abandoned her. The great contrast further convinced her that the moths were more like family to her. She was willing to risk everything just to protect the moths!

"Is the Moon Moth Phoenix really still alive?" Mo Fan asked.

Yu Shishi nodded and said, "The Moon Moth Phoenix isn't the only Totem Beast that's still alive. Humans no longer need the Totem Beasts, so they have been living deep in the mountains and forests. They have turned untamed and wild. Some died and are lost to history. Some are deeply asleep and have no intention to wake up no matter what happens. The Moon Moth Phoenix belongs to the past. She only wants to live peacefully and observe the changes in the world until her death. I don't understand why those people keep trying to hunt her down. Are they thinking of taming her so she would fight for them like their Summoned Beast? There's no way the Moon Moth Phoenix would be enslaved by them!"

"Humans were more like slaves to the Totem Beasts in the past..." Mo Fan explained calmly.

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Chapter 1264: The Mystery of the Totem Beasts

"If they are here for the Totem Beast, they won't give up so easily," Mu Ningxue stated.

"Not many people know about the Totem Beasts. I bet there's someone giving orders behind the Research Union. You should be more careful from now on. Try not to fall into their hands," Mo Fan advised her.

"Maybe we should assign Bola to protect her for the time being," Mu Ningxue ventured. Mu Ningxue did not want to lose Yu Shishi after learning her extraordinary capabilities that were perfect for defending their territory.

"Bola has his own mission," Mo Fan was unwilling to assign Bola to protect Yu Shishi. Mo Fan was only helping Yu Shishi because he was bored. He would never assign Bola, who was assigned to protect Mu Ningxue, Lingling, Liu Ru, and the others to protect someone else.

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After settling Yu Shishi down, Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue stayed behind and discussed matters.

"Things are getting serious now that a Totem Beast is involved. Those guys clearly have a great authority giving orders behind them. It's going to be tricky if we want to protect Yu Shishi," Mo Fan said.

"But if we can help her overcome the trouble, she might be willing to swear loyalty to us. I can't think of anyone more suitable than her to protect our land," Mu Ningxue agreed.

"By the way, I should pay Professor Shi a visit. He might not even believe there are Totem Beasts still alive apart other than the Black Totem Snake, and Yu Shishi is the main lead," Mo Fan said.

"Mm, it's better if we ask for more information."

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Mo Fan went back to the Magic City. Instead of going straight to Professor Shu, he went to the Clearsky Hunter Agency first.

He pushed open the door with the little bell on it; the crisp chime echoed inside the room. He looked into the room and saw Lingling leaning forward onto the bar with a schoolbag on her back. It was like she was about to become moldy from boredom.

Lingling smiled as soon as she saw Mo Fan. However, her smile was soon replaced with a strong grievance. The little girl harrumphed coldly!

Mo Fan walked up to Lingling and gave the little girl a huge hug. He said with a grin, "My little Lingling, have you been missing me?"

"I thought you forgot that you're still a Hunter of the Clearsky Hunter Agency!" Lingling snapped back.

She had to go to school obediently whenever Mo Fan was not around. The problem was, sending someone as intelligent as Lingling to school was like asking a university student to go to kindergarten!

She was happy that Mo Fan had come, as she could finally hunt some demon creatures, go on an adventure, or start some high-reward quests!

"Any jobs worth doing lately?" Mo Fan asked with a shameless grin.

"We've missed out on the good ones. The rest are either too dangerous or not rewarding enough." Lingling was clearly still holding a grudge against Mo Fan.

"Let's put our Hunters work aside for now, then. I need you to investigate the Totem Beast that once ruled over the Huang He region in the past, as much information as you can!" Mo Fan said.

"A Totem Beast?" Lingling's eyes suddenly glittered. The little girl immediately livened up.

The Totem Beasts were legendary existences. The Hunter Union had many quests that had been around for a long time, since no one had managed to accomplish them; some of them were related to the Totem Beasts. Lingling had already collected the information that the Hunter Union had on the Totem Beasts. She was waiting for Mo Fan to become stronger before they attempted to solve the mysteries of the Totem Beasts. To her surprise, Mo Fan had found the clues about a Totem Beast first!

Information about the Totem Beasts was extremely lacking. The ancient ruins had either faded into history or were buried in the territories of demon creatures. It was extremely difficult to dig up any trace of the Totem Beasts, let alone have any clues about their whereabouts.

"Which Totem Beast is it? Gramps might have some information about it!" Lingling was more cheerful now that she finally had something to do.

"I only came because Old Bao might know something about it. I heard from Liu Ru that he has a lot of information about the past. It's the Moon Moth Phoenix. Do you remember the moth woman that I was dealing with? Mu Ningxue is willing to take her in so she can protect our territory. To our surprise, the moth woman is somehow related to the Totem Beast, the Moon Moth Phoenix! She's currently being targeted by the people of the Research Union, but I believe there's someone else behind the Research Union. I'll need you to investigate and see who the people trying to get their hands on the Moon Moth Phoenix are," Mo Fan told her.

“Alright, wait here, I’ll take a look upstairs!” Lingling dashed up the stairs. There were gaps between the stairs. The little girl completely forgot that she was wearing a short skirt. She carelessly climbed up the stairs right in front of Mo Fan.

Mo Fan quickly moved his gaze away. It was inappropriate to have evil thoughts on the gorgeous little Lingling, even when she was purposely exposing her cute baby blue panties in front of him.

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Lingling came down the stairs with a huge book. “I found something. The human tribe under the Moon Moth Phoenix flourished quickly, but they declined rapidly, too. They were only around for a short period in history. I believe it’s mainly because of the short lifespan of the Moon Moth Phoenix... based on the information I have, moths are short-lived creatures. Some only live for a few nights. Although the Moon Moth Phoenix is a Totem Beast, she could not violate the laws of nature. She could only live for seven months, and will then revert into a cocoon after seven months!”

The little girl was very engrossed in things she was interested in. She did not even realize she was about to trip. Luckily, the observant Mo Fan quickly used his Telekinesis to stop her from falling.

“Seven months, that short?” Mo Fan was surprised.

The Black Totem Snake would only go through ecdysis once every ten years or so. However, it was not born again with the ecdysis, it was only changing his skin.

The Moon Moth Phoenix was a Totem Beast too, yet her lifespan was only seven months. How did she manage to survive for so long?

It was just as Yu Shishi had mentioned. The Totem Beasts might be powerful, but they were vulnerable too similar to the moths. If someone was plotting against them on purpose, they would die very easily!

“Are we trying to find the Moon Moth Phoenix?” Lingling asked.

Mo Fan shook his head and said, “We’re trying to stop the people of the Research Union from finding her. Totem Beasts have always been kind to humans. We might even need their help against the demon creatures in the future...”

“Alright, I’ll investigate who’s behind the Research Union. It’s quite serious if it has something to do with a Totem Beast! You should discuss it with Zhu Meng and my sister,” Lingling said.

Chapter 1265: The Threat Along the Shoreline

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The Magic Association in the capital...

A man in uniform was hurriedly making his way to a retro-decorated room.

A man in a military coat with the badge of a chief in front of his chest was sitting inside. The man in uniform was startled. He immediately saluted and said, “Pardon me, chief, I didn’t know you were here, too!”

The man in a military jacket had a black beard. He turned around and smiled, "Is there something urgent you want to discuss with Xiao Shao (Shao Zheng)? Should I excuse myself first?"

"No, there's nothing urgent, it's nothing important either. It's just something the Chairman has asked me to keep an eye on, so..." the secretary seemed a little reserved.

He had just been promoted to a secretary. He never thought he would stumble into the man he admired the most today, not to mention he was standing so close to him.

The man before him was a real legend!

"Just tell us what it is then. We were just having a casual chat here," Chairman Shao Zheng said.

"Well, after you asked me to keep an eye on what Su Lu is up to, I've managed to learn that he seems to be ordering the people of the Donghai Magic Association to handle something for him. Just a moment ago, someone was using Mr. Song Qiming's credentials to log into the database and query about who's in charge of the Donghai Magic Association. I have already asked Mr. Song Qiming and Vice Elder Leng Qing. They told me that it might have something to do with Mo Fan. Around yesterday, one of Su Lu's men called Houndman seems to have shown up at Fanxue Mountain. I believe it ended up with an intense battle between them. It likely has something to do with the Totem Beast that Su Lu is searching for," the young secretary said.

"So, it's something to do with Mo Fan again!" the military chief smiled.

"It looks like he's starting to contact the Totem Beasts. Speaking of which, he's surprisingly destined with the Totem Beasts," Shao Zheng said.

"Well, he doesn't have much going on at the moment. He didn't let me down after I put him on the national team, either. He managed to earn lots of glory for our country. If you still haven't found a suitable candidate to take Jiang Shaojun's role, maybe we can consider leaving the Totem Beasts to Mo Fan," the military chief proposed.

"Him?" Shao Zheng pondered for a moment and said, "That's not a bad suggestion. He's very close to the Black Totem Snake, and he's somehow involved with the Totem Beast that Su Lu is targeting, too. He might actually surprise us if we let him handle the Totem Beasts."

"Let him handle it. The kid might be a little wild, but he's been able to bring us lots of surprises so far. The threat along the coastline that you mentioned is surely going to give us a deadly blow, but if we can really awaken the ancient Totem Beasts, they might be the key to resolving the danger," the military chief said.

"If you say so. I guess I'll pay a visit to Shanghai; it's better to talk to him in person," Shao Zheng said.

"Mmm, sounds good. The Totem Beasts are one of our options. We do need someone reliable to handle it," the military chief said.

"Do you want to meet him instead? You seem to be quite fond of him," Shao Zheng asked.

"Forget it, I wasn't paying much attention when Zhan Kong mentioned him in the first place, but he just kept giving me surprises after that... Poor Zhan Kong chose the path of no return, but he did recommend an impressive kid to me," the military chief replied.

“Your student Zhan Kong is very impressive, too. Without him, the Ancient Capital would be razed to the ground by now. You should be very proud of him,” Shao Zheng said.

“Yeah, he has always been my favorite student. I guess I’ll be leaving the student of my student, Mo Fan, in your hands for now,” the military chief answered.

“Don’t you worry, I’ll make sure to use him as much as I can!”

“HAHA! Whatever you say! If he really can help with the Totem Beasts, I will be very impressed and pleased!” the military chief laughed.

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The Pearl Institute...

Mo Fan set up an appointment with Professor Shi to learn more about the Moon Moth Phoenix.

He decided to meet the man at a cafe, but he was surprised to see another man as he walked in. He knew who the man was, as it was someone that he greatly respected!

“Chairman, why are you here?” Mo Fan was a little surprised.

For some reason, Mo Fan could sense that Chairman Shao Zheng was looking at him in a weird way. He felt like he was in some kind of trouble.

“I heard you’re trying to learn about a Totem Beast?” Chairman Shao Zheng asked with a smile.

“Ugh... I’m just trying to learn more about the Black Totem Snake. I happened to stumble into another Totem Beast too, and it’s pretty urgent. Chairman, since you’re here, I can just make it clear. Can you ask the people of the Donghai Magic Association to leave? If they keep coming to trouble me, I’m afraid I might overstep some boundaries,” Mo Fan replied quickly.

“The Donghai Magic Association isn’t under my jurisdiction. It’s actually under one of my sworn enemies, and I believe you already know who he is?” Shao Zheng said.

“Continent Councilman Su Lu?” Mo Fan guessed.

Shao Zheng nodded slightly.

“Well, Mr. Chairman, I don’t know if I’m imagining it, but why do I keep feeling you have something to say to me, something that is strenuous and unrewarding,” Mo Fan ventured.

Professor Shi stared at Mo Fan and snapped, “Is that how you are supposed to talk to the Chairman!?”

“The kid is right,” Shao Zheng smiled and continued, “I’ve come to discuss something very important with you.”

“Chairman, I’m just an Advanced Mage. Doesn’t it feel weird that someone who’s so close to being a Forbidden Mage like you is asking me for a favor?” Mo Fan had to ask.

“Someone recommended you to me, and I also believe there’s no one more suitable than you to take the job,” Shao Zheng said.

“Which assh*** recommended me?” Mo Fan said.

Shao Zheng burst out laughing and said, “I bet you’re the only one that dares call him an assh***! Have you forgotten who put you on the national team?”

“Oh, it’s him. Who exactly is he? Why hasn’t he met me yet?” Mo Fan said.

“Maybe he thinks it isn’t the right time yet. Besides, you’ve been cultivating and growing on your own all this time. He doesn’t want to intervene too much. This way, you’re able to surprise us all the time,” Shao Zheng said.

“That man really likes to put up a mannered act. By the way, Chairman, did you really come here despite your busy schedule to ask me a favor?” Mo Fan said.

“Yes, and it’s very important. It might concern the safety of our country for a long time,” Shao Zheng confirmed.

Chapter 1266: Totem Beast, Baxia

“Safety of the country?” Mo Fan raised his brows. He could not help but wonder if something serious was happening.

Shao Zheng took a sip of his tea. He let out a sigh and said, “I really hope I’ve predicted it wrong, and our east shoreline will remain peaceful without heaving to fight a cruel war, but I’m around ninety percent sure that there will be a war. The eastern shoreline will be facing a great challenge.”

“What’s the danger?” Mo Fan asked.

“The sea monsters. A few years from now, we’ll be fighting a huge war against the sea monsters. I was hoping that the Asia Magic Association would treat it as part of their responsibility, but Su Lu rejected my suggestion, meaning that our country will have to face the sea monsters of the Pacific Ocean alone. It’s hard to say how much of the shoreline will be under attack, but if a war breaks out, there’s no way our country will stand a chance against the immeasurably powerful kingdoms of sea monsters... I’ve already come up with a strategy, but our forces are still too weak compared to the estimated scale of the sea monsters’ army.

“Around five years ago, an archaeologist had a long discussion with me. He told me about the great powers that are hibernating in our country, something that might help us fend off the sea monsters if we find a way to wake them up. The threat along the shoreline will be resolved. I agree with what the man said, so I asked him to investigate the ancient ruins to search for the Totem Beasts...” Shao Zheng said.

A name immediately popped up in Mo Fan’s mind. “Are you referring to Jiang Shaojun?” he blurted out.

“Yes, he’s the one. I always thought he was our chance of resolving the danger, but he went missing while searching for the ancient ruins. The strategy he proposed went down with his disappearance, too,” Shao Zheng sighed.

“You’re hoping that I’ll take over his role and find a way to awaken the hibernating, forgotten Totem Beasts, and prepare ourselves for the war against the sea monsters?” Mo Fan said.

“Exactly. I’m hoping you are willing to take up the great responsibility. The Totem Beasts are a bunch of unique existences. Those that aren’t destined won’t have any chance to interact with them. You’re the closest person to the Totem Beasts that we have. The Black Totem Snake before, and now the Moon Moth Phoenix; I hope that you can awaken one or two powerful Totem Beasts to lend us a hand in fending off the sea monsters. Otherwise, the burden is a lot heavier than what we could possibly bear.

“Unfortunately, I’m the only person who believes it’s necessary to prepare ourselves for the threat. The Magic Association doesn’t agree with my suggestion. Even some of the parties in our country are against my proposal. They believe I’m wasting resources on a threat that might not even happen... I’ve done everything I could, but I will be a lot more at ease if the Totem Beasts are on our side,” Shao Zheng said.

“Is the threat really that serious?” Mo Fan had to ask.

Shao Zheng nodded and said, “Very serious, worse than any war we’ve fought before. There’s a chance that we might even lose a part of the shoreline... I really hope you are willing to believe what I’ve just said and will lend me a hand.”

“My Fanxue Mountain is along the shoreline too, so I’m afraid it’s going to fall with the shoreline, too. To be honest, I’m quite interested in the Totem Beasts, not to mention that you, the Chairman have come in person just to discuss it with me. I don’t think I have any reason to decline it. I’m just worried that my capabilities are limited. There’s a chance that I might not even manage to awaken a single Totem Beast,” Mo Fan said.

“It’s fine, I’m utterly grateful as long as you do your best!” Shao Zheng replied sincerely.

It turned out there were a lot of things that the Chairman would feel helpless about too.

“You’re overstating things. Finding the Totem Beasts is a good way to train myself, too. If the Black Totem Snake wasn’t protecting me, I would have died ten thousand times when I was going up against the Parthenon Temple,” Mo Fan said.

“You were really bold back then. I’ll leave the Totem Beasts in your hands. I’ll send someone to give you the information about the Totem Beasts that Jiang Shaojun collected before. I believe knew something about the Moon Moth Phoenix, too... please keep an eye on the Moon Moth Phoenix too, don’t let Su Lu get his hands on the Totem Beast. He has been longing for our country’s Totem Beasts for a long time, but there’s no way we’ll allow the Guardian Beasts of our land to fall into the hands of an outsider,” Shao Zheng said.

“Of course!” Mo Fan agreed.

“Oh, speaking of which, I believe it’s time to tell you a little secret too,” Shao Zheng said.

“What is it?”

“Didn’t Zhao Manyan, a member of the national team go missing? Rumors said he was dead, eaten by a gigantic beast,” Shao Zheng said.

“Yeah, what about it?” Mo Fan asked.

“According to the information that Jiang Shaojun gathered, the gigantic beast that ate Zhao Manyan is most likely a Totem Beast too,” Shao Zheng said.

“Another Totem Beast?” Mo Fan exclaimed.

“If I’m not mistaken, it’s Baxia,” Shao Zheng said.

“Baxia?” Mo Fan was startled. He felt like he had heard the name of the Totem Beast before.

“Our country once had the four strongest Totem Beasts. One of them, the Black Tortoise, had two descendants. One is the Black Totem Snake that you’re very close with, and the other is Baxia. It’s unlikely that a Totem Beast would harm a human being. Even if they are forgotten, they still treat humans as their people. I don’t understand why Baxia would eat Zhao Manyan,” Shao Zheng said.

“Baxia had been following us since we were in Japan,” Mo Fan said.

“Did something happen when the team was in Japan?” Shao Zheng asked promptly.

Mo Fan pondered. The only possibility he could think of was the Lifetime Vessel that Zhao Manyan found, the wooden clapper.

Mo Fan immediately told Shao Zheng about the wooden clapper.

Shao Zheng hesitated for a moment in thought. “The wooden clapper is most likely Baxia’s symbolic vessel. Many Totem Beasts have a symbolic vessel that allows a person to sign a soul contract with them. The Totem Beast will then stay close to the person to protect them. In the past, the leaders of the tribes would be the ones holding onto the symbolic vessels.”

“So you’re saying Zhao Manyan actually found a great treasure. No wonder the patterns on the wooden clapper were similar to those I saw on the ancient drawings in the building in the middle of the lake in Hangzhou. The creature is actually the Totem Beast Baxia, the Black Totem Snake’s brother! Does that mean Zhao Manyan is still alive, too?” Mo Fan said.

“Most likely, if he really has the symbolic vessel, the Totem Beast will not harm him,” Shao Zheng said.

“That’s good to know.”

Mo Fan was relieved after hearing Shao Zheng’s speculation. Not only was Zhao Manyan still alive, he was a lucky bastard too!

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Chapter 1267: Light-Curtain Eagle

Shao Zheng sent the information about the Moon Moth Phoenix in no time. There was also information about other Totem Beasts. It all seemed rather complicated. It was going to take Mo Fan some time to understand everything.

Mo Fan went back to the Clearsky Hunter Agency. Lingling was already doing her homework, and it was obviously not the homework from school. She seemed quite interested in the Totem Beasts, too. After all, the Totem Beasts were legends that had been around for the longest time. They were a bunch of creatures born for fighting, but surprisingly were not hostile toward humans. They were too many mysteries around them.

“What did you find? Is the Moon Moth Phoenix as strong as the Black Totem Snake?” Mo Fan asked.

“Not really; the Black Totem Snake is clearly one of the strongest Totem Beasts out there. The Moon Moth Phoenix’s strength should be on par with the Silver Skyruler instead, or perhaps slightly stronger. I can’t really say for sure either, but there’s one thing I know for sure; every Totem Beast has their own special abilities that make them unbeatable against the leaders of the demon creatures,” Lingling informed him.

“I see. Speaking of which, have you heard anything about the threat along the shoreline?” Mo Fan said.

Lingling shook her head. She had not heard anything about it yet.

“By the way, Jiang Shaojun pretty much wrote every article here. It seems he was working with a colleague when he went looking for the Moon Moth Phoenix. His colleague might still be around, that might be the clue we are looking for,” Lingling said.

Mo Fan nodded. He was about to ask Lingling for the name of Jiang Shaojun’s colleague when his phone started ringing.

“Mo Fan, you better come right now, something’s happening,” Mu Ningxue said.

“What is it?” asked Mo Fan.

“The people of the Research Union might have found where the Moon Moth Phoenix is. Yu Shishi is already making her way there despite my advising against it. It’s too dangerous to leave her alone, so I’m going with her. I wasn’t able to bring Bola with us since he’s still asleep,” Mu Ningxue said.

“He doesn’t have much time left, so he’s asleep most of the time. We’ll handle it ourselves. Where are you now? I’m on my way,” Mo Fan said.

It was more suitable for Bola to guard a specific place due to his circumstances. It was not good to ask him to follow a person around. Besides, Mo Fan was not necessarily Bola’s senior. He was just trying to live longer by taking in Mo Fan’s demonic aura. Unlike Liu Ru, he did not have many years left. He spent most of his time sleeping in a coffin.

“I brought my national team badge with me. You can locate me with it,” Mu Ningxue said.

She was not too sure about her whereabouts either. She only knew they had gone pretty deep into the woods.

“Alright, but why would the people of the Research Union know where the Moon Moth Phoenix’s cocoon is?” Mo Fan asked.

“I have no idea.”

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It was difficult to figure what was going on through the phone. Mo Fan immediately gave his national team's badge to Lingling and asked her to track where Mu Ningxue was.

"Got it, she's in the forest in Nanling Mountains. It's quite a distance from where we are. I'm afraid we won't make it in time with your wolf," Lingling said.

"What should we do then? There isn't a Space Teleportation Formation around here," Mo Fan said.

"We can ask Nighthawk to give us a ride!"

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Nighthawk happened to be in the Magic City, too. He was promoted to a Vice Elder of the Enforcement Union after what happened to the Beiyu Enforcement Union.

As a matter of fact, Nighthawk was long since qualified to be a Vice Elder of the Enforcement Union, since he was usually in charge of most operations related to the Black Vatican. Unfortunately, he never got along well with the man with the surname Lu, thus he was stuck as an Enforcer.

"It's midnight and you two have called me over to be your driver!" Nighthawk sighed helplessly. Only Lingling had the guts to order a Vice Elder of the Enforcement Union around.

"Enough talk, just hurry up, will you? It's something important that the Chairman has asked us to keep an eye on!" Lingling said proudly.

"Chairman? Chairman Shao Zheng!?" Nighthawk exclaimed. He immediately stopped grumbling when he learned they were receiving orders from Chairman Shao Zheng.

Nighthawk's Summoned Beast, a Light-Curtain Eagle, was one of the fastest flying creatures in the Enforcement Union. It was the main reason Lingling had asked him for help.

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The three made their way up to the roof. Nighthawk chanted under his breath. Wisps of darkness soon appeared around him and consumed the light of the street lamps nearby. It was as like a black hole was appearing on the roof.

A pair of cold stunning wings spread apart from inside the black hole. Their black feathers had a metallic luster to them. The wings loomed over the entire building when they were fully spread!

The black wings beat softly, producing a strong gust of wind sweeping the street and the roof. Clothes that were being dried outside flapped wildly, while the window panels rattled.

The wind blew dried leaves and dust into the air. Nighthawk jumped onto the Light-Curtain Eagle's back and asked Mo Fan and Lingling to hop on, too.

The two followed him immediately. The Light-Curtain Eagle beat its wings and left the roof, rising quickly into the air. There was a tall building just ahead. The light that the Light-Curtain Eagle was reflecting shone upon the building's windows. The people on the street immediately screamed at the top of their lungs!

The Light-Curtain Eagle reached the building's roof. It kicked its feet and thrust itself higher into the sky, where the light of the city could no longer reach. It glided silently into the sky, heading for the woods in the distance!

"Your eagle is pretty cool. Can I trade my Flying Creek Snow Wolf for him?" Mo Fan was thrilled as he felt the night breeze sweeping at him while sitting on the eagle's back.

Little Flame Belle cried out in displeasure after hearing Mo Fan's words. *-Uncle wolf is so naively adorable, how could you trade him away? Little Flame Belle enjoys bullying uncle wolf!-*

"HAHA, I was just kidding. By the way, aren't you supposed to be sleeping? Don't you know it's important for a kid to get enough rest while you're still growing?" Mo Fan dragged Little Flame Belle down from his shoulder and flicked her on her forehead.

Little Flame Belle twisted her lips in displeasure and went to Lingling to be comforted instead.

"I'll trade him for your adorable Little Flame Belle," Nighthawk said with a smile.

"No way, Little Flame Belle is my daughter," Mo Fan replied decisively.

"If the Flying Creek Snow Wolf knew the true face of his master, he would definitely break the contract with you, even if it meant damaging his soul!" Lingling sniffed.

Chapter 1268: The Giant Cocoon in the Swamp

The Night-Curtain Eagle was shockingly fast. It did not take them too long to reach the Nanling Mountains.

"We are currently in the White Magic Falcons' territory. Luckily, my eagle shares the same lineage. We won't have much trouble flying across their territory," Nighthawk said while pointing at the mountains that were covered in dense trees below.

"We should be very close to them," Lingling said.

Mo Fan observed the pitch-black mountains. He was able to see clearer with his Shadow Element.

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The canopy layer of the palm forest was a favorable habitat for flying creatures. Many demon creatures hid their nests in the thick canopy, allowing flocks of flying creatures to soar into the sky and form a huge net to defend their territory when necessary.

The middle of the palm forest was a swamp, and the trees had long been soaked in it. The water was not deep, barely reaching the ankles of a person. The clear water was flowing slowly. It looked like the forest was growing out of the surface of a lake under the moonlight. The surface of the water was glittering like crystals.

The forest was deadly silent. A hellish hound with a menacing aura walked past, and the little creatures in the area immediately fled for their lives in panic.

“Lian Xishan, are you sure this is the right place?” Houndman asked impatiently.

“Of course, we already discovered this place when we were searching for the Totem Beast. According to the man, this is where the Totem Beast lives, but for some reason, he suddenly decided to leave. He’s always been a strange man,” the man called Lian Xishan said confidently.

“I also think this is the place we have been looking for,” Ke Lingxi of the Research Union said.

Many species had their own living habits. Ke Lingxi had only learned there was such a unique forest in Nanling Mountains a little while ago.

Moths preferred to live in woods with a readily-available source of water. Ke Lingxi believed the place was perfect for the Moon Moth Phoenix to fall into a deep slumber!

“This place isn’t very big, we should be able to find it quite easily. You two, go up to the canopy and look around, the rest of us will be heading in this direction,” Zeng Guanglie said.

The group began to split up. Some time later, the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound started sniffing, as if it had picked up a scent.

“This way,” the Houndman told the others after receiving his Summoned Beast’s hint.

The group immediately followed the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound. They soon discovered a spacious pond that did not have many trees in it. The water was still enough to reflect the starry night sky, unbelievably stunning.

An oval cocoon was hanging above the center of the spacious pond. They could see its shadow on the surface of the pond. Houndman, Ke Lingxi, Zeng Guanglie, and the others held their breaths upon seeing the cocoon. Their faces were soon brimming with joy!

They found it! They actually found it!

They had found an ancient Totem Beast. They would achieve great success once they handed it to Su Lu!

The discovery of a Totem Beast was extremely significant. The Black Totem Snake of Hangzhou was able to drive away the demon creatures of the Nanling Mountains that were invading the city all by himself. A Totem Beast was far stronger than an ordinary Ruler creature in the wild!

The giant blue cocoon was floating in the air between the sky and the spectacular painting across the surface of the pond. However, as they took a closer look, they realized the cocoon was being held by tiny strings of silk, their ends tied to the trees nearby. In other words, the giant cocoon was actually hanging in the air. It was a rare and spectacular sight.

They were quite confident that the Totem Beast, Moon Moth Phoenix that they had been looking for was inside the giant cocoon!

The light of the moon and the stars were watching over the giant blue cocoon. Meanwhile, the cocoon seemed to be absorbing the energy of nature, like a beating blue heart!

“Are we going to break the cocoon apart or bring the whole thing back?” Zeng Guanglie asked.

“Just bring the whole thing back. I doubt we can break through the cocoon that easily,” Houndman said.

“You people, go and break the silk,” Ke Lingxi ordered his men.

A few Mages jumped onto the trees that the strings of silk were tied to. However, they failed to break the silk despite trying everything they tried. Even burning them with fire did not seem to work.

“Humph, move aside, a bunch of useless pricks!” Zeng Guanglie mocked them. He quickly summoned his golden flames.

The golden flames sprang at the strings of silk. The silk finally started to melt away slowly after burning for some time.

“As expected of a Totem Beast! Only a Soul-grade Fire can burn through the silk,” Ke Lingxi exclaimed.

His flames finally ate through a section of the strings holding the giant cocoon up after some time. The giant cocoon slanted sideways after the silk broke. The remaining strings of silk continued to hold it in place, preventing it from falling to the water below.

“Say, is the thing inside still alive?” Houndman asked curiously, studying the cocoon. He had already ordered the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound to take a closer look as he spoke.

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound stood below the cocoon and started sniffing. It suddenly lifted its gaze and grinned, revealing its fangs while uttering a deep growl.

Houndman followed its gaze, and saw a woman with the wings of a moth on her back walking out from the woods. She was glaring at them with eerie eyes. Her face had turned a strange blue too. She seemed pretty angry!

“It’s you. I’m sorry, we are no longer interested in you. You better leave now if you don’t want to die,” Houndman grinned mockingly when he saw it was the moth woman, Yu Shishi!

They obviously knew Yu Shishi had been turned into a moth woman by the Moon Moth Phoenix. The Moon Moth Phoenix was much more valuable than she was!

“What are you trying to do!?” Yu Shishi snapped furiously.

“Nothing really, it’s just that our master has a hobby of collecting antiques. We believe the Moon Moth Phoenix is the perfect present for his fiftieth birthday. We also believe that only a special creature like a Totem Beast is worthy to be our master’s mount and Contracted Beast!” Houndman smiled.

“A Totem Beast will never sign a contract with a human, nor will it submit to a human to be his mount!” Yu Shishi snapped.

“Don’t you worry about that, our master has his ways!” Houndman rebutted.

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Chapter 1269: : The Power to Decide One’s Fate

"I won't let you take her!" Yu Shishi declared firmly.

Lots of blue moths flew out of the canopy as she was speaking. The moths were just as numerous as the leaves on the trees. They quickly surrounded the people that were trying to snatch the giant cocoon.

Zeng Guanglie was utterly annoyed by the noise of their beating wings.

He smirked as he saw the number of moths continued to increase, "You were desperately trying to save them before, why would you bother summoning them out to die now?"

Yu Shishi bit her lips. There were not many moths left after the recent massacre. Some of them were not even adults yet. The lifespan of these moths was already very short, yet they could not even live until their final moments. It was a great torture to Yu Shishi to send these moths to their deaths.

However, she could not afford to let this group of people take the giant cocoon away, either. The creature that was asleep in the cocoon was the queen of these fragile little creatures who had no chance of surviving on their own. She was their only hope!

These moths were not as strong as other demon creatures. They normally ended up as food to other creatures while wandering around aimlessly. They were like a bunch of tiny insects living in the little gaps of the world. Their life and death was never nature's concern.

The situation improved slightly after the Moon Moth Phoenix was awakened. They could finally live a peaceful life after claiming their own territory. Their numbers slowly grew into a pack and soon a horde. They were finally able to protect themselves...

As such, even if it meant sacrificing every moth in the adult phase or the youth phase, they had to stop the humans from taking the Moon Moth Phoenix! These blue moths were left with no other choice. If they could not survive until the Moon Moth Phoenix was born again, they would surely be eliminated by nature's ruthless law of jungle!

Yu Shishi had been abandoned by her family. She was only well and alive because of the Moon Moth Phoenix and the moths. The moment she was born again, she swore an oath to protect the moths until her death!

"You can only bring the Moon Moth Phoenix away over our dead bodies!" Yu Shishi swore.

The blue moths flew toward the giant cocoon swiftly and formed a barrier to prevent the people of the Research Union from moving any closer.

"What a joke, it's too easy killing these little creatures!" Zeng Guanglie said disdainfully.

The golden flames rose once again and swept at the barrier that the moths had formed like a wild golden-red tide.

The blue moths had connected their bodies and wings together to form the barrier. The tide of flames soon ignited them. However, the moths that were set on fire quickly separated themselves from the barrier to prevent the flames from spreading to their friends. They soon burned into ashes, scattered across the surface of the pond.

The pond received the remains of the burned moths. At the start, only the remains of several moths were floating on the water like wilted petals of a flower, but the whole surface of the pond was soon covered by their remains.

As the flames continued to grow stronger, the moths were dying quicker. Yu Shishi's eyes were rolling with tears. She could not bear to watch the deaths of the moths any longer.

It was true that these moths only had a short lifespan, but each of them still lived a magnificent life. Yu Shishi could sense their curiosity, passion, and joy toward nature. To some extent, Yu Shishi believed they were richer in emotions and more sincere than cold-blooded humans. Yu Shishi had met many people that had let her down. She was definitely not feeling great after witnessing the continuous deaths of the remaining moths as they were protecting the Moon Moth Phoenix.

"Don't be sad, from what I know, these moths can only live for seven days. Seven days are gone in the blink of an eye. They either die to the fire here, or die after their life comes to an end. What's the difference if they can only live for an extra day or two!?" Zeng Guanglie mocked her.

The words had greatly infuriated Yu Shishi!

Most moths could only live for seven days, yet were their lives meaningless simply because they had a short lifespan?

"The Moon Moth Phoenix is a Totem Guardian. She was once the protector of humans, but you're trying to make her your slave instead! Yes, these little creatures can only live for seven days, but they are giving their all to protect their queen because she's their only chance of survival. They are unwilling to give up even if they have to face destruction! Look at you humans, biting the hand that feeds you! Not only are you not grateful for what the Totem Beasts have done, you've massacred the Totem Beasts in the past! The Totem Beasts voluntarily left your territory and gave up their control over the land, but you continued to mistreat and harm them with your filthy acts! You filthy humans will never change, even if you live for another thousand or ten thousand years!" Yu Shishi condemned angrily.

The Moon Moth Phoenix had granted her a second chance of life, including the power and lineage that transformed her into a moth woman. The Moon Moth Phoenix was like a mother to Yu Shishi, since she had taken care of her. Yu Shishi also learned about the past from the Moon Moth Phoenix!

Why did the Totem Beasts go into hiding? Wasn't it because the ungrateful humans were trying to kill them all as they could no longer control their desires and wild ambitions!?

No Mage was willing to mention the Totem Beasts, no human would dare to admit that it was they who had killed the Totem Beasts and driven them out of their territory, even though they had been protecting the humans all along.

"I never thought a moth woman like you could come up with such nonsense! I have to say, I'm quite amused. Both you and these stupid Totem Beasts seem to have not realized that nature has always followed the law of jungle. Your moths are unaware of how weak they are. The only possible outcome for them is death! Those Totem Beasts that assumed they were unbeatable because of their extraordinary strength were defeated by our magic too! We should really thank our ancestors who invented so many Elements, granting us, their descendants such formidable power! The truth is, the same principles apply to us humans too. If you can climb to Mr. Su Lu's height too, you can also decide

one's fate with a single sentence!" Houndman was sitting on his Dreadful Curse Hell Hound, greatly amused by Yu Shishi's words!

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Chapter 1270: The Hell Forge Ritual

"Similarly, it's just a matter of a thought if I want you and your moths dead. There's really no need to think there's a purpose behind everything. You and your moths are weak and petty, like a bunch of annoying bugs. If you really want to survive in this world, you should stop doing stupid stuff and overestimating yourself. It will only speed up your destruction!" Houndman said.

Houndman's eyes glittered after finishing the sentence. The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound that was in tune with his thoughts immediately let out a deadly breath at the moths blocking its path!

The deadly breath landed on the blue moths and soon corroded them away while applying a foul stench to them. They slowly fell onto the surface of the pond like nasal mucus...

The moth's limited numbers could not hold their place any longer facing both the golden flames and the deadly breath at the same time. A part of the Moon Moth Phoenix's cocoon was soon exposed.

Houndman and Zeng Guanglie grinned disdainfully. They immediately ordered their men to break the remaining silk strands so they could take the cocoon away!

An icy wind blew from the woods and swept right at Zeng Guanglie and Houndman. The trunks of the trees nearby that were cut in half and fell on them!

Houndman's Dreadful Curse Hell Hound reacted quickly. It jumped in front of them and used its body to resist the deadly gust of wind.

Lots of trees fell to the ground, while the droplets of water scattered across the air. Houndman looked up at the shadow in the canopy and saw a woman with silver-hair shining under the moonlight descending slowly. She was wearing an ivory dress down to her knees, revealing her smooth and tender shins, as she was not wearing stockings. They were slim, but not overly skinny!

"It's you again!" Houndman's face was filled with rage when he saw Mu Ningxue. One of his Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds had died at the hands of this woman and Mo Fan not long ago!

Zeng Guanglie glared at Mu Ningxue, too. The woman was no weaker than him, and her Nirvana Ice Domain was incredibly powerful. The water on the ground slowly froze. Even Zeng Guanglie's golden flames were put out by the ice and the snow!

"It looks like she's alone..." Ke Lingxi quickly noticed that Mo Fan was not around.

Houndman also noticed that. He harrumphed coldly and said, "We are no longer in your territory! If you dare to intervene with our business again, you better watch out for the paltry reputation you've finally earned after putting in so much work. The person behind us can destroy it with just a few words, and you'll have no choice but to go back to your Mu Clan like a petty b**ch!"

Mu Ningxue's expression did not change much after hearing the words. She had gotten used to being humiliated verbally. She was not Mo Fan, who could always come up with words that sounded ten times worse than what people were saying to him before beating the crap out of them.

Mu Ningxue was used to only doing the last part of it, beating the crap out of them!

"Sticky Ice Freezing Aura!"

The frost in the air gradually grew thicker. Not only did the water of the pond turn into ice, the whole woods had turned into an icy forest. A visible frosty aura was rising around Zeng Guanglie and Houndman under the overwhelming presence of the Nirvana Ice Domain!

The frosty aura formed clingy pieces of ice. They rapidly flew at their targets, attaching themselves to the other ice pieces to thicken the rime further and increase the pace of freezing everything around them.

The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound was soon covered by the frost. Both Zeng Guanglie and Houndman immediately fled for their lives, worried they would turn into ice statues in the frosty aura. They simply left the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound to resist the frosty aura alone.

"Absolute Kingdom of Ice!" Mu Ningxue cast. Her outstanding control of the Ice Element allowed her to cast Ice Magic in any form as she wished. She no longer needed to draw Magic Patterns just to cast her spells.

White snow fell rapidly from a sky fully filled with Ice Magic. The Sticky Ice Freezing Aura was pulling the snow toward it like magnets. The ice that Mu Ningxue's Ice Domain had just produced immediately piled on the frosty aura. The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound covered in clinging rime soon turned into a giant ball of ice!

Mu Ningxue was not just freezing the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound. The rime also flew at the giant cocoon and formed a layer of protection around the moths and the giant cocoon.

Mu Ningxue could easily tell that Yu Shishi's heart was bleeding when she witnessed the deaths of each moth. It was her turn to save the woman from her sense of helplessness!

"Damn it, do you really think I'm just a little underling you can crush as you please!? If my ritual wasn't on cooldown last time, there's no way you and that kid would stand a chance against me. Since you keep asking for it, I'll show you the true strength of the Dreadful Curse Hell Hound!" Houndman proclaimed furiously.

The woman had shown up before he even took the initiative to get his revenge on her. This time, not only was Houndman going to get his revenge, he would let the woman know that he was not someone she wanted to mess with!

Houndman started drawing a strange Star Pattern that had an odd color to it, as if it was the combination of the colors of a few different Elements. It soon formed strange runes and patterns on the ice to conduct a Summoning ritual!

The pattern was completed in no time. A strong sense of death burst out from it. Even the presence of Mu Ningxue's Nirvana Ice Domain weakened slightly under it.

“Hell Forge!” Houndman shrieked and withdrew the frozen Dreadful Curse Hell Hound back into the ritual.

If they looked down from high above, they would have noticed that the pattern of the ritual actually resembled the opening of a furnace. The Dreadful Curse Hell Hound was being tossed right into it.

Zeng Guanglie gasped when he saw two other Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds inside the forge. The creatures were being torn into pieces, but their heads, limbs, bodies, organs, and fangs were slowly joining together!

Three heads were connected to a single sturdy neck. The Dreadful Curse Hell Hounds had turned into a three-headed hellish creature! The cruel process gave the creature a painful, hateful, and murderous aura even before its form was completed!