

## Versatile 2011

### Chapter 2011: Meal Time

Nanyu quickly told Yassen about Lingling's plan. Xing Hui, Zhao Kang, and the others immediately cursed.

"Are you kidding? It's the same as waiting for our deaths!" Zhao Kang spat.

"So you're saying we should fight them instead?" Kuma challenged him.

Kuma knew Lingling was the ninth team's brain trust. She believed the girl's suggestion was viable. If they were frozen in the ice, it would conceal their presence. The Frosty Ancient Eagles also had a habit of freezing living creatures, so they would not be able to tell them apart.

"Either we fight them or pretend to be food. I prefer the latter option," Yassen agreed.

The Senior Hunter was impressed with the little girl's imagination, even coming up with the idea of disguising themselves as food under the circumstances.

As for putting up a fight? Were they seriously going to fight the Frosty Ancient Eagles in their nest?

It was no different from a bunch of rats trying to bite an eagle to death in its cave!

The Frosty Ancient Eagles only had to assign a group of their fighters to watch the entrance and the whole alliance would really become food in the cold storage after twenty-four hours!

"We are running short on time. We have to make up our mind!" Nanyu could hear several Frosty Ancient Eagles entering the cave.

"We'll freeze ourselves then. Who is the strongest Ice Mage among us?" Xing Hui had no choice but to agree with the plan.

Mu Ningxue had already accumulated her Ice Magic. She applied a layer of frost on her team members to make it look more realistic.

There were other Ice Mages in the alliance. They chose to handle the disguise on their own as they did not really trust Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue did not force them. She focused on freezing over her team and the Mailong Private Military Group.

"Speaking of which, if you don't unfreeze us, does that mean we are all going to die here?" Lu Xiu asked harshly.

It was difficult for people to unfreeze themselves. The cave was a freezer to begin with, so the ice was going to become thicker and harder. Even Ice Mages would be frozen forever if they failed to control the thickness properly.

“You can choose an Ice Mage from a different team,” Mu Ningxue replied calmly.

“You do it, but make it thinner for me. I don’t like the feeling of waiting for my own death,” Lu Xiu said.

Lu Xiu had worked so hard to become a Super Mage, just so he could control his own fate. However, they were like a bunch of rats in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain. They had to pretend to be dead to stay alive.

“Ningxue, they are coming. You better hurry!” Nanyu said urgently.

“Got it.”

There were a lot of people in the group. Mu Ningxue could only freeze one person at a time to ensure her magic was not going to endanger their lives. The ice could not be too strong, yet it had to be thick enough for the disguise to work.

They could now hear the Frosty Ancient Eagles without relying on the Sound Element.

The best perk of having a Sound Mage like Nanyu in the group was the ability to predict emergency situations beforehand, giving them more time to prepare themselves. Otherwise they would have been in a rush to even prepare for a fight when the Frosty Ancient Eagles came into the cave, let alone come up with another plan!

The beating of their wings was getting closer. Only a few Frosty Ancient Eagles had entered the cave to enjoy a meal, but alerting them meant alerting the entire nest. Mu Ningxue was still using her Ice Magic, and still had a team to work on.

“Quick, they are coming!”

“Screw it, I’ll do it myself.” A few Ice Mages used their own magic to freeze themselves.

Mu Ningxue glanced at them and noticed they had done a poor job. They might struggle to unfreeze themselves later!

“Xuexue, don’t worry about them. Just look after yourself,” Mo Fan told her.

Mu Ningxue’s Ice Magic surrounded Mo Fan as soon as he finished the sentence. It wrapped around Mo Fan like clothing before thickening gradually. Mo Fan did not even feel the cold, it was like he was wrapped in a thick coat.

Mu Ningxue’s Ice Magic was not touching their skin. As long as the ice was not touching their skin, their blood would cool at a slower rate. The people inside the ice were able to breathe, too and would not suffer from oxygen deprivation.

This care was the reason why Mu Ningxue had to freeze one person at a time. She had to make sure their blood could circulate properly and there was enough oxygen inside. They would still be fit for battle after they were frozen, instead of turning into a pile of mash after the ice was broken apart.

An impatient Frosty Ancient Eagle ran into the cave. It was obviously very hungry. It kept knocking into the walls as it ran inside.

However, it quickly picked up an unusual presence. It immediately fixed its eyes in Mu Ningxue's direction.

Mu Ningxue had only applied a layer of frost on herself. The frost was slowly spreading to form a wall between Mu Ningxue and the Frosty Ancient Eagle.

The Frosty Ancient Eagle had a puzzled look. It suddenly moved toward Mu Ningxue, but the frost spread rapidly and formed a thick wall between them. The Frosty Ancient Eagle crashed into the wall and cried out in pain.

The rest of the Frosty Ancient Eagles came into the cave. They screeched in amusement when they saw the Frosty Ancient Eagle bang its head on the wall.

The Frosty Ancient Eagle rose to its feet clumsily. It looked at Mu Ningxue, who was now frozen inside the wall, before regrouping with the other Frosty Ancient Eagles.

The wall did not fully cover Mu Ningxue; there was still a gap on one side. If the Frosty Ancient Eagle was a little smarter, it could have checked the other side and discovered Mu Ningxue's trick!

Luckily, it was driven away by the mocking cries of its friends. Mu Ningxue quickly filled in the crack and sealed the wall before letting out a relieved sigh.

The wall quickly fogged up under Mu Ningxue's breathing.

It was extremely cold in the cave. People were already suffering from frostbite. Even Mu Ningxue, who was born with an innate Ice Element, was feeling uneasy, let alone the others. She wondered if they could make it.

"We can only be frozen for an hour. If we don't unfreeze ourselves in an hour, we'll be stuck here forever!" Mu Ningxue murmured.

They could only pray that the Frosty Ancient Eagles would not take more than one hour to choose their meal, like some housewives in a supermarket.

Chapter 2012: Shivering Food

As Lingling speculated, the Frosty Ancient Eagles started from the food that had been caught around half a month ago. They were keeping the latest kills for the long winter.

Everyone was frozen inside the ice. The wall of ice was transparent, as if they were separated by a steel-reinforced glass all around them. The Frosty Ancient Eagles were very close to them, so they could see every single move of the raptors.

Yassen, Zhao Kang, Bertan, and the others were relieved when they saw the Frosty Ancient Eagles digging out the corpses from the thicker ice. The plan had worked as intended, or they would be fighting the Frosty Ancient Eagles right now!

They were unable to move in the ice, but they could still blink. Mu Ningxue's encasement technique had left them with some extra space instead of sealing them up completely, just in case there was an accident.

Mo Fan was watching the eagles carefully. He saw a few male eagles roaming about who were currently behind Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu.

Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu could not turn around, so they had no idea a few Frosty Ancient Eagles were behind them. Mo Fan kept rolling his eyes to signal Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu through the ice.

Zhao Manyan was utterly confused when he saw what Mo Fan was doing. *Is Mo Fan having a brain freeze from the ice?*, he wondered.

*What the heck is wrong with him? Why does he keep rolling his eyes? Up down left right, is he trying to toggle a cheat code to increase his lives?*

"Behind, behind you, the Frosty Ancient Eagles are digging in the ice!" Mo Fan wished his eyes could transmit his thoughts so he could warn the two idiots!

The male Frosty Ancient Eagles were digging into the ice that Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu were in. These bulky creatures were behaving strangely. They were going after the fresher food instead of the food that was stored half a month ago!

"Apas, can you drive those three male eagles away?" Mo Fan communicated with Apas through their Contract.

Apas was frozen right beside Mo Fan. She tried her best to lift her head and answer Mo Fan's question with her eyes: No!

*What's going on? Aren't they supposed to keep the fresher food for winter? Why aren't those male eagles following the rules?*, Mo Fan thought.

"Most demon creatures prefer fresh food. Even though the Frosty Ancient Eagles are storing food for winter, there are Frosty Ancient Eagles with a nobler status. They are obviously not restricted to eating the lower-quality food that was stored half a month ago. These male eagles are picking the fresher food to pander to the nobles... that stupid girl didn't take it into account!" Apas informed Mo Fan through their Contract.

"Why didn't you tell us before?" Mo Fan demanded.

"What difference would it make? Are you going to come up with a better plan? Perhaps Lingling already considered it, but she didn't say anything!"

"Use your Psychic Voice to warn Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu!"

"I'll try, but the ice might affect my ability."

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Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu soon received Apas' message. She warned them that the male eagles behind them were planning to feed them to the nobles!

Zhao Manyan finally realized there were male eagles digging through the ice behind him. A huge chunk of the icy outer layer was already broken!

Guan Yu was so scared that his eyes were rolling around now. *Is this some kind of a joke? There are so many fresh ingredients around the cave. Why did they choose them instead of the bears or the bulls? Their meat was so little!*

*Stay calm, stay calm, we can't do anything reckless!* Zhao Manyan used his eyes to share his thoughts with Guan Yu.

Guan Yu replied with a glare, *Fine, let's go all out with them!*

The two were obviously not in sync. They soon received another message from Apas. "Mu Ningxue asks you both to stay still. Don't release your energy."

Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu could hear the talons digging through the ice behind them, yet they were unable to see anything. They kept anticipating the talons would dig through their heads in the next second. However, Mu Ningxue had asked them not to fight back. How were they supposed to stay calm?

The sounds were getting closer. Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu would be soaked in cold sweat by now under normal circumstances. They never thought they would be trembling like some fish in a freezer!

The sound of the eagles' talons digging the ice was getting louder. Zhao Manyan had almost reached his limit.

The talons would soon dig into his head. He had to melt the ice with his Light Element and fight them!

The male eagle suddenly let out an anxious cry. It beat its wings and flew to another block of ice and pecked at it angrily, like it was venting its frustrations. It soon dug out a hole and smashed the Steel Spike Bull inside the ice into pieces!

Zhao Manyan and Guan Yu saw the bird right in front of them. A chill colder than the ice ran down their spines.

It was obvious that the Frosty Ancient Eagles could easily dig through normal ice, but since Mu Ningxue had frozen this ice, it was as sturdy as metal! The Frosty Ancient Eagles had failed to dig through it! They eventually gave up on digging out Guan Yu and Zhao Manyan out and turned to the Steel Spike Bull instead.

Luckily, Mu Ningxue had warned them not to move. If they had melted the ice, they would have been smashed into pieces, just like the Steel Spike Bull!

What a f\*\*king horrible feeling! They swore they would never visit Tianshan Mountain again!

A loud cry suddenly echoed forth. One of Xing Hui's men was chosen to be presented to the noble. He was dug out of the ice by a Frosty Ancient Eagle with a shiny crest.

The man kept screaming as the eagle snipped off his limbs with its beak. The mage from the Mu Clan did not stand a chance, and was quickly dragged outside the cave and taken away to the main nest.

Everyone's eyes widened after witnessing the man's fate. They immediately prayed in their hearts that the eagles were not going to choose them!

Many of them began to regret their actions. They should have let Mu Ningxue freeze them instead!

Guan Yu and Zhao Manyan had only survived because Mu Ningxue's ice was too sturdy for the male eagles to dig through. The eagles thought this 'food' had been frozen for a long time, so they ended up choosing other kills.

The talons of the male eagles were very sharp, and not every Ice Mage's magic could withstand them. Another member of the Mailong Private Military Group was soon dug out by the eagles. He was torn to pieces right before everyone as the male eagles divided him up among themselves!

Chapter 2013: Eagle Nest Kindergarten

Everyone had their eyes open wide. Their hearts froze when they imagined themselves in the same shoes as the men who had fallen victim to the eagles!

Mo Fan looked around and caught a glimpse of a female Frosty Ancient Eagle flapping its wings and hovering in front of a small crack.

It was a tunnel leading down out of sight. The eagle kept crying out softly, like a mother calling her kids in from the balcony now that it was time for dinner.

As he wondered, a small eagle still growing its feathers flew out of the crack. There was some strange fur attached to it. He could not tell which creature it belonged to.

It flew over to the back of the female eagle and sat down there.

The female eagle dug out some frozen meat and flew out of the cave. They were obviously going to enjoy their meal together as a family.

*Why was there a little eagle inside the crack?* Mo Fan was confused.

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The Frosty Ancient Eagles finally left the cave half an hour later, done shopping for dinner.

The Frosty Ancient Eagles enjoyed staying at high altitudes and enjoyed the blue sky too, so the food storage was not guarded at all times. Not many species in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain would dare to steal their food!

"We almost died!"

“I feel sorry for Hayes. They dragged him away like that...”

Many people had already regretted intruding on the sacred mountain, but they had no choice but to keep going now.

“We should be safe for now. We’ll leave when they are asleep,” Yassen said solemnly.

The alliance tried to rest even though they were all on edge. It was not like they could go anywhere.

Mo Fan was very concerned about the tunnel the little eagle came from. He stepped closer to it.

“What’s wrong?” Mu Ningxue asked when she saw Mo Fan acting suspiciously.

“I’m thinking of taking a look down there,” Mo Fan answered.

“It’s so dark. Will it be dangerous?” Mu Ningxue was worried.

“It’s fine. I’m a Shadow Mage. Why would I be afraid of the dark? It’s actually my best camouflage,” Mo Fan reassured her.

“Be careful...” Mu Ningxue said.

The tunnel was narrow and Mu Ningxue could not use Fleeing Shadow. She could not follow Mo Fan down, even if she wanted to.

Unfortunately, there had been some problem when forging the Reefgold Magic Armor. Otherwise, Mu Ningxue would not have worried so much about Mo Fan’s safety.

Mu Ningxue had long wanted to gift Mo Fan some nice magic Armor, but Mo Fan’s cultivation had improved too quickly. Most of his enemies were either Ruler-level creatures or Super Mages now, so ordinary armor was useless for him.

He had been using the Black Snake Armor for a long time. Its defenses and resistances might not be useful for Mo Fan in the fights of his current level, but its other attributes were unmatched, such as its ability to resist all kinds of poison.

“Apas, come with me.”

Mo Fan drew Apas into his Contracted Space without waiting for her consent. He then turned into a black shadow and flowed down the tunnel, which was only big enough to fit an eagle fledgling.

Certain parts of the tunnel were too narrow for an adult. The Frosty Ancient Eagles obviously could not fit in the tunnel, either. It was strange that a tunnel like it existed in the food storage area.

The tunnel was quite long, and it took Mo Fan some time before he reached an opening.

It looked like an ice cellar. A ray of sunlight had been reflected countless times by the ice, serving as the only source of light in the cellar.

The cellar had a high ceiling. Mo Fan could see tiny figures flying around, all of them screeching in joy.

Mo Fan took a closer look and realized they were all fledglings that had yet to grow their feathers. Even though they were flying around, they were staggering like kids that had only learned to walk.

Their size was smaller than the one that had been brought home for a meal. Some were so chubby that they could merely stand on tiptoe despite beating their wings with all their might. It looked somewhat hilarious.

"I think we've found their kindergarten," Mo Fan murmured.

"These naughty and gluttonous younglings must have dug the tunnel," Apas observed.

"Apas, look down there; are those eagle eggs?" Mo Fan looked deeper and saw a thin layer of ice.

"They are!" Apas exclaimed with glittering eyes.

Mo Fan was overjoyed.

Luckily, he had been observant enough to notice the fledgling that had been called out for a meal.

The ceiling of the ice cellar was partially exposed to sunlight. There must be an area that was connected to the Frosty Ancient Eagles' nest. Some powerful male eagles were probably guarding the real entrance. The adult Frosty Ancient Eagles did not expect anyone to break into their kitchen and sneak into the place where they kept their eggs through a tunnel that had been dug out by the kids.

Unlike the hatched fledglings, the rest of the eggs were placed in an orderly manner inside a hole filled with dirty water, then sealed with a thin layer of ice. The eggs were like pebbles at the bottom of a frozen lake.

Nanyu mentioned the place where the eggs of the Frosty Ancient Eagles were stored would be dark and icy. Only the top of the cellar was exposed to sunlight. The pond where the eggs were stored was quite far away from it.

"Strange, there's an unusual presence here," Apas noticed.

"You shouldn't invade their mothers' privacy. We should hurry. Let's see if the thing we are looking for is here. The adult Frosty Ancient Eagles are most likely going to check on their younglings when it's time to vaccinate them or feed them medicine!" Mo Fan was still surprised by his unexpected discovery.

Apas suddenly noticed something as they approached the pond. She blurted out, "Did you see something shiny over there, something like a stone?"

Mo Fan followed the direction Apas was pointing to and saw a stone moving around at a fast pace.

The shiny stone seemed to have noticed Mo Fan and Apas' existence. It suddenly jumped toward them, giving Mo Fan a huge fright.

Mo Fan finally saw what it was when it was they were close enough.

The stone was not moving on its own, a little creature was holding it with its mouth. They could not see it at first due to the lack of light!

Chapter 2014: Little White Tiger

A little creature was playing around with the glowing stone!

Mo Fan would not have been surprised if it was a little eagle. After all, the glowing stone looked quite precious, as if it contained a high amount of energy.

However, the strange thing was, the little creature carrying the Night Amethyst was not an eaglet, but a creature that resembled a tiger!

Its eyes were huge and adorable, like something from a cartoon, glittering in the dim light.

Its snow-white ears were erect with curiosity, and its head was slanted to one side.

Its chubby paws were stepping on the ice. Its short but balanced limbs were like those of an elegant kitten, but the silver whiskers and menacing mouth made it look completely different from a kitten. Its presence was already several times stronger than any cat.

“A tiger cub?!”

It was a tiger! A small white tiger with an elegant and mystical demeanor!

Mo Fan and Apas stared, their eyes wide. They were wondering if they had seen it wrong.

Why was there a white tiger’s cub in the eagle fledglings’ kindergarten? Was the Scar of Tianshan Mountain already free from species discrimination? Were the young of different species taken care of in the same place?

“Ugh... little thing, did you go to the wrong class?” Mo Fan gently asked the little cub, who was unafraid of these strangers.

The little white tiger was intrigued too. It was struggling to understand how such a stick-like creature had appeared out of nowhere. They did not look like eagles at all!

Apas reached her hand out to express goodwill to the cub.

The little cub was still holding the glowing stone, like a little baby clinging onto his pacifier. It sniffed and stuck its nose closer to Apas’ hand.

“Don’t scare it with the foxy scent of yours,” Mo Fan said.

Apas ignored Mo Fan. She waited for the cub to come closer before fondling its ears. She boldly bent the ear back around. The ear looked firm, but it was actually soft and flexible. Mo Fan thought the cub would be mad, yet it suddenly turned into a happy kitten and let Apas play with its ear gently.

“So it’s a perverted cub,” Mo Fan said disdainfully.

“It seems to have entered the eagles’ nest by accident.” Apas was extremely pleased by the little cub. She soon picked it up in her arms.

“Aren’t the demon tigers and the ancient eagles enemies? What a bold little cub she is to sneak into their enemy’s nest. Most importantly, the eagles are clueless about her existence!” Mo Fan said.

“The eaglets know. They were playing with her just now,” Apas replied.

The eaglets were not aggressive. They even behaved normally when they saw Mo Fan and Apas were there. Some of the bolder chubby ones even circled Apas and Mo Fan.

Loud cries suddenly came from above. They obviously belonged to male eagles.

“We should leave,” Apas said.

“We haven’t found any Night Amethyst,” Mo Fan complained.

“We won’t be able to leave if they see us. I’ve already checked the area. The Night Amethyst isn’t here,” Apas said.

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“Are you sure?”

“Yes!”

“What about this little thing?” Mo Fan asked.

“Of course we are bringing her with us. The male eagles will tear her into pieces if they see her... oh, I just realized why that Skyridge White Tiger was provoking the Frosty Ancient Eagles!” Apas blurted out.

“Why?” Mo Fan was puzzled.

“It’s because of the cub. The Skyridge White Tiger knows its cub entered the nest by accident. It was trying to distract the eagles so the cub would have a chance to escape... which is our chance to escape too! The Skyridge White Tiger will be back!” Apas said.

Mo Fan finally understood the situation.

“Little thing, you must have worried the hell out of your parents!”

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Apas kept holding the little cub after they returned to the cave. The other Mages thought it was her pet cat, so they did not treat it seriously. However, the observant Night Rakshasa immediately noticed its unusualness. She stared at the cub vigilantly.

The cub had an innocent and harmless expression. She tilted her head and looked back at the Night Rakshasa curiously.

The Night Rakshasa lowered her guard when she realized the creature was just a child. To her surprise, the cub jumped down and started playing with her tail as soon as she turned around.

The Night Rakshasa was most likely an unapproachable empress in the world of cats. She immediately lost her temper when the cub grabbed her tail.

The cub was overjoyed after provoking the Night Rakshasa. She quickly ran over to Mu Ningxue.

The cub jumped into Mu Ningxue's arms as if she had sensed the pleasing icy Aura coming from her. Mu Ningxue was suddenly at a complete loss.

"Xuexue, it seems like she is fond of you more, unlike some demon snake that keeps enchanting her," Mo Fan smiled.

Mu Ningxue was not fond of little creatures. She tried to put the cub down, but the cub was already asleep in her arms. She was already snoring, speaking of falling asleep within a second!

Mo Fan admired the little cub's boldness when he saw how attached she had become to Mu Ningxue. The little tigress had no clue how evil the world was.

"Xuexue, you should just keep her. Fate has brought her to you," Mo Fan smiled.

The little cub was currently at the age that was the easiest to trick since she was curious about everything around her and had no suspicion of the world. A Summoner had a high chance of establishing a Contract with it successfully. It was also the reason why younglings of demon creatures were sold at a high price on the market.

Unfortunately, Mo Fan had run out of Contract slots. In terms of usefulness, Apas was a far better option than the little cub, except for her lack of obedience.

"I..." Mu Ningxue was baffled too. Why was the creature so attached to her? "I...I don't think I can take good care of her," Mu Ningxue quickly gave the cub back to Apas.

The cub obviously liked Mu Ningxue's presence more. She twisted around in Apas' arms a bit before going back to sleep.

Mo Fan looked at Mu Ningxue. He noticed she was behaving strangely.

Chapter 2015: Splitting Up

"We can't just keep waiting here, right?" Zhao Manyan spoke up.

"Don't worry, the Skyridge White Tiger will be back," Mo Fan said.

"Why are you so sure? It's not your pet!" Guan Yu pointed out.

"Well, it's not like we have any other choice."

Mo Fan was placing his hopes on the Skyridge White Tiger that was worried about its reckless child. In order to save its child, it would definitely invade the dragon's den that was the eagles' nest!

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Time gradually passed. Frostbite was already happening. Everyone had gathered in a circle. The more they trembled, the more heat they generated, since even the slightest fire would attract the Frosty Ancient Eagles.

Finally, the growl of a tiger, like a gospel from the Heavens, echoed in the mountains. It immediately stirred the dizzy Mages and brought a glimpse of hope into their eyes.

The little cub that was having a pleasant nap in Apas' arms immediately straightened its ears. It was awake at last.

It stretched its limbs and lifted its head, like it was looking for its parents. However, judging from its indifferent attitude, it was not in a rush. It was planning to play in the eagles' nest for a while longer.

"Your mother is telling you that dinner is ready," Mo Fan said.

The white cub purred, sounding almost the same as the eaglets. It explained why the eagles did not notice its existence.

"Our chance is here. The Skyridge White Tiger might end up fighting the Frosty Ancient Eagles. We should take hold of the opportunity to leave this place!" Zhao Kang exclaimed.

"The white tigers are truly the sacred spirits of Tianshan Mountain," Lu Xiu agreed.

"You seem to have forgotten how we lost three members every night to the demon tiger," Mo Fan reminded him.

Lu Xiu harrumphed and shut up.

"Everyone, prepare to move. If we don't get out of here, we'll be stuck here forever."

Yassen and the others first went outside to observe the situation, doing a careful job concealing their existence. The Frosty Ancient Eagles did not notice them.

Some time later, Yassen told everyone to leave the cave. The Skyridge White Tiger had indeed lured a lot more Frosty Ancient Eagles away.

The Skyridge White Tiger had obviously gotten on the Frosty Ancient Eagles' nerves. Was it treating their nest like a karaoke place? It would come and growl at times. They had to take care of the Skyridge White Tiger today!

The eagle nest felt a lot emptier. The Skyridge White Tiger had to be very strong, as the Frosty Ancient Eagles had sent out most of their members to deal with it. The tiny blue dots in the distant sky were the Frosty Ancient Eagles.

The Frosty Ancient Eagles were in charge of the sky of Tianshan Mountain, but the mountains themselves were ruled by the Tianshan Demon Tigers. The Skyridge White Tiger had tried very hard to lure the Frosty Ancient Eagles out of their nest. It had taken the risk of being surrounded by the eagles a few times until it finally broke free of their encirclement.

The Skyridge White Tiger was working so hard, yet its little cub was still so unconcerned. She totally looked like she was still going to play with the eaglets that she had just befriended. Luckily, Mo Fan stopped her.

“Will you only be satisfied when your parents are killed? Come with us now!” Mo Fan dragged the little cub away.

The little cub left with Mo Fan and the others unwillingly. The nest was rather empty after they left the cave, and the remaining male eagles that stayed were not high-level too. The group was able to leave safely with Yassen’s guidance.

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“Phew, we are alive!”

“Fresh air!”

Everyone was relieved the moment they left the eagles’ nest. They recalled their comrades who were taken away as fresh meals and shivered in fear.

Was strength or luck the most important factor in conquering Tianshan Mountain? No one knew the answer. Many experts had died along the way!

“Mo Fan, if you found their eggs, why didn’t you steal some of them? The Frosty Ancient Eagles’ eggs are very valuable. If you had taken them all, we could just turn back and live luxuriously for the rest of our lives,” Jiang Yu said.

“You think I didn’t want that? First of all, the layer of ice protecting the eggs was special. It was nearly unbreakable. Second, we didn’t really have time for that. The eagles were checking on the fledgling too,” Mo Fan answered huffily.

“What about the Night Amethyst?” Zhao Manyan asked.

“We looked around quickly, but we didn’t find anything,” Mo Fan said helplessly.

“If so, we’ll have to go deeper. Let’s hope it’s not dangerous,” Nanyu said.

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The group did not dare to use any spells to boost their speed that were too obvious. After the countless dangerous situations they had been through along the way, they realized the demon creatures of Tianshan Mountain were very sensitive to the presence of magic. They could pin down a target whenever a Star Pattern or Star Constellation was constructed within a few kilometers of them.

However, the presence of Basic Spells was much weaker.

Mo Fan had the Shadow Element and Earth Element. The Basic Spells of both these Elements were useful for moving around. The other mages were not so lucky. If they had the option to change their Elements, they would have chosen the Wind Element, Earth Element, and Shadow Elements so they could leave this place as quickly as possible!

The group crossed the nest made up of hanging ice. They thought the eagles would only show up in the area where the glaciers were hanging in frozen curtains from above, but to their surprise, the glaciers were everywhere in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain. Some of them were even like upside-down mountains. They were suffocatingly spectacular.

The cries of male eagles suddenly came from behind them.

“They found us!”

“Use higher-level spells!”

“We should split up, don’t let them surround us!” Yassen blurted out.

Quite a number of Frosty Ancient Eagles were guarding the nest. They felt humiliated when they noticed the humans that had gotten past their nest. They immediately chased after the intruders relentlessly.

“This way!” Zhao Kang led his men down a slope.

“Over here!” Bertan used a Wind Spell and disappeared with his men.

“Let’s head up,” Ai Jiangtu pointed.

The alliance quickly parted ways. If they did not run their separate ways, the Frosty Ancient Eagles could easily block their path. If they split up, they might still be able to fight the Frosty Ancient Eagles if they were caught.

However, Mo Fan and his crew were not so lucky. The alliance split into many teams, but a large number of Frosty Ancient Eagles kept following them. His group was struggling to shake the Frosty Ancient Eagles off!

Chapter 2016: Tianshan Scar White Tiger

Luckily, there were two Space Mages on the team. Whenever Ai Jiangtu cast Blink, Mo Fan would follow up and they would quickly increase the distance between them and the aggressive Frosty Ancient Eagles.

The benefit of using Blink was being able to move to a spot where their enemies could not see them in the complicated terrain. The Frosty Ancient Eagles had to rely on their altitude and sharp eyes to search for the band. They had difficulty finding the team after Mo Fan relocated everyone below a hanging glacier with Blink.

“There’s a long icy canyon here. We should be safe,” Guan Yu called back while leading the way.

“The demon creatures in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain are so strong. Are we going to die now that we have split up with the rest of the group?” Zhao Manyan was feeling uneasy.

He believed the team had only stayed safe because other Mages had sacrificed their lives. Otherwise, they would have had no chance of crossing the lake!

“Let’s be more careful. It should be safer in a smaller group,” Nanyu answered.

“We will be fine as long as Nanyu is with us,” Jiang Shaoxu said.

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The Frosty Ancient Eagles did indeed lose them after they entered the icy canyon. The eagles kept circling about in the sky, trying to find Mo Fan and his team, but the area was extremely broken-up, with lots of passages, caves, gorges, and mountains.

“They seem to have given up.” Nanyu was listening to the movement of the eagles. She noticed the Frosty Ancient Eagles were drawing away from them.

“Finally! Damn it, this Tianshan Mountain is as terrifying as the Pyramids!” Zhao Manyan sighed.

“Seriously, let’s not choose the Hell difficulty if we are finding somewhere to train ourselves. It took us so much effort to achieve our current level, but it feels like we are back yo being Basic or Intermediate Mages, when we were being chased around by demon creatures!” Guan Yu grumbled.

“Why didn’t I hear you complain when the Night Rakshasa was digging out their valuables?” Jiang Shaoxu said.

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“Nanyu, are you sure they have left?” Mo Fan asked.

“Yes, but something is strange,” Nanyu answered.

“Is there any chance their nest is under attack, so they have to turn back to defend it?” Zhao Manyan asked quickly.

“No, it feels more like they did not dare to cross the canyon. I noticed them circling around instead of coming after us. If they kept circling in the sky, they would eventually find us unless we remained hidden somewhere,” Nanyu explained.

“Does that mean we’ve accidentally entered a stronger species’ territory?”

“Even the Frosty Ancient Eagles are too scared to come here, I think we should...”

“Shh!” Nanyu suddenly signaled them to keep their voice down with a hand gesture. She whispered, “Something is coming!”

Something was coming!

Something dangerous enough in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain that even the Frosty Ancient Eagles did not dare to approach its territory!

“It’s very close to us!” Nanyu’s expression shifted as she prepared for battle.

The others also realized some powerful demon creature was aware of their existence. They focused and began to utter the chants of their strongest spells silently, making sure they could cast their spells smoothly.

The little cub had no idea how nervous Mo Fan and his team were, and let out a happy cry.

Everyone's heart skipped a beat when they heard the cry. Crap, the creatures must have known they were hiding here!

As they thought, Mo Fan's Dark Vein soon flowed on its own, sending chills down Mo Fan's spine. He slowly looked up and saw a menacing white head with stripes on it!

"A...a white tiger!" Jiang Yu blurted out.

Even the Night Rakshasa's hair stood on its end when she faced a ruler of Tianshan Mountain, a white tiger!

"Is it a Skyridge White Tiger?"

"No, it's a Tianshan Scar White Tiger, with an even purer lineage!" Apas fixed her eyes on the powerful creature.

This Tianshan Scar White Tiger was amber white. It looked pure and slightly glassy, but it was not crystalline. It was covered in thick fur from its neck to its tail. Its ears were pointy, like the tips of triangular leaves. The imperious stripes on its forehead resembled two crescents.

The most unusual part about the Tianshan White Tiger was its eyebrows.

Its brows were icy white and as thick as a beard. They went down the tiger's cheeks, giving it the demeanor of a king!

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger climbed down the cliff. It moved down the perfectly straight wall of ice like it was walking nimbly on a normal field.

Its limbs were strong and brimming with power, yet it was completely silent when moving around. This was unlike other Ruler-level creatures, who would shake the ground with every step. However, this made Mo Fan and the team feel even uneasier when facing it.

Even a powerful Sound Mage like Nanyu had not detected its presence. It was too late to figure out a plan now!

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger's tremendous aura froze everyone in place as it approached Mo Fan. It was staring at Mo Fan and the little cub in his arms.

The little cub was very excited. It kept waving its paws around.

"Little thing, don't tell me he's your father..." Mo Fan said with a stiff face.

"Mo Fan, hurry up and give its child back!" Zhao Manyan said without moving his lips.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger did not attack right away. As a matter of fact, the team might not have been able to react in time if the creature had ambushed them, seeing how it managed to get so close to the team silently.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger was obviously after the little cub. The fearless cub did not reunite with her father, as if she still wanted to play.

“Kid, hurry up and go back to your mother. You’re lucky that you’ve stumbled into us, as we didn’t mind rescuing you from the eagles’ nest. You’re safe now,” Mo Fan told the little cub.

The truth was, Mo Fan was actually telling that to the Tianshan Scar White Tiger. He was hoping that the creature could understand him.

The cub finally jumped down from Mo Fan’s arms. It landed nimbly on the ground and slowly walked toward the Tianshan Scar White Tiger.

“Don’t bother waving us goodbye. Little kid, hurry up and reunite with your parents. We are struggling to stand properly on our trembling legs,” Zhao Manyan muttered, his face twisted.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger was indeed the Totem Beast’s descendant. It did not trouble Mo Fan and his team further, and waited patiently for the little cub to reach it.

“Mo Fan, what is she holding in her mouth?” Lingling asked.

“I don’t know. It’s a stone with a dark glow to it. She keeps holding it like a pacifier,” Mo Fan answered.

The little cub was holding the stone with her mouth at the beginning. However, she kept it inside her mouth after they left the kindergarten, even when she was taking a nap.

“What’s wrong?” Mo Fan was puzzled. Lingling looked a little nervous.

“The thing she’s holding... I believe it’s a Night Amethyst,” Lingling said softly.

Chapter 2017: Kidnapping the Little Cub

Mo Fan looked at Lingling. His whole face was saying, “What the actual f\*\*k!?”

Why couldn’t she say that earlier? Even thirty seconds earlier was good enough, as Mo Fan could easily have taken the stone from the little cub. The little creature had almost reached the Tianshan Scar White Tiger now.

Mo Fan’s face twisted. He turned around and signaled the others with his lips, “Run!”

“Mo Fan...”

“Mo Fan, please calm down, that’s a f\*\*king Tianshan Scar White Tiger!”

Zhao Manyan and Jiang Yu tried to advise against Mo Fan’s decision, but he already moved to the staggering little cub’s side in an instant.

Mo Fan suddenly grabbed the little cub when she was almost back in her mother’s embrace.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger reacted very quickly. It raised its claws as soon as it realized Mo Fan was up to something. The claws emitted a white light which turned into a claw-shaped glacier falling down at Mo Fan, leaving him with no chance to escape.

Mo Fan hugged the little cub tightly and was going to run away before the Tianshan Scar White Tiger could react. To his surprise, the terrifying claw falling on him had sealed off his escape. He was going to endure the wrath of the furious claw falling at him no matter how quick he was.

With a huge blast, the Tianshan Scar White Tiger's claw destroyed the canyon. The walls for over three kilometers on both sides collapsed like a great disaster.

Ai Jiangtu, Jiang Yu, Nanyu, and the rest were indeed Mo Fan's old teammates. They were ready for the unexpected turn of events as soon as Mo Fan told them to run. Ai Jiangtu cast Blink and teleported everyone out of the Tianshan Scar White Tiger's line of sight over three hundred meters away. However, they did not expect its claw to possess such a remarkable strength. They quickly used their spells to run away from the canyon as the walls collapsed.

"Holy crap, we just escaped from the eagles' nest, but we walked straight into a tiger's mouth!" Zhao Manyan screamed.

Couldn't they just enjoy a moment of peace!?

"Mo Fan's guts are really..." Guan Yu shook his head.

"Enough talking, let's run!"

"What about Mo Fan? I think he's been trapped by the Tianshan Scar White Tiger."

"He should be able to escape, right?" Jiang Yu shot back. Nobody slowed down.

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The sky and the ground were tumbling!

It was Mo Fan's first time experiencing anything like it. The glaciers hanging above him were falling even as the ground was sinking. He would have been shredded by the Tianshan Scar White Tiger's claw if it weren't for the Dark Vein's powerful ability to completely blend into the darkness.

What Mo Fan did not know was that the Tianshan Scar White Tiger had actually gone easy on him, as it was afraid of hurting the little cub!

"That thing must be very close to the species of the Tianshan Scar Sacred Tigers! How insane is that strength!" Mo Fan barely escaped with the Fleeing Shadow. He immediately used Earth Magic to move quickly along the wall.

Mo Fan's little tricks did not deceive the Tianshan Scar White Tiger. It was trailing a mystical white glow like an illusion, leaving a dazzling trail behind as it sprinted across the collapsing canyon.

The little cub in Mo Fan's arms seemed very excited. She thought they were playing hide-and-seek. She was riding someone while her mother was chasing behind them.

"Give me the pacifier," Mo Fan was running out of patience. He tried to take the Night Amethyst out of the little cub's mouth.

The little cub was reckless indeed, playing with something so valuable!

The little creature was very cunning. She quickly put the Night Amethyst deeper inside her mouth when Mo Fan tried to take it. She was reluctant to open her mouth, regardless of what Mo Fan did.

“My little ancestor, hurry up and give it to me considering that I rescued you from the eagles’ nest. I’m dead once your mother catches up to me!” Mo Fan almost burst out crying.

The little cub cried out happily. She would occasionally wave at the Tianshan Scar White Tiger behind them like she was saying, “Come and catch me, quick...”

“She seems to be playing. You can play along, she might give it to you later... I’ve placed the Tianshan Scar White Tiger in an illusion to buy us sometime, but it won’t take too long to break it,” Apas said.

“You’re asking me to play with her when I’m about to die? Apas, stop preserving your strength. Help me figure out a way to shake off the Tianshan Scar White Tiger,” Mo Fan cried out.

“If I was preserving my strength, you would be a dead body by now!” Apas was quite displeased by Mo Fan’s lack of trust in her.

The little cub kept crying out, as if she was talking to Mo Fan.

“What is she saying?” Mo Fan asked.

“Kids don’t know how to talk properly. How would I know what she’s saying!?” Apas replied.

Mo Fan’s head hurt. If the little cub was unwilling to compromise, he would not be able to give her back to the Tianshan Scar White Tiger. He wondered if the Tianshan Scar White Tiger was going to chase him until the end of the world if he kidnapped her.

“Little girl, how about this. I win if your mother doesn’t catch me before I leave the canyon. You will give me the stone, and I will hand you back to your mother. You will ask your mother to stop chasing us too!” Mo Fan negotiated with the little cub.

The little cub actually understood Mo Fan. She shook her head, indicating that she disagreed with the rules.

“Alright, before I leave the mountain, that’s my limit. Your mother is too fierce. It’s already a miracle that I’m still alive now!” Mo Fan said.

The little cub cried and waved her hands around. He had no idea what she was saying.

Mo Fan was purely interpreting the little cub’s language with his imagination. He was starting to miss Little Flame Belle. She was the best at sign language, regardless of age and species.

“Are you asking me to bring you out of this place, and in return, you’ll give me the Night Amethyst?” Mo Fan asked her.

The little cub nodded. Her face was brimming with excitement at the thought of leaving home.

Mo Fan’s face twitched. *Why the Hell are you so excited for? If you want to leave home, just ask your mother to stop chasing us. My legs are going to break!*

Chapter 2018: Apas vs the Tianshan Scar White Tiger

“Apas, you stay here and play with the Tianshan Scar White Tiger. I’ll be going first.” Mo Fan had decided to use Apas.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger was far too strong for him to handle. Apas had improved her strength in secret recently. She was obviously lying to him when she said she was not holding back!

Apas watched Mo Fan leave with great resentment.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger broke through the illusion and dove down with the falling glaciers. It glared at Apas murderously.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger had found the culprit that had placed it under an illusion. It realized that if it did not take her out, it would be hindered by more illusions along the way, and would never catch up to Mo Fan!

“Damn it!” Apas swore, cursing after Mo Fan.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger was too powerful. Apas had already set up a double-layered illusion. Ordinary Ruler-level creatures might be able to destroy the first layer, but they would be stuck in the second layer for a long time. However, the Tianshan Scar White Tiger was different. It simply tore through the illusions with its overwhelming strength, regardless of the number of layers. Apas felt like her Psychic Magic was ineffective against the creature.

***(ROAR)!***

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger moved swiftly. It was at least five hundred meters away from Apas, but it suddenly showed up in front of her after a flash of motion. Its upper body rose into the air as it spread its claws while pouncing at her.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger was not that big, yet whenever it attacked with its claws, they would seem to be as huge as mountains. Apas was stuck in the middle between two colliding hills. Her petite figure was minuscule, like a dust particle before falling boulders.

Apas’ eyes shifted. They went from being a pair of attractive human eyes to the sparkling golden eyes of the Medusae!

A bright mist circled her as she lifted her chin while placing her legs together and standing on her toes. The curves under her slim waist made her look like an alluring snake.

Apas bent slightly as a sheet of rose-golden snake scales appeared from the mist and draped over her hair, neck, bust, waist, abdomen, and legs like a perfect outfit.

The scales attached to her body perfectly. They looked like a snake wrapping around a teenage girl, yet her body and the snake were merging into one, like a mantle that was connected to her soul!

“We aren’t going to hurt her, stop forcing us!” The Tianshan Scar White Tiger had seriously enraged Apas. Her sparkling golden eyes were now displaying the authority of the Medusa Queens!

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger was obviously aware of Apas’ strength, hence why it did not put much attention on Mo Fan, who was not much of a threat in its eyes.

This time, the Tianshan Scar White Tiger had used all its strength. Its claws possessed the power to destroy anything. The icy clouds floating in the air and the glaciers turned into white bubbles that were drifting around its claws.

Apas vanished into thin air, leaving only the rose-golden snake mantle behind. It wove through the destructive attack like a piece of silk, dodging the deadly force nimbly.

Apas dove rapidly after rising into the air. She was not too fond of the glaciers, but she could also move nimbly in complicated terrain.

Her actual body would be visible at times, but her snake form kept weaving through the gaps, cracks, and caves. The Tianshan Scar White Tiger might be quick and powerful, but Apas always managed to slip away. She was impossible to catch.

Apas slithered up a tall hill. A rose-golden light quickly coiled around the mountain and reached its peak in the blink of an eye.

The glaciers shattered as the area for over a kilometer nearby sank. The Tianshan Scar White Tiger’s trampling had turned the bottom of the mountain into a terrifying ice cellar. Apas had dodged the Tianshan Scar White Tiger’s furious attack by moving to the top of the hill.

“Petrify!”

Apas was angry too. She glared down from the peak.

The blue sky was above her. The Tianshan Scar White Tiger had shattered most of the icy clouds floating in the sky. Following her cry, a set of domineering snake’s eyes appeared in the sky.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger looked up. It was about to howl at Apas and fire whole walls of ice at her when the eyes the size of moons in the day froze it in place.

The ground that was cracking apart suddenly stopped under the effects of Petrify!

The Commander-level eagles that had been startled by the Tianshan Scar White Tiger were fleeing for their lives. However, they turned into hard rocks and fell from the sky after the Medusa’s Eyes appeared.

Yassen and his men were resting five kilometers away when they suddenly noticed the gray curtain spreading in the sky and looming over the mountain in the distance. Every creature within it was turned into rocks. Even the thick ice was painted gray.

Yassen took a deep breath. “Petrifying Skygaze!”

He recalled encountering the same disastrous magic when his Hunter Group was in Africa. A furious descendant of the Medusa Queen had cast it. Back then, he was only a rookie in the group. There were a lot of casualties!

“Why would the power of the Medusa Queens show up here?” Yassen was astounded.

Only four creatures in this world had a power like that. They were some of the strongest creatures in Africa: the Queen of Medusa, and the three daughters that would soon inherit her throne. Yassen was with a bunch of strong Mages when they encountered the second daughter of the Medusa Queen. He clearly remembered his fear back then. He still could not shake it off, even after he became a Super Mage.

“Aren’t powerful demon creatures common in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain?” another Senior Hunter asked.

“Impossible, that’s impossible, I’m pretty sure a magic like that... What the Hell is going on here!?” Yassen was struggling to believe this was happening.

Did that mean a descendant of the Medusa Queen was staying in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain?!

Chapter 2019: The Order from the Scar

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger was leaping into the air when the area was Petrified by the Medusa’s Gaze. Its amber white hair was instantly covered in a thick layer of mud. The mud flowed over the Tianshan Scar White Tiger and gradually hardened.

As a result of their encounter with the Mud Morphing Monsters, harvesting the special crystals they possessed had strengthened Apas’ Petrify. She was not able to use the Petrifying Skygaze when Mo Fan kidnapped her. It was one of the reasons why she did not stand a chance against her sisters.

The Petrifying Curse of the Medusae was one of the strongest magicks in the world. The Tianshan Scar White Tiger’s strength was several levels higher than Apas, so it was the only power she could use against it.

Apas came down from the peak when she saw the Tianshan Scar White Tiger turning into a rock.

She grinned and naughtily knocked the Tianshan Scar White Tiger on the head.

“I told you, if we wanted to hurt your little cub, you wouldn’t have had a chance to see her. Why must you attack us so recklessly? We aren’t some brainless creatures,” Apas told the petrified Tianshan Scar White Tiger.

Even though that assh\*\*\* Mo Fan had forced her to use her full strength, she was satisfied with the outcome. It meant she was able to defend herself if she had to face her sisters in the future. The

Petrifying Skygaze was the symbolic ability of those with the purest lineage, and a sign that she had matured!

Cracks surfaced on the Tianshan Scar White Tiger while Apas was enjoying the pleasure of using the power for the first time. The cracks were thin as hairs at first, but they soon grew wider. The satisfied grin on Apas' face froze.

"How are you breaking it so quickly..." Apas did not expect her magic to reach its limit so soon!

Normally the Petrifying Skygaze would turn a Ruler-level creature's organs and blood into rocks too. Even if the spell was lifted, the creature would be as good as dead. As for creatures like the Tianshan Scar White Tiger, the Petrifying Gaze would temporarily seal them in stone and stop them from moving while inflicting serious damage on their skin, hair, and shell. However, the duration was shorter than Apas had imagined!

"It's because of the limits of the Contract again!" Apas soon realized she was still unable to use her full strength.

Mo Fan might have reached the Super Level, but he was still a long way from matching Apas' natural strength. Differences at the Ruler level were huge, and were clearly reflected here in Tianshan Mountain. The Valley of Glaciers was just one boundary; there were mountains and peaks of different altitudes. Some of the peaks were several thousand meters taller than the shorter peaks.

Mo Fan had only reached the Super Level, so their Contract was still limiting Apas' power.

It also showed how strong the Tianshan Scar White Tiger was. Even Apas' Petrify could not buy her much time.

Apas knew there was no need to have a showdown with the Tianshan Scar White Tiger now. She quickly turned into a mist and left the area by flitting along the ice when she noticed the situation was not in her favor.

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The Tianshan Scar White Tiger broke through the hardened mud on its body. They were closely attached to its skin and hair, meaning that it had to shed its fur too!

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger was soon covered in blood. When its blood fell onto the ice, it produced white steam as the ice melted rapidly.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger let out a roar. The glaciers nearby shook, and some even shattered and collapsed.

The huge pieces of ice floated in the air and shattered into smaller pieces after a second roar from the Tianshan Scar White Tiger.

The pieces of ice circled the Tianshan Scar White Tiger like a tornado under its control.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger gradually absorbed the pieces to regenerate its damaged skin and hair at a visible rate.

As the pieces completely melted inside its powerful aura, the Tianshan Scar White Tiger reclaimed its previous magnificent appearance and its crystalline white hair!

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger began searching around, trying to track down Apas.

The truth was, it was difficult for humans to escape the Tianshan Scar White Tigers when they were hunting. The Tianshan Demon Tigers had an outstanding ability to track. It was their innate ability, and the Tianshan Scar White Tiger had the purest lineage among them. How could the humans possibly run away from it?

The Mailong Private Military Group had experienced the ability first hand. No matter how far they went, the demon tiger could still track them down.

A strange sound came from deep within the Scar of Tianshan Mountain as the Tianshan Scar White Tiger was about to pursue the reckless humans. It was like a howling breeze over a creek, but it also sounded like the cry of a living creature if one was listening carefully.

The Tianshan Scar White Tiger lifted its head and stared deeper into the Scar of Tianshan Mountain.

Its rage-filled eyes immediately calmed down, as if it had just received an order. It glanced in the direction the humans had escaped to, yet it did not chase after them. It turned around and climbed back to the higher altitudes instead.

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Apas kept setting down illusions along the way. The Tianshan Scar White Tiger had an outstanding tracking ability, just like how the Medusae were able to locate their enemies by tracking their scent. Apas was hoping that Mo Fan would quickly trick the little cub into giving him the Night Amethyst and let the little creature go, just so the Tianshan Scar White Tiger would give up on the chase.

Apas knew she would struggle to defeat the Tianshan Scar White Tiger with her current strength.

“It stopped chasing?” Apas suddenly turned around and looked in the direction she had come from.

Apas was capable of sensing danger. She could tell if the Tianshan Scar White Tiger was still chasing her.

The sense of danger had just disappeared! Did the creature let them go, just like that?

But its little cub was still in Mo Fan’s hands!

It was unbelievable. There was no way the Tianshan Scar White Tiger would believe they were not going to harm the little cub at all...

Chapter 2020: Mu Ningxue’s Third Element

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It was difficult to trick the kids nowadays. Mo Fan had realized it from interacting with the little cub.

Wasn't it just a shitty rock? It didn't have any scent, and she might break her teeth biting it. Why did she keep holding it in her mouth?

"Believe me, I seriously need it to save lives. We humans treat the people around us precious. I'm sure the white tigers are the same, too. I've rescued you from the Frosty Ancient Eagles' nest, so in return, you should give me your pacifier," Mo Fan said.

The little cub grinned and completely ignored Mo Fan. She was acting like 'if you try to force me to give it up, I'll just swallow it instead'.

Mo Fan scratched the back of his ear. He seriously missed Little Flame Belle. If Little Flame Belle was around, she would be able to befriend the little cub and convince her to give up the thing inside her mouth. After all, wasn't she just a little baby?

The little cub did not compromise. She had been having fun in the Frosty Ancient Eagles' nest. Now that Mo Fan had brought her out, he had to show her something more interesting, or he would have to bring her back to the kindergarten!

"You little sh\*\*, why didn't you keep your promise? You told us you would give it to us after we've shaken off your mother. We risked our lives to fight the Tianshan Scar White Tiger, yet you didn't keep your promise. Are the tigers so dishonest? Won't Tianshan Mountain be ashamed of you?" Mo Fan went on.

The little cub raised her head proudly, like she was saying, "I'm just a kid, I will be forgiven for anything!"

Forcing the little cub to give up? The truth was, she was not as delicate as she seemed. It would be a little tricky to take the Night Amethyst by force!

Mo Fan did not dare to be too harsh on her. He had already met the Tianshan Scar White Tiger. If any harm befell the little cub, he would have no chance of leaving Tianshan Mountain!

"What exactly do you want?" Mo Fan asked helplessly.

The little cub growled to express her intention.

"She's basically saying if you play with her, she will give it to you." Jiang Shaoxu had come over, and used the Psychic Element to interpret the little cub's thoughts.

Jiang Shaoxu seemed to be on point. The little cub kept nodding. Her round head was like a chubby panda's instead of a tiger.

"Why must I stumble into such a little ancestor that isn't afraid of being kidnapped? Screw it, the Night Amethyst is in her hands... her mouth anyway. It means we have secured a Night Amethyst," Mo Fan said.

Mo Fan placed the little cub down so she could play with the Night Rakshasa.

They were both from the cat family, but the Night Rakshasa was unapproachable compared to the little cub. She completely ignored the naughty kid, yet the cub treated no one as a stranger. She kept playing with the Night Rakshasa's tail.

The Night Rakshasa was enraged. She turned into a black ray and flew to the ice clouds above the group like she was off to patrol the area. She was just trying to shake the annoying little cub off.

A white figure swiftly sprang onto the ice clouds after her. The little cub was behind the Night Rakshasa in less than a second. She reached her chubby paw toward the Night Rakshasa's tail again.

The Night Rakshasa hated being touched on the tail. Her hair stood on its end when the little cub touched her there. She subconsciously raised her claw and turned her head to glare at the little cub.

The little cub immediately looked up. She stared at the Night Rakshasa with wide glittering eyes.

The Night Rakshasa had no choice but to withdraw her claws.

She did not feel like hitting or scolding the little cub. She ran away as quickly as she could from the troublesome kid. To everyone's surprise, the little cub was extremely quick too! She was able to catch up to the Night Rakshasa no matter where she ran to.

"The little cub is pretty strong!" Mo Fan blurted out in surprise.

No wonder the little cub was perfectly safe in the eagles' nest. She was just as fast as the Night Rakshasa!

The little cub enjoyed playing with the Night Rakshasa, which almost drove the Night Rakshasa mad. Why did they bring along such an annoying little creature? She was struggling to shake the cub off, who was chasing her like a second tail.

Luckily, the little cub was just a kid. She soon fell asleep after she was done having fun. The little cub wanted to sleep in Mu Ningxue's arms, but Mo Fan disagreed with it.

"That's my place. Off you go," Mo Fan angrily shoved the little cub into Jiang Shaoxu's arms.

Mu Ningxue rolled her eyes at Mo Fan. Must he really say that out loud?

"Xuexue, her attributes fit nicely with yours, and she's particularly fond of you too. I'm pretty sure she is willing to go with you," Mo Fan said.

Mo Fan believed things would be a lot simpler once Mu Ningxue adopted the little cub. It would only be a matter of time until they secured the Night Amethyst.

Mu Ningxue shook her head, like something was bothering her.

"I can tell you are troubled. Tell me about it," Mo Fan said.

Mu Ningxue stared at the campfire. She was lost in her thoughts while her eyes were fixed on the flickering flames, but eventually realized Mo Fan was still looking at her. She replied after a slight hesitation, "My Contract is a Death Contract."

"Death Contract?" Mo Fan had never heard of the term before.

“As the Ice Crystal Bow is being repaired, it will obtain its own soul. I’ve bound my Contract to it just so I can control it better, so my Third Element is basically non-existent,” Mu Ningxue explained.

Mu Ningxue rarely mentioned her Third Element to anyone, but the little cub had reminded her of what happened on Tianshan Mountain when she first came here.

“What’s your Third Element?” Mo Fan asked.

“Summoning Element,” Mu Ningxue replied.

“Huh? I’ve never seen your Summoned Beast,” Mo Fan exclaimed.

“It’s my fault that it has become a Death Contract...” Mu Ningxue sighed.

“What do you mean by a Death Contract?”

“My soul is bound with the Ice Crystal Bow. You do know how challenging and torturous it is for me to control the Ice Crystal Bow. If I sign a Contract with other creatures, they would have to go through the same challenges and pain...” Mu Ningxue’s voice softened. She was obviously recalling something painful, “Do you remember Qin Yu’er? The woman who was frozen in the Scar of Tianshan Mountain?”