

Versatile 1811

Chapter 1811: Only Stronger

“Did you go to the South Wing Platoon? We were quite shocked, too. Why did they suddenly appoint you as the chief?” Yu Shishi had to ask.

“They didn’t treat me seriously at first. They simply asked me to fill out a form, but their expressions shifted after I wrote down Super Level as my cultivation level. They accused me of lying, so I showed them my Super Ice Spell and came back here,” Mu Bai told them.

“HAHAHA, I bet those people of the South Wing Platoon are dumbfounded. They didn’t expect us to have such a young Super Mage. Well done, as expected of someone from our Mu Clan!” Mu Zhuoyun sat beside Mu Bai and patted him heavily on the shoulder.

The Mu Clan of Bo City finally had a reliable man. They could finally show the Mu Clan of the capital a piece of their mind! The Mu Clan of Bo City whom they had mistreated now had a Super Mage! Fanxue Mountain was going to make them regret abandoning them and driving them away in the past!

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“Uncle, please don’t mention it. I’m still a little lacking compared to Mu Ningxue,” Mu Bai said humbly.

He might have reached the Super Level, but he was still no match for Mu Ningxue. Her Ice Domain completely suppressed his Ice Magic!

“You’re already very impressive. How many people in our country are able to achieve the Super Level at your age? You are the strongest young adult in Feinia City from now on! You’re the South Wing Chief, you deserve all the attention you’re getting!” Mu Zhuoyun declared with a loud voice.

The people in the hall cheered. Most of them were young Mages in the Advanced or Intermediate Levels. Some were part of management, while others were pure fighters. When they had first joined Fanxue Mountain, they had been betting on Fanxue Mountain’s future. After all, Fanxue Mountain lacked Super Mages who could keep everything under control in the past.

The difference between a renowned clan and a small family was whether they had a Super Mage among them!

Since Fanxue Mountain now had a Super Mage, no one would dare to underestimate them again. They now had more credibility to the government, Magic Association, and the military, on top of the rest of the factions out there!

“Uncle, I still have no idea what the South Wing Platoon’s duties are. I prefer to stay in Fanxue Mountain. I’m not used to being ordered around,” Mu Bai admitted.

Mu Bai initially thought he was merely going through the motions when he went to the South Wing Platoon. He was feeling a little guilty after beating the crap out of the South Wing Platoon's prospective chief. He did not expect to receive a letter of appointment in return!

Mu Bai had not opened the letter yet. He would only become the South Wing Chief officially after reporting in tomorrow morning.

"Mu Bai, don't you worry about that. The South Wing Platoon is different from other groups. First, the South Wing Platoon isn't under the jurisdiction of the Magic Association, despite being a subsidiary. Every South Wing Mage retains their freedom. You are still considered a member of Fanxue Mountain. Only when the city is in great danger or facing a huge threat will the South Wing Mages have to obey the South Wing Chief's orders.

"Fanxue Mountain coexists with Feinia City, thus Fanxue Mountain has the obligation to guarantee Feinia City's safety. Therefore, it's not really a huge difference if you become the South Wing Chief. You won't even have to report every day if the city isn't under any threats," Mu Linsheng explained to Mu Bai.

"Besides, our Fanxue Mountain occupies a huge portion of Feinia City's land. Many factions are jealous of us, and the government might pick on us, too. If you are the South Wing Chief, we'll have more say in the government. Our rivals will consider your role if they are planning to trouble us. Ningxue is Fanxue Mountain's flagship, it's unlikely she will be able to join other organizations, since she's our leader. Therefore, you are the perfect candidate for the role of the South Wing Chief!" Mu Zhuoyun explained to him.

"I see. It's not too bad, then. Otherwise, I will feel like I'm not doing much in Fanxue Mountain," Mu Bai nodded understanding. He believed it was the right thing to do if it could benefit Fanxue Mountain.

"Being able to carry huge responsibilities on your shoulders... Mu Bai, you've truly grown into a reliable man. I'm pleased on behalf of your mother," Mi Zhuoyun sighed. It's mainly because I was too useless. I wasn't able to take good care of the family. I had to rely on you kids. You've all suffered a lot over these years..." Mu Zhuoyun had drunk quite a lot. He was starting to get a little emotional.

"Brother Zhuoyun, you've been drinking a little too much. Here, help Zhuoyun to his room," Mu Linsheng spoke up quickly.

"Yeah, I've drunk too much. Let's talk about something else instead. Either way, I'm really proud of you all after seeing how much you have grown. I'm also grateful for everyone here who put their trust in Fanxue Mountain. Don't worry, we will not fall. We will only become stronger!" Mu Zhuoyun gave everyone a toast before staggering out the door.

"We will not fall. We will only become stronger! Cheers!" the crowd exclaimed.

Fanxue Mountain had gone from a barren mountain to its current prosperity. Everyone was betting their youth and future on it. Fanxue Mountain was now on the right track. It was not far away from shining gloriously!

Mu Ningxue glanced after her drunken father. She could tell that the man was genuinely happy.

Mu Bai was a real member of their family. Mu Zhuoyun had to be pleased after seeing how much Mu Bai had grown.

The Magic City...

At the Pearl Institute, a golden-haired man driving a luxurious car did a huge drift and parked the car in front of an apartment. He ran up the escalator angrily.

He kicked the door that was unlocked open and slammed down into the couch. He glanced at Ai Tutu, who was eating popcorn while enjoying her drama there, and demanded, "Why hasn't that asshole returned from Guangzhou?"

"He's upstairs," Ai Tutu told him without looking over.

"F**k me, he didn't bother telling me that he's back. Asshole, come out here!" Zhao Manyan yelled without going upstairs.

Mo Fan was still half-asleep. He came out of his room in sleepwear and yawned when he saw Zhao Manyan. "Do you all have dog noses or something? How do you all know I'm back so quickly every time? I just wanted a nice sleep. I was treated like a lab rat for so long..."

"Take a look at this yourself!" Zhao Manyan tossed a newspaper at Mo Fan.

Mo Fan picked up the newspaper and skimmed through it. His eyes glittered when he spoke, "Mu Bai has made a name for himself after a single duel? Oh my, not bad, Green Tea Man! He was even appointed as the South Wing Chief! That's good news, why are you so angry about it?"

"Good news my ass! I was able to bully him with a single hand before we visited the Pyramid, but I'm still stuck at the Advanced Level while he's already becoming a f**king legend!... We are leaving tomorrow. If you don't, I'll be holding a knife against your throat and force you to go with me!" Zhao Manyan snarled.

There was nothing more infuriating than being left behind by his friends!

Chapter 1812: Shameless In Your Own Way

"Fine, we'll set out tomorrow morning to look for the Totem Beasts... I'll ask if Mu Bai is free tomorrow. Maybe we can ask him to tag along," Mo Fan said.

"I don't want to be mocked by his expressionless face!" Zhao Manyan shouted.

"You didn't get any benefits from the trip to the Pyramid. Isn't it great that you now have two Super Mages to escort you and guarantee your safety?" Mo Fan pressed further.

"That does make a little sense. Asshole Mu Bai, just you wait, I will reach the Super Level soon!"

"That's settled, then. I thought it was something serious. It was only a matter of time until Mu Bai got the attention he deserves, since he's already a Super Mage now. If you aren't pleased with it, just find a

luxurious nightclub and vent your frustrations instead of disturbing my sleep... Oh, you can try asking Ai Tutu and see if she's feeling horny. The two of you might be able to do one another a favor!" Mo Fan closed the door and went back to sleep.

He was seriously worn out. Being a lab rat was more demanding than he had thought. He felt like his energy was completely depleted. He could not bother thinking about any Dark Material, four additional effects, Order Manipulation... he just wanted to enjoy a nice rest!

A pillow flew from the couch and landed heavily on Mo Fan's door as soon as it was closed. Ai Tutu's furious roar followed, "Demon king, do you want to die? Do you really take me as that kind of a woman!?"

"Ai Tutu, why are you eating still those? Aren't you worried that you're going to be as fat as a pig? I won't even have an erection if you lie naked in front of me," Zhao Manyan said.

"Ahhhhhh, the two of you should go to Hell. Die, you assh****!" Ai Tutu screamed. Her voice echoed down the corridor.

Zhao Manyan immediately escaped after he was done mocking the girl. He did not even consider Mo Fan's suggestion. If he kept wasting his time on his pleasures, Mu Bai was seriously going to have a huge lead over him. He should focus on his cultivation for the time being. Otherwise, he would really feel like killing himself if he failed the breakthrough when he had the chance.

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Mo Fan had no idea how many days he had slept. He only knew he had woken up in the middle of the night. He seemed a lot more energetic.

He left his room to grab some water and happened to see an alluring figure in a tight outfit and a thin nightgown sitting on the balcony. He could feel his blood rushing at the sight alone!

"Mo Fan?" the figure on the balcony asked after becoming aware of his wolfish passionate gaze.

"Ugh, it's me. Why weren't you focused on your cultivation? I only managed to grab a few glances," Mo Fan grumbled.

"..." Mui Nujiao was left speechless. She quickly changed the topic, "I've sorted out the incident."

"What incident?" Mo Fan was confused.

"About the people who tried to defame you, did you already forget?" Mui Nujiao grumbled. She had put in so much effort to help him clear up the misunderstandings, but he seemed to have forgotten about it.

"Oh, my bad, my mind is a little messed up lately. Someone has been conducting terrible experiments on me. So, did you find out who's trying to set me up?" Mo Fan sallied forth.

"It's the Zu Clan. They are spreading rumors about your malignant behavior and taking advantage of the fact that you weren't in the country to do some wicked things in your name," Mui Nujiao informed him.

"The Zu Clan... Huh, things are getting interesting," Mo Fan grinned.

Zu Xiangtian must be behind it! That idiot must be thinking of crushing me, not only in terms of strength, but reputation too!

“Did you have a conflict with them?” Mui Nujiao asked.

“That Zu Xiangtian wants to teach me a lesson, and instead of doing it when nobody’s around, he wants to trample me in front of the public. He is planning to rob me of my fame and my woman too,” Mo Fan explained.

“...Why do you sound like someone from an old serial?” Mui Nujiao asked him.

“Anyway, he wants to trample me under his feet.” Mo Fan recalled how aloof Zu Xiangtian was during their encounter.

Zu Xiangtian was extremely confident in himself. If he was someone who just wanted to make Mo Fan suffer, he would have made his move at the village on the Mediterranean Sea. However, he had decided to wait for half a year. It clearly showed that Zu Xiangtian strongly believed Mo Fan had no chance of surpassing him within that period!

“Zu Xiangtian was a few years earlier than us. Isn’t he currently one of the strongest young Mages in the world? He’s not supposed to challenge you before the next World College Tournament,” Mui Nujiao said.

The whole world followed the World College Tournament closely. There was no official tournament for Mages after the World College Tournament. However, people liked to compare the strong Mages, especially those under the age of thirty. Those people had the highest chance of achieving the heights which older Mages could no longer reach.

Zu Xiangtian’s reputation had mainly been established in foreign countries, mostly because the Zu Clan had done a great job setting up their connections there.

A duel between a powerful Mage who was ranked internationally and the strongest student of the World College Tournament was obviously going to get a lot of attention!

“The Zu Clan has long been fed up with me. He wants to humiliate me by challenging me to a duel. I’m more than willing to accept it, since it’s hard to find someone who’s strong and deserves a beating like Zu Xiangtian does,” Mo Fan declared.

“You’re just as belligerent as when you first came to the Pearl Institute!” Mui Nujiao smiled.

Mo Fan had challenged every new student and the entire Fire School after he enrolled in the Pearl Institute. Mui Nujiao was amused whenever she recalled it. Even Ai Tutu still called him Demon King. The students of the same class as him would subconsciously back away whenever they heard his name. He was the typical violent problem student!

“I didn’t start it this time. I can’t just stick my face to Zu Xiangtian’s foot when he wants to step on my face, right? I thought he would come to Fanxue Mountain when it was time to beat me, but I didn’t expect him to use these dirty tricks, like finding people to impersonate me and harass my fans. I will not tolerate it!” Mo Fan snarled.

“I’ve tried to clear your name, but some people preferred to oppose you instead. There’s nothing I can do about that, since you are always getting all the attention. There are always people that are jealous of you,” Mui Nujiao said.

“I don’t mind that, it’s not like everyone knows how to admire my handsomeness,” Mo Fan said proudly.

“Mm, you are shameless in your own way too!” Mui Nujiao giggled.

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Chapter 1813: Showing Off Cultivation

South of the Magic City, around three hundred kilometers from Hangzhou’s territory along the highway, the group happened to pass by a place called Wanggui Town. They planned to stay for the night there.

The town was prosperous, established at a relatively higher altitude. The rise of the sea level had not bothered the town. It had even given the town a great view of the sea.

The desolate new seafront was around twenty kilometers to the east of the town. The place did not rely much on the sea. It had a freshwater lake behind it as its main source of water.

“The scenery is pretty nice here. I didn’t know there was a town in this area. It should be quite interesting to stay here for the night,” Zhao Manyan said.

Some towns would appear along the highway when one least expected it. They could see roofs with special colors, bays with crystal clear water serving as hidden lands of peace and prosperity outside the reach of modern cities and industrial zones. This Wanggui Town was such an example. It was more enjoyable to visit it than just take a quick glimpse at it, as it surprised the group with its elegance and peacefulness.

There was a checkpoint at the town’s entrance. They saw a few members of the Magic Association in their uniforms working together with the traffic police.

“I’m sorry, Wanggui Town isn’t receiving tourists for now. Please go somewhere else if you are not a Mage.” A traffic policeman signaled the group to keep moving along the highway.

“We are Mages. Did something happen at Wanggui Town?” Mo Fan piped up.

“Why do you bother asking? We are just passing by anyway. Let’s forget it if we can’t spend the night here,” Jiang Shaoxu sighed and shook her head.

“The Enforcement Union is conducting an investigation in the town. You may enter the town, but you’ll need to put your information down,” a member of the Magic Association said.

“Enforcement Union?” Mo Fan was surprised.

If the Enforcement Union was in charge of the investigation, it must be something serious, potentially a huge threat.

“Time to go, we are leaving. Mo Fan, don’t tell me you’re thinking of being a busybody again. The Enforcement Union will take care of the situation here!” Zhao Manyan said quickly.

“That’s right, is there any place that’s not feeling pressured from the coastline coming inland at a time like this?” Jiang Shaoxu said.

Lingling took out a map and said, “This Wanggui Town is quite close to our destination, Dawn Island. If we don’t rest here, our next option is Changlu Town, which is around a hundred kilometers away.”

“That far away?” Jiang Shaoxu exclaimed.

“Mm, the places around here are empty. Wanggui Town is the only town in this area,” Lingling said.

“We’ll rest up here then. We are Mages anyway, are we afraid of some petty demon creatures?” Mo Fan said.

“Fine, we’ll spend the night here.”

The group put down their information and went into the town to stay for the night. They were planning to regroup with Mu Bai, who was coming from Fanxue Mountain to meet them.

The town seemed perfectly fine when they arrived. Many common folk were still on the streets. The restaurants and shops were operating, too.

The truth was, Mo Fan was just too hungry to travel for another hundred kilometers. An elegant town like this might lack everything else, but it would not lack delicacies. Mo Fan purposely found a delicately decorated restaurant and ordered a whole table of dishes to feast on!

“Speaking of which, which branch of the Enforcement Union is in charge here?” Zhao Manyan could not help but ask.

“It seems like Nanxi Mountain’s Enforcement Union, judging from their badges,” Lingling answered.

Lingling was familiar with the Enforcement Union, so she was able to recognize the logos of the different branches of the Enforcement Union with ease.

The Enforcement Union of Nanxi Mountain and Beiyu Mountain were to the north and south of the Lingyin Enforcement Union, respectively. The Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union was mainly responsible for incidents that occurred to the south of Hangzhou, while Beiyu Mountain was responsible for those to the north of Hangzhou.

“Nanxi Mountain... I recalled someone telling me that she was appointed as an elder of Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union...” Mo Fan rubbed his chin as he tried to remember who the person was.

He heard an imperious voice rising outside while he was immersed in his thoughts.

The voice belonged to a woman. She had the pleasant voice of a mature woman, but she did not sound too friendly.

“Vice President, please don’t criticize him anymore. He’s just a rookie. He’s obviously going to have a mistake or two. Let’s just go inside and have dinner first. Everyone’s starving after working for the whole day. We should still eat something, right? This restaurant is quite popular in Wanggui Town. Let’s eat something and calm down,” a man in his thirties was mediating between the two.

“I’m already full up with anger!” the mature woman stepped into the restaurant angrily and sat on a wooden stool. Her posture set off her curvy waist.

Zhao Manyan was an expert when checking out women. He soon squinted and smacked his lips.

“Mo Fan, Mo Fan, it’s a rare find! Even a vixen like Jiang Shaoxu lacks a little charm in comparison to her,” Zhao Manyan immediately spoke up.

“Do you want to die!?” Jiang Shaoxu kicked Zhao Manyan in the shin.

Mo Fan’s eyes were fixed on the woman ever since she had come into the restaurant.

“Why do I have to bring a student like you around? Can you please train somewhere else for a few years before joining the Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union? Have your feet firmly planted on the ground instead of relying on your connections!” The woman was still angry.

“Vice President Tang, isn’t he trying to learn from you humbly? He will be able to grow faster if he could learn from you right after he graduates. Don’t you agree, Zhui Min?” the man in his thirties replied quickly.

The young man named Zhu Min was seated to the side. He had his head lowered like he did not dare to talk back, yet his eyes were actually looking somewhere else. He was not being sincere at all. He only voiced out half-heartedly when his colleague mentioned his name, “That’s right, I still have a lot of things to learn from Vice Elder Tang.”

“I would have fired you if it weren’t for your father!” Vice Elder Tang spat coldly.

The look in Zhu Min’s eyes shifted slightly, yet he did not dare to make it too obvious. He vented his frustrations on the waiter when he saw someone coming up to their table, “What kind of a shitty restaurant is this? It took you so long to serve us; shouldn’t you be serving us tea and some entree first?”

The waiter was startled. He pointed at the counter and snapped back, “You can order the dishes there, but you can vent your anger outside!”

“What did you say!?” Zhu Min rose to his feet and immediately directed his Aura at the waiter.

He could endure being scolded by his Vice President, but even a waiter in a shitty restaurant dared to talk to him like that? He was still an Advanced Mage! Even the town’s mayor had to be respectful to him!

“Trying to show off your cultivation in front of me? Sit the f**k down!” the waiter’s voice intensified.

To everyone’s surprise, the waiter suddenly unleashed an even stronger Aura, and forcibly suppressed Zhu Min. He actually stumbled back down at the waiter’s order, and almost fell to the ground!

“Mo Fan!” the mature Vice Elder blurted out in joy after she finally looked at the waiter.

“Miss Tangyue, it’s been a long time. I’ve been missing you,” Mo Fan said with a harmless smile.

Chapter 1814: The Failed Domestication Ranch

Mo Fan immediately hugged Tangyue following his words. Tangyue was startled, yet she did not reject Mo Fan’s friendly hug.

Meanwhile, Zhao Manyan was not feeling comfortable when he saw the mature beauty allowing Mo Fan to take advantage of her so easily, especially when she was sticking her huge bust so close to Mo Fan’s chest!

Since when was that idiot better at picking up chicks than him!?

“Why are you here?” Tangyue was surprised.

She had not seen Mo Fan after being reassigned to Nanxi Mountain. The two might promise to meet one another whenever they called one another, but they both seemed to be too busy in their own ways.

Tangyue had been extremely busy over the years. Nanxi Mountain was a lot more complicated than Beiyu Mountain. Tang Zhong was having trouble controlling Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union as the Chief of the Lingyin Enforcement Union. However, since Nanxi Mountain Enforcement was actually subordinate to the Lingyin Enforcement Union, he had no intention to let it run itself. He had assigned Tangyue here to make sure everything was in order.

Zhu Min was the son of Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union’s Chief. Tangyue was extremely fed up with him. He had only achieved his current level of cultivation after being fed a lot of resources, most of them from the Enforcement Union.

The resources of the Enforcement Union were meant to be distributed to the Enforcers and probationary Enforcers with outstanding talents. A man like Zhu Min did not deserve anything!

“I just happened to pass by the town. We came to eat since we were feeling quite hungry. I didn’t expect Miss Tangyue to be on duty here,” Mo Fan said.

He did not mention the Totem Beasts in front of outsiders.

Mo Fan was still struggling to believe he had just stumbled into Tangyue here. It felt like meeting your first love in an unfamiliar town, like he would be throwing the Heavens’ kind gesture away if he did not spend the night with the woman after such a fateful encounter.

“Mm, there’s been some problem, are those your friends... oh, little Lingling is here too!” Tangyue turned around and saw Lingling immediately.

“Sister Tangyue,” Lingling answered. The little loli’s expressionless face had a surprising smile on it.

Leng Qing and Tangyue had always been close. Lingling had often visited the Lingyin Enforcement Union, too.

“You’ve grown into such a beauty too,” Tangyue walked up to Lingling and kissed her on the forehead.

“Sister Tangyue, please stop, I’m not a kid anymore,” Lingling blushed embarrassedly.

Zhao Manyan could not help but take a sip from his glass when he saw Tangyue’s red lips kissing Lingling on the forehead. He slowly lowered his gaze and stared at Tangyue’s chest.

How big, how round, how firm, how spectacular!

Mo Fan introduced Tangyue to Jiang Shaoxu and the pervert Zhao. Tangyue smiled, indicating that she knew who they were. After all, they were both on the national team that had won the World College Tournament for the country. That being said, she had a little trouble recognizing Zhao Manyan, since he had done some cosmetic surgery on his face so that the Zhao Family would not learn he was still alive!

“This is my assistant, Li Dong. This is an intern, Zhu Min,” Tangyue said.

“Nice to meet you all, I’m Li Dong from the Dali Clan. I’m currently assisting the Vice Chief of Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union. I heard my men at the checkpoint say that a few Mages had come into town. They must have been referring to you,” Li Dong greeted them in a friendly manner.

“Yeah, Mo Fan is a busybody. He likes going to every place that has trouble.” Jiang Shaoxu gave Mo Fan a disdainful glare.

Mo Fan rubbed his nose and said, “Do I?”

Lingling and Zhao Manyan nodded simultaneously.

“It’s called a Hunter’s nose. I can’t help with it. A Hunter is most worried when nothing happens, since it means there’s no job for us. Don’t you agree, Lingling?” Mo Fan shrugged helplessly.

Lingling nodded. Mo Fan was not wrong about that. Many Hunters would follow the Enforcement Union around, since it often meant they would be able to receive quests with high rewards as soon as they were available.

“What happened here?” Mo Fan asked Tangyue.

“A strange poisonous species have been showing up lately. More than a hundred people have fallen sick. We still can’t figure out a cure or an antidote for the poison. The town mayor contacted the Magic Association, which decided to let the Enforcement Union take over after assessing the situation,” Tangyue explained.

“A contagious poison is the most troublesome. It can easily turn into a plague if it’s not handled properly,” Lingling murmured.

“Yes, the Magic Association is worried that it might turn into a plague, too. Everyone has been sensitive about things like this after the plague in Hangzhou,” Tangyue agreed.

“Did you find the creature responsible for the poison? You’ve solved half the case if you can find the source of the poison,” Mo Fan said.

“Hah, we had a chance to catch it this evening, but some dumbass let it escape because of a silly mistake,” Tangyue said.

Mo Fan glanced at the man named Zhu Min. He could tell the young man was the arrogant kind.

Tangyue usually had a good temper, and was very patient with students, too. She was obviously fed up with Zhu Min if she held such a strong grudge against him.

“Did you need any help?” Mo Fan asked.

Zhao Manyan immediately rolled his eyes after hearing Mo Fan’s words.

Didn’t Mo Fan promise to help him look for Totem Beasts? Why was he offering his beautiful former teacher help instead?

“Since when does the Enforcement Union need help from outsiders like you?” Zhu Min interrupted coldly when he finally found a chance to speak.

The Enforcement Union mainly dealt with confidential matters. Zhu Min believed it was inappropriate for Tangyue to be telling others so much information.

“Just ignore him,” Tangyue shot down Zhu Min’s remark right away. Zhu Min was so angry that his face turned the same color as the vegetables on the table.

“Lingling, help me look for the poisonous creature. It shouldn’t take you too long,” Tangyue said.

“Of course!”

Tangyue brought them to a teahouse close to the lake after dinner. She did not bring her two subordinates along, so she could explain everything in detail to Lingling.

Both Lingling and Mo Fan were Seven Star Hunter Masters. The Enforcement Union was an organization under the government. They would often struggle to handle certain dubious situations, which experienced Hunters were often better at.

“Sister Tangyue, did you say the poisonous creature might be hiding in a cave on Dawn Island?” Lingling asked.

“Mm, a rich foreigner bought the island around twenty years ago. It was turned into a domestication farm for the Featherless Birds, training them into becoming mounts for mercenaries, but his plan failed, and he went bankrupt around ten years ago. The government didn’t take over the island, so the ranch turned into a wasteland. The Featherless Birds eventually turned into wild demon creatures when no one was controlling them, so the island is basically a big nest of demon creatures now. We tried to hunt down the poisonous creature on Dawn Island, but the Featherless Birds have a strong sense of territory...”

Chapter 1815: Not Just a Magic Instructor

Lingling opened her electronic map and noticed Dawn Island was still marked as a domestication ranch. that meant the information about the location had not been updated for more than ten years. The Featherless Birds that no one was looking after had taken over Dawn Island and turned it into their breeding ground.

“Trying to establish a private huge-scale domestication ranch is extremely dangerous,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

Jiang Shaoxu’s family had a military background, so she was very familiar with the difficulty of domesticating demon creatures.

If there were any huge-scale domestication ranches in their country, it was most likely the Heavenly Eagles Domestication Program. Other domestication ranches were set up outside the safe zones in case something disastrous happened.

Domesticating demon creatures was an extremely profitable business. After all, there were only a limited number of Summoners in the world, and their Summoned Beasts were their private possessions. Some demon creatures were very suitable as mounts for Battlemites, and for assisting them in battles. However, even the gentlest demon creature would bring a bloodbath to human territories if they were untamed.

The military’s system of domesticating Heavenly Eagles was very developed, yet they still turned against their riders during the invasion of the White Magic Falcons. The soldiers had been forced to kill them all right away. Otherwise, they would have been fighting demon creatures instead!

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“Twenty years ago, some leaders of Wanggui Town invested in Dawn Island. They were planning to rely on Dawn Island to develop the town into a reputable city along the east coastline. When the foreign merchant left after the bankruptcy, the government which had greatly supported him faced a financial crisis. They hid the truth to prevent the Councilmen above them from discovering it, and abandoned Dawn Island!” Tangyue informed them.

“These authorities, seriously...” Zhao Manyan felt an urge to curse, yet he withheld after seeing there were so many girls around him.

“Were those officials punished?” Mo Fan asked.

“How do you even punish them? Those officials were not dumb. It has been ten years. They have long been reassigned to somewhere else and continue to ride roughshod over people. Why would they even care about this town’s wellbeing? The new mayor has only been around for two years. He initially thought Dawn Island was just an abandoned island, but when he sent a team to survey it, the whole team was killed. The mayor was utterly dumbfounded!” Tangyue sighed.

“This mayor is very unlucky,” Mo Fan had to say.

The officials of Wanggui Town ten years ago had left such a huge mess. They concealed the truth so it would not affect their careers, and arranged for themselves to be reassigned somewhere else during

that period. When new officials came to replace them, they realized the mess had now turned into an island of demon creatures!

The Featherless Birds could easily reproduce many times within ten years. The abandoned ranch was obviously a suitable environment for the creatures. Dawn Island was basically a hotbed for Featherless Birds now. They might just be a bunch of younglings ten years ago, but they were a tribe or a horde now!

“The breed of Featherless Birds that the merchant chose had the highest reproduction and growth rate. Dawn Island was enclosed and rich in resources, allowing the Featherless Birds to form a tribe on their own,” Tangyue went on.

“The real threat that Wanggui Town is facing isn’t the poisonous creature, but these Featherless Birds instead?” Lingling asked.

Tangyue nodded. There were other people in the restaurant, so she had not had the chance to tell them the truth.

“Actually, we discovered the problem around a month ago. Unfortunately, it’s troublesome for the Enforcement Union to handle it on our own. We have no choice but to observe the island for now. The poisonous creature is only a small problem that arose from the mass reproduction of the Featherless Birds. We really should deal with it as soon as possible,” Tangyue said.

“No wonder an elder like you is going after a little poisonous creature. It turns out that Dawn Island is posing such a huge threat to this town,” Mo Fan observed.

“Mm, I have to keep an eye on Dawn Island at all times, but my men can’t even deal with the minor problems. It’s giving me a huge headache!” Tangyue rubbed her temples.

“HAHA, I was wondering why you were so mad!” Mo Fan laughed.

“I already did some investigation. The number of Featherless Birds wasn’t so crazy before the rise of the sea level, but ever since the sea level rose, they have grown at an insane rate, like they were given some kind of growth hormone,” Tangyue said.

“Perhaps the seawater has washed up a certain resource that they were lacking to them,” Lingling said.

“I think so, too. If I can’t resolve it, I’ll have to report it to Zhu Meng,” Tangyue sighed.

Zhu Meng was the Councilman in charge of the Threat-Elimination Strategy. He was the most suitable person to deal with the situation. However, the Enforcement Union was not performing its duty by having the busy Councilman take over something they had failed to handle properly. Tangyue could not figure out any way to resolve the problem. If she still could not think of a better plan in the next couple of weeks, she would have no choice but to report it. She could not drag it out any longer.

That being said, once she reported it, she would be demoted as a result!

Tangyue was not like the officials that purposely hid the truth. She was fine with a demotion. She did not want the Featherless Birds on Dawn Island to keep growing.

“You just became a Vice Chief not long ago. It will be a pity if you are demoted,” Lingling said.

“It’s better than letting the situation go out of control,” Tangyue pointed out.

“We were planning to visit Dawn Island to look for a Seal of the Totem Beasts. It sounds like our plan is stuck because of the issue too.” Lingling glanced at Jiang Shaoxu, who looked quite helpless too.

They had initially tried to stay out of trouble, yet little did they know that Dawn Island was no longer the same place as before. It was already occupied by the Featherless Birds that had failed to be domesticated!

“Miss Tangyue, your problem is my problem. Leave it to us,” Mo Fan said as he patted himself on the chest.

“Thank you, but I don’t think it’s going to be an easy task. I only shared it with you all because I’ve been under great pressure recently. I just want to vent it out. I feel a lot better now,” Tangyue said.

Tangyue soon left, as she had other matters to attend to.

Mo Fan could tell that Tangyue had been bothered by this matter for a long time. Her temper and mental state were obviously affected. Mo Fan was very concerned for her.

After watching Tangyue leave, Jiang Shaoxu nudged Mo Fan and snarled, “Your thoughts are filled with her bust. You gave your promise to look for the Totem Beasts before we set out for the trip, but you’ve completely lost focus after stumbling into her. Is there something between you two?”

“She was my magic instructor back in high school. You had no idea how much I admired her when I first learned magic. I can also guarantee you that every male student of our batch had a wet dream about her. She’s not just a magic instructor to us... As her student, I should help her with her problem!” Mo Fan said righteously.

“Mm, Mo Fan’s is right about that,” Zhao Manyan nodded in agreement.

Zhao Manyan also wanted to have a teacher like her. He would not have to rely on magazines, images, or the computer to satisfy his sexual desires!

Chapter 1816: A Mentally Ill Person and His Wild Train of Thoughts

Dawn Island was around fifty kilometers away from Wanggui Town. The town was a few dozen kilometers away from the sea, and the island was a distance away from the shore, too.

Dawn Island was a part of Wanggui Town, but was quite distant from it. Therefore, it was no different from a desolate island, since no one was looking after it.

After leaving the teahouse, Mo Fan, Lingling, Zhao Manyan, and Jiang Shaoxu headed to the coast. Wanggui Town did not have a port, it only had a river flowing out of the town to the sea. They followed the river to the sea and noticed there was no shoreline, but a tall cliff instead.

The cliff served as a natural dam blocking the seawater. As a result, Wanggui Town was not greatly affected by the rise of sea level compared to other places. The sea monsters did not bother invading the town, since the seawater could not reach it.

“There’s a tower over there!” Lingling pointed at the cliff.

“Let’s take a look.”

The foursome went to the tower and stumbled into two members of the Enforcement Union patrolling the area. They were smoking while carrying out their duty. They seemed rather relaxed. They asked the group a few questions before heading in the opposite direction. Mo Fan also heard them cursing someone at the tower under their breath.

They went inside the tower, assuming it was abandoned. However, they were surprised to see how clean the place was at the entrance.

The tower was built with stone. The colors of the wall on the outside had already faded away from prolonged exposure to sunlight. The contrast was obvious even at night. The tower had obviously been around for some time.

“Someone seems to live here. There are clothes being dried over there,” Zhao Manyan pointed at two sticks nearby.

“There definitely is,” Mo Fan agreed.

A tall figure slowly came out of the shadows inside the tower.

Their face slowly became visible. It was a face worn down by the vicissitudes of life. Dark freckles scattered along the man’s slightly tanned skin. His eyes inspected the group of uninvited guests. The alert in his eyes indicated that he was not just a normal guardian.

The man was slightly hunched over, yet he was still more than half a head taller than Mo Fan and Zhao Manyan. It clearly showed how huge the watcher was when he was younger!

“Kids shouldn’t be playing around here. Demon creatures might kidnap you and slice your belly open if you wander around late at night!” the watcher spoke up when he realized the visitors were a few young adults.

“Are you the watcher here?” Mo Fan asked.

“Why do you even ask? Go back to town, the sea has been a little rough lately,” the watcher answered gruffly.

The watcher was likely an old soldier. He was still wearing an old military uniform.

“We just want to ask you about Dawn Island. You must have been here for many years. Do you know roughly how many Featherless Birds are there on Dawn Island?” Mo Fan asked.

“Just leave, it’s no place for busybodies like you,” the watcher said impatiently.

“Have you heard of the Totem Beasts?” Mo Fan pressed.

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The watcher had no intention of interacting with them. He dismissed Mo Fan and the others right away.

The group wandered aimlessly along the cliff after failing to learn anything useful. Jiang Shaoxu recalled Mo Fan's last question. She could not help but ask, "Mo Fan, do you think Totem Beasts are as common as cabbages? Did you really just ask a random person if they knew about the Totem Beasts?"

Mo Fan scratched his head and explained awkwardly, "Isn't that the common setting for a strange-tempered old man living in an abandoned place in a drama, video game, or a novel? They are usually protecting something. I thought the old soldier might be a guardian since there are traces of Totem Beasts around here, so I asked right away."

"..." Lingling, Zhao Manyan, and Jiang Shaoxu were left speechless. Speaking of a mentally ill person and his wild train of thoughts...

"It's better if we investigate the place ourselves. There's no point wasting our time here," Zhao Manyan stated.

Zhao Manyan had come for the Totem Beasts that he desperately needed, so he was surprisingly energetic. He brought out his spectacular pair of golden wings and confirmed the rough direction of Dawn Island.

"I'll go scout first. Wait for my news here," Zhao Manyan said.

Twenty kilometers was not too far for someone with the ability to fly. Zhao Manyan beat his golden wings and soared into the sky. The others could faintly see him flying across the calm sea and disappearing into the distance.

Watching Zhao Manyan heading toward Dawn Island, Mo Fan exclaimed, "This is my first time seeing Zhao Manyan taking the initiative to do something!"

"He must be irritated," Lingling said.

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The dark sky only had a faint silver glow originating from Zhao Manyan's back. It felt like the sea and the sky had merged into one when the moon and stars were absent. It was impossible to differentiate between the sea and the sky.

The most troublesome thing about it was not to differentiate between the sky and the sea, but to tell the right direction.

The moon and clouds were not suitable to be treated as references, since they were constantly moving. It was impossible to keep moving in a straight line in such an environment, similar to walking in a straight line with one's eyes closed. The person would most likely stray away from the line.

The island was quite a distance away, especially since Wanggui Town was already a remote location along the coast. The island was basically cut off from the rest of the world. Due to the terrain, there were hardly any boats that would pass by the island, either.

Zhao Manyan was not flying quickly. He was slower than a helicopter. His Wing Magical Equipment was generally slower than a Wind Mage's Wind Wings, since a Wind Mage could use the airflow and their control of the wind to surpass the speed of most flying equipment.

The Wing Magical Equipment consumed energy, too. Zhao Manyan noticed an irregularly-shaped island just as he was wondering if he was flying in the right direction.

The island had a diameter of over ten kilometers. The thick plants on it were stacked into layers. The tallest spot on the island was similar to the mountains inland, while the lowest spot was a jagged beach.

Zhao Manyan could only see one side of the island. The island was big and he was not flying at a great altitude, so there was only so much he could see.

Dawn Island was very quiet. It looked like a desolate island covered in vegetation instead of being overrun with untamed demon creatures. Zhao Manyan continued forward without a care, when he suddenly heard the water splashing fiercely underneath him!

Chapter 1817: Boomerang on the Sea

"I'm after the birds on Dawn Island. What the hell do these fish in the water want from me!?" Zhao Manyan cursed.

Zhao Manyan was annoyed when he saw that the fish in the area of Dawn Island had been alarmed.

Several blue-brown figures sprang into the sky amid fountains of water. The creatures were jumping right at Zhao Manyan, who was flying in the sky.

The creatures were surprisingly quick. Zhao Manyan did not expect them to be able to reach a height of two hundred meters in no time. His left arm was cut when he could not dodge in time, leaving a deep bloody wound on it. He immediately felt a burning pain from it!

"Assholes!"

Zhao Manyan looked into the sky where the blue-brown figures had gone. He was shocked to see them diving back to the water after reaching over three hundred meters!

"What the hell is going on? Are there SAM turrets on Dawn Island or what?" Zhao Manyan watched the things diving back into the water in astonishment.

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There was more than one blue-brown creature. A few more of them flew at Zhao Manyan not long afterward. This time, he managed to dodge in time. They dove back into the water just like before.

Suddenly, a huge bunch of blue-brown creatures shot up from the water, flying at Zhao Manyan like a series of bullets. It felt like countless huge boomerangs had just been fired at him from under the surface of the sea, leaving Zhao Manyan with nowhere to run!

“F**k me!” Zhao Manyan cursed.

He quickly flipped his body and placed his hands together to Summon a Water Curtain on both sides. He then connected the two Water Curtains by bringing them closer to one another!

The number of boomerang creatures was quite shocking. If something was flying into the sky, the creatures could easily cut it into a pile of bones in a matter of seconds. Zhao Manyan’s Water Curtains were under great pressure. The barriers were thinning continuously, yet the attacks showed no sign of stopping!

It totally made sense since the things would return to the water after each attempt, like a boomerang that flew back to its thrower. It would be thrown at the target again after some time. Once the boomerangs reached a certain number and timing, the attacks would become endless, so even the sturdiest defense would be worn out gradually!

“What exactly are those things!?” Zhao Manyan’s hands were already a little numb from the vibration of the Water Curtains every time they received a hit.

Zhao Manyan still could not see the creature’s true appearance even after he was bullied for a while. They were constantly spinning at an insane speed, so Zhao Manyan could not even tell if they were living creatures or just some sharp objects...

A huge blast suddenly took place in the sea. A wave exploded over fifty meters high, as if the blast had blown a huge hole in the waters.

Zhao Manyan glanced down and almost felt his heart jump out from his throat. An enormous boomerang was smashing its way through the tiny boomerangs, heading right at him.

It felt like he was watching a whole mountain crashing towards him after lifting his gaze amid a little hail!

BANG!

The big boomerang was also spinning at high speed, preventing Zhao Manyan from seeing what it was clearly. However, his new shield consisted of two overlapping Light Spells

Zhao Manyan felt like he had just been run over by the wheels of an enormous tank. He was knocked flying by an enormous force. His chest was experiencing burning pain, while his organs felt like they were going to shatter into pieces at any second!

Zhao Manyan did not dare to stay any longer after he was injured. He immediately poured his energy into his wings and left the area.

He turned around to take a quick look and happened to see the enormous boomerang creature falling back to the water, leaving the same huge hole in it.

However, he still could not see its true appearance. He headed back to the land with great shock and many injuries.

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Zhao Manyan glided down when the land was within view. He failed to stabilize himself and fell to the ground in front of Mo Fan and the others, ending up covered in dirt and grass.

“Weren’t you going to scout the place? Why do you look like you have just been through a fight of life and death?” Mo Fan stared at Zhao Manyan’s miserable appearance in shock.

“How the f**k would I know? Thousands of weird things suddenly flew out from the ocean when I was getting closer to Dawn Island. They took me by surprise, too,” Zhao Manyan swore.

His injuries were not too serious. They did not endanger his life, but he was extremely displeased by the outcome.

Most importantly, he did not manage to see what the creatures were, because they kept spinning!

“Lingling, do you know what they are?” Zhao Manyan asked.

Lingling rolled her eyes and answered, “Who could possibly tell what the creatures are from your description?”

“It sounds like Dawn Island isn’t something to be messed with, either. Zhao Manyan ended up like this before reaching the island,” Jiang Shaoxu murmured.

“We’ll wait until Mu Bai gets here tomorrow and decide how we’re going to deal with those creatures,” Mo Fan said.

Mo Fan was at his worst when it came to fighting in the water. He would not stand a chance against the strange creatures that Zhao Manyan had described unless he could reach the land. Even a defensive Mage like Zhao Manyan had been injured.

Mu Bai’s Primary Element was Ice. The Ice and Water Elements were quite similar, so he might have a plan to deal with the creatures.

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The group went back to town to get some rest. Zhao Manyan suddenly stopped everyone as they were going back to their rooms.

Mo Fan turned around and saw Zhao Manyan holding onto the wall feebly. Even the color of his skin had changed slightly.

“Old Zhao?” Mo Fan quickly inspected Zhao Manyan’s wound. He noticed the cut on Zhao Manyan’s arm had turned blueish. It did not fester, but it seemed like it was frozen.

“I...I think I’m poisoned,” Zhao Manyan gasped.

“Those creatures are poisonous?” Jiang Shaoxu swore.

They had inspected Zhao Manyan's wound previously. The wound showed no sign of festering, so they had only treated it with simple medicine. To their surprise, the wound left a frozen mark behind after it healed. Zhao Manyan was already panting heavily from just walking!

"It's an uncommon kind of poison. Let's hope it doesn't get any worse," Lingling said.

Uncommon poisons were tricky to deal with, since normal antidotes were useless against them. Even a Healer would be clueless about how to deal with them.

Chapter 1818: Useless Enforcers

Mu Bai arrived early in the morning on the second day. He was casually taking the high-speed rail. When he heard Zhao Manyan was poisoned, he immediately shook off his worn-out look and became intent.

"I happened to have come up with a new way to get rid of poison!" Mu Bai's eyes were smiling like a cunning fox who had finally found its prey.

"Piss off, don't you dare try and put something strange into my body again!" Zhao Manyan cursed after he recalled how Mu Bai had mended his broken bones in the past. However, he sounded a little feeble due to the poison in his body.

Mo Fan's eyes widened when he heard the exchange between the two. "I have been wondering why the two of you either have no girlfriend or keep changing your girlfriend. I suppose you two already have intimate contacts with one another?"

"Here is a silkworm I discovered behind Fanxue Mountain. The species specifically nurtures itself with poison. If you want to recover as soon as possible, you should swallow the silkworm. It will absorb the poisonous substances in your body," Mu Bai said sternly.

It was a great discovery that Mu Bai had made while he was cultivating in seclusion recently. He had asked Yu Shishi to raise a few of the species he had found. Antidotes were always in short supply, and even the best Healer would struggle to heal a few kinds of poison. By bringing a few of the Antidote Silkworms with him, he would be able to guarantee his own safety!

Mu Bai would definitely open a store if he could figure out a way to mass breed the Antidote Silkworms. He would be able to earn some funds to buy himself some Magic Equipment!

Zhao Manyan was struggling to make up his mind. He eventually ate the silkworm when he remembered his goal was to look for the Totem Beasts and achieve the Super Level.

The Antidote Silkworm was very effective. Zhao Manyan regained his vigor as the rest of the group had their meal. He was back to normal only an hour later!

"Time to go, those sons of b**ches, we'll force our way onto Dawn Island and get our revenge!" Zhao Manyan exclaimed.

“By the way, Old Zhao, have you taken a dump?” Mu Bai asked him.

“What dump?” Zhao Manyan was puzzled.

“You have to get rid of the silkworm first, or do you want it to climb out of your throat after crawling through your intestines? I don’t really mind either way,” Mu Bai informed him.

“Ugh, screw you!” Zhao Manyan cursed in dismay.

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Zhao Manyan had learned two important things when he tried to scout the island. First, there were a huge number of highly aggressive creatures hiding around Dawn Island. These creatures would attack anything that tried to reach Dawn Island from the air. Defensive spells were not enough to hold the creatures off for a long time. Second, the creatures were poisonous, and the poison would drain away its victim’s focus and energy. The victims would lose their ability to fight and escape after an hour or two. Therefore, they had to be extremely careful not to get injured.

“Our problem is that we can’t reach the island,” Mo Fan said.

Mo Fan’s fighting ability would be reduced greatly if he was not on land. He needed somewhere to stand, be it flying or traveling on a boat.

“What if we ask Mu Bai to freeze the water, the same thing we did when we were on the national team?” Jiang Shaoxu suggested.

Zhao Manyan immediately shook his head, “Those boomerangs were destroyers. They would instantly smash the ice to pieces!”

“My Ice Magic’s freezing is pretty normal too. Mu Ningxue can easily freeze a huge area with her Innate Ice Domain, but it’s a strenuous task for me, and would cost me a huge amount of energy, too,” Mu Bai agreed, shaking his head.

Mu Ningxue was able to freeze the surface of an ocean, but that did not mean he could do it too. It was not about his cultivation, but his capabilities!

“I hated fighting on water the most,” Mo Fan shrugged, considering the ocean his greatest nemesis.

“Why don’t you ask your teacher if she has any ideas?” Jiang Shaoxu proposed.

“Yeah, she has been here for quite some time. She should know what the creatures in the water are and how to deal with them,” Zhao Manyan said.

“What teacher?” Mu Bai had to ask.

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The group found Tangyue and the others, who were watching the sea from the cliff.

This time, it was not just Li Dong and Zhu Min with her; another nine members of the Enforcement Union were standing behind her too. They seemed to be taking orders from Tangyue. The two Enforcers who were patrolling the cliff while smoking last night were among them. They seemed to be worn out,

whether it was because they had been working overnight, or they had gone to enjoy themselves somewhere in town.

“These Enforcers seriously lack some discipline,” Lingling murmured after observing Tangyue’s men from a distance.

“Mm, I bet they are a bunch of seniors who aren’t really controlled by their superiors,” Mo Fan said.

Mo Fan had often crossed paths with the Enforcement Union. Most Enforcers had a stern aura, but judging from the attitudes of the two who were patrolling the cliff last night and the behaviors of the others today, it was very likely that Tangyue was leading a bunch of useless Enforcers.

The Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union had been around for a long time, and had been reluctant to obey the Lingyin Enforcement Union’s orders for many years. Tangyue was like an ambitious general assigned to a camp of unambitious soldiers. It explained why the case was not yet resolved. How was it possible to resolve such a tricky situation without an elite squad?

“Vice Chief, please don’t treat our lives as a joke. How can we even make it to Dawn Island with our numbers? Even if we did, how are we going to make it back alive? The lives of a hundred townsfolk that were poisoned are precious, but ours aren’t?” a middle-aged man who had been patrolling the cliff last night said. He was even holding a cigarette between his fingers, as if he was going to light it at any second.

“Vice Chief, we want to save their lives too, but if you are only planning to bring the few of us along, there’s no way we can make it alive according to the information we’ve gathered. If we all die, Wanggui Town is seriously in deep trouble,” another Enforcer added.

Tangyue’s chest was rising with her angry breathing. These Enforcers of Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union were beyond unreliable!

It had already been a month, but they had failed to find any useful clues, nor had they come up with a plan to resolve the situation. They did not even investigate the island. She could not help but wonder why the Magic Association and the country even bothered feeding these people!

Every job given to the Enforcement Union was supposed to be dangerous for normal Mages. Otherwise, why would they call themselves Enforcers?

“You’re dismissed!” Tangyue knew there was no point venting her anger on these people. They had no intention of risking their lives.

The people were relieved as soon as they heard the word. They all quickly went on their way, leaving Tangyue behind alone.

Chapter 1819: Those Are the Featherless Birds

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Li Dong and Zhu Min headed toward Mo Fan's group. Zhu Min was wearing a disrespectful grin. He intentionally turned around and glanced at Tangyue as he said with a hint of disdain, "Not only is that woman ordering us around, she is naive enough to think that we would go with her to the island. Does she really think we are going to listen to her?"

"Zhu Min, you're still too young. There's no reason to oppose the Vice Chief all the time. You can just obey her will, but you won't have to put in too much effort when you're doing the jobs. When she figures out we aren't reliable, she will request that she be assigned somewhere else instead," Li Dong sighed.

"I'm just not pleased with the way she looks at us, like we are just a bunch of useless pricks," Zhu Min said.

"HAHAHA, why do you even bother? There's no way our Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union can handle this case, it's the mess left by the officials from ten years ago. Why do we have to risk our lives to wipe their ass clean?" Li Dong snorted.

"Say, if that Tangyue really resolves the case, will she be promoted even further?" Zhu Min asked.

"Promotions don't happen so easily. The merit from resolving the case is only enough for a little advancement. As long as your father is still around, no one can possibly replace him. She will soon be reassigned to Hangzhou or the Magic City; whether it is a promotion or a demotion will depend on her performance in the case," Li Dong judged.

"Oh, so we will be given huge merits if we did resolve the case, right?" Zhu Min asked.

"You're still too naive. Our contributions are mainly about bringing benefits to the region or country. Resolving a mess that was left behind by the authorities in the past isn't really contributing. There are just too many things to worry about along the coastline. Do you think you will receive a lot of merit from cleaning up the mess that was left from ten years ago?" Li Dong asked.

The two noticed Mo Fan, Mu Bai, Zhao Manyan, Jiang Shaoxu, and Lingling walking toward them while they were talking. It was likely that the group had overheard them. as they were talking loudly. However, Li Dong and Zhu Min were not ashamed of themselves. They were merely stating the truth.

"Hello there, I heard from my colleagues that you were here last night doing some scouting. Did you learn anything yet?" Li Dong asked them shamelessly.

"Nothing much," Mo Fan replied.

"Oh, you should be careful in this area. To be honest with you, we have already submitted a report to the superiors telling them how dangerous Dawn Island is. I hope you can give the Vice Chief a little advice too," Li Dong said.

"We will."

Mo Fan and his group went straight to Tangyue after passing by Li Dong and Zhu Min.

Tangyue stood on the edge of the cliff. The sea breeze was blowing at her. Her clothes and hair were drifting in the wind, setting off her alluring figure, but the loneliness they could see from looking at her back hindered the men's wild imagination.

"Miss...Miss Tangyue?" Mu Bai was having a hard time believing it was really her when he stepped closer.

Tangyue turned around. She was also surprised to see Mu Bai after so many years.

Tangyue was the open-minded kind. It had been so long since they last met. She gave Mu Bai a simple hug as she had Mo Fan.

Mu Bai was obviously not as shameless as Mo Fan, nor was he trying to take any advantage of Tangyue. He blushed like a shy kid after greeting the woman in such a Western manner.

"Mo Fan, I now believe that every male student in your batch has done something because of her," Zhao Manyan whispered into Mo Fan's ear when he saw Mu Bai's reaction.

"Why would I lie to you? Mu Bai is also the kind that would get the attention of the teachers and administrators of the school. If he hadn't Awakened the Ice Element, he might be following Tangyue every day pretending to be a good student, but his true intention would most likely be..." Mo Fan raised his brows.

"Heh, no wonder you always call him Green Tea Man."

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"Miss Tangyue, you don't seem to have any reliable men?" Mo Fan inquired drily.

"Mm, I already found that out the first week after I came here, but I'm worried that the townsfolk who were poisoned might be in danger if we don't do anything soon," Tangyue said.

It would take some time for a report to be submitted and assessed, not to mention they needed to gather enough information to convince their superiors of how big of a threat Dawn Island was. However, the authorities were extremely busy right now. They would normally let their subordinates handle a case first, and if it was still unresolved, they would leave it until they finally had someone reliable to handle it.

"Miss Tangyue, why don't you come with us?" Mo Fan said.

"Yeah, gorgeous miss, we are trying to get to the island too. It's better to come with us than relying on those parasites from the Enforcement Union," Zhao Manyan nodded.

"It's supposed to be a part of Nanxi Mountain Enforcement Union's duty. How can I let you risk your lives?" Tangyue said.

Tangyue had been to Dawn Island herself. It was clearly not the friendliest place.

"We like going on adventures," Mo Fan said.

"That's right!"

“We even went to a Pyramid,” Zhao Manyan said.

“A Pyramid?” Tangyue blurted out with surprise. She looked at Mo Fan.

Mo Fan sneakily gave Zhao Manyan a kick. He immediately explained, “We were going around a Pyramid in circles when we traveled to Egypt.”

“Miss Tangyue, Mo Fan went inside the Great Pyramid of Giza,” Lingling promptly added on.

Tangyue’s eyes immediately widened. She swiftly grabbed Mo Fan’s ear and pinched it while blurting out angrily, “Are you out of your mind? Who gave you permission to go to a place like that? I was wondering why you weren’t telling me your whereabouts lately and kept going missing. It turns out that you’ve been to some dangerous places!”

Mo Fan gasped. His ear was hurting from the pinch.

Jiang Shaoxu was astounded when she saw how Tangyue had pinched Mo Fan’s ear so adeptly. There really was someone that could subdue Mo Fan, as expected of Mo Fan’s teacher!

“Miss...Miss Tangyue, let’s discuss how we can reach the island for now. Mu Bai will slowly explain to you what happened in the Pyramid. He’s better at remembering things, so he will know the details better than I do,” Mo Fan quickly said.

Mu Bai took a step back. He was worried that his ear would fall into Tangyue’s hand, too!

“Miss Tangyue, I do agree that we should focus on resolving the case first. The poisoned townsfolk are in danger of losing their lives, and we have no idea if the authorities are going to send someone here quickly after receiving the report. We have to find the source of the poison to derive the cure,” Mu Bai pointed out.

Tangyue finally let go of Mo Fan’s ear.

“Basically, Zhao Manyan stumbled into a bunch of aggressive creatures in the water when he was flying to the island. According to his description, even someone with a Super Level defense will be defeated in no time. How can we make our way through those creatures? Things will be much simpler if we can reach the island,” Mo Fan said.

“Those creatures are the Featherless Birds!” Tangyue informed him.

Chapter 1820: Three Super Mages

“No way, I clearly saw them flying out of the sea while spinning like boomerangs, before diving back into the water!” Zhao Manyan exclaimed.

What Featherless Birds? Zhao Manyan was more inclined to believe the creatures were a strange kind of fish demon instead. How could a bird stay in the water?

“The Featherless Birds have no feathers, so they are not afraid of being drenched. Their skin is as smooth as leather. Not only can it fly by perfectly utilizing the airflow, it can move freely in the water, too. It’s a unique species that can move in the sky or the water,” Tangyue informed him.

“A species that can move in the sky and the water? It’s my first time encountering anything like this,” Mo Fan murmured.

Most amphibious creatures were suited for both land and water, like some lizards, and crocodiles who had some special lungs. However, it was rare to see a creature that could fly in the sky and stay in the water!

“They can freely move in the sky and the water without compromising their strength. It is the main reason that many countries have tried to domesticate them, but the Featherless Birds are naturally aggressive, with a strong sense of territory. It will take dozens of years to domesticate them, requiring taming them over at least ten generations,” Tangyue said.

“If it’s actually possible to tame these creatures, that would be extremely useful, considering our current situation,” Lingling said.

The Featherless Birds’ attributes were perfect for cities along the coast. They could scout the sea while flying in the sky and fight the sea monsters in the water. The Heavenly Eagles were only useful for scouting purposes. There was nothing they could do once they were caught in the water!

“Yeah, the ideas are always brilliant, but it didn’t work out, and even left such a huge threat behind.” Tangyue let out a sigh.

“So you’re saying that not only can’t we reach the island by boat, we won’t be able to fly to it either?” Zhao Manyan asked.

“Mm, it’s actually harder to fly to the island,” Tangyue replied.

Mo Fan finally realized why Tangyue was so troubled by the case. The Featherless Birds could move freely in the sky and the water, and the inaccessible island beyond; he bet even the military bases were not as heavily guarded as that island!

“I think we should ask the old soldier whom we stumbled into the other night for help. He might not know the Totem Beasts, but he should be familiar with the Featherless Birds. We should learn more about the species so we can figure out a way to deal with them,” Lingling said.

“That’s right, I’ll go ask,” Mo Fan nodded.

“Forget it, considering your wild train of thoughts when you were talking to him the other day... Lingling, the two of us will go,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

“Fine, go ahead.”

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Jiang Shaoxu and Lingling went to the tower at the cliff. They saw the old soldier doing some morning exercises. It was just some ordinary physical exercises instead of magic practice.

“Why did you come again? Didn’t I tell you this place isn’t a playground for kids?” the old soldier did not sound friendly. He scolded them before Lingling and Jiang Shaoxu could even speak.

“We are trying to go to the island. You have lived here for so many years. You must know a lot about the Featherless Birds,” Lingling asked.

The old soldier could not get himself to scold the adorable Little Loli. He glanced at Tangyue, Mo Fan, Zhao Manyan, and Mu Bai further away and asked, “Who are you guys?”

“The Enforcement Union and Hunters,” Lingling replied.

“Humph, how many years has it been? I was constantly reporting about the potential threat the island might pose, but it still ended up like this. The government caused it single-handedly!” The old soldier obviously held a strong grudge against the people responsible.

“We are here to solve the problem. I bet you don’t want the Featherless Birds to grow any stronger. Wanggui Town would be in serious trouble then,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

“Why do you insist on going to the island?” the old soldier asked with a puzzled look.

“Basically, the strongest person in our group is a non-swimmer. He is significantly weaker if he isn’t fighting on land. We would have more space to move around and fight the Featherless Birds if we can reach the island,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

“Is he strong enough to take on the whole jungle of Featherless Birds? You’ve underestimated those creatures. Why do you think the domestication ranch failed? It’s mainly because those Featherless Birds are stronger than humans, and most Mages,” the old soldier said.

“We only came to the town not long ago. We just want to resolve the situation as quickly as possible. Please tell us if you have any plan in mind; we have three Super Mages in our group,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

“Three?” the old soldier was astounded. He could not help but glance at the others again.

A Super Mage would already be treated like a tyrant in a small town like this. The old soldier seriously could not tell these young Mages were Super Mages. He had to admit that it sounded a little ridiculous.

However, they had no reason to lie to him, so the old soldier chose to believe them.

“If it were three years ago, a Super Mage could easily lead a troop and wipe out the Featherless Birds at the domestication ranch, but that’s no longer the case now. The Featherless Birds now have a leader. It was once someone’s Contracted Beast twenty years ago, but after its master died, it was taken here for breeding and experiment purposes. The Featherless Birds are all its descendants. Its lineage was outstanding, and the intelligent creature seemed to have learned a way to strengthen its descendants from the experiments that were conducted on it. The Featherless Birds that inherited the lineage of their leader are extremely tough, unless an entire army is dispatched to take them out...” the old soldier said.

It was part of the law of nature that the stronger species usually had a weaker ability to reproduce.

Normally, the Featherless Bird Emperor could only reproduce three younglings with the same potential as it in its life, but the domestication ranch had provided it with the most suitable environment and guaranteed its safety from its natural foes, allowing the Featherless Bird Emperor to reproduce and grow stronger.

Every Featherless Bird with the Featherless Bird Emperor's lineage was a high-ranking existence in the horde!

"Do you have any other suggestions?" Lingling asked.

"There's only one way to reach the island without a powerful army... you will have to wait until the coldest day in winter. I'm familiar with their habits. They actually hibernate in winter, but after moving to the south where the temperature is higher, they are active almost throughout the year. However, they will still fall asleep on colder days," the old soldier said thoughtfully.