

Versatile 1821

Chapter 1821: Forcing Into Hibernation

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Mo Fan and the others were surprised when Lingling and Jiang Shaoxu brought the old soldier over to them.

“If you really want to go to the island, bring me along,” the old soldier told Tangyue.

“Are you familiar with the situation on the island?” Tangyue asked.

“Twenty years ago, I was the captain of the defense troop. My name is Chen Shuo!” the old soldier declared.

Tangyue did recall seeing the name Chen Shuo on the list of Mages who were in charge of the island’s safety. She thought the overseers of the domestication ranch had long run away, but little did she know, one of them had been keeping watch at the tower for almost ten years!

“It’s great if we have someone experienced leading us. Otherwise, we will be wandering around like headless flies, even if we made it to the island!” Mo Fan exclaimed cheerfully.

“Chen Shuo told us that the Featherless Birds are actually hibernators, but the temperature around here is too warm for that,” Lingling said.

“It’s still a long way from winter,” Zhao Manyan said.

“I should be able to lower the temperature,” Mu Bai said firmly.

“How low do we need it to be?” Tangyue asked.

“Zero degrees; every Featherless Bird below the Commander-level will fall into deep hibernation when the temperature is zero or below. They will go deep into the sea, too. A huge number of Featherless Birds are guarding the perimeter within five kilometers from the island. They will attack any living creatures or humans that are approaching Dawn Island. Even with an army, there would be a lot of casualties just to break through their defense. However, if the temperature is low enough, these Featherless Birds will hibernate instead,” the old soldier stated firmly.

“Are the Featherless Birds in the water tricky to deal with?” Mo Fan asked.

“The Featherless Birds have great numbers. Their intelligent emperor has trained them into an army of reckless soldiers. They are fearless and poisonous, making them extremely troublesome to deal with,” the old soldier answered.

“Mo Fan, trust me, you better let them fall into a deep sleep at the bottom of the sea,” Zhao Manyan said.

Mo Fan was convinced how annoying the creatures were if even Zhao Manyan, the Turtle-Shell Mage, was afraid of them!

“So the plan is, Mu Bai will lower the temperature to zero degrees, and the rest of us will take a boat to the island,” Mo Fan said.

“You will have to kill the Greater Featherless Birds. Otherwise, a new bunch of Featherless Birds will spread to the nearby islands in just a few years. Once the Greater Featherless Birds are dead, the rest of the Featherless Birds would be nothing but a sheet of loose sand,” the old soldier said.

“Greater Featherless Birds... are they the species that was raised on the island?” Tangyue asked.

“Yeah, only I know how terrifying they truly are,” Chen Shuo confirmed.

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The plan was simple and straightforward. The group waited until it was around two in the morning, when the temperature was the lowest. Mu Bai was responsible for lowering the temperature of the area. In just an hour, the Featherless Birds that were on duty in the sea fell into a deep slumber.

The rank of the Featherless Birds on the island was higher, so it was unlikely they would be deeply asleep. The group had to advance cautiously to locate the Greater Featherless Birds and the Featherless Bird Emperor, in order to take them all out at once!

“This isn’t an easy dungeon,” Zhao Manyan sighed. He added, “We are going to end up as the creatures’ takeaway meal if Mu Bai fails to control the temperature.”

“You must leave by five,” Mu Bai said, ignoring him.

The group was heading toward Dawn Island on a boat. The boat was not very big, and was covered in metal sheets. If there was anything in the water, it could smash the boat in half easily.

Mo Fan was feeling extremely insecure on the little boat.

“Why do we have to leave at five? Is that when the creatures usually rise from bed?” Zhao Manyan asked with a confused look.

“The sun rises relatively early around here. Sunlight will start appearing after five. I can only maintain the temperature of such a huge area at zero degrees at most, but once the sunlight starts shining on the water, the temperature will surely rise and wake up the Featherless Birds at the bottom of the sea,” Mu Bai told them.

“That’s true, don’t underestimate the power of sunlight,” Chen Shuo nodded.

“How useless are you, you can’t even keep the temperature at zero degrees!” Zhao Manyan teased him.

“Why don’t you take a look at how big the area is!?”

Dawn Island’s diameter was already around ten kilometers, not including the water around it. Mu Bai would have no chance of lowering the temperature of such a huge area if he had not reached the Super Level!

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Mu Bai started channeling his magic as they approached the island.

The temperature around the boat dropped rapidly. A mist started appearing above the sea.

Snow began to fall from the sky. It spread across the surface of the sea like a breeze at Mu Bai's command.

As a matter of fact, it was more difficult to lower the temperature on the sea than on land, since the seawater would constantly transfer the heat around.

If it was on land, Mu Bai would only have to lower the temperature of the air, but if it was the sea, he had to lower the temperature of the water, too. The sea was so huge and was flowing constantly. It was almost impossible to maintain the temperature of the whole Dawn Island and its vicinity at zero degrees.

The sea would not freeze at zero degrees. It would only form a layer of fog on its surface. Mo Fan preferred to travel on the sea when Mu Ningxue was around. Her Domain could easily turn the water under her feet into ice without expending any energy, turning a part of the sea into land. Mo Fan would then no longer be afraid of the underwater creatures.

"It's getting colder."

"They are going to sleep soon. Let's wait for another ten minutes," Chen Shuo said.

They kept track of the time and set out for Dawn Island after receiving the confirmation from Chen Shuo.

"I was attacked about here last time," Zhao Manyan roughly estimated the distance from the island.

"Go straight through it!" Chen Shuo said confidently.

Zhao Manyan was controlling the waves to speed the boat up. Mu Bai did not stop channeling his Ice Magic. In order to spread his magic further, he was traveling together with the group to guarantee their safety, keeping the temperature around them at zero degrees.

Mo Fan poked his head out to check the water. He could not see a thing in the darkness. He spread his Dark Material deep into the water to probe around.

"They are all down there, sleeping on the seabed," Mo Fan told everyone softly.

The creatures' numbers were quite insane. When Mo Fan's Dark Material swept across the seabed, it felt like the Featherless Birds were some kind of plants covering the entire seabed. Mo Fan shivered when he recalled how Zhao Manyan had described he was attacked by countless boomerangs in the sky!

Chapter 1822: Sapphire Eyes

“How deep is the water?” Jiang Shaoxu asked.

“Around two hundred meters, it’s not too deep,” Mo Fan replied quickly.

“You can even use your Dark Material like a measuring device?” Zhao Manyan had to ask.

“Hehe, I improved it slightly at Guangzhou. I finally get to try it out!” Mo Fan smiled.

The water gradually turned colder. The chill began to penetrate their skin and bodies. The boat slowly reached the vicinity of Dawn Island with the waves pushing it. The irregular outline of the island began to fill their view.

The beach of the island had tall coconut trees lining it. The short ones were around twenty meters tall, and the tall ones could even reach a height of eighty meters. The treetops were spacious enough to contain a huge nest. Mo Fan was able to see further in the dark, and soon noticed there was a huge nest on every three trees he saw. The nest was delicately made, as if it was artificially woven for people to lie on while the leaves served as a natural sun umbrella. It felt like some kind of a resort.

“Why are their nests so delicate? If you put a man and a woman in them for a little honeymoon, they will soon give birth to a child, let alone the birds!” Zhao Manyan had also noticed the beautiful nests when he was close enough.

“The Featherless Bird Emperor always lived with its master. It learned a great deal from humans. It must have taught this to all its people,” Chen Shuo said awkwardly.

There were still two kilometers away from the island, the closest that Tangyue had gotten to when she came to inspect the island. However, she had been driven away by the Featherless Birds in the water back then.

The dense coconut trees gave the Featherless Birds the perfect environment to build their nests. One could easily lose their way among the trees.

A strange cry echoed above the island. The group on the boat went on alert immediately. They fixed their eyes on the tall cliffs nearby.

The island had some high terrain. The place they were planning to land at was around twenty meters above sea level, meaning that the island had been even taller before the sea level had risen. It served as a natural line of defense for the island, since the heights were an advantage for those defending the island and for keeping an eye out for any approaching enemy on it.

The coconut trees were swaying slightly in the wind. Many blue glowing objects like sapphires poked out from the gaps between the trees. They went from a few to a whole bunch!

The Sapphire Eyes were staring down at the little boat swaying on the waves. The cold looks in their eyes would send a chill down anyone’s spine!

“Damn, didn’t you say they are going to be asleep? Why are they staring at us with wide eyes instead!?” Zhao Manyan swore.

“The Featherless Birds on the island have a higher rank. They won’t be completely asleep,” Chen Shuo said indifferently.

“What should we do now? We are still two kilometers away from the island,” Zhao Manyan said.

“What else can we do? We are breaking through with force!” Tangyue said.

Tangyue was the first to react. She turned into a shadow sparrow, flying across the night sky elegantly.

Zhao Manyan raised his thumb when he saw Tangyue was already two hundred meters away. “Your teacher is pretty brave!”

Mo Fan was not able to fly. He could only glide like a bird, even though the place was in complete darkness. He would eventually land after traveling for a few hundred meters. On the other hand, Tangyue had completely turned into a night sparrow, similar to how the vampire Bola usually turned into a bat. She was able to fly freely in the dark.

“Time to go! It’s worse if we are stuck on the water,” Mo Fan said.

Mo Fan carried Lingling on his back and decided to abandon the boat. He followed Tangyue and made his way to the island rapidly in the form of a shadow.

Mo Fan had nowhere to land within two kilometers from him. He could only rely on the darkness to use his little tricks, but Mo Fan was unable to use his other Elements when he was in his shadow form. He was extremely vulnerable, too. Therefore, he needed Zhao Manyan, Jiang Shaoxu, and Mu Bai to protect him.

Mu Bai was focusing on maintaining the temperature. He also needed protection from the others. Chen Shuo was only an average Advanced Mage. He could barely keep an eye on Mu Bai.

“Wait, do all of you need my protection!?” Zhao Manyan grumbled as soon as he realized something was not right.

“Cut the crap, Miss Tangyue is already clearing the path ahead. Let’s go!” Mo Fan said.

“Don’t leave the boat then, come back to me!” Zhao Manyan yelled.

Zhao Manyan did not leave the boat. He summoned a huge wave over eight meters tall with the boat at the top of it. The boat started riding the wave straight toward the island like a surfer.

Zhao Manyan’s wave soon overtook Mo Fan. Mo Fan hesitated briefly before deciding to return to the boat. At least he would have somewhere to stand.

“You are seriously a retard,” Lingling rolled her eyes at Mo Fan’s decision to return to the boat.

Mo Fan had nothing to say.

The cries grew louder. The half-asleep Featherless Birds finally realized they were being invaded. More cries exploded across the island.

The Featherless Birds on the island were quite surprised. They did not expect the guards in the sea to be sleeping like rocks, and not react at all when the enemy had broken so far through their defenses.

Sapphire eyes flew into the sky, creating a spectacular sight among the coconut trees. It felt like a whole bunch of sapphire fireflies were taking off into the night sky after being startled by some unwanted guests!

Mo Fan knew that behind the glowing eyes were strong bodies with no feathers. Their skin had a dark color which had merged with the darkness, thus the only thing visible was their eyes!

“Why are there so many of them on the island!?” Jiang Shaoxu exclaimed.

“They reproduced so much. Unbelievable!” Even Chen Shuo was dumbfounded.

According to his plan, there would only be some high-rank Sapphire Featherless Birds and Greater Featherless Birds left on the island after putting the Featherless Birds in the sea into hibernation. There should not be too many Sapphire Featherless Birds, since they were direct relatives of the Featherless Bird Emperor, and their reproduction ability was limited as well. Chen Shuo had estimated there were only around two hundred Sapphire Featherless Birds.

However, the sight before him obviously numbered more than two hundred Sapphire Featherless Birds. There were almost a thousand of them, several times greater than he had estimated!

Chapter 1823: Manta Ray Demon Birds

“Mister, enough with your disbelief. Are those Sapphire Featherless Birds strong? What level are they?” Mo Fan demanded.

“The species we raised and trained was mainly those Sapphire Featherless Birds. You can sell each of them for around thirty million. As for their strength, they can easily kill a Warrior-level creature,” Chen Shuo answered, his face blank.

Ten years ago, the birth of every Sapphire Featherless Bird would bring great joy to the breeders, similar to reaching a successful deal. The reason was that mercenaries in Europe had high demands for the Sapphire Featherless Birds, so every time they successfully bred a Sapphire Featherless Bird, they could easily find a buyer for it.

To his surprise, these creatures were able to reproduce up to a thousand on their own, when they had only managed to breed a few dozen of them artificially!

The island had limited space, meaning that the resources available for the Sapphire Featherless Birds were limited, too. It was similar to pastureland. Only a certain amount of pasture would be available each year to feed a limited amount of livestock. What exactly did these Sapphire Featherless Birds feed on if there were now over a thousand of them?

“These Sapphire Featherless Birds are extremely violent. They are very hostile and have a strong desire to feed on humans, too. We must evacuate the town at once. Otherwise, the whole town will be left with nothing but bones!” Chen Shuo’s face turned pale.

The Sapphire Featherless Birds were untamed, meaning that they were no different from demon creatures. They would eventually invade other places, since the resources on the island were limited, and Wanggui Town would obviously be their first target!

“Does it look like we can leave the island now? It’s around twenty kilometers to the shore, but less than two kilometers to the island. Keep going!” Mo Fan ordered.

Land, land, give me some f**king land, and I’ll kill them all! Mo Fan was that confident in his strength.

“Go, to the island, charge!” Jiang Shaoxu knew it was impossible for them to turn back now.

“Do I need to keep the temperature at zero degrees still?” Mu Bai asked when he saw the group had a change of mind.

“You are even asking!?” Mo Fan, Lingling, and Jiang Shaoxu blurted out together.

It was obviously necessary to keep the temperature at zero degrees! If the high-level Sapphire Featherless Birds on the island had such insane numbers, how ridiculous would the numbers of the Featherless Birds in the water be? The Featherless Birds were able to fly. Once they filled the airspace around the island, their team would really become dumpling fillings!

Tangyue was flying in the air, and was the first to engage the Sapphire Featherless Birds.

She finally saw their true appearance when she drew closer. In addition to their sapphire eyes, the shape of their bodies was quite unique.

They resembled a rhombus when they extended their wings, like kites with flesh and skin. They would only ripple their wings slightly while they were flying.

Most importantly, their tails, which looked like long strings, were also the main reason why they looked like kites!

“Are they really birds?” Mo Fan could see the Featherless Birds clearly now. He was astounded by their appearance.

A bird normally had a body, a head, a neck, chest, abdomen, claws, and a pair of wings. Most demon birds had the same appearance too, but no matter how Mo Fan looked at the Featherless Birds, he was struggling to identify its body. Their wings were like bats, and their bodies were like manta rays. They did not have claws. Their sharp wings were their greatest weapons!

Zhao Manyan finally realized why he had mistaken them as boomerangs coming out of the water. They indeed resembled a deadly whirling blade when they were spinning rapidly!

“What kind of monster did you guys make? Don’t tell me it’s a crossbreed between bats and manta rays!?” Mo Fan exclaimed.

“Well... the Featherless Bird Emperor does possess the lineage of the Manta Ray Emperor, so we referred to them as the Manta Ray Evil Birds when we were breeding them. It was the locals that called them the Featherless Birds,” Chen Shuo admitted.

The Manta Ray Evil Birds were multiple times stronger than the Heavenly Eagles in nature. They had come up with the training proposal because a Summoner happened to have such a unique Contracted Beast, which could potentially revolutionize the military's strength. They were selling the Manta Ray Evil Birds to mercenaries in Europe. Once the Manta Ray Evil Birds started to get some attention, they would immediately reach a deal with the Chinese military, or even the militaries of other countries. Their project would certainly become the greatest work of mankind!

Chen Shuo had stayed at the island for almost ten years for the ambitious project, but they had taken a lot of things for granted. Without a reliable breeding system and sufficient funds, it was impossible to keep the project running.

"You should have sold their younglings to the Summoners instead. How brainless were you guys? Anyone can tell they are several times deadlier than the Heavenly Eagles from their appearance alone!" Jiang Shaoxu snarled.

The Heavenly Eagles species was gentle and friendly to humans. On the other hand, the Manta Ray Demon Birds clearly had a savage temperament. These creatures were most likely even more violent than ordinary demon creatures!

"Indeed, you should have sold them as Contracted Beasts instead," Mo Fan agreed.

As they were recovering from their astonishment after seeing the Manta Ray Evil Birds' appearance, Tangyue had already clashed with the group of Manta Ray Evil Birds. Since Tangyue was able to stay in the air, her fighting capacity was not necessarily hindered by the water. Her Fire Magic immediately spread wildly in the air, preventing the Manta Ray Evil Birds from coming any closer.

The Manta Ray Evil Birds were surprisingly smart. They dove into the water when they saw the flames spreading like clouds.

The water was ice-cold. When they returned and sprang into the sky, their smooth skin was covered in layers of the Water Barrier, which would significantly reduce the burning damage!

The Manta Ray Evil Birds had crazy numbers. They charged into the clouds of flames and used the seawater and their wings to scatter the flames.

"This isn't looking good!" Zhao Manyan said when he saw how the strong flames were being put out so easily.

"She's keeping the Manta Ray Evil Birds busy. We should go onto the island as soon as possible," Mo Fan said.

Tangyue was gradually surrounded by the Manta Ray Evil Birds. She Summoned her Contracted Beast when she realized things were not looking good for her.

Tangyue's Contracted Beast was a beast with four wings and arms. The beast was quite ferocious. It forcibly cleared a path and carried Tangyue out of the surrounding Manta Ray Evil Birds to the other side of the island.

Chapter 1824: Rapid Kill Formation

Zhao Manyan was very adept at powering the boat along with his Water Magic. The waves were fierce, but the boat was moving steadily ahead. Therefore, Jiang Shaoxu and Mo Fan could still cast some of their spells.

The sapphire-eyed Manta Ray Evil Birds were not just some low-intelligence creatures. They did not all follow Tangyue blindly. Around three hundred of them stayed behind and circled above the boat and the water ahead of it. Their cries resembled the sound of a door knock, and were coming at a high frequency. The group was extremely annoyed by them.

Zhao Manyan pointed at the Manta Ray Evil Birds in the sky and shouted, "They are spinning!"

The Manta Ray Evil Birds started to spin in the sky. Their wings were just like blades when they were extended. The creatures seemed to be experts at controlling the wind. They would produce a strong wind when they were spinning at a high speed, which further increased the area covered by their attacks!

Some time later, the terrifying sound of a helicopter's propellers was audible. The whole group of Manta Ray Evil Birds was making the same noise. The strength of the winds was like a hurricane on the sea, reversing the direction of the waves that were initially heading toward the island.

The Manta Ray Evil Birds maintained their distance from one another, as if they had undergone training. They positioned themselves in a V-shaped formation.

The Manta Ray Evil Birds were not small. They were able to form a whirling blade wind with a diameter of around ten meters when they were spinning. When a few dozen Manta Ray Evil Birds formed a V-shaped formation like a fleet of jets, the people on the swaying little boat had a feeling that they were done for!

"Old Zhao, Old Zhao, dodge it, quick!" Jiang Shaoxu screamed.

It felt like axes were hanging right above their necks on a scaffold. The Manta Ray Evil Birds' cooperation was utterly shocking. They seemed to possess some of the traits of migratory birds. They were superb at positioning themselves in a formation and flying in groups.

Mo Fan finally understood why Zhao Manyan was in such a miserable state when he was attacked by the Manta Ray Evil Birds. A few Manta Ray Evil Birds would not pose any threat to them, but when there were a few dozen or a hundred of them attacking at the same time, they could even slice through a mountain and leave it with a flat top!

"How am I supposed to dodge it!?" Zhao Manyan yelled.

Could they stop relying on him for everything? There were three f**king Super Mages among them!

The super V-shaped formation was huge enough to cover the whole surface of the ocean ahead. It was not something he could dodge as he pleased!

"Plummeting Rays!" Zhao Manyan kept charging forward, now pointing his finger at the sky!

A brilliant light fell from the night sky and scattered like pieces in front of the boat. The pieces stacked together and eventually formed a web encapsulating the boat.

The Plummeting Rays kept falling. Every time a piece was added, the barrier would get stronger. Zhao Manyan's protection thoroughly covered the boat as the Manta Ray Evil Birds were approaching!

The Manta Ray Evil Birds landed their blows on Zhao Manyan's Plummeting Rays, producing screeching noises, like the sound of something cutting through metal. Golden sprinkles were sparking from the barrier!

The Manta Ray Evil Birds dove into the water in a V-shaped formation after their first round of attacks. An enormous hole was driven into the surface of the sea!

They dove deep into the water at an instant. When the water filled up the hole, the Manta Ray Evil Birds were nowhere to be seen.

However, the people on the boat were not relieved. Jiang Shaoxu suddenly yelled, "Under the boat, you have to protect its bottom too!"

"It's too late!" Mo Fan immediately drew silver Star Patterns when he realized something did not feel right. The gorgeous Star Patterns circled him and eventually combined into a brilliant Star Constellation.

Following a shudder, Mo Fan, Zhao Manyan, Lingling, Jiang Shaoxu, Mu Bai, and Chen Shuo vanished following a silver flicker, leaving the boat swaying on the violent waves.

A second later, the sound of propellers came from under the water.

BANG!

The waves were still rolling without any splashes. The blast of wind produced by the fleet of Manta Ray Evil Birds shredded the boat into pieces. Not only was the boat destroyed, its remains were shredded into tiny dust!

The Manta Ray Evil Birds sprang into the sky. It felt like they were going to tear the night sky in half. When they reached their highest point, they immediately locked onto Mo Fan and the others, who were floating above the water.

Mo Fan had brought the group a few hundred meters away with Blink. However, he still needed some time for the energy around him to calm down before he could cast Blink again. He was unable to stabilize the energy of the space he arrived in right away.

"They are coming again!" Lingling automatically climbed onto Mo Fan's back while pointing at the spinning axes diving from the sky.

"Lightning chains!" Mo Fan emitted lightning arcs, gathering the Lightning Magic in the sky, forming chains that intertwined with one another as they spread across the sky. The chains were randomly attacking the Manta Ray Evil Birds along their path!

When the Manta Ray Evil Birds were going through Mo Fan's lightning, they suddenly dispersed in order to avoid the area where the lightning was densest.

The V-shaped formation had broken, but that did not stop the Manta Ray Evil Birds from attacking. They began to attack the invaders irregularly. Those who failed their attempts would dive into the water and use it as cover while preparing for their next attempt.

The attacks coming from different angles and directions were exactly what Zhao Manyan had described before. The endless boomerangs felt like a rain of arrows!

“How far are we from the island?” Mo Fan asked. He was unable to use his full strength.

“Just a kilometer, but even if we can fly, we will still be shredded into mincemeat. These creatures are just too violent,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

“AHHHH, don’t let me get my hands on them, or I’m going to turn them all into a stew!” Zhao Manyan snarled. He had enough of these Manta Ray Evil Birds!

Chapter 1825: Betraying Teammates

“Swamp of Darkness: Lost!”

Mo Fan’s other Elements were not too effective, but his Shadow Element was not restricted by the environment.

When the Manta Ray Evil Birds dove into the sea, Mo Fan immediately cast an Advanced Shadow Spell to spread the Swamp of Darkness, turning the water within the reach of it black!

The Swamp of Darkness also covered the area below the surface of the sea. The Manta Ray Evil Birds were struggling to find their way in the maze of darkness. They were more or less trapped in the water!

The Dark Material required some time for it to spread, but Mo Fan only had limited time. The Swamp of Darkness was not going to last for long. It would only provide the group with some temporary relief as they made their way toward the island!

“The cliff is just ahead, go!” Mo Fan yelled.

“Charge!” Zhao Manyan had suddenly become the captain, as the boat never needed anyone to take charge of the helm, since he was pushing the boat with a wave. However, if they abandoned the boat, not only did he have to keep everyone above the water, he had to send them to the island too!

“Giant Shadow Spikes!”

Mo Fan gave up on the urge to rely on his other Elements. He used the Intermediate Shadow Spell to impair the movements of the Manta Ray Evil Birds that were still in the sky.

“Why are you using the Giant Shadow Spikes? There’s no way you can hit them if they keep flying around at such a fast speed,” Zhao Manyan said when he saw Mo Fan tossing Giant Shadow Spikes into the sky.

The Giant Shadow Spikes were not fast, but they had strong restraining capabilities. However, sensitive creatures could easily dodge them. The Manta Ray Evil Birds were easily the most sensitive bird species out there. The Giant Shadow Spikes were not going to land on anything.

“Who told you that?” Mo Fan harrumphed.

The Giant Shadow Spikes flew into the sky. As Zhao Manyan thought, the Manta Ray Evil Birds easily dodged them. The Giant Shadow Spikes merely slowed down the Manta Ray Evil Birds by a little as they were diving from the sky. It did not stop them from attacking.

“You are not the only one with boomerangs!” Mo Fan grinned with glittering eyes when he saw the Manta Ray Evil Birds had lowered their guard.

The Manta Ray Evil Birds were about to dive when the Giant Shadow Spikes’ variation, the Thorns of the Shadow Rose, stabbed them in the back. The Manta Ray Evil Birds stiffened. They were paralyzed in the sky, regardless of how rapidly they beat their wings!

The rest of the Thorns of the Shadow Rose soon returned and struck the Manta Ray Evil Birds who were so proud of their flying ability. The creatures froze in the sky like impaled moths. It was quite an amusing sight!

“Holy crap, did you install an infrared homing system on your Giant Shadow Spikes? How did every single one land on target?” Zhao Manyan’s eyes widened.

A Shadow Mage could use Shadow Magic to conceal their spell, surprising their enemies by attacking with unexpected timing and angles, but it required outstanding control over the Shadow Magic and some unusual manipulative tricks.

Mo Fan had clearly fired off a high number of Thorns of the Shadow Rose. It was impossible for him to control every single one of them. It was unbelievable how he had landed them on the Manta Ray Evil Birds so precisely!

“I actually have a nickname, the Pleasure Seeker. My ‘bullets’ never miss!” Mo Fan laughed proudly, as if he had completely forgotten about the rest of the Manta Ray Evil Birds.

“You have only stopped about thirty of them. Stop being infatuated by yourself!” Jiang Shaoxu said angrily. She could not help but wonder if these two were actually so fearless, or they were just plain idiots. Why would they waste their time uttering nonsense at a time like this!?

Mo Fan lowered his eyes and saw the Swamp of Darkness gradually withdrawing. The smile on his face soon faded away.

He glanced at the cliff and roughly estimated the distance.

“Blink!” He had finally bought enough time that his Blink was available once again.

Zhao Manyan let out a relieved sigh when he saw Mo Fan using the Space Magic. They would be one step closer to the island after another Blink, and could finally shake off the annoying Manta Ray Evil Birds. He would no longer have to carry such a huge burden on his shoulders!

The space around them shuddered. Both Zhao Manyan and Jiang Shaoxu were already used to being offered a convenient ride. To their surprise, the silver light did not encapsulate them. When they opened their eyes again, they were shocked to see that Mo Fan had disappeared!

“F**k me, he f**king left on his own. That assh***!” Zhao Manyan lifted his gaze and saw Mo Fan moving over four hundred meters away. Not only did he not bring him and Jiang Shaoxu along, he even left Lingling whom he was supposed to look after behind.

“Mo Fan, do you want to die!?” Jiang Shaoxu yelled.

Mo Fan finally exposed the ugliest side of him after so many years. He had simply abandoned his teammates!

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Meanwhile, Mo Fan was drowned in the strong wind and loud cries. He could not hear Jiang Shaoxu and Zhao Manyan’s curses.

Mo Fan was able to move four hundred meters away with Blink if he was not bringing anyone along. The cliff was within his reach.

Mo Fan immediately turned into a shadow sparrow before his feet touched the water. He sprang up the cliff and landed on the top of the coconut trees.

He turned around and saw Zhao Manyan and the others whom he had abandoned being flanked by a few hundred Manta Ray Evil Birds. The attacks did not only come from the sky, but from under the water too. The Manta Ray Evil Birds were enraged after the Swamp of Darkness had dispersed. They were going to eliminate the humans on the water once and for all!

“Electro Cannon!”

Mo Fan began to emit a completely different aura as he finally set foot on solid ground. He was able to cast his Lightning Spell freely since the Manta Ray Evil Birds were putting all their attention on Zhao Manyan!

The lightning coiled around Mo Fan’s arms as it was compressed. When Mo Fan shoved his hands forward, a lightning beam flew under the night sky toward the sea!

A blinding light shone over the sea, revealing countless shadows of Manta Ray Evil Birds scattered across the sea. It was horrifying just to see their numbers!

The Manta Ray Evil Birds were rising to the surface to ambush Zhao Manyan and the others. They were only a few dozen meters away from their target, but the lightning beam entered the water and triggered a terrifying explosion. The lightning arcs illuminated the silhouettes of the Manta Ray Evil Birds before the overwhelming force crushed them into dust!

Chapter 1826: Emergency Outpost

The spell managed to resolve the danger the group was in. Zhao Manyan Summoned another wave and sent them closer to the island.

Jiang Shaoxu used her Psychic Element to stop the harassment from another group of Manta Ray Evil Birds in the sky. They finally made it ashore!

Mo Fan explained why he had left on his own. "It's unwise to be blindly righteous sometimes. If I don't save myself first, we were all done for!"

"It's fine, I'm going to say the same thing to you when you need my protection," Zhao Manyan said in return.

"Ugh, if revenge breeds revenge, will there ever be an end to it?" Mo Fan could not find a better response.

"Enough chatting, do you think we are safe after making it to the island? Take a look around you! Do those creatures look like they are going to spare our lives?" Jiang Shaoxu pointed at the sea.

Mo Fan's Electro Cannon had been extremely effective. Not only did it kill a lot of Manta Ray Evil Birds, it had also resolved the dangerous situation. However, it had infuriated the remaining Manta Ray Evil Birds. Those who were not caught by the Electro Cannon soared into the sky from the water and came right at them.

The creatures pursuing them relentlessly were not the scariest. When Mo Fan and the others looked deeper into the island, they noticed countless pairs of sapphire eyes appearing from the woods.

"Those we saw weren't all of them?" Zhao Manyan was about to go crazy.

Did these creatures have nothing better to do other than mate? How did they possibly give birth to so many offspring in just a few years? Was the Featherless Bird Emperor's name Xu Fu instead?

{TL Note: A reference to a Chinese alchemist and explorer. He was sent by Qin Shi Huang to look for the elixir of life, but he ended up running away with 500 men and women and was said to have settled down in Japan.}

"These must be the Greater Featherless Birds. Their bodies are dark red!" Chen Shuo noticed.

Their sapphire eyes were brighter than the eyes of the Manta Ray Evil Birds, and their wings were around eight meters long when fully extended. Their smooth, dark red skin had the sheen of an icy metallic surface, not to mention their pointy heads and jagged wings. They looked far nobler and stronger than the Manta Ray Evil Birds!

"We are truly being surrounded now," Jiang Shaoxu pointed out.

"Plans are always f**king lies!" Zhao Manyan grumbled.

Their plan was to put the Manta Ray Evil Birds into hibernation so they could strut through the island, take care of the Greater Featherless Birds, and accomplish their mission. The reality was, the mission's difficulty was more than a level harder than they had expected. It was like they had accidentally chosen

Hell Mode when they picked the dungeon. The numbers of the Manta Ray Evil Birds were unreasonably high.

It was not like they had never fought so many demon creatures at once, but these Manta Ray Evil Birds were surprisingly strong. Even Mo Fan's Electro Cannon could only kill a limited number of them!

"Luckily, your Miss Tangyue lured a portion of them away. I wonder if she's in any kind of danger," Zhao Manyan suddenly remembered.

"Don't you worry about that," Mo Fan answered, pointing at the trees ahead. An alluring figure was slowly appearing from the darkness, heading in their direction.

Zhao Manyan glanced in that direction. His face darkened when he saw Tangyue.

He looked to the other side. As he expected, the Manta Ray Evil Birds which Tangyue was supposed to lure away seemed to have found a new target, and were flying toward them relentlessly. The whole sky had darkened from their numbers, as if they were holding some kind of ceremony.

There was only so much Tangyue could do to keep the creatures busy. She too could not stay in the water or sky for too long, since she was more used to fighting on land. She immediately regrouped with Mo Fan and the others after they successfully came ashore.

"Their numbers are too much for us. If they were just a sheet of loose sand, we might be able to drive them away with a Super Spell, but these creatures are surprisingly brave," Tangyue told them.

She had realized that Dawn Island was much scarier than she thought after coming here. She could not help but wonder what resources the creatures relied on to reproduce so quickly. The ocean world was indeed unpredictable!

"Head to the emergency outpost, it's built with a kind of metal that the Manta Ray Evil Birds are scared of. We can seek shelter there and figure out a plan," Chen Shuo told them.

"Lead the way then!" Zhao Manyan said.

They might be able to handle the Manta Ray Evil Birds that were chasing after them, but they no longer stood a chance if the Manta Ray Evil Birds which Tangyue lured away returned too, not to mention the fact that the Manta Ray Crimson Birds were on the move as well. Even Mo Fan would struggle to take them all out, even if he could fire his spells at will until his energy was depleted.

Chen Shuo had the Wind and Plant Elements. His speed was quite impressive. It felt like he had returned to his true home after entering the woods. He wove through the strange trees blocking their path nimbly and even used the dense trees to shake off the Manta Ray Evil Birds behind them.

"It's just ahead!" Chen Shuo said.

The whole island basically consisted of tall trees with plenty of leaves. It felt like they had entered a maze of trees with no way of telling their direction. However, Chen Shuo seemed extremely familiar with their surroundings. They went past a slope and arrived at a little basin. They saw a structure with a gray-white roof covered in vines and weeds. The structure was in the shape of a rhombus!

"I thought it was an enormous Manta Ray Evil Bird, it scared the crap out of me!" Zhao Manyan nearly shrieked after glancing into the basin.

The emergency outpost obviously resembled a Manta Ray Evil Bird. The group quickly made their way down and noticed some dilapidated fences and wire netting.

"They are coming!"

Tangyue looked up and saw the sky was filled with the Manta Ray Evil Birds. It felt like the whole sky was shrouded by the creatures, especially when their sapphire eyes were looking down at them...

"Go inside, quick, they won't dive at us!" Chen Shuo told the group confidently.

Chen Shuo led the group to the entrance. They immediately ran inside the rhombus-shaped building. The place was abandoned, but it was not completely run-down. It was a safe enclosed space. The Manta Ray Evil Birds would have to break through the walls and the roof to reach them.

The loud noises were making the group uncomfortable. The Manta Ray Evil Birds circled the sky above the building, but not a single one of them dove down at it after five minutes had passed.

Chapter 1827: Taming After Ten Years

"Are we safe now?" Jiang Shaoxu asked.

She was truly afraid. She had once thought it was just going to be a normal island with a little trouble, but it had turned out to be a tiger's den full of danger. The Manta Ray Evil Birds were still circling in the sky above the emergency outpost. They did not seem to be leaving soon, but they were not diving down either, as they were wary of the building.

"What should we do now? Daybreak is going to come soon. We can't afford to waste any time," Zhao Manyan said.

They had to leave before the sun rose. The Featherless Birds protecting the vicinity of the island were all going to awaken soon. Their numbers were more than ten times those of the Featherless Birds on the island. Their group would have no chance of leaving the island in one piece once they were awake.

"There's a tunnel under the outpost that will bring us to the main ranch and breeding facility. Most Greater Featherless Birds were bred in the trees there," Chen Shuo told them.

"Are you suggesting we take on the root of the problem directly?" Zhao Manyan had to ask.

"Exactly! We must get rid of the Greater Featherless Birds and the Featherless Bird Emperor. If a certain device there is still usable, we should be able to keep the Manta Ray Evil Birds at bay while trapping the Greater Featherless Birds and the Featherless Bird Emperor in the woods temporarily," Chen Shuo said.

“Excuse me, mister, you shouldn’t just think about how to rid the public of an evil. You should think about how we are supposed to handle the Manta Ray Evil Birds, and the Featherless Birds that are about to wake up in the sea, even if we do slay the Greater Featherless Birds and the Featherless Bird Emperor. You should figure out our retreat first. Otherwise, our best bet is to turn around immediately!” Zhao Manyan countered.

“Old Zhao is right. It’s important to get rid of the Greater Featherless Birds and the Featherless Bird Emperor, but we have to figure out a way to deal with their children and grandchildren, too. We should prioritize our safety first,” Mo Fan agreed.

Chen Shuo immediately fell silent. He had been fully preoccupied with the thought of eliminating the Featherless Birds to prevent a potential disaster.

The Manta Ray Evil Birds were constantly making a lot of noise in the sky. Loud whooshes were heard as the creatures swept past the building above them. A few fearless Manta Ray Evil Birds even ignored the metal that the building was built from to search for the entrance.

Ten years ago, this emergency outpost was completely sealed up to prevent the tamed creatures from revolting, but the building was already long abandoned. It was difficult to guarantee there was no opening for the creatures to come inside. They were eventually going to find a way in as more Manta Ray Evil Birds began to circle the building.

“I do have a plan if you trust me,” Chen Shuo said.

“Just spill the beans!” Zhao Manyan said.

“As a matter of fact, our project wasn’t necessarily a total failure. The Bird Emperor spent a long time living with humans. It had already developed a certain benevolence. Things only went south because we were short on funds, and we made a mistake when taming the Bird Emperor,” Chen Shuo began to explain to them.

“Mister, we don’t really have much time, so please refrain from dwelling on the past for now. Just tell us what we should do. If it’s plausible, we’ll go ahead and do it. Otherwise, we should leave the island at once. We won’t have that option once the morning comes. This old outpost doesn’t feel safe at all,” Mu Bai reminded him quickly.

“Basically, every Manta Ray Evil Bird takes orders from the Bird Emperor, which means, if we are able to complete the plan ten years ago and tame the Bird Emperor successfully, not only can we resolve the threat posed by the overpopulation of the Manta Ray Evil Birds, the Bird Emperor will give us a ride and even bring us to safety!” Chen Shuo said.

“What kind of a plan is that? You already failed to tame it ten years ago. You had so many experts, Mages, and devices back then, but you still failed to tame the Bird Emperor. Why would you think we can do it now after ten years?” Tangyue demanded.

“That’s why I said you have to trust me completely. I wasn’t fully in charge back then, but I’m extremely familiar with the Bird Emperor. If you try to tame it according to my method, I believe it might remind the Bird Emperor of its past as a Contracted Beast, thus convincing it to obey us,” Chen Shuo said seriously. He even sounded a little excited.

“Chen Shuo, are you sure it’s still possible to tame a creature who has now become the Bird Emperor of the Manta Ray Evil Birds?” Mo Fan asked in a serious voice.

“I’m sure of it; the Bird Emperor’s master was my master! As his disciple, I was following him around. He brought me here to take care of his Contracted Beast, Evil Star, before he passed away. I came because I was eager to make some contributions, and I also saw how much potential the plan to tame the Manta Ray Evil Birds had. I thought my master’s Contracted Beast might lead us to a great evolution, and my master would be very pleased with the result.

“Unfortunately, when they started to have some positive outcome, they focused on breeding Manta Ray Evil Birds with a purer lineage instead of putting their attention on taming the creatures first, which eventually led to the overpopulation of the Manta Ray Evil Birds. However, I understand Evil Star. It still has the spirit of a Contracted Beast. It’s willing to be tamed, but we need someone worthy enough to convince it by following my instructions,” Chen Shuo said.

“What do you mean someone worthy enough to convince it? Can’t you do it?” Jiang Shaoxu asked.

“I can’t. The Manta Ray Evil Birds are extremely competitive. It will never submit to anyone weaker than it. My master only managed to sign a Contract with it because he managed to defeat it by himself. There’s only one way to convince it; to take on the creature alone and defeat it without relying on any tricks!” Chen Shuo said.

“I have defeated many demon creatures, yet not a lot of them were willing to surrender just because you can defeat them. Most of them preferred to die rather than submitting themselves to a human,” Mo Fan pointed out.

“Yes, that has always been the case, but the difference is that this Bird Emperor was once a Contracted Beast, so it won’t reject humans!” the old soldier countered.

“Mo Fan, you should be pretty strong now. If the Bird Emperor is really that intelligent, you might earn its trust by defeating it. Why don’t you have a go at it?” Tangyue said.

“But my Contracted Space is full!” Mo Fan said.

“Taming it and making it a Contracted Beast are different things!”

Chapter 1828: The Umbrella of Coconut Trees in the Sky

Mo Fan was willing to go along with Chen Shuo’s plan if there was no other way.

The truth was, Mo Fan had never tamed a demon creature before. He simply treated it as a learning opportunity. If he really could tame these Manta Ray Evil Birds, it might significantly increase his homeland’s firepower along the coastline!

Taming was not really related to the Summoning Element. It was actually an ability of the Psychic Element, as it relied on Psychic Magic to communicate with a demon creature and slowly rid it of its savage nature and convert it into something positive. The creature would gradually submit to humans, and become a pet or a comrade in battle.

Most tamed creatures could only obey simple instructions. For example, the Heavenly Eagles were mainly responsible for carrying their masters around, protecting them, and assisting them in battles. Their minds were not linked like the connections between a Summoned Beast or a Contracted Beast and their Summoners were. Their relationship was not as close, nor would they have such outstanding synergy.

Most tamed creatures were only treated as mounts. It was quite difficult to convince tamed creatures to fight other demon creatures!

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“My father wanted me to become a Tamer and serve in the military when I was younger, but I kind of strayed away from the path somehow. To be honest, I’m under huge pressure knowing the burden is currently on my shoulders, considering they failed the attempt ten years ago,” Jiang Shaoxu admitted.

The group was now heading toward the Sky Coconut Grove through a secret passage from the emergency outpost. It was where the Great Featherless Birds and the Featherless Bird Emperor lived. The old devices for taming purposes were stored there, too.

“Such pressure you are under, but why the hell do I have to take on the Manta Ray Evil Birds’ Emperor alone!?” Mo Fan grumbled immediately.

Mo Fan thought Chen Shuo meant he just had to fight the Bird Emperor with all his strength to defeat it, but he just realized he was going to take on the Bird Emperor alone, since it was the only way to earn the creature’s approval.

Mo Fan could not care less about getting the creature’s approval. Why couldn’t they just take on the Bird Emperor together and beat the crap out of it? If it was not convinced of their strength, they could just beat it up a few more times! However, they had to turn it into a fair duel where others were not allowed to intervene. Were they crazy? Did they seriously want him to fight the creature fair and square? Mo Fan never bothered fighting anyone fair and square!

“Mo Fan, think about it; if you manage to tame the Bird Emperor, you can make it your mount. If I were you, I would feel very ashamed in front of other Super Mages and Summoners considering how bad you are with water. After all, you can only ride your second Contracted Beast at night.. uh, what I’m trying to say is, this is a great opportunity for you. It’s the prologue to you dominating the Pacific Ocean!” Zhao Manyan cheered him on.

Mo Fan gave it serious thought and realized Zhao Manyan was not being totally unreasonable.

Mo Fan had initially planned to get himself a flying beast as his second Contracted Beast, but he ended up with a little snake demoness instead. Any Wing Magical Equipment was extremely expensive, too. There was no way he could get one that was fit for his level with the money he had.

Therefore, finding a mount was indeed the perfect solution!

Magical Wings were extremely costly. Those that cost only one or two hundred million were too slow for his current level, so he did not bother wasting his money on them.

“Jiang Shaoxu, your main focus on the Psychic Element is the Illusionary Branch, right?” Mo Fan asked.

“Yeah, so I don’t feel too confident. I only know a little about how to tame a creature,” Jiang Shaoxu confirmed.

“I’ll ask someone to give you a hand later, but make sure you keep the Greater Featherless Birds and the Manta Ray Evil Birds at bay while I’m fighting the Bird Emperor. I seriously don’t want to die here!” Mo Fan told her.

“Don’t you worry, we’ll be keeping an eye for you!” Chen Shuo let out a relieved sigh when Mo Fan finally agreed to the plan.

“How long until we reach the Sky Coconut Grove? It’ll be daybreak soon.”

“We are almost there.”

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Wanggui Town...

Zhu Min and Li Dong staggered out of a bar, each with a hand around the waist of a woman with heavy makeup. Tangyue had finally considered giving up on the operation today. They no longer had to put on an act before her, and could finally relax.

A few bulky figures slowly approached them as they reached the junction. A man in a huge coat was leading them. He had a stern face as he cast an aloof gaze at Zhu Min and Li Dong.

“Is this what you should be doing when you’re on duty?” the man harrumphed coldly.

“Fa...father!” Zhu Min’s legs trembled as soon as he saw the man.

“Chief!” Li Dong collected his thoughts quickly. He rapidly pushed the woman in his arm away.

The woman immediately cursed in the local dialect when Li Dong’s attitude changed so suddenly.

The chief of the Enforcement Union squinted, as if he was observing some filthy wild hens, a disdainful and heartless look in his eyes. The faces of the two women turned pale, as if their thick makeup was about to fall off their faces. They immediately ran away, not daring to say a word further.

“Where’s the Vice Chief?” Chief Zhu Qi said.

“I...I think she went home,” Li Dong said.

“Humph, why did a Senior Enforcer tell me she had gone to Dawn Island with a few people, then?” Zhu Qi asked.

“No way, we clearly saw her...” Zhu Min began.

“I told you two to keep an eye on her, yet you couldn’t even do such a simple task. I know better than anyone else how dangerous Dawn Island is. I asked you to keep an eye on her not only to be wary of her, but to stop her from doing anything reckless, too. After all, she was assigned here by the Lingyin Enforcement Union. If she dies on the island, it will bring us a lot of trouble,” Zhu Qi said.

“That woman must be out of her mind!” Li Dong swore.

“Go take a look around, and make sure she’s still alive,” Zhu Qi ordered them.

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Dawn Island, the Sky Coconut Grove...

The Sky Coconut Grove was made up of coconut trees that had been growing on a tall hill for more than a hundred years. Their dense leaves were bundled up together. The top of the trees bent slightly too, making them look like an enormous umbrella. It was quite a spectacular sight.

The main training and breeding ranch was located in the Sky Coconut Grove. There were iron nets all over the trees, looming over them like a sky. Together, they resembled a huge dome protecting the island!

Chapter 1829: Submit To Me

The base of the main ranch was half set into a mountain, built using the same special metal as the outpost to prevent the Manta Ray Evil Birds from getting closer. It had done a great job preserving the building.

When they arrived inside the building, Mo Fan noticed many devices covered with huge pieces of leather. They looked like machines that had not been used for many years, rather than being completely abandoned and run-down. The sight explained why Chen Shuo wanted to give his plan a try. The devices were still in good condition. They could be used right away, once they were connected to a power source.

“Can you see the netting above the trees? Those are actually made of metallic gravel. They aren’t used to trap the Manta Ray Bird Emperor, Evil Star, but were actually used to magnify the efficacy of the Psychic Element, like a kind of metallurgy. When the Taming Force of the Psychic Element is inserted into these devices, the nettings produce a psychological pulse to tame Evil Star. We would do it once every month before, but from what I learned, they started whipping Evil Star with electric shocks, forcing it to submit to their authority with pain.

“However, the method we used to tame Heavenly Eagles isn’t effective on Evil Star. It would never be afraid of humans and submit itself to us, despite being whipped countless times. Therefore, the best way is to Pacify it instead, and calm its thoughts. We’ll then help it remember its past, and the friendly

time it spent with humans. Mo Fan will then challenge it to a duel so it will obey the orders of a human who's stronger than it..." Chen Shuo had been quiet along the journey, yet he was very excited whenever he mentioned Evil Star. He had a passionate look in his eyes now.

"So you're saying that I'll need to activate the magic nets with Spirit Ripple to help it recover its benevolence first, before Mo Fan overpowers it?" Jiang Shaoxu summarized the drawn-out instructions.

"Exactly. If the plan doesn't work, the Manta Ray Evil Birds will never be on friendly terms with humans!" Chen Shuo stated solemnly.

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Mo Fan was not feeling very confident in Jiang Shaoxu's Psychic Element. The woman's main focus was on illusions. If Xinxia was here, he would only have needed to go through the motions since the creature would be Pacified pretty easily.

"Apas, come out here." Mo Fan went to a corner and summoned his second Contracted Beast while the others were busy preparing the magic netting.

Apas had been hiding in her Contracted Space after she found the Receiver Crystals. It was the perfect time to be asking her for help. There was no way Mo Fan would let his second Contracted Beast's talents go to waste!

"Help me subdue that Manta Ray Bird Emperor," Mo Fan told her.

"What benefits do I get?" Apas seemed to have gotten used to the business model between them. She would be willing to help as long as she would be getting something that fancied her in return.

"I'll sort out your identity with my connections. You will be able to study in the Plant School of Pearl Institute as you wish," Mo Fan offered her.

Apas' eyes glittered as soon as she heard the offer. Her attractive eyes curled charmingly in joy and excitement.

"Really? You're not trying to trick me, aren't you?" Apas said warily.

"Since when did I trick you?" Mo Fan said sternly, but for some reason, he almost bit his own tongue when he was talking.

Apas wanted to study at the Pearl Institute. Frankly speaking, she just wanted to live like a normal girl, being able to learn magic, go to school, go to the library, and enjoy a peaceful yet fulfilling life.

She might be a Medusa Princess, but she was not too passionate about her heritage. She was instead curious and obsessed with the magic of humans.

She had been practicing every day since Mo Fan had helped her Awaken the Plant Element. However, she was not particularly talented at it. Mo Fan was actually surprised by how clumsy she was.

"Is it possible to tame a creature like that?" Mo Fan knew how impressive Apas' Psychic Magic was. He decided to ask for her opinion, in case all their efforts were for nothing in the end.

“If you’re relying on her and the old devices here, I seriously doubt this is going to work,” Apas judged firmly.

Taming a creature like the Manta Ray Bird Emperor would require overpowering it with Psychic Magic that was multiple times stronger than its level. The creature was most likely a Ruler-inferior creature!

“Oh, so I won’t have to arrange for you to study in Pearl Institute, then?” Mo Fan countered.

Apas stomped the ground angrily and blurted out, “There’s no way it’s going to submit itself to you! Even if you manage to defeat it, it will only treat you as an alien species that is slightly stronger than it. It’s the same as if you lost to a wild beast. What would you do if the beast demanded you be its slave?”

“Tell me your plan,” Mo Fan said calmly.

“I’m Medusa’s daughter, hence my lineage is far more superior to its, not to mention the power of my eyes. I believe it will only surrender itself to me,” Apas declared.

“So, we should force it to submit itself to you?” Mo Fan asked.

“Mm, you aren’t worthy enough!” Apas stated directly.

“...” Mo Fan did not expect to be looked down on by his own Contracted Beast. “Fine, but you must stay in a corner where no one is going to notice you and lend me a hand. Once it’s done, I’ll let you study in Pearl Institute for some time.”

“Deal!” Apas nodded.

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Mo Fan waited until Apas went to a secluded spot. He could not help but think how he had been forced to rely on Apas’ help twice in a row recently. He had already used his trump card of giving her the chance to study at Pearl Institute. He no longer had any bargaining chips left!

Forget it, I will just rely on myself more. I can’t ask that little snake for help every time. I must become stronger myself, strong enough to conquer her so she’s willing to service a charming and impressive man like me on her knees!, Mo Fan thought with a sigh.

Meanwhile, Jiang Shaoxu was done with her preparations.

Tangyue and Zhao Manyan were in position to fend off the Greater Featherless Birds that might show up.

Mu Bai looked into the sky and said, “It’s almost daybreak. There’s no point in me maintaining the temperature. You will be struggling against the overwhelming numbers of Greater Featherless Birds and Manta Ray Evil Birds. I’ll lend you a hand.”

“There’s no turning back from here,” Zhao Manyan said.

“There never was since we came to the island. We should just focus on the current situation. We’ll figure out another plan if we fail,” Mu Bai said.

“Indeed, we will have difficulty stopping the Manta Ray Evil Birds without Mu Bai’s help. Let’s do it!”

Chapter 1830: Rush of Excitement, Evil Star!

They went to the Sky Coconut Grove and saw the night sky was shrouded by the huge leaves. There was not even a glimpse of light.

Mo Fan climbed up the trunks to the canopy. The leaves were big enough to support his weight, and swayed like see-saws when he stood on them.

Mo Fan was satisfied as long as there were places he could put his feet. That being said, he had to be wary of the spots where the leaves were less stacked, as he might fall right through them if he applied too much force on them.

Chen Shuo told Mo Fan that Evil Star preferred staying in the canopy, but Mo Fan did not see the Manta Ray Bird Emperor after scanning his surroundings.

The leaves were stacked in layers at certain spots. Mo Fan looked up, and soon noticed two jagged black wings extending slightly at an angle of forty-five degrees.

The Manta Ray Bird Emperor had the body of a ray, so when it slowly extended its wings, the moonlight eventually shone upon its body. It felt like the night sky was the designated stage for it. Its body reflected a cold silver sheen!

Mo Fan was a little dazzled by the creature's appearance. Even though the Manta Ray Evil Birds had a menacing appearance, animals like manta rays and bats were two of the more ugly and scary types, so the Manta Ray Evil Birds that possessed the lineage of the two species would naturally fall into the same category. However, that was not the case for the creature that was currently extending its sharp wings above the trees. In Mo Fan's eyes, the creature had perfect curves and edges, with extremely smooth skin. It looked like a typical spaceship in science-fiction instead!

"So that's Evil Star..." Mo Fan murmured.

It looked so cool!

Mo Fan was not a well-educated man. It was the only term he could come up with under the circumstances. The creature looked so f**king cool!

When Mo Fan first saw the Manta Ray Evil Birds, he had been surprised by the unique appearance of the species. Little did he know that their ruler's appearance was even more perfect. Imagine the creature soaring past or hovering above a bustling city. It would easily attract a bunch of screams of disbelief!

Why did they even bother taming the Manta Ray Evil Birds which looked like bats and manta rays? Only the Manta Ray Bird Emperor was worthy of his time!

"Apas, I'm pretty fond of that bird. You must take it down for me, do you understand?" Mo Fan blurted out in excitement. His gaze never left Evil Star.

Cool, how cool, only a creature like it was worthy for a handsome genius like him! The Flying Creek Snow Wolf with his snow-white skin, the lineage of the ice valley, and a perfect combination of the strength and elegance of his muscles suddenly felt like a weasel rolling around in the snow when compared to the Manta Ray Bird Emperor that resembled a metallic battle jet!

Mo Fan was initially unwilling to sacrifice himself to take on a Ruler-inferior creature, but he was now greatly anticipating making the creature his new mount. He immediately found the motivation to fight the creature!

It was like the goddess whom he had been dreaming of had finally appeared before him. He immediately had an urge to conquer her! His blood was already boiling!

A Ruler-inferior creature!

Mo Fan had rarely fought a Ruler-level creature alone. He was now curious about whether he was strong enough to face a Ruler-inferior creature alone!

“Keep staring at it, I will provoke it through your eyes,” Apas spoke in Mo Fan’s mind.

Mo Fan prepared himself and followed Apas’ instructions.

The Manta Ray Bird Emperor was clearly aware of Mo Fan’s existence. It was stretching to loosen its bones by extending its wings.

Following Apas’ provocation, Evil Star spread its wings and soared into the sky. Unlike how birds usually lifted off into the sky, the Manta Ray Bird Emperor simply turned into a strange ray of light and sprang into the night sky. Its wings remained still at its sides. From Mo Fan’s angle, it looked like a sword with a triangle tip encapsulated by a blue-silver glow had flown into the pitch-black sky in an unstoppable manner. Mo Fan was dazzled by its imposing appearance once again!

“Mo Fan, we’re ready!” Jiang Shaoxu yelled from the base below.

“You may begin. This Evil Star is mine nevertheless!” Mo Fan had a firm and passionate look in his eyes.

The situation clearly contained all the joy and significance of going on an adventure. It had allowed Mo Fan to witness the wonders of nature and the charm of different species. The way the Manta Ray Bird Emperor took off into the sky stabbed Mo Fan right in the heart, which was pounding heavily, similar to the feeling of falling in love at first sight!

The sound of machines operating came from below, followed by the crackling of electricity. The energy of the Psychic Element surged through the nettings and gathered at a certain point like a lightning rod.

A lightning bolt without a single fork sprang toward the Manta Ray Bird Emperor.

The Manta Ray Bird Emperor was flying in the sky. However, Mo Fan only noticed the chain between the Manta Ray Bird Emperor and the rod at the center of the nets after the brilliance of the lightning lit up the area. The chain was long enough to reach the clouds in the night sky while connected to the netting. It was binding the Manta Ray Bird Emperor as it soared into the sky!

“What’s with that!?” Mo Fan immediately asked Chen Shuo.

There was no response from below. The Psychic Magic kept gathering at the rod through the nettings before being transmitted via the chain!

The chain swayed in the strong wind, producing some unpleasant clanking. The Manta Ray Bird Emperor obviously could not reach the height it was aiming for. It dragged the chain, now over a few hundred meters long, into the sky. The creature was more like a kite flying in the sky, but the string controlling it was a chain instead!

“Mo Fan, don’t worry about it, the old man said the chain is keeping it here so it won’t vent its frustrations on the people nearby... Just hurry up and beat it, it’s almost morning,” Jiang Shaoxu replied.

Mo Fan frowned.

Chen Shuo mentioned that the metallic gravel was something the Manta Ray Evil Birds were afraid of, but the Manta Ray Bird emperor was tied by a chain made of the same metal. He was lying when he mentioned the creature preferred to stay in the area, since the creature never had a chance to leave the area. The chain was only a few hundred meters long!