

Versatile 2911

Chapter 2911: Beast Blood

“Hurry up! We have to leave this haunted place!”

The team abandoned the Ice Wheel Flying Boat and rushed out of the massive ice graves without caring much about others.

The graves expanded. The ice surrounded them like a mountain range. Even the sky above them was covered by ice.

The only way to escape was to keep running and breaking the newly condensed ice crystals. If they were any slower, they would be trapped inside the thick ice. The ice would freeze their blood and stiffen their bodies. They would end up becoming a living ice specimen, engraved on the ice rocks.

Even though Wang Shuo had been to the Extreme South Land, he had never encountered such a terrifying disaster. All they had in their minds was to rush out and break the ice!

They grew weary under the icy cold weather. It was hard to imagine how far the ice field thunderstorm would cover. They also wondered how far the extreme south graves could expand.

They felt the sunlight was getting further from them. The cold invaded their bodies. They felt exhausted. They began thinking whether it was such a bad idea to give up and let the ice engulf them. Perhaps it was not a bad idea to get trapped inside the ice crystals. At the very least, they did not have to suffer so much pain.

They felt tired. The light was far from them. They moved forward at full speed, only to come to a bottomless ice cave and fall deeper into it. They were further away from the exit!

“Are we going to die here?”

Some of them were so tired that they could not move any longer.

Swish!

A purple holy flame that resembled a flaming holy beast lit up. It spread toward the ice rock before them.

The thick ice melted, and they felt warm. Wei Guang stepped on a wave of flames and flew ahead of the group. He cast a long holy flame carpet and provided a glimmer of hope for those who were about to give up.

“We’re almost out there! Hurry up!” shouted Li Wenbin.

It was only then that they were filled with hope and rushed out of the terrifying massive graves along the flaming carpet.

Outside the ice field thunderstorm was a tranquil and picturesque scene. Snowflakes dropped on the ice mountain ranges. Small creatures that could withstand the cold roamed on the smooth land.

The sunlight was bright enough without burning their skins. It was as warm as the afternoon sun.

The experience of staying by the edge of the thunderstorm was completely different from when they were in the middle of the thunderstorm. They felt that what they had experienced a while ago was nothing more than a scary nightmare!

“Take a headcount!” Wang Shuo said to the crowd.

The team leaders quickly did a headcount. Yan Lan let out a scream. The Healing Mage from her team was gone!

Li Wenbin frowned. The two Royal Mages under his lead were missing too. The two Royal Mages had previously been struck by the rebelling wind.

They were five people short.

They had not recovered from the lingering fear of escaping the graves in the middle of the ice field thunderstorm. They were now enveloped in helplessness and fear.

It was unlikely that they could return to the ice field thunderstorm and rescue others.

After the thunderstorm was over, all they could see were mountain ranges behind their back. The mountains were entirely made up of ice and snow. Digging the five people out was no different from getting trapped in a quicksand. They would only get caught in it, too!

The Extreme South Land was filled with danger. Everyone was prepared to sacrifice their lives. But they did not expect the five people to die so soon.

“We’ve lost the Ice Wheel Flying Boat and Clear Fire Formation. We can at most survive for three days in the middle of the cold!” Li Wenbin panicked.

They only had three days!

They were in the middle of the Extreme South Land. It would take them about four days even if they were to return to the ocean. They did not have an escape.

Hardly any of them could keep their cool in the face of this situation where the road ahead was filled with danger without a way back.

“That’s why we can’t delay any longer. Follow me! We’ll go forward on foot!” said Wei Guang.

“I’m so tired that I barely have the energy to speak.”

“That’s right. The ice field thunderstorm drained too much of our energy. We need to take a rest.”

“Take a rest, huh?” Wei Guang glanced at the exhausted Mages and sneered. “If we can’t reach the South Pole Station in three days, all of you will sleep eternally in this place. Moreover, the cold will weaken our magic. We might still be able to fight the Ice Beast for a day or two. But on the third day, we will be so weak that we can’t even fight the weakest ice creatures in this place!”

“Wei Guang is right. We can’t take a rest yet. Let us gird up our loins and continue to march forward!” said Wang Shuo.

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Everyone was exhausted. Even though they had successfully escaped the ice field thunderstorm filled with graves, it did not mean they were physically strong.

Furthermore, the cold continued to torture their bodies and drain their energy. Judging from their current states, Mu Ningxue believed they would not be able to make it to the destination alive.

Mu Ningxue had not expected the terrifying ice field thunderstorm to appear suddenly and block their way.

“Professor Wang, is there a way to alleviate, or even get rid of the cold poison? According to the special law of nature, the corresponding antidote is always somewhere around the poison. I suppose there must be something that can help to fight the cold in the Extreme South Land?” Mu Ningxue asked Wang Shuo.

If they continued in this state, Mu Ningxue believed that all would die of the cold except herself. Even Wei Guang was no exception.

Wang Shuo paused mid-stride. His gloomy eyes lit up.

‘She’s right! There is indeed such a law of nature!’ There must be something they had overlooked!

“Blood Beast! The Giant Ice Beast’s boiling blood!” Wang Shuo cried out in excitement.

“Professor Wang, are you mad?” said Li Wenbin.

“Even though the Giant Ice Beasts are covered in strong cold-resistant fleece and skin, their blood plays the most crucial role in helping them to resist the cold. Some of their blood boils like hot lava and contains high levels of heat. If we consume the Giant Ice Beast’s boiling blood, we can resist the cold and eliminate the cold poison to a certain extent,” said Wang Shuo.

“Are you sure it works?” Wei Guang turned around and asked solemnly.

“We can give it a try. At least the heat from the blood can warm our body for a while, if nothing else,” said Wang Shuo.

“But the Giant Ice Beast is at least a ruler-level beast. We don’t have much energy left to kill it,” Li Wenbin said.

They were so tired that they could barely lift their legs. It was considered a blessing that they could even walk, let alone fight a ruler-level beast.

“I’ve exhausted too much mental energy. I need some time to recuperate.” said Wei Guang. His lips had turned pale.

If it had not been for Wei Guang’s purple holy flame, they would not have been able to escape from the ice field thunderstorm. Wei Guang had exhausted much of his energy.

“Set up a camp and take a rest first. I’ll go and get it,” said Mu Ningxue.

Chapter 2912: Ice Field Holy Bear

“No way. If you get killed by the Giant Ice Beast, our journey will be meaningless!” Wei Guang objected.

“If we don’t resolve this issue, all of us are going to perish in this place,” said Mu Ningxue.

“Stop arguing! Mu Ningxue is the only one who is still in good shape. Li Wenbin, Yan Lan, and Li Ting, you will accompany Mu Ningxue to find the Giant Ice Beast. How does that sound? The rest of us will take the time to recuperate,” said Wang Shuo.

“Can you ensure her safety?” asked Wei Guang.

“We won’t go too far. If we face a situation that we can’t handle, we’ll immediately send you a signal. It won’t be too late for you to come to our aid,” said the Black Panther Summoner, Li Ting.

Wei Guang reluctantly agreed.

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The four left the camp. There was no wind in that area, but the cold was stronger than before. The trio, who accompanied Mu Ningxue in the exploration, were in a poor state of health.

“Why is Wei Guang so particular about this mission? We don’t know why we must go to that place even now.” Yan Lan was confused.

“Perhaps he wants to curry favor with the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance and the people from the Holy City. After all, the world’s experts have gone to the Extreme South Land to take on the Extreme South Emperor. The experts are ambitious and powerful people. They have the power to speak on the world’s stage. If Wei Guang completes this mission, he’ll have a bright future ahead. Moreover, he is a Forbidden Mage.” Li Wenbin had long been dissatisfied with Wei Guang. He revealed Wei Guang’s true intention without hesitation.

“I believe so. We have to sacrifice our lives for the sake of his career path.” the Black Panther Summoner, Li Ting, let out a sigh.

Mu Ningxue did not join the discussion. She noticed a huge footprint on the thin layer of frost. The footprint resembled a bear’s, but it was ten times larger.

The other footprint was very far away. They had to walk for a while before finding it.

“It should be an adult Ice Field Holy Bear. It walked past here not long ago,” said Mu Ningxue after analyzing the footprint.

“Let’s go after it and kill it!” said Li Ting.

He summoned the Stygian Black Panther. The black panther smelled the footprint and led the group to an ice cliff.

The ice cliff was a few kilometers away from them. Considering the issue of the light refraction, they patrolled the surrounding area once. After they were convinced that there were no other ice field hordes, they approached the Ice Field Holy Bear again.

The Ice Field Holy Bear did not hide itself. It was in the middle section of the cliff. It stood up and caught the Snow Eagle flying around the ice cliff with its paws. Blood and feathers splattered everywhere. The Ice Field Holy Bear’s savage nature was exposed.

The Ice Field Holy Bear was covered in golden fur. Its chest, abdomen, paws, arm joints, knee joints, and forehead were covered in armor made up of pure gold. It looked like a wild bear in a battle holy suit. It was powerful and ancient compared to the Ocean Demons. It exuded an air of holiness and majesty.

This type of creature was immune to a lot of powerful magic.

“How about we change the target? It’s quite difficult for us to take on this one...” Li Wenbin looked pale.

After all, they were still weak. The Ice Field Holy Bear must at least be a ruler-level creature.

In fact, they were reluctant to fight with any ruler-level creatures in the Extreme South Land.

Unfortunately, the ruler-level creatures were everywhere on this land.

Most of the demons in the Extreme South Land were ruler level. Most of the ruler-level demons would only roam inside the Extreme South Land during warm weather. Otherwise, they would migrate elsewhere.

“Yeah. I don’t think we should mess around with the Ice Field Holy Bear,” said Li Ting.

The Stygian Black Panther dared not go near the Ice Field Holy Bear. It was clear that the Black Panther was intimidated by its imposing aura.

It did not matter if they caught another Giant Ice Beast. ‘Why must they choose such a troublesome beast?’

“We don’t have much time left. We have to do this,” said Mu Ningxue.

“B-but...” Before Li Ting finished his words, Mu Ningxue leapt down and charged at the Ice Field Holy Bear near the cliff.

The rest were stunned.

Even if they decided to kill the bear, they had to plan first. They had to gauge the Ice Field Holy Bear’s strength and find its weakness before making a move.

However, Mu Ningxue had already jumped down and charged. Hence, the rest had no choice but to follow. After all, she was the key person in this mission.

Roar!

The Ice Field Holy Bear was eating the Snow Eagle when it saw a female human charge at it. It flew into a fit of rage.

The Ice Field Holy Bear roared in fury. The ruler-level Snow Eagles fell off the ice cliff.

Mu Ningxue raised her hand. A powerful ice sword appeared in her hand. When she jumped down to the cliff, she ran as fast as the wind. She accelerated and changed trajectory interchangeably. Her ice sword unleashed massive energy laced with thorns.

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Mu Ningxue could perfectly control the Ice Element. Even when facing an ancient and powerful creature in the Extreme South Land, she had no fear.

The Ice Field Holy Bear stretched out its paws. The back of its claws was covered by indestructible gold and ice armors. Furthermore, its shiny shimmering gold armors resisted the sword thorns.

Ding! Ding! Ding!

When the sword thorns came in contact with its armors, there was a clanging sound of metal hitting on metal. There was not even a scratch on the Ice Field Holy Bear's body. It grinned and let out a bellow as it stared at Mu Ningxue who appeared out of nowhere.

Mu Ningxue moved extremely fast. Like the wind, she effortlessly skirted around the Ice Field Holy Bear and appeared behind it.

The Ice Field Holy Bear's back and neck were not covered by the gold and ice armors. Mu Ningxue stabbed.

The Ice Field Holy Bear leapt forward and jumped under the ice cliff.

Mu Ningxue looked down and saw it falling. She closed her eyes and focused on manipulating the Ice Element.

By the time she reopened her eyes, her pupils had turned snow white. She looked resolute and magnificent!

The massive ice cliff began to shake. Countless ice swords appeared from the steep ice cliff and transformed into a terrifying sword formation.

The top of the ice cliff cracked, as if a large part of the ice had sloped downward. The ice cliff with the sword formation collapsed and covered the area where the Ice Field Holy Bear fell!

Chapter 2913: Strip Them Of Magic

Li Wenbin, Li Ting, and Yan Lan followed Mu Ningxue. The trio came to the ice cliff cave. The massive ice cliff had collapsed except the cave. Even though the Ice Field Holy Bear was a large creature, it could withstand such a collapse.

The group stared at Mu Ningxue in disbelief.

They wondered if their minds had played tricks on them and made them witness the terrifying fall of the ice cliff, or if Mu Ningxue had really been the one doing all of it.

If Mu Ningxue had indeed done it, it was too unbelievable. The group did not see her constructing the Star Palace, and they wondered how she could unleash such a terrifying destructive power within a short period of time!

Mu Ningxue did not stay at the cave entrance. She noticed something was writhing beneath the collapsed ice cliff. As expected, the Ice Field Holy Bear was not dead yet. It pushed away the shattered ice cliff that had fallen on its body before limping away from her.

Eight pairs of Wind Wings appeared on Mu Ningxue's back. The Wind Wings had snow white feathers. Each layer of the Wind Wings contained lines of wind marks. The Wind Wings were beautiful and holy. They were light yet powerful.

Mu Ningxue flapped the Wind Wings and caught up with the Ice Field Holy Bear with ease. Strong wind blew her aloft, and the wind marks danced. Mu Ningxue drew a Wind Bow in the sky. With the pulling force of the Wind Wings on her back, she stretched the Wind Bow to maximum length.

Buzz!

The conical Wind Bow resembled a drill and chiseled a bloody hole in the back of the Ice Field Holy Bear. Its boiling blood gushed out. When its blood spilled on the ground, the snow melted.

The Ice Field Holy Bear fell. It tried to get up, but Mu Ningxue stepped on its back. The hot-tempered bear was humiliated. It turned its humiliation into fury. Its golden fur raised and gave off a terrifying aura that belonged to a wild beast.

Mu Ningxue flapped the Wind Wings and flew into the sky. As she flew into the sky, a rain of ice spears shot toward the Ice Field Holy Bear. The ice spears formed a horrific Ice Spear Forest about one kilometer away from the Ice Field Holy Bear.

The Ice Field Holy Bear got up and tried to fight back. Before it could even lay its paws on Mu Ningxue's sleeve, it was tortured by the ice spears. No matter how hard it tried to avoid the ice spears, it was useless. It wrapped its paws around its head and wailed.

The Ice Field Holy Bear was wounded. Some of the ice spears were stuck in its body.

Even so, the Ice Field Holy Bear was tenacious. Although it was wounded, it did not fall. It glared at Mu Ningxue and roared. Its golden eyes were burning with flames.

Mu Ningxue clenched her fists in the air. Many tiny ice dust appeared around the Ice Field Holy Bear. The ice dust gathered to form a large ice ring.

The ice ring shrunk and locked around the Ice Field Holy Bear's neck like shackles. It stopped roaring.

Soon, several ice rings appeared and locked its paws, legs, and mouth. The ancient beast looked like a wild beast in the zoo. The locks prevented it from posing threats to others.

"Draw its blood now," said Mu Ningxue to Li Wenbin.

Li Wenbin had not recovered his senses as he stared at the subdued Ice Field Holy Bear and the bleeding hole on its back.

The Ice Field Holy Bear's blood was plentiful. They collected several big jars. The amount of blood collected could even fill up a small hot spring. The blood was boiling and filled with energy. It did not have the fishy smell of a beast.

Even to that moment, Li Wenbin had not recovered his senses. He was still in shock.

The three people had followed Mu Ningxue closely when she had charged at the beast. But they didn't even get the chance to strike. Mu Ningxue had subdued the seemingly undefeatable Ice Field Holy Bear on her own. Li Wenbin and Li Ting even had a momentary doubt about the strength of the ruler-level creatures in the Extreme South Land!

The Ice Field Holy Bear was not weak. One could feel how powerful the ancient bear's strength was from its blood. It could easily be the leader or ruler of a certain horde on the land. Mu Ningxue was incredibly powerful. She cast several powerful and destructive spells in a single breath. She had cast her spells so fast that the others hadn't even been able to see the process. Also, when she had cast those spells, she hadn't paused like most Mages.

She had the power to cast spells at her fingertips. They wondered what her level of Ice Element cultivation was to have this much power.

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After collecting the Ice Field Holy Bear's blood, Yan Lan and the members from logistics briefly processed the blood before drinking it to keep themselves warm.

Wang Shuo was right. The Giant Ice Beast's boiling blood could resist the cold. It formed a special heat inside the human's stomach before transferring to the entire body.

With this energy, they no longer felt so fearful and uneasy.

"Professor Wang, the blood can temporarily alleviate the cold, but it cannot eliminate the cold poison. The deeper we go into the land, the less effective the Beast Blood will be," whispered Li Wenbin to Wang Shuo.

"I know, but I believe the blood is sufficient to support us until we arrive at the South Pole Station," said Wang Shuo.

The Beast Blood could not resolve the root of the issue. Even if they had an ample supply of Beast Blood, they could easily freeze in such cold weather.

They soon realized that only fresh blood from the Giant Ice Beasts could resist the cold. Which meant they would have to continue looking for the Giant Ice Beasts.

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Mu Ningxue killed a Polar Wolf King and a thousand-year-old Snow Python on the way. However, the heat that came from their blood was inferior to that of the Ice Field Holy Bear.

By the third day, the group was in a very weakened state. They could barely cast a spell to continue their journey. They progressed slowly like a group of clumsy corpses dancing in the middle of the snow.

The road ahead of them was cold and dark. Many of them collapsed. Some of them cried like babies and refused to take another step forward.

The cold stripped every one of their most powerful magic. Without magic, they could barely survive in a forest, let alone the Extreme South Land!

"Are we going to die here?" Yan Lan could barely speak.

She leaned on Mu Ningxue. Mu Ningxue did not say anything. She did not know the purpose of the recruitment. She did not understand why the Magic Association in the country sent a group of people to escort her for the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance's sake.

Chapter 2914: Extreme South Castle

"I don't know about the future, but at least I know you're not dead yet. We've arrived at the destination," said Mu Ningxue to Yan Lan.

"D-don't lie to me," Yan Lan said feebly.

One had to feed on illusions to persevere. If they had strong willpower, they could unleash their potential and keep trying.

If they decided to give up in the middle of hardship, especially in such a cold, freezing environment, they would sleep there for eternity.

However, not everyone could go through such hardships. Yan Lan felt as if her head had been pierced by ice blades, and strong wind gushed out from the holes. She felt so much pain that she felt as though she was going crazy.

Her teeth, face, and neck were numb, let alone her limbs. The bone-chilling coldness continued to spread throughout her body and torture her.

The environment was covered by snow. The snow gleamed in the sun and radiated a holiness about it. The view of the glaciers that had existed for ages was breathtaking. The environment was no different from a living hell. Even though she had only been there for a couple of days, she felt as if she had suffered for more than three years.

Whenever she closed her eyes and planned to give up, she felt a sense of despairing comfort. She thought she might as well sleep there. At the very least, the sooner she shuts her eyes, the less pain she would have to endure.

"Aren't you curious about me?" Mu Ningxue realized that it was pointless to continue lying to her. She pondered for a while before finding something else to say.

"Curious about what?" Yan Lan showed a hint of curiosity. It was clear to see that she suffered tremendously.

"About how I am not affected by the cold," said Mu Ningxue.

Yan Lan's eyes lit up. She stared at Mu Ningxue. She remembered that Mu Ningxue had let her stay in the Clear Fire Formation in her place. Yan Lan then looked at Mu Ningxue closely.

Mu Ningxue did not look like she was struggling in the cold. Instead, Mu Ningxue had killed and collected Beast Blood for them.

"I doubted... but I wasn't so sure about it. You aren't affected by the cold, not even the slightest bit?" asked Yan Lan.

Seeing that she had successfully drawn Yan Lan's attention, Mu Ningxue took the opportunity to help her walk forward at a faster pace. Mu Ningxue sped up. Wind tracks formed under her feet.

"Yes, I previously wasn't aware of it either. But now, I realize that the extreme south cold doesn't affect me," Mu Ningxue said as she walked.

“Is it because you’re gifted? That’s very lucky for you,” Yan Lan said with envy.

Mu Ningxue shook her head. “An Ice Demon had been inside my body since I was twelve. It always appears at night and tortures me with its bone-chilling coldness. I never had a peaceful sleep.”

“Huh?!” Yan Lan was shocked.

“The cold tortures but strengthens me at the same time. When I joined the Imperial College, I found those so-called geniuses and hardworking Mages to be hilarious. Their hard work is less than a tenth of mine.” Mu Ningxue took Yan Lan’s hand into her and felt a trace of warmth in Yan Lan’s hand.

Yan Lan was touched upon hearing Mu Ningxue’s words. ‘From the age of twelve until now?’

Yan Lan and her group was so in despair to the point of wanting to commit suicide after staying only a couple of days in such a cold environment. ‘How did Mu Ningxue survive over the years?’

“When we fall into a very poor environment, out of our comfort zone, we often feel sad and desperate. However, the truth is, we’re wallowing in self-pity. Our adaptability is far more powerful than they are credited to be. Regardless of how poor the environment is, it can’t break us. The only thing that can break us is our lack of willpower,” said Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue vividly remembered her mother saying those words to her. When Mu Ningxue was a child, she lived her life like a princess. Many people pampered her. She led a wealthy and comfortable life. She had never experienced any hardships. All she had to think about was how to dress up to earn the crowd’s praise.

After she inherited the Ice Crystal Bow, everything had changed. Her life became a living hell. She became hopeless, much similar to how others felt when they stepped into the Extreme South Land.

Mu Ningxue was aware that the cold in the Extreme South Land could not kill them. Most people who had died here were the ones who had given up and let the cold take them.

“I-I cannot endure for so many years like you...,” said Yan Lan.

Mu Ningxue’s heart was heavy. She was afraid that Yan Lan would give up.

“But I can hold on for one more day,” Yan Lan blurted out.

Mu Ningxue let out a sigh of relief. She was not very eloquent in her words. If she were Mo Fan, she might have been able to rekindle Yan Lan’s hope in just a few words.

Luckily, Yan Lan did not give up. She did not close her eyes, just like the others. And that was more than enough.

If she did not give up on herself, she could hold on for another week.

When one survives their most vulnerable state, they could adapt to other hardships. They would no longer be as dejected as before. They would learn to survive!

Mu Ningxue looked back and noticed her team members were getting fewer.

Not everyone heeded her advice, and not all of them had strong willpower. Some of them chose to close their eyes and fall into eternal sleep on the flat glaciers.

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After a while, they could not hear the sound of the wind blowing. Without the wind, they were not whipped by the cold.

A small castle made up of ice clay was in sight. There was a magic flag on top of the castle. The flag showed the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance's logo.

"We've made it!" Mu Ningxue was the first to see it.

"Don't lie to me anymore! I can still hold on. You don't have to lie. Don't worry..." Yan Lan forced a small smile. After that, she looked up to see the castle.

Her smile froze. She was thrilled and ecstatic. She burst out in tears.

They had finally arrived at their destination. They had crossed the horrible Extreme South Land and reached the South Pole Station!

The experts from the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance gathered inside the castle. They were in the middle of a discussion to devise an international plan to take on the Extreme South Emperor!

The group fastened their paces. At that moment, they pushed their potential to the maximum. Those tortured by the cold were "revived" and ran to the Extreme South Castle.

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Several people came out of the castle and greeted the group. They asked for their identities before letting them climb on the back of the mounts and sending them into the Extreme South Castle.

There was a powerful magic barrier inside the Extreme South Castle which resisted the cold. Even though they still felt cold, it was much more subdued than the outside.

They had been deprived of food, warm water, and heat. After experiencing such hardships, the group had finally arrived at their destination!

Chapter 2915: Forbidden Curse Alliance

"Are you Mu Ningxue?" A woman in a holy battle suit approached her and sized her up arrogantly.

The Holy Ruler had long golden-brown hair. Waves of her hair draped across her shoulders and chest. It reached her waist.

She had an upright posture and a prominent nose. She had red lips and a pair of blue eyes. She was gorgeous and radiated an air of nobility.

"Yes, I am," Mu Ningxue said.

"Hah! Asians have a strange sense of judgment. You look so ordinary to a European. People still prefer deep and prominent features like mine." The female Holy Ruler chuckled.

“Did the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance recruit me for a beauty contest?” Mu Ningxue smirked.

“They are discussing some important issues, so you can’t go in there for now. Michael asked me to follow you closely. You can call me Yvette,” said the female Holy Ruler.

Yvette stared at Mu Ningxue arrogantly. Her gaze roamed over Mu Ningxue’s body in a rude manner. Yvette chuckled when her eyes swept across a certain part of Mu Ningxue’s body.

Mu Ningxue assumed Yvette to be a superficial fool and did not indulge her. She went over to check on Yan Lan and her group members.

But Yvette refused to let Mu Ningxue leave. “We have to wait here lest they call you. As you know, all the experts from the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance are gathered here. They have prominent and outstanding positions. Every decision they make could affect the operation of the world. Therefore, we should not delay even a second, if called.”

There was a large and heavy stone door before them. They did not hear any sound from the other side.

Just when Yvette was about to make a sour remark at Mu Ningxue again, a gap slowly appeared at the large door. The door opened from the inside. Two men in holy battle suits pushed at the stone door.

The large, stone door was not entirely opened. It left a gap only big enough to allow one or two people to go through. One of the Holy Rulers glanced at Mu Ningxue and Yvette. “Who’s Mu Ningxue?”

Mu Ningxue stepped forward. Yvette was only half a step behind her.

“How do you prove yourself to be her?” The Holy Ruler did not allow them to enter through the door. Instead, he shot her a strange question.

“She’s Mu Ningxue. Forbidden Mage from China, Wei Guang escorted her,” said Yvette.

“Where is the escort, then?” asked the Holy Ruler.

“He’s resting inside the formation. Do you want him summoned?” asked Yvette.

“Yes.”

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Mu Ningxue was puzzled over the Holy Rulers’ behavior. ‘Did they have to be vigilant to this extent, or had someone previously impersonated me and come to the human’s forbidden land?’

Wei Guang was summoned.

He was in a poor mental state. He looked no different from a zombie. It was clear to see that he forced himself to stay awake and walk here after the alliance summoned him.

“I’m Wei Guang. I came here by the order of the Ice Emperor.” Wei Guang behaved more politely before the Holy Rulers.

‘The Ice Emperor?’ Mu Ningxue’s heart clenched upon hearing the words.

Mo Fan had told her about the Forbidden Curse Plan related to the Great Bronze Bell Hill on the Emperor Qin Island.

The Ice Emperor was under the Extreme South Emperor's control and was its puppet. It used him to monitor the world.

'Hadn't Commander Hua freed him from the Extreme South Emperor's manipulation? Why did he appear here?' Mu Ningxue felt puzzled.

The Ice Emperor, Mu Rong, was the first to confront the Extreme South Emperor among the experts. He was also the only survivor among them.

Once a Forbidden Mage became an Ocean Demon's puppet, he would undoubtedly pose a great threat to humans. Since Commander Hua had identified him as one of the Ocean Demon's puppets, the Ice Emperor should have been closely guarded. After all, no one could make sure whether he had broken free of the Extreme South Emperor's control or not.

'Could it be that the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance was aware of this and was using the Ice Emperor to locate the Extreme South Emperor?'

That would make more sense.

'But why did the Ice Emperor let Wei Guang recruit her for the battle?' thought Mu Ningxue.

Mu Rong was a legendary figure in the Mu family. As a Forbidden Mage, Mu Rong did not get involved in any of the family's affairs. He had basically left his family.

The Mu family had another real "ancestor" who took charge of the family.

When Mu Ningxue was at Mu Pang Mountain, she heard someone saying that even though Mu Rong came from the Mu family, he did not get along with the real "ancestor".

The "ancestor" of the Mu family lived in Imperial City and enjoyed a high status there. Rumor had it that he never revealed himself as the Forbidden Mage and had not registered as one of the experts in the Forbidden Curse Association.

He neither revealed his true identity nor appeared before the world. As such, he did not have to obey the Forbidden Curse Convention. Mu Ningxue had thought of it before she came to the Extreme South Land.

The reason the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance had recruited her was mostly because of the big wig from the Mu family who happened to be one of the world's experts. It was clear that he had learned about her special talent in Ice Element ability. Hence, he decided to recruit her in fighting the Extreme South Emperor.

She had assumed that it was the "ancestor" from the Mu family who had recruited her. She did not expect it to be the Ice Emperor instead.

The Mu family addressed him as the "ancestor". Of course, he was not an old monster that had lived for several hundred years.

Unfortunately, a majority of the Mu family did not know much about the two Forbidden Mages, the ancestor and Mu Rong, and they knew even less about Mu Ningxue who had been driven out of the Mu family.

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After they entered through the large, stone door, Yvette stayed close to her. Her rude demeanor was gone the moment she entered through the stone door. She appeared solemn, elegant, and righteous.

Wei Guang lowered his head as he entered through the stone door. Even though the people inside the stone door were strangers to Mu Ningxue, she felt pressured when she noticed Wei Guang and Yvette's drastic changes.

Inside the boulder was a spacious and simple hall. It did not give off an atmosphere of opulence and majesty. Instead, the people inside radiated imposing auras. They did not purposely target Mu Ningxue and her group. Their aura came naturally due to the tension under the poor extreme south environment. Their tense expressions inevitably gave off a certain kind of pressure.

"Ice Emperor and fellow seniors, this is Mu Ningxue. She is here safe and sound. My mission is complete." Wei Guang bowed and tried to speak in a deeper voice. He did not want the rest to find out that he was in a weakened and fragile state.

Chapter 2916: Graft Innate Talent

"Well done! Thank you for your effort throughout the journey," said the Ice Emperor. His voice echoed in the empty hall.

Wei Guang forced a smile.

Mu Ningxue thought Wei Guang would mention others who had sacrificed themselves in this journey, but he didn't. Those who had died in the journey and were buried under the snow were forgotten. Their corpses would never leave the accursed demonic land.

In the eyes of the Forbidden Mages, people were born to serve them because of their high and mighty position. People's lives were only considered worthy as long as they fulfilled their missions, but their names were not even worth a mention.

"You may take a seat there," said the Ice Emperor to Wei Guang.

Even though the seats were simple, the arrangement had its special meaning. There were no other seats over the other side. It was only after Wei Guang went over to that side that he realized it. He felt embarrassed, still, he stood at the corner. He found that his position was worse than the Holy Rulers.

Mu Ningxue saw his humility.

For a moment, Mu Ningxue had mistakenly thought that the cold land had stripped Wei Guang of his soul. Truth was, he always behaved like that before the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance. This had nothing to do with his mental state.

"Mu Ningxue, do you possess a special physique of Natural Soul Seed?" asked the Ice Emperor.

Mu Ningxue stared at the old man and nodded.

Mu Rong was not a supporter. If the seats were arranged in a sequence according to their level of status and strength, the Ice Emperor belonged to the bottom of the list.

There were two rows of seats. The seats floated in midair along the two sides of ice clay walls. It resembled the VIP seats in an opera. The stone door stretched to the innermost ice rock wall.

Mu Ningxue stood opposite to the three seats floating in midair. She saw a familiar face in the person sitting in the center. That person had left a deep impression.

He was Archangel Michael from the Holy City.

He was the one who had forced Qin Yu'Er and Zhan Kong to leave the world. He looked stoic and majestic.

And he was the presiding officer this time!

The Forbidden Mages from the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance sat on both sides of the three high seats. They were the members of the alliance.

The Ice Emperor sat on the left and at a distance from Michael.

The arrangement of the seats basically determined his status among the world's experts.

If it had not been for the fact that he was the only survivor from the team who explored the extreme south, he would not have been given such a high priority to speak.

"We need you to do us a favor. It's related to..." Mu Rong tried to explain the details to Mu Ningxue.

At that moment, a lady in lavish clothes in one of the three presiding seats interrupted Mu Rong. She turned to Mu Rong, completely ignoring Mu Ningxue. "Just tell her how to do it. You don't have to let her know why she needs to do it."

The lady was draped in a lavish emerald-green robe. She was skinny with prominent facial features. She looked like a noble woman in an oil painting. Although she came from a noble and wealthy background, she looked picky and hard to please.

The Ice Emperor nodded. "Mu Ningxue, as you're aware, the reason the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance recruited you is related to the world's safety and security. We can't simply reveal the information to you. All you need to know is that you're contributing to the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance and the world," said the Ice Emperor.

Mu Ningxue did not respond to him. In fact, she did not bother listening to his nonsense.

"Are you sure she has the physique of Natural Soul Seed?" asked the lady in emerald-green dress.

"Of course. You can see how she survives in the icy cold land when it spares no one." The Ice Emperor chuckled.

"Okay. Michael, you'll continue the discussion with fellow Mages. Meanwhile, I'll take Mu Ningxue to the Ice Cave," said the lady in emerald-green dress.

Archangel Michael nodded.

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After Mu Ningxue left, someone in the hall raised a question.

“She’s a Forbidden Mage from Asian Magic Association,” the person said to Michael. “Archangel, what will happen to Mu Ningxue if she takes away her innate talent by using this means?”

“Chairman of Asia, are you aware of the issue we are facing now? We need Lady Karolina’s power. She’s the only one who can get us through the Avalanche River safe and sound,” said Michael coolly.

“But we still have to seek Mu Ningxue’s approval,” said the Chairman of Asia.

“Lady Karolina has taken her to the Ice Cave. She will naturally seek her approval. Let’s stop wasting so much time on this issue,” said Michael.

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The Ice Cave was about thirty kilometers from the Extreme South Castle. Mu Ningxue did not understand why she was being led there. She remained on guard.

The Ice Emperor, Wei Guang, Yvette, and Lady Karolina accompanied her.

Lady Karolina had a special status. She seemed to be the key woman in the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance’s plan of fighting the Extreme South Emperor. Judging from her aura, Mu Ningxue sensed that she, too, was an Ice Element Mage.

When they entered the Ice Cave, it was almost a brand-new world. The cave was deep and long. It was covered with crystals. The crystals and diamond shimmered. It looked like a nest for a dragon that had a love for beauty.

“I have a right to know,” Mu Ningxue blurted out.

“I can explain to you now. We need your innate talent, which is the special physique of your Ice Element Soul Seed,” said Mu Rong.

Lady Karolina walked ahead of them and remained quiet.

“If this is all you’re telling me, I believe it’s time for me to go back,” said Mu Ningxue impatiently.

“No hurry. It’s only a simple matter. You came from the Mu family, right? Truth is, there’s a genius from the Mu family who once delved into various strange abilities. One of which is the ability to graft innate talents onto others. Lady Karolina is the key woman in our mission to fight the Extreme South Emperor. However, the moment the cold strikes her, she cannot cast her divine spell. Lady Karolina needs to “borrow” your innate talent,” said Mu Rong.

Wei Guang and Yvette followed behind them. They were stunned by this. ‘Can they actually “borrow” and “return” one’s innate talent?’

“Do you think I’m a three-year-old?” said Mu Ningxue coldly.

Mu Rong frowned. He looked solemn. Lady Karolina paused mid-stride. Still, she did not turn around. It was clear that she planned to leave the issue for Mu Rong to deal with.

“What do you mean? Do you think I’m lying to you? I’m an Ice Element Forbidden Mage. I’m a member of the International Forbidden Curse Association as well as a core member of the alliance...” The Ice Emperor sounded harsh.

“You intend to strip me of my innate talent. That’s not “borrowing”.” Mu Ningxue had had enough of their lies.

Mu Ningxue had been very close with Mu Qingluan and Mu Feifeng. However, their innate talents were suddenly found on Mu Fangzhou!

As soon as Mu Rong mentioned the strange ability about talent grafting, Mu Ningxue recalled Mu Fangzhou’s evil magic!

So, they were birds of the same feather!

Chapter 2917: Mu Rong’s Lie

“Since you’re aware of the innate talent grafting method, this makes things simpler. You will cooperate with Lady Karolina. After she obtains your innate talent, you will have made your contribution in saving the world. Don’t worry. The alliance won’t wipe out your name.” Mu Rong smiled strangely.

Upon seeing Mu Rong’s creepy smile and the arrogant Lady Karolina with her back facing them, Mu Ningxue did not feel the slightest bit of pride or willingness to help them. She felt disgusted.

“I’ve arrived here as per the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance’s recruitment. If there’s nothing else, I believe I can leave now.” Mu Ningxue turned around. There was no need to communicate with Mu Rong anymore.

Mu Ningxue had an odd feeling when she was coming here. She had felt that something was not right from the beginning of the journey. She had been right.

As she walked out of the Ice Cave, Mu Ningxue glared at Wei Guang. Her eyes were filled with disgust. Wei Guang must have known everything.

Before the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance recruited a Mage, they had to communicate with China’s Forbidden Curse Association. They had to first discuss with the members of China’s Forbidden Curse Association and obtain their approval.

Wei Guang was a member of China’s Forbidden Curse Association. He was aware of the truth, yet he hid it from her. He intended to bring her to the valley of death and rob her of her innate talent!

“You can’t leave. You have to obey the magic convention. The Magic Association used their resources to bring you here. The Magic Association requests you to make some sacrifices for the world. What excuse do you have to turn down its offer?!” Mu Rong.

“The magic convention states that the Mages below the level of Forbidden Curse are free agents. We are only required to respond to you upon a special situation. I responded to your call. You have no right to threaten me or make me stay here.” Mu Ningxue knew the magic convention very well.

“It’s up to us to determine if you’ve arrived at the destination or responded to our call! If you leave now, we’ll strike your name off the Magic Association list. From now on, each spell that you cast will be considered a threat!” Mu Rong shouted.

Mu Ningxue walked out. There must have been a few screws loose in Mu Rong’s brain ever since he had been manipulated by the Extreme South Emperor. His words were simply ridiculous.

“Mu Rong, not everyone understands the truth. They only focus on their personal interests and neglect the future. Lucifer bewitched the world and made them stupid, ignorant, and selfish. As a result, God sent angels to the earth and took action. He provoked the war between humans and made them kill each other. Soon, humans understood the true meaning of freedom and peace. They worship God and respect the angels.” Lady Karolina finally turned around. Her eyes were filled with contempt.

“I understand. I’ve said all that I needed to say. I’ve also given my advice. Still, she’s stubborn. She can’t blame us for using coercive means,” Mu Rong said, respectfully.

He glared at Wei Guang and Yvette near the Ice Cave and gave his order. “Arrest her.”

Wei Guang stood in Mu Ningxue’s way. He looked resolute.

“Mu Ningxue, we hope you can cooperate with us. I’m aware of the innate talent grafting spell. It won’t harm you. The alliance has no choice. They must rely on Lady Karolina to cross the Avalanche River. The alliance doesn’t have much time left. Once the polar night falls, the Extreme South Emperor will become more powerful. By then, no one will be able to stop it,” said Wei Guang.

“Who told you all this?” Mu Ningxue refuted.

“Mu Rong, of course!” said Wei Guang.

“Are you aware that he was once the Extreme South Emperor’s puppet? When he was under its manipulation, he collected information about the world’s experts for the Extreme South Emperor,” said Mu Ningxue.

Wei Guang was stunned. He stared at Mu Rong. Wei Guang had never heard of this before.

Mu Rong’s expression changed, as if someone had triggered a switch. The corners of his mouth twitched. “Nonsense! Mu Ningxue, do you know it’s a serious offense if you slander a Forbidden Mage?!”

“You act like a lapdog for Mu Rong, hoping that you can have your little seat in the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance. But you didn’t even know that Mu Rong is a pathetic figure in the alliance where they found him useless yet felt it was a pity to get rid of him. If you continue to curry favor with Mu Rong, the alliance members will regard you as a dangerous man.” Mu Ningxue found Wei Guang’s action to be hilarious.

Wei Guang froze. He stared at Mu Rong for a long time. “Mu Rong, is she telling the truth?”

Mu Rong flew into a fit of rage. He had not expected Mu Ningxue to know about this.

Hua Zhanhong’s plan was secretive. Aside from Mo Fan and his group’s halfway interference, the rest did not know anything about it.

After Mu Rong resumed normalcy, he quickly sought help from the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance to save him from China's army.

Hua Zhanhong was aware that Mu Rong had broken free of the Extreme South Emperor's manipulation. The Five Continents Magic Association Alliance pressured him to hand over Mu Rong on account of executing the plan to fight the Extreme South Emperor. It was only then that Hua Zhanhong surrendered Mu Rong to the members of the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance.

Mu Rong's current state was unclear. He was like a sinner who everyone watched out for. He even had to be cleansed by a Psychic Element Mage daily in order to ensure the Controlling Seed planted inside his head would not sprout again.

Wei Guang had no idea about all this. He thought Mu Rong was an experienced senior within the alliance, and that Mu Rong would allow him to squeeze into the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance. Therefore, he concealed the information during the recruitment and did not inform China's Forbidden Curse Association about the innate talent grafting issue.

His action was undoubtedly risky. After all, if China's Forbidden Curse Association found that he had concealed the truth, the association would punish him severely. However, if Wei Guang managed to ride on the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance's coattails, then the matter was no longer that important.

"Would you rather trust her or me? Wei Guang don't forget how you got to where you are now..." Mu Rong's expression looked strange. Even though he was an old mage, he could not keep his emotions in check when they brought up the subject of spiritual puppets.

"Wei Guang, the reason you became a Forbidden Mage is because Commander Hua granted you the Earth Pistil with fire attribute. That is how you reached where you are now. Do you know where the Earth Fire Pistil came from?" Mu Ningxue was resolute.

Confusion flashed in Wei Guang's eyes. 'How did Mu Ningxue know that my Forbidden Curse came from the Earth Fire Pistil?'

"Zhao Jing violated the convention and openly called for a private army to attack Fanxue Mountain. He accused us of hiding a great treasure. That great treasure is the Earth Fire Pistil that came from Lan Yang City. We've paid a heavy price and sacrificed many lives to save Fanxue Mountain and guard the Earth Fire Pistil. If we had failed, Zhao Jing would have been the Forbidden mage instead of you. We protected the Earth Fire Pistil that made you a Forbidden Mage!" Mu Ningxue sounded harsh.

Each of her words was a blow to Wei Guang. He was already weak, and her words made him feel suffocated.

Lan Yang City, the Earth Fire Pistil, and Zhao Jing...

These words alone were sufficient to prove that Mu Ningxue was aware of the Earth Fire Pistil's origin!

Chapter 2918: Being Mean Is Contagious

Wei Guang was familiar with Zhao Jing. After all, he had been trampled underfoot by the powerful Zhao Jing for a long time.

Since Zhao Jing suddenly disappeared, Wei Guang felt that his life had taken a new turn.

The National Forbidden Curse Association recognized him and gave him the long-awaited Earth Pistil, which was the key to becoming a Forbidden Mage. Then, he obtained the unparalleled God's gift after becoming a Forbidden Mage. He stood out among the crowd and became a dazzling star in the country. Even the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance was paying attention to him.

However, Wei Guang knew that the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance had strict requirements. If someone like Mu Rong did not recommend him, it would be difficult for him to be able to join the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance with his young age, qualifications and achievements.

Therefore, the plan to take down the Extreme South Emperor was the key. He had decided to try his best to fulfill the alliance's requirements, including hiding the truth about Mu Ningxue's recruitment.

However, Wei Guang was surprised to find out that it had been possible for him to become a Forbidden Mage only because of Fanxue Mountain and those who fought there!

The Fire Element Earth Pistil was a sacred object that could not be replicated. In fact, Wei Guang had not even known about its origin when he received it.

However, Mu Ningxue knew about it fully well. She knew every detail and could tell him more. Wei Guang realized that he believed her. After all, people who were not involved in this field could not get their hands on a sacred object like the Earth Pistil.

"Once my innate talent is taken away, I'll die," said Mu Ningxue. "He has been lying to you and the alliance." Mu Ningxue pointed to Ice Emperor Mu Rong.

Mu Ningxue did not believe that the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance would allow such use of magic that could kill a Mage. If the alliance did allow it, then such an alliance was not worthy of loyalty and respect.

Wei Guang looked at Mu Rong. Mu Rong walked to Mu Ningxue with anger in his face.

Wei Guang realized what Mu Rong was going to do and immediately stood between him and Mu Ningxue.

He was not someone without a conscience. If Fanxue Mountain had sacrificed so many people's lives to protect the Earth Pistil that had made him a Forbidden Mage, he would not let Mu Ningxue die here.

"Will the innate talent grafting method kill Mu Ningxue?" Wei Guang stared into Mu Rong's eyes and asked firmly.

"It doesn't matter. Don't forget who you are working for. A great battle would not be possible without sacrifices. You know why the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance, and you and your own team are all struggling in this hell hole. Each of us is ready to sacrifice our lives, and Mu Ningxue can't choose to just walk away!" Mu Rong responded angrily.

Mu Rong had never expected Wei Guang to betray him.

"I guess the answer is yes, then. I should make it clear to the alliance then," said Wei Guang.

“How dare you?” Mu Rong was furious. When he shouted, the whole Ice Cave shook.

“Ha! Are you guys doing a stage play? Wei Guang, you are a really ignorant person. Do you think the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance members are like you? Even old mages with little experience know that the magic to steal innate talent will kill the target. Upon issuing the recruitment, the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance agreed to execute it. They knew what would happen to Mu Ningxue. Anything you try will be pointless,” Lady Karolina mocked as she walked to them.

Wei Guang sneered. “It is true that the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance is not absolutely holy. When all members get to vote anonymously on whether to perform the innate talent grafting method despite knowing it will kill people, I think they will all vote in favor since their names will not be taken. However, it will be different if this matter is not handled under the table. They must make decisions under their name. When they don’t have the cover of anonymity, they wouldn’t dare subject a Mage to death by something so evil.”

Everyone in the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance knew that the innate talent grafting method would kill people.

However, they stayed safe as they weren’t the ones doing it. It would be Mu Rong anyway. They could stay behind the curtains and claim they had nothing to do with it. They could ignore the consequences and cross the Avalanche River successfully.

If Mu Ningxue died, Mu Rong would take the blame. He will be accused of hiding the truth from the alliance and stopping at nothing to complete the plan. Mu Rong would be the one to receive the punishment.

As for Mu Rong, he was already a sinner. If he could not make some contributions to this plan to fight the Extreme South Emperor, he might end up in an asylum.

Everyone in the alliance wanted to complete the task and claim to have no blood on their hands. Having Mu Rong as the scapegoat was easy for them.

The alliance secretly allowed it. However, everyone would openly condemn the Ice Emperor, Mu Rong.

“Wei Guang, if we can’t cross the Avalanche River, you will be responsible for the global cold disaster in the future and for over 100 million deaths!” Mu Rong shouted.

Wei Guang paused, but the others could tell he was still going to expose the matter.

“Since my innate talent is the key to crossing the Avalanche River, you could just take me along. I don’t understand why you want to kill me for it,” said Mu Ningxue. “Witch!”

The corners of Lady Karolina’s lips twitched when she heard the word.

Mu Ningxue was also a little surprised at herself for throwing that word out loud. She thought for a while and realized that Mo fan’s influence had rubbed off on her. Being mean was contagious.

Lady Karolina was indeed no different from a witch. She wanted to kill Mu Ningxue and plant her innate talent on herself. Such evil magic was no different from the Cursed Beast of the Black Vatican.

“You don’t need to know about everything,” Lady Karolina said indifferently.

“Since you need my innate talent to serve the whole world, don’t I at least have the right to know why you intend to kill me?” said Mu Ningxue.

“Mu Ningxue, if the Holy Rulers have such an ability, we won’t even hesitate for a second. Sacrifice is an honor. Your selfishness and cowardice lead you to question and despise the alliance. Your country is also facing a cold disaster, and thousands of people die every day because of it. Don’t you feel sorry for them?” Yvette said to Mu Ningxue.

“Well said, Yvette. Sacrifice is an honor.” Lady Karolina nodded at the female Holy Ruler with a smile. Then, she looked at Mu Ningxue disdainfully. “My talent needs to be combined with your talent to help the alliance cross the Avalanche River.”

Mu Ningxue smirked. “If that’s the case, grafting your innate talent into me can also help the alliance cross the Avalanche River. After all, sacrifice is an honor according to your faith,” said Mu Ningxue.

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“This is ridiculous!” Lady Karolina was enraged, and her voice became high-pitched.

No matter how fiercely Mu Rong, Mu Ningxue, and Wei Guang had quarreled till then, Lady Karolina only looked at them apathetically.

Lady Karolina could not control her emotions at all.

Chapter 2919: Coercive Means

Wei Guang had seen the true colors of these two people.

He walked to the outside of the Ice Cave, but Mu Rong suddenly appeared in front of him with a darkened face.

Mu Rong put his hand on Wei Guang’s shoulder. His eyes showed hostility and anger. “If you insist on doing it, don’t blame me for the consequences!”

“Although I might not seem very uptight and righteous, I am still a man of principles,” said Wei Guang.

“Principles don’t get you results, boy. I’m not a man of principles. I only care about effective results!” said Mu Rong with a murderous gaze.

The Ice Cave began to tremble, and the stalactites smashed into the ground.

Mu Rong’s beard waved, and his eyes turned sharp. He used magic to easily bury the exit of the ice cave. Those incomparably thick, hard-as-steel ice rocks piled up in front of Wei Guang, completely cutting off the place from the outside.

“What are you trying to do? Are you going to kill us so that no one knows the truth?” Wei Guang looked at the blocked entrance in disbelief.

The Extreme South Castle was only a few dozen kilometers away from here. The members of the Five Continents Magic Association Alliance and the Holy City were inside the castle. They represented the most sacred and authoritative people in the world, and Mu Rong, one of them, dared to commit murder here.

At first, Wei Guang thought that Mu Rong was just using coercive means to threaten him. However, he soon saw the brutality and ferocity in Mu Rong's eyes.

He would stop at nothing to achieve his goal even if it meant killing his companions!

Mu Rong had gone crazy!

"Mu Ningxue is right. I'm already half a prisoner in the alliance. If the Extreme South Emperor doesn't die, I must bear the blame. I will be ridiculed by my peers and be abandoned by everyone. I thought you could help me escape this situation, but I didn't expect you to be so stupid. I'll give you one last chance. If you still don't make the right decision, you can stay here forever as a frozen specimen!" Mu Rong's aura got stronger.

He was like a magical beast that had been frozen for thousands of years. He had accumulated a lot of resentment and was about to vent it.

Wei Guang realized that Mu Rong was going to fight to the death. He would not hesitate to kill him even though he was a member of the China Forbidden Curse Association.

He glanced at Mu Ningxue and lowered his voice. "Run."

Mu Ningxue ran in the other direction of the Ice Cave, but the Holy Ruler, Yvette, blocked her path.

Yvette smiled like a creep. "You don't seem to know your status. How can you compare yourself to Lady Karolina with your identity and say such bold things? Lady Karolina is the bright moon in the sky, and you're just a stinking firefly!"

Yvette used her magic, and layers of Flaming Sun Ripples appeared on her body. They were like golden shackles and chains that trapped Mu Ningxue's in every direction.

Mu Ningxue was prepared. In fact, from the moment she stepped into the Ice Cave, she had felt as though she was walking into a beast's lair. She knew they would attack if she refused whatever they wanted to do to her.

The Wind Wings appeared on her back. The white wind feathers formed a small storm that swept away the Flaming Sun Ripples and gave Mu Ningxue time and speed. Then, a slender white shadow passed over her. Mu Ningxue rolled Yvette up like a tornado.

Yvette spun in the air and smashed to the ground. Now, she was angry. She held a Holy Judgment Spear and threw it toward Mu Ningxue with force.

When the Holy Judgement reached Mu Ningxue, it suddenly turned into a cage spear, trapping her inside like a birdcage.

Yvette smiled. Her smile froze on her face when she realized that her cage hadn't trapped Mu Ningxue but just her afterimage composed of white wing feathers. The real Mu Ningxue had long been outside the cage and was getting farther.

Yvette was stunned. She never thought that her magic would not work on Mu Ningxue.

“You can’t escape from here!” Lady Karolina shouted. She raised her hands as if she was holding something.

A turbid halo appeared between her hands. It turned out she was holding a turbid crystal ball.

She turned the turbid crystal ball formed by the halo upside down, and the space suddenly began to twist strangely. It was like water was being churned in the well, except the space around them churned in this instant.

The process was short. Something rang in Yvette’s head. When she came back to her senses, she found herself standing at the entrance of the cave blocked by the ice rocks.

Mu Ningxue, who had fled in the direction of another entrance, also seemed to have been transformed by space. She returned to where she had stood before and faced Mu Rong and Lady Karolina!

“Chaos Order!”

Mu Ningxue was solemn. Lady Karolina’s strength was higher than that of Mu Rong. Her Wind Element gave her an advantage in speed, but it was nothing compared with Lady Karolina’s Chaos Element. Lady Karolina could change her direction and pull her to whichever spot she wanted.

She could not leave.

“Go. Don’t disappoint me this time,” Lady Karolina said to Yvette. She was arrogant and ordered people around while not doing any of it herself.

Yvette nodded and approached Mu Ningxue again.

Mu Ningxue did not plan to escape anymore. She twisted her wrist. An ice sword suddenly appeared in the air and attacked Yvette.

An Ice Moon Arc accompanied the attack. Yvette summoned a heavy golden wall to resist the power of Mu Ningxue’s sword.

However, Mu Ningxue was very handy with her magic. She crushed the sword and turned it into countless ice blades. The ice blades that covered the entire cave were like stars sinking into the sea in midsummer. They were beautiful and filled with killing intent.

Yvette was horrified. She had to use magic armor to protect herself from severe injuries. Mu Ningxue’s ice blades injured her. She could not dodge or defend against the attack, let alone take down Mu Ningxue. She could not even ensure her own safety against Mu Ningxue’s fierce ice magic.

Mu Ningxue’s ice magic was endless, and Yvette could not fight against her at all.

Yvette felt humiliated. ‘How could I be so vulnerable against Mu Ningxue?’

Chapter 2920: Elemental Plunder

“Back off.” Lady Karolina closed her eyes and intended to rest until everything was done.

But she was disappointed to see Mu Ningxue defeat Yvette so easily.

She looked at Yvette. She understood that the higher-ups in Holy City had some... needs due to which they kept whichever Mage they preferred no matter how they lacked in strength.

Yvette knew what Lady Karolina was thinking. She was enraged. Her current position as a Holy Ruler wasn't because of some dirty and cheap reason, she had earned this place with her strength.

But she found Mu Ningxue and her use of magic very weird.

Lady Karoline was an Ice Element Mage, and her cultivation had reached the level of a Forbidden Mage. She walked toward Mu Ningxue fearlessly. It was as if she was a noblewoman condemning a female slave to death.

"Use all your strength. When you try your best and still can't hurt me, you will understand why you are unworthy of living in this world and why your talent must be grafted into me!" Lady Karolina said with contempt.

What Mu Ningxue said before had already angered her.

Mu Rong had isolated the Ice Cave, and the alliance's meeting to take down the Extreme South Emperor would not end in a short time. She could slowly play with Mu Ningxue till it was time.

Lady Karolina could see that Mu Ningxue was proud and stubborn. However, such a wild girl needed to be taught a lesson. Otherwise, she would not know who she messed with.

She not only wanted to take away Mu Ningxue's innate talent but also her dignity.

"Elemental Plunder!"

Mu Ningxue suddenly closed her eyes, and her long white-silver holy hair fluttered without wind. She fully exposed her flawless face, which was as beautiful as a work of art. She raised her head slightly and opened her eyes slowly.

Suddenly, the temperature of the Ice Cave dropped sharply. The Ice Element Elves all over the Ice Cave and the glaciers in the Extreme South Land seemed to have heard the queen's call and were gathering here.

It got colder, and the air began to condense. Mu Ningxue was using her power too!

"Absolute Forbidden Realm?" Lady Karolina maintained a playful expression.

If this is a duel between Super Level Mages, the power of Mu Ningxue's Absolute Forbidden Realm could make her invincible in battle. After all, it was a power that only Ice Element Heaven Seed possessed. When it combined with the awakened Ice Element supernatural power, she could easily defeat a Super Level Mage like Yvette.

Unfortunately, Lady Karolina was not a Super Level Mage. She was a Forbidden Mage, an orthodox Forbidden Mage who could independently complete Forbidden Magic.

How could Mu Ningxue, who was only at the peak of her Super Level, fight with one of the strongest Forbidden Mage in the world like her?

If Mu Ningxue had obeyed, she might have given her a chance to live. Or she could have immortalized Mu Ningxue's name for her sacrifice.

Since she was rude, arrogant, and overconfident, she wanted to destroy Mu Ningxue!

"Elemental Plunder!"

Lady Karolina was very familiar with this magic. It could gather ice elements within hundreds of kilometers and enhance one's domain, control, and magical power.

However, snatching control of the ice element in front of an Ice Element Mage was ridiculous.

Once she made a gesture, those ice elements that surrounded Mu Ningxue like soldiers would instantly become her Elemental Slaves!

Boom!

There was a loud bang. The purple holy flame turned into a brave lion and knocked the Ice Emperor Mu Rong into the air.

The Ice Emperor Mu Rong looked embarrassed. He stood and staggered. He turned to Lady Karoline with a sad face. "Lady Karolina, why did you plunder all the ice elements? My current cultivation is not as good as before, so I can't use some advanced ice magic under your deterrence."

Wei Guang looked a little weak. He was confused. He had not recovered from the ice invasion. He should not have been able to compete with an old and experienced Mage like Mu Rong. His Ice Elemental magic was far stronger compared to Wei Guang's Fire Element in this place.

However, he had injured Mu Rong. Mu Rong's strength seemed to have been drained away by something, and he suddenly became weak like an old man.

In the beginning, Lady Karolina looked with disgust at the Ice Emperor, Mu Rong, assuming that he could not even handle a weak Forbidden Mage. However, she soon realized that something was wrong.

"I haven't plundered the elements yet." Lady Karolina frowned.

Mu Ningxue was the one who had plundered the elements. She turned all the ice elements into her soldiers and created a majestic ice element empire.

However, Mu Rong was an Ice Element Forbidden Mage. How could he lose to Mu Ningxue in a fight involving Ice Element?

"I-I can't control any Ice Elements," said the Ice Emperor, Mu Rong.

Lady Karolina's eyes widened. She spread her hands out and clenched them slowly, trying to plunder all the Ice Elements around her.

To Forbidden Mages, the elements were not soldiers but slaves. And slaves must obey them at all costs!

However, no matter how she pulled the Ice Elements into her hands or ordered them, it would not work at all. All the Ice Elements gathered toward Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue had not even started casting any magic. Those Ice Elements formed a shocking Ice Element storm that spread in a radius of one or two kilometers with Mu Ningxue as the center.

Elements were micro-particles. In the absence of the Mage's astrological sign, they were harmless and non-threatening. However, Mu Ningxue was gathering the elements. This could turn into a massive disaster.

"What is going on?" Lady Karolina was also shocked.

'Did the Ice Elements only listen to Mu Ningxue?'

Elements were shared. The Forbidden Mages could plunder a certain element and force the Mages below them to suppress the ability of that element. It would be difficult for Mages to cast magic, and their power would also be greatly reduced.

But even if everyone was a Forbidden Mage, the elements were still shared.

The exclusive use of elements only existed between the Forbidden Mages and low-level mages. Therefore, this phenomenon was impossible!

First, Mu Ningxue was not a Forbidden Mage at all.

Secondly, even if she were a Forbidden Mage, Lady Karolina and Mu Rong were Ice Element Forbidden Mages with a higher level of cultivation.

It was impossible for them not to be able to obtain even one Ice Element!

If they had no Ice Element, they could not even use ice magic at a basic level.

How could an Ice Element Forbidden Mage not be able to use ice magic?