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#### Chapter 341: The Life-Saving Vortex

A great splash of incredibly viscous mud poured from the sky, turning Zhang Xiaohou and Mo Fan into mud people instantly.

It took Zhang Xiaohou quite some effort to clean himself up, and now, he was turned into a mud monkey again. {TL Note: Xiaohou can also mean little monkey}

Mo Fan was in a better spot, not because he was not splashed with the mud, but he was rather filthy to begin with, so an extra layer of mud did not really make any difference.

"Brother...brother Fan... what should we do now?" Zhang Xiaohou who had finally met up with Mo Fan, managed to create some distance from the Giant Poisonous Centipede. However, the distance was soon cut short when the two monsters flanked them from both directions.

Zhang Xiaohou could feel his stomach flip-flopping, seeing the two gigantic monsters charging in their direction.

He thought he finally had the chance to slaughter some demon beasts after becoming an Intermediate Magician. However, he was still extremely tiny standing in front of these Commander-level demon beasts.

"I guess I'm left with no choice!" Mo Fan stared at the muddy swamp. All he could see was waves of mud splashing toward them.

Clenching his teeth, he could picture his fangs extending longer and his pupils changing color.

As a matter of fact, Mo Fan did not feel like using the power of the Demon Element, as each time it was used, he was selling more of his soul. He could not even tell if he would still be alive after using it this time!

Every time he used the power, he would have to survive four Soul Breakdowns; all his previous efforts would be in vain!

The Giant Poisonous Centipede floated on the mud and wriggled rapidly in an S-shape like a water snake. Every time it uttered a roar, a great lump of mud would pour down from the sky, followed by the disgusting gust of its breath.

If it weren't for the missing limbs on the second-half of its body which hindered its balance, it would have caught up to Zhang Xiaohou easily!

The centipede had huge mandibles on both sides of its mouth, looking like two steel blades. They clacked loudly as it was swimming across the swamp. It could not wait to tear the guy that had stepped on its tail into pieces!

The centipede was shrieking endlessly. It turned out that its old enemy, the Xuanwu Giant Lizard, was posing a great threat to it, so it did not dare to lunge forward at its prey straight away.

Likewise, the Xuanwu Giant Lizard did not expect to bump into the centipede, either. Its lantern-sized eyes were staring at the extremely poisonous demon beast. Its cave-sized mouth bellowed at the Giant Poisonous Centipede in warning.

The roars of the demon beasts were deafening!

However, the hesitation of the two beasts somehow bought Zhang Xiaohou and Mo Fan, who was stuck in between them, some time.

That being said, the two Commander-level demon beasts were not brainless, either. They quickly came to an agreement between themselves. In order to showcase their savagery, they would first tear the damned humans into pieces first!

"A vortex, Brother Fan, it's coming!" In the nick of time, Zhang Xiaohou burst out screaming when the life-saving vortex finally appeared in the swamp.

Mo Fan had seen it too. He immediately stopped himself from activating the Demon Element.

He grabbed Zhang Xiaohou and used the shadow of the mountain from the setting sun to cast Fleeing Shadow!

A giant claw swept out; the Xuanwu Giant Lizard had launched its attack. The force of the slap alone was enough to crumble a small hill, let alone two Magicians!

Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou dodged the attack with the Fleeing Shadow. However, the shockwave from the slap was utterly terrifying. It managed to knock both Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou out from the shadow they were traveling in.

Both of them were knocked flying. It felt like their bones would fall apart any second now...

Luckily, they happened to be knocked toward the vortex. If they were flying in the other direction, they would surely be killed by any simple attack from either the Xuanwu Giant Lizard or the Giant Poisonous Centipede.

Falling from the air, Mo Fan quickly grabbed Zhang Xiaohou tight and plunged right into the vortex.

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The layer of rocks under the swamp had collapsed. The thick mud was sucked into the underground river with a strong current.

As the bottom was blasted open, the water level of the swamp began to sink rapidly. It started from a small whirlpool with a diameter of a few meters, but it soon expended as the opening expanded...

The surface of the black swamp was peaceful just a few moments ago, calm enough to reflect the night sky, but it was now filled with rumbling waves and a rain of mud pouring down a big hole.

The two gigantic creatures stood in the swamp. The rolling waves seemed to have little effect on them. They continued to roar at one another in the midst of the stand-off, completely ignoring the whirlpool that had appeared!

The whirlpool gradually grew larger. Its diameter had reached twenty meters!

From the beasts' perspective, the whirlpool was not as tiny as it was before. The mud nearby poured into the hole at an insane pace, trying to fill the empty space.

Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou had already jumped into the vortex. The flow dragged them down further, and they soon found themselves right at the center of the vortex!

The two creatures pounced at the vortex when they saw the humans being dragged away by the current.

Due to their enormous sizes, as they lunged in the same direction, they both mistakenly assumed that the other was trying to attack them. As such, the Giant Poisonous Centipede responded by smashing its head into the Xuanwu Giant Lizard, while the latter raised its front limbs and pressed its weight down on top of the centipede's body!

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard raised half of its body into the air before slamming it down hard. The terrifying impact ended up stirring a ring of tsunami, starting from the center of the lake.

The Giant Lizards at the shores of the swamp were no longer in the mood to enjoy their peaceful rest. The mud tsunami had already driven them somewhere far away, leaving a great mess on the trees, the ground and the foothills of the mountain.

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Under the swamp, a great force surged from the surface of the water, instantly shattering the vortex.

Fortunately, Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou were already in the pillar of water flowing down to the underground river. If it weren't for the cushioning from the mud and water, the force would have blasted a bigger hole under the swamp. The whole swamp would have collapsed, and there was no way they would have survived!

Li Man had already moved a distance away from the hole prior to the blast. Her ears were deafened by the echoes as the waterfall poured down with an unending roar.

The splattering mud from the pillar of water was so strong that it could even shatter the rocks to pieces.

The layer of rocks was punctured, and the whirlpool was created as planned. However, it would be a great surprise if the two men being dragged around by the current would feel at all great after their journey...

#### Chapter 342: Giant Lizard vs Giant Centipede

When his body slammed down on the underground riverbed from the momentum of the mud plummeting down, Mo Fan finally realized that it was too early to deem his plan perfect!

The feeling of it was definitely not a pleasant one after he had just experienced the impact from the Commander-level demon beast's trampling a moment ago. If it weren't for the layer of mud and water, his bones would have broken into pieces by now.

Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou held their breath while being dragged around by the rapid current.

They could feel their minds going blank, but they tried their very best to remain conscious, as they had no idea where the current would drag them to in the end...

*Cough cough cough~ Cough cough~*

Mo Fan dragged the half-dead Zhang Xiaohou to the shore of the river. It was impossible to tell how many layers of mud was he covered in, as it was so thick that he no longer looked human.

He kept on coughing, trying to clear out the mud that had entered his nose and throat. It felt horribly disgusting!

Li Man soon found the two men. When she saw Zhang Xiaohou lying beside Mo Fan unconscious, she stomped her foot on his stomach without mercy.

A pillar of mud jetted out from Zhang Xiaohou's mouth as he regained consciousness.

"Water Barrier!" Li Man swiftly cast the Water Spell and produced tiny drops of water. They soon formed a ribbon of water and wiped off the two mud men under Li Man's control.

The watery ribbon dug into their noses and throats, giving them a thorough cleaning-out.

Li Man ended up casting a few Water Barriers just to turn Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou back to normal. She glanced at the two half-dead young men and giggled, "It's been a while since I last met teenagers who were so willing to put their lives at risk."

Li Man was indeed fairly impressed by the two's courageous spirits. Normally, anyone's face would turn pale after hearing the term "Commander-level", and would stay as far away as possible, let alone taking the initiative to provoke them!

Each of them was in charge of luring a Commander-level demon beast, and the hardest thing to believe was, they actually managed to escape in one piece!

"Brother Fan, can you put me in charge of blasting the hole open next time?" Zhang Xiaohou blurted out dully.

"Do you really want a next time?" asked Mo Fan in a similar tone.

Zhang Xiaohou shook his head wildly!

Mo Fan would never want to find trouble with a Commander-level demon beast if it weren't for the fact that he desperately needed its Soul Remnant.

The ceiling of the underground cavern shook vigorously. It felt like the fragile layer of rocks would crumble at any second.

The two gigantic beasts had begun fighting one another. The endless vibration was the best indication.

"Should we go up?" Zhang Xiaohou asked after finishing his rest.

"A Commander-level demon beast won't die so easily, it will take days for the battle to come to an end... By the way, Li Man, didn't you mention something about an Earth Element Soul Seed?" asked Mo Fan.

“Mm, it’s in that direction. Too bad we didn’t bring any harvesting tools with us. Once I blasted it open, the energy of the Soul Seed will be lost fairly soon,” replied Li Man in a rather pitiful voice.

The Earth Element Soul Seed was definitely something remarkable, as Li Man was only able to puncture it with strong Advanced Magic. No wonder many hunters were keen to find it, as they would surely be able to sell it at an incredible price.

“Houzi, aren’t you an Earth Magician, what are you waiting for? Are you going to stand there until its energy is completely lost!” Mo Fan kicked at Zhang Xiaohou, who was lost in his thoughts.

“Me?” Zhang Xiaohou pointed at himself and blurted out with disbelief.

“Li Man and I don’t have the Earth Element. Who else among us can take it, hurry the f\*\*k up! Once you claim the Earth Element Soul Seed, it’s time to go to the surface to deal with the two idiotic beasts!” exclaimed Mo Fan.

Zhang Xiaohou no longer felt miserable from his previous experience. He immediately followed Li Man’s directions to the location of the Earth Element Soul Seed.

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Waves after waves of mud were stirred up, each fiercer than the ones before.

On the west side of the valley, the innocent Giant Lizards climbed their way up the mountain while staring at the roaring tides of mud being produced at the center of the swamp. Their instincts were urging them to stay as far away as possible.

Everything within a few hundred meters of a battle between two Commander-level demon beasts was at risk. The closest safe distance would be at least one or two kilometers away.

The Giant Lizards tugged their brains and continued to climb up the mountain. They were like refugees fleeing for their lives after their homes were drowned with mud.

The different segments of land close to the center of the swamp were devoured by the continuous waves of mud rolling in all directions. The two Commander-level demon beasts had been enemies for quite some time in the valley, and each seeing that the other was currently suffering severe injuries, they both assumed that their time of conquering the Xizhao Valley had finally arrived. As such, they totally ignored the two humans who had somehow disappeared, and started a life-or-death brawl between themselves.

The Giant Poisonous Centipede had been living in the valley for around seventy years. It had already conquered a part of Dongting Lake prior to the arrival of the Giant Lizards. However, when the Giant Lizards moved in around twenty years ago, its habitat was overrun with them, not to mention the Xuanwu Giant Lizard who had forcibly occupied its old nest. It had no choice but to move to a smaller swamp nearby.

The two creatures had been enemies for a very long time, thus they totally went all out in the battle. They were aware that the valley had a perfect balance of Water and Earth Elements, thus either a Water Element Soul Seed or an Earth Element Soul Seed would appear every five or six years. Both the Giant

Poisonous Centipede and the Xuanwu Giant Lizard agreed that they could not find a better place to cultivate than here in Dongting Lake!

Only one Commander was allowed in this valley!

The Giant Poisonous Centipede could no longer withhold the grudge against the Xuanwu Giant Lizard, which had been building up since its habitat was taken away. It was determined to avenge itself while the Xuanwu Giant Lizard was still recovering from severe injuries!

A purple poisonous mist was discharged from the pores on the Giant Poisonous Centipede's body. The poison rapidly contaminated the water, and even lingered in the air...

The Giant Poisonous Centipede's greatest weapon was its poison. Even Commander-level demon beasts that were stronger than it would be turned into its food once they were poisoned.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard's stance slightly weakened when it saw the poison spreading.

Its was a fair bit stronger than the Giant Poisonous Centipede. Its body was the size of a mountain, and not merely for decoration purposes. The shell on its back could easily resist the sharp mandibles of the centipede. The reason why it had yet to drive it away completely was because of its poison...

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard was aware of its strong poison, and immediately backed off from it.

To its surprise, the Giant Poisonous Centipede pounced at it with its hundred-meters-long body and tore at its face, biting a huge chunk of flesh off!

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard was thoroughly infuriated. It stood upright and grabbed the Giant Poisonous Centipede's limbs with its claws, tearing them apart!

The front two limbs were amputated. A great amount of liquid jetted out from the wounds like fountains...

The Giant Poisonous Centipede uttered a furious roar. It tried to spray the liquid onto the Xuanwu Giant Lizard!

The liquid spurting out was also poisonous!

The Giant Poisonous Centipede did not care about the two amputated limbs, as it still had twelve remaining. It was trying to poison the Xuanwu Giant Lizard with its daring move!

Chapter 343: The Battle Between the Commanders

The two monsters fought fiercely, treating one another as their mortal enemy.

Meanwhile, in the underground cavern, Zhang Xiaohou had refined the Earth Element Soul Seed, the Flowing Mud. He could feel himself soaring across the sky.

It was Zhang Xiaohou's first time obtaining a Soul Seed. It had improved his strength significantly. Now he could even accomplish some missions that groups would have trouble doing, all on his own!

“This Flowing Mud is one of the best among the Earth Element Soul Seeds I’ve seen. It’s firm as a rock when it solidifies, and can turn into a vicious mud that is adhesive and poisonous as it softens,” said Li Man.

Zhang Xiaohou felt slightly embarrassed, as he did not expect the two would give him the Soul Seed just like that.

The Flowing Mud Soul Seed did give Zhang Xiaohou two different feelings. As Li Man had mentioned, it had two different attributes. It was rare for a Soul Seed to have different attributes. Not only did it improve Zhang Xiaohou’s Earth Element power, it also granted him different ways of utilizing his Earth Element.

For example, most people would use Earth Wave to alter their location. Those who were adept with it could use it as fluctuating quicksand to hinder an enemy’s movement.

However, the Flowing Mud’s Earth Wave would end up laying a huge swampy trap. The enemy would find their legs stuck in the mud, which not only obstructed their movement, but the Water Element poison would also penetrate them through the mud...

Zhang Xiaohou could tell that his strength had multiplied!

As he thought, following Brother Fan was definitely a wise choice. Ordinary Magicians would not even have enough money to buy a Soul Seed after saving up for all their lives, while he had been given an extraordinary Soul Seed for free!

“Don’t feel embarrassed, it’s what you deserve. You put your life at stake for it,” Mo Fan clapped Zhang Xiaohou’s shoulders.

Zhang Xiaohou had played an important role in the plan. Besides, he had sold all his possessions just to get him two Soul Essences. There was no way Mo Fan would mistreat his stupid brother, and they had conveniently found the Soul Seed by coincidence. Was there any reason he wouldn’t be giving it to Zhang Xiaohou?

“Mm!” Zhang Xiaohou nodded heavily.

“Let’s head up,” said Li Man.

“Let’s go.”

“It would be great if they were both dead...”

The trio quickly returned to the surface and ran toward the center of the swamp.

They could hear the great collisions between the two monsters from a good distance away. Mo Fan could not help but feel impressed by their vitality. They had spent quite a long time resting underground, and yet the two creatures were still fighting one another.

Suddenly, a giant limb the size of a tree slammed onto the ground in front of them.

They quickly reacted and dodged aside. The centipede’s limb was fairly sharp. It looked like a giant scythe being hurled in their direction, leaving Zhang Xiaohou’s heart racing wildly.

“The giant centipede only has six legs remaining!” Zhang Xiaohou pointed at the Giant Poisonous Centipede and blurted out with joy.

In the air above the swamp, the Giant Poisonous Centipede was wriggling its lengthy body nimbly as it flung its limbs hard at the Xuanwu Giant Lizard!

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard used the shell on its back as a shield. However, a huge crack had surfaced on the large shield, showing the outstanding power of the Giant Poisonous Centipede’s move.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard fell heavily into the swamp. The blow was fairly strong. It took the Xuanwu Giant Lizard quite some time to gather its feet...

The Giant Poisonous Centipede did not give the Xuanwu Giant Lizard any time to catch its breath. It wrapped its limbs around the Xuanwu Giant Lizard’s short neck, trying to snap its neck straight away.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard struggled miserably. Its relatively short limbs were completely useless in a situation like this. Besides, it could no longer use its full strength due to the effects of the poison.

Considering that staying in the mud would in fact restrict its own movements, the Xuanwu Giant Lizard dashed out from the swamp and sprinted forward.

The giant centipede was still chained to the Xuanwu Giant Lizard’s neck. Either the Xuanwu Giant Lizard had discovered the presence of the humans who started all this, or it was only running in a random direction, but the Xuanwu Giant Lizard was somehow charging straight towards where the trio was standing at.

The three quickly hid themselves. A moment later, they saw a gigantic creature with a giant centipede wrapped around its neck slamming into the walls of the valley...

The trees were like a bunch of weeds in the eyes of the two creatures. The mountain wall was merely a wall made of tiny rocks to them.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard felt like it was suffocating as its neck was clutched tight. It crazily slammed into the wall, trying to knock the Giant Poisonous Centipede off its head.

The Giant Poisonous Centipede was determined to gamble with its life. This was the final blow it would deal to the Xuanwu Giant Lizard. If it ended up being flung away from the Xuanwu Giant Lizard’s head, it would surely be smashed up by the Xuanwu Giant Lizard’s trampling claws, as it could no longer escape in time with its remaining limbs. As such, no matter how hard the Xuanwu Giant Lizard slammed into the walls, the Giant Poisonous Centipede held onto its head tightly. The blood and fluid spurting from its body sprayed over the Xuanwu Giant Lizard’s body. Just a while longer, and the poison would penetrate into its enemy. When that happened, the Xuanwu Giant Lizard would find its head being separated from the rest of its body!

Their thunderous movement was incredibly shocking, leaving holes and ravines in the ground and on the mountain walls.

Blood and pieces of flesh were scattered across the place. The two Commander-level demon beasts were having their final showdown!

Blood and body fluid!



Any fluid inside the Giant Poisonous Centipede was deadly poisonous. They were splashing onto the Xuanwu Giant Lizard's skin, penetrated through the pores, or entered its body through its wounds.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard was dyed purple, a sign that it was deeply contaminated by the poison.

As a matter of fact, the Xuanwu Giant Lizard had had the upper hand throughout the battle. It had torn the Giant Poisonous Centipede's limbs off one by one, and managed to shatter its carapace, too.

However, as the battle dragged on further, the effects of the poison grew more terrifying. The Xuanwu Giant Lizard did not expect that it would fall to its enemy's poison in the end.

It could feel its body turning numb, as its limbs were completely paralyzed. It could no longer move its body...

It was feeling an incredible pain in its neck. It had failed to smash the centipede into pieces with its final slam into the wall, which in return marked its defeat!

For many years, the Xuanwu Giant Lizard had managed to drive the Giant Poisonous Centipede away with ease. However, in a battle where both of the creatures went all out, the latter proved to be more deadly...

The giant mountain of meat slowly collapsed to the ground!

The poison had spread across its entire body. Its neck was dislocated, as it had been half-snapped by the Giant Poisonous Centipede.

It was not fully snapped, as the Giant Poisonous Centipede had lost its strength, too.

It had lost another three limbs due to the impacts from the collisions. It only had three limbs remaining, while its entire body was covered in wounds.

It proudly raised its head and screamed into the sky, declaring to the beasts in the valley that it had finally reclaimed its territory!

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#### **Chapter 344: Commander-level Soul Remnant!**

"We've eaten its eggs, so its poison is useless against us. Let's kill it!" Mo Fan said to the other two who were hiding beside him.

The Giant Poisonous Centipede's greatest weapon was its poison, which they were not afraid of even if their whole bodies were soaked in it.

Now was their best chance to kill the Giant Poisonous Centipede!

Mo Fan was the first to dash forward. He desperately needed the Commander-level Soul Remnants. He had to retrieve the Xuanwu Giant Lizard's Soul Remnant before its energy dispersed.

"Are you trying to get yourself killed!" Li Man blurted out when she saw Mo Fan rushing out like that.

Even though the Giant Poisonous Centipede was on the verge of dying due to the severe injuries it had suffered, it could still kill a Warrior-level creature instantly with a random attack. Mo Fan would surely be killed by the infuriated Giant Poisonous Centipede if he were charging straight at it!

Mo Fan could not care less about the risk. He had to collect the Soul Remnant as soon as possible!

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard was indeed enormous. Mo Fan felt like he was running under the ruins of a huge building. He drew out the Little Loach Pendant from his chest...

Soon, the dead Xuanwu Giant Lizard began to glow like a firefly. The glow perfectly followed the outline of its body.

The Little Loach Pendant emitted a similar glow as it slowly drew the soul out from the Xuanwu Giant Lizard's flesh.

However, to Mo Fan's surprise, the Xuanwu Giant Lizard's soul was large, too. He could even see it lunging at him with the unwillingness and anger of death.

He felt a great chill go straight down his soul. The Xuanwu Giant Lizard's soul opened its mouth wide, trying to bite in Mo Fan's direction.

Mo Fan was stunned. The Xuanwu Giant Lizard's soul looked totally alive. It even had the same suffocating pressure of a Commander-level demon beast.

The deafening roar left Mo Fan's ears buzzing, completely dazing him.

A strong sense of danger came right at him. Mo Fan could feel himself being encapsulated within the deadly aura. His body and soul were going to be shattered into pieces...

"Buzz~" The Little Loach Pendant let out a bright chime, sensing that its master was in danger!

A serene blue glow erupted from the pendant, turning into rays of light fired at the Xuanwu Giant Lizard's soul.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard seemed to be afraid of the rays. It took a few steps backward, before floating away in panic.

The Little Loach Pendant had no intention of letting its prey go. It was its first time tasting a Commander-level soul, thus it would not allow the Xuanwu Giant Lizard to escape!

The rays of light transformed into lengths of soul chains, penetrating the giant soul of the Xuanwu Giant Lizard. The chains tightly bound the escaping soul.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard was bound up tightly before it could run away, and dragged back into the inner world of the pendant by the rays of light.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard was utterly terrified. It burst into screams of agony, but no matter how hard it struggled, it could not break free from the chains...

A soul was fairly light in weight. Despite the Xuanwu Giant Lizard's enormous size and strength, the Little Loach Pendant was able to drag its soul back with ease.

The closer it was dragged toward the pendant, the smaller the Xuanwu Giant Lizard became. When it was right in front of Mo Fan, it turned into a tiny blue puff of flame.

The flame was no longer as intimidating as before. As Mo Fan collected his thoughts, the Xuanwu Giant Lizard's soul was fully sucked into the Little Loach Pendant, joining the others in the world inside the pendant.

"I thought that was the end for me." Mo Fan's face was white with fear.

He never thought the Xuanwu Giant Lizard would still be so terrifying after it was dead. It forced Mo Fan to reevaluate the Commander-level demon beast. Not only was their flesh powerful, their souls were also domineering in the Nether Realm!

Mo Fan let out a relieved sigh, knowing that the Little Loach Pendant had saved his life once again.

After quickly inspecting the interior of the pendant, Mo Fan discovered that the soul of the Xuanwu Giant Lizard was floating above the river. It was definitely outstanding among the souls drifting in the world.

There existed a unique world inside the Little Loach Pendant. The Underground Holy Spring that it had absorbed before had turned into a long river cycling endlessly in the world. The Soul Essences and Soul Remnants that the Little Loach Pendant had absorbed floated above the river made from the Underground Holy Spring. The souls were embellishing the river like candlelights and lanterns. The reflections on the surface of the river showed the appearance of the demon beasts while they were still alive. From afar, it looked like the souls were stars, while the river was like the galaxy containing them...

Regardless of how savage the demon beasts were while they were still alive, each of their souls had turned into an elegant glowing star in this place, merging with the calm and peaceful world!

"I've finally acquired a Commander-level Soul Remnant, too bad it wasn't a Soul Essence..." Mo Fan was relieved when he finally subdued the Xuanwu Giant Lizard's soul. He no longer had to suffer from the Demon Element. With the help of this Commander-level Soul Remnant, he was confident that he could survive the final Soul Breakdown from the Demon Element and become human once again!

"Brother Fan... Brother Fan, behind you!" Zhang Xiaohou called out with trembling teeth.

Mo Fan calmly turned around and saw a bloody giant centipede half-rising in the air while staring down at him. The eyes on its sunken face displayed a vicious and disdainful gaze.

A mere human dared to steal its loot after it had won the glorious battle?

The Giant Poisonous Centipede was completely overwhelmed with savagery after killing the Xuanwu Giant Lizard, who had a higher lineage than itself.

It was highly possible that the Giant Poisonous Centipede would undergo a significant evolution after this. In this world that obeyed the law of the jungle, demon beasts that managed to kill a higher-lineage demon beast would break through, as if they were blessed by nature!

Currently, although the Giant Poisonous Centipede was on the verge of dying, its aura was stronger than before. Mo Fan's body completely stiffened when the demon beast was merely staring down at him.

"Damn it, I was too impatient!" cursed Mo Fan.

Mo Fan was too desperate to acquire the Commander-level Soul Remnant, plus he was afraid that the energy of the soul would disperse rather quickly. As such, he had rushed toward it recklessly.

To his surprise, the Giant Poisonous Centipede was as hot-tempered as usual, despite its severe injuries. It slowly opened its giant mouth, as if it had already given Mo Fan a death sentence.

"Plummeting Rays!"

As Mo Fan was clenching his teeth and about to run away with Fleeing Shadow, he heard Li Man's rather imperious voice.

Several brilliant Constellations were summoned beside her, which set her off looks like a goddess that had descended to the mundane world, sacred yet glamorous!

Golden rays appeared in her vicinity, slowly turning into a rain of arrows under her control!

"Ad...Advanced..." Zhang Xiaohou was lost in amazement.

Mo Fan also opened his eyes wide, and stared at the woman in disbelief!

Oh my God, this big-booty woman is an Advanced Magician!

#### Chapter 345: Natural Enemy

The glowing rain of arrows poured down from the air like a golden storm.

A few arrows might not be enough to scratch the surface of a Commander-level demon beast's skin, but a few hundred, or even a thousand of them, was a completely different story.

The Giant Poisonous Centipede did not expect to find such a powerful Magician among the group of humans. Due to its Dark Element, the Light Element turned out to be one of its greatest weaknesses!

Each of the light arrows easily penetrated and melted through its carapace. The demon beast burst out screaming in pain when the boiling golden rays burned through its wounds.

Plummeting Rays: Sacred Chant!

The cleansing force was deadly against evil beasts. The Giant Poisonous Centipede was full of poison, so every single drop of its blood was terrified of the light arrows containing the cleansing force of the Sacred Chant...

As the light arrows poured down, instead of blood splattering from the piercing of sharp weapons, the golden arrows actually melted the demon beast's carapace like burning iron melting through wax. No matter how thick its flesh and how sturdy its carapace were, the cleansing force of the Sacred Chant was still able to penetrate through them!

The Giant Poisonous Centipede shook its body wildly, before it started rolling on the ground in pain.

Every single movement of its tail would cause the entire area to shake vigorously. Mo Fan quickly fled the scene.

He was satisfied with one Commander-level Soul Remnant. He was not too fussy about killing this Giant Poisonous Centipede.

However, the Light Element was indeed inflicting critical damage on the demon beast. The Giant Poisonous Centipede could barely hold itself together. If they were to add more firepower to the attack, they would be able to deal a critical blow to it.

The Giant Poisonous Centipede wriggled, trying to locate the Magician casting the Light Element Magic at it. It curled its tail, before slamming it hard on the ground...

The surface of the ground cracked rapidly. It spread to Li Man's position like a fissure.

Li Man dodged aside with great agility. However, some of the light arrows lost their accuracy, weakening her damage output.

The Giant Poisonous Centipede hurled pieces of rocks in Li Man and Zhang Xiaohou's direction.

They might be pieces of rocks in the eyes of the Giant Poisonous Centipede, but to Zhang Xiaohou and Li Man, they were giant boulders flying toward them! They quickly dodged the incoming projectiles.

The Giant Poisonous Centipede utilized the chance and escaped toward the center of the swamp.

It only had a few limbs remaining, and was purely wriggling like a snake. It plunged right into the mud as it lost its balance, and swam swiftly deeper into the swamp.

"Don't let it escape!" yelled Zhang Xiaohou subconsciously.

The Giant Poisonous Centipede was almost dead! It was the perfect chance to kill it. A Commander-level demon beast would surely drop a lot of valuable loot.

"Mm, off you go," replied Li Man.

Mo Fan was not interested in chasing after the beast, either. His experience was telling him that killing a Commander-level demon beast was extremely troublesome. Although the demon beasts that had managed to rank up to the Commander-level would have different levels of strength, they would surely have outstanding capabilities at escaping or surprise attacks as their trump cards!

Li Man had yet to fully recover from the poison, thus she could not fully utilize her strength. Meanwhile, Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou were only Intermediate Magicians. Even with their Soul Seeds, they still could not inflict any serious damage to the Commander-level demon beast. The Giant Poisonous Centipede had already surprised them by winning the fight against the Xuanwu Giant Lizard. It had already assisted them in killing the Xuanwu Giant Lizard, if they chased after it due to greed, the whole group would end up being wiped out.

"Forget it; unless we have a way to trap the Giant Poisonous Centipede, we won't be able to kill it." Mo Fan did not seem interested in chasing after the beast.

Li Man shared the same thought. If both Mo Fan and Zhang Xiaohou were Advanced Magicians, the three of them might have a chance at entrapping the severely injured Giant Poisonous Centipede. However, they were only Intermediate Magicians. It was quite a miracle that their plan had actually killed the Xuanwu Giant Lizard!

“So you’re an Advanced Magician. Why didn’t you tell us sooner? We won’t have had to try so hard to make the plan work!” Zhang Xiaohou exclaimed, with a hint of admiration.

Li Man seemed rather young from her looks, but her strength was rather impressive!

“It won’t make any difference. We won’t be able to defeat these monsters,” said Li Man.

“No way. Does this mean an Advanced Magician can’t defeat a Commander-level demon beast?” Zhang Xiaohou blurted out in astonishment.

Li Man shook her head and said, “Only the strongest among the Advanced Magicians are able to take on a Commander-level demon beast on their own. That being said, most of them wouldn’t be able to kill the Commander-level demon beasts either, as the beasts will run away when the situation isn’t right. Commander-level demon beasts are highly intelligent. They know how to set up traps like humans. On top of that, the endless Warrior-level and Servant-class demon beasts under its lead are quite a pain to deal with already.”

“No wonder Boss Zhan Kong never managed to kill the Darkwing Wolf. Doesn’t that mean he is considered an expert among the Advanced Magicians, since he dares to fight the Darkwing Wolf on his own?” Zhang Xiaohou was even more impressed with his superior.

Magicians had to come up with a perfect plan in order to eliminate a Commander-level demon beast.

First of all, they would have to deal with oceans of Servant-class and Warrior-level creatures, as the Commander-level demon beasts could expend them as free pawns.

Second, the strength of a healthy Commander-level demon beast was equivalent to six or seven Advanced Magicians. Even the weaker ones would still be equivalent to five Advanced Magicians. Furthermore, these creatures had outstanding endurance and strong life forces. Even after the Advanced Magicians fully depleted their energy, the beasts would still be vigorous and lively.

Finally, the Commander-level demon beasts had great skills at escaping. Without a suitable plan to entrap the demon beasts when they were trying to escape, the Magicians would never be able to kill them. Their enormous size allowed them to come and go as they wished. If the Magicians were to chase after them, they would destroy the formation they had set up for the battle, and could even get themselves killed!

They were only able to kill a Commander-level demon beast this time due to several factors.

The Xuanwu Giant Lizard and the Giant Poisonous Centipede were already injured to begin with. They were also only fighting to their last gasps due to the grudges they had toward one another. Normally, most of the Commander-level demon beasts would not go all-out in the fights. Only Servant-class demon beasts would do something stupid like that.

Mo Fan cast a glance at Li Man and said with a smile, "I bet the military doesn't want the Giant Poisonous Centipede dead, either?"

Li Man nodded and replied, "The Giant Lizards Horde has been out of control recently because they don't really have a natural enemy here. However, the Giant Poisonous Centipede has killed the Xuanwu Giant Lizard, and its strength will improve significantly after it recovers. It and the Giant Lizards were like fire and water. It could help us suppress the growth of the Giant Lizards."

"I agree. Within a month, you won't find any Giant Lizards here in Xizhao Valley!" Mo Fan nodded.

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A rare smile surfaced on Li Man's face.

Biyi City's greatest threat was the Giant Lizards Horde. Since Li Man had been reallocated to Biyi City, she had been unable to come up with any viable plan to suppress the growth of the Giant Lizards.

She was initially planning to investigate the Deathbringer of Dongting Lake, trying to understand what could possibly kill so many Giant Lizards.

To her surprise, she had bumped into a caveman and a young but courageous soldier in Xizhao Valley. The two had used the simple strategy of provoking two demon beasts to fight one another to eliminate a Commander-level demon beast. It was definitely good news to Li Man, as it would provide Biyi City some relief.

On top of that, after learning that the Giant Poisonous Centipede turned out to be the winner of the battle, Li Man quickly came up with an idea and specifically marked the creature with the Light Element Sacred Chant. She purposely let it live, so it would suppress the Giant Lizards.

Killing a Commander of the Giant Lizards while producing a new natural enemy of the Giant Lizard Horde, it was equivalent to suppressing two nests of the Giant Lizards!

"I've mentioned before, the corpse is mine," Mo Fan said sternly, pointing at the giant dead body of the Xuanwu Giant Lizard.

"Mmm, I've got what I wanted," said Li Man.

"Brother Fan, I've also gotten what I need. As for the mountain, you should bring it back and build yourself a building," Zhang Xiaohou burst out laughing.

A Commander-level demon beast's corpse was full of useful components. It would take Mo Fan some time just to finish looting the dead body.

"I'll help. I can send a troop of Battlemages here to move the corpse back to the army and dissect it. Who knows how long you will take to do it yourself," suggested Li Man. Her face had more color now, and she looked more feminine. She was in a good mood, both because the poison was cleansed, and because she had resolved a huge threat for the military.

“Why don’t I sell it to the military? Since we couldn’t have done it without you, I’ll give you a ten percent discount.” Mo Fan did agree that moving such an enormous corpse would definitely bring him a great headache.

“That works, too. The research team will surely be more than happy to take a Commander-level demon beast.” As a Commander, Li Man had the authority to make the decision on her own.

“I wish us good cooperation.” Mo Fan reached out his filthy hand. His hair was overgrown with long hair, a sign that the Demon Element was not fully deactivated yet.

“Likewise.” Li Man wore a gentle smile. She squinted as she said with a hint of admiration, “You’re something special. It’s my first time seeing an Intermediate Magician killing a Commander-level demon beast. Even among the Advanced Magicians, killing a Commander-level demon beast is considered an impressive achievement!”

“Hehe, I didn’t come here living for a few months like a caveman just to experience nature!” Mo Fan smiled, revealing his sharp canine fangs.

“Then why don’t you tell me, why were the two Commander-level demon beasts severely injured before I came here?” Li Man stared right into Mo Fan’s eyes, as if she were trying to see through his lies.”

“God knows.” Mo Fan rolled his eyes, as if it were none of his business.

Li Man did not ask further, seeing that he was trying to avoid the topic.

Li Man believed that this caveman was closely related to the Deathbringer of Dongting Lake, but she did not know the details.

After arriving back at Biyi City, Mo Fan felt the final Soul Breakdown was about to take place.

It was similar to a Tribulation for Mo Fan. He was being punished by Heaven for using a power that did not belong to him. Everything would be fine if he were able to survive the Tribulation, but he would be damned if he failed.

Mo Fan was clueless about the number of Giant Lizards he had killed, and he had no idea how many Soul Essences he had consumed. Either way, he did not want to be controlled by the Demon Element again. If it weren’t for the Little Loach Pendant, he would have died several times over.

Once he survived the final Soul Breakdown, the Blood Sarira in his body would disappear completely.

Mo Fan would have hesitated to get rid of the demon’s lineage if it weren’t for the extreme after-effects. He did like the feeling of being able to beat the shit out of a Commander-level demon beast...

Unfortunately, great power would not just come for free. The price he had to pay was too much for him to bear!

He recalled Jiang Yi’s words. Even if he managed to survive, his cultivation would still decline...

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After Mo Fan used the Commander-level Soul Remnant to overcome the Tribulation, his soul was in a grave condition, while his cultivation declined significantly, too.



Mo Fan felt like having a tearless cry. He had spent so much effort on improving his Fire Element to the third tier. He had so much fun with the Nine Halls Fiery Fist, but it had now dropped down to the second tier, the Fiery Fist: Groundbreak!

Not only did his Fire Element decline, his Lightning Element, Shadow Element, and Summoning Element had all dropped by a grade...

If Mo Fan were slightly touched by the power of the Demon Element before, the declining of his cultivation had forced him to make up his mind instead.

His cultivation was a result of hard work!

That being said, it would be quite impossible for Mo Fan to demonize now even if he wanted to. The energy of the Demon Element had completely dissipated after the final Soul Breakdown. He would need a new Blood Sarira in order to use the Demon Element again.

The Blood Sarira was in the military's hands. Mo Fan did consider bringing one with him at all times, as losing his life was scarier than losing a grade of his cultivation. It would be something he had to think about in the future.

After recovering his human form, Mo Fan followed Zhang Xiaohou back to the Southern Military.

The only person from the military he could trust was Zhan Kong. He had managed to suppress the information about the Demon Element, thus not many people knew about his secret.

"I sometimes wonder if you're invincible... how are you still alive after that?" Zhan Kong smiled when he saw the lively Mo Fan in front of him.

"I'm pretty much dead anyway. My cultivation has declined," Mo Fan said with a wry smile.

"That's nothing, you can easily recover your cultivation. I've asked them to do a full check on your body. The demon lineage in your body is fully cleansed, and your soul is recovering well, too," said Zhan Kong.

"That's a relief," Mo Fan nodded and uttered a relieved sigh.

"By the way, I've done a little experiment by using the Blood Sarira's energy on your body. I've discovered that your body is now immune to it," said Zhan Kong.

"Immune?" Mo Fan was confused.

"Frankly speaking, the Blood Sarira won't have any effect on you. You won't be able to demonize anymore. You would have Awakened a new Element, if it were truly an Element. However, you only have four Elements now, instead of having the Demon Element in your Spiritual World. What they invented was more like a virus, an ecstasy, a biochemical drug. It has nothing to do with a new Element," said Zhan Kong.

Mo Fan nodded. Lu Nian and his group were mad, trying to make something so twisted a new Magic Element.

“You should train here for some time, try and recover your cultivation first. The news regarding your death is still being published, since the Black Vatican still has their eyes on you. If nothing is wrong with your body for some time, you can go back to school,” said Zhan Kong.

“Thanks, instructor.” Mo Fan felt rather relaxed knowing that his life was no longer in danger.

“Brother Fan, you should stay here longer,” Zhang Xiaohou said with a smile.

“You should get your ass to the Ancient Capital now. I sent you there to train yourself, and yet you’ve been wasting time messing around,” scolded Zhan Kong without mercy.

Zhang Xiaohou shrugged, not daring to say anything further.

“The Ancient Capital Xi An? I was told that it’s pretty close to the Land of the Undead?” asked Mo Fan.

Zhang Xiaohou nodded heavily as he said, “The undead will occasionally crawl out from nowhere. It’s nearly impossible to wipe them out, as they will reincarnate fairly quickly. By the way, with the Earth Element Soul Seed, Flowing Mud, I’m no longer afraid of being surrounded by the undead!”

“I should visit the place some time!” exclaimed Mo Fan.

The place where dynasties rose and fell, the burial ground of countless soldiers!

As the sun rose from the east, the living woke up and proceeded to their daily routines.

However, as the sun set on the horizon, the undead would impatiently lift open the sand, pall, and coffin lids as they worshiped the darkness!

Tombs, graves, battlefields, corpse pits, buried soldiers...

What kind of an exciting kingdom would it be?

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#### **Chapter 347: The Man Without Grace**

Autumn had arrived within the blink of an eye. The streets full of drifting fallen leaves and catkins in Hangzhou had combined into a poetic scene.

During autumn, Hangzhou was not as scorching as the cities in the south, with temperatures similar to summer. It was also not as chilly as the places in the north. It had the perfect temperature, with a gentle breeze. It was more like the gentle, elegant final washes of ink or color to a drawing, instead of an omen of the upcoming winter season...

Zhejiang Institute had the same dull-gray color. More fallen leaves were waiting to be cleaned up every day. They were like the clothes that women dumped as the seasons changed, not worth being sentimentally attached to.

The female students still retained the usual trend of wearing short skirts and black stockings. The outfit was deemed the all-around outfit among the girls, regardless of the season, and it would never be described as out-of-fashion, either. It was like Nippon Lily, retaining the radiance of spring at all times... {TL Note: Fun fact, the radiance of spring is sometimes referring to a slight glimpse of something sexy or erotic \*wink\*}

In comparison, the most popular outfit among the men was the combination of sandals and jerseys. In the south, this outfit was good enough to last three and a half seasons. Those who were not bothered about trifles would wear it during all seasons, not because they would simply wear an outer layer of down-coat in the cold seasons, but because they did not need to rely on extra warmth from clothing due to their Fire or Ice Elements.

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Speaking of the perks of having those Elements...

Zhejiang Institute had a small lake to its west, and at its center stood a pavilion.

The pavilion was left unattended for quite some time. Even the wooden bridge connecting the pavilion had collapsed to the bottom of the lake, as if it serving as a sign telling the students not to hang around the lake.

Unfortunately, everyone there was a Magician, thus the bridge would not make a difference at all.

A handsome man with perfectly set hair stood by the lake and said with a smile. "I'll push you there, it's nothing worth mentioning."

The calm surface of the clean lake reflected his rather tall figure. The gentle, yet masculine movement and tone implied that he had come from a fairly educated background.

He reached out his hand and swept it across the lake.

The weeds at the shore were gradually covered by a layer of ice. The ice rapidly spread to the water, making a crackling noise.

The surface of the lake froze. The thin layer of ice gradually thickened, as the icy energy continued to spread across it. It looked like an ice bridge was slowly extending across the surface of the lake, resulting in a magical view.

"It's the Prince of Ice, Liu Yilin. Not only is he handsome, his control of the Ice Element is very impressive too. As expected of someone ranked on our school's leaderboard!" Some girls nearby screamed at the top of their lungs.

The Prince of Ice was a complimentary title that Zhejiang Institute had given to Liu Yilin. He had conquered the entire school with his Ice Element not long after coming here. Together with his outstanding appearance and cool demeanor, he quickly captured many girls' hearts.

Wasn't a man like him the reason why they had worked so hard trying to secure a spot in the powerhouse institutes?

"Sigh, he's with that girl again. I don't understand, what good does a girl who can't even walk properly have?" a female student with a perfect mid-split hairstyle blurted out in envy.

In terms of appearance, many girls could easily outmatch her.

"I bet he's just pitying her. I hate people who act like they are pitiful the most. Grumbling when someone has merely stepped on an ant. Ah, I can't walk, please push me around. Ah, I'm having a slight

headache, I think I've caught a cold. Everyone knows how to pretend to be weak. Humph!" Chen Yunqi snapped.

Her mimic was on point, which prompted her friends nearby to bust out laughing. The laughter echoed in the path lined up with trees...

The Prince of Ice, Liu Yilin, glanced back at the girls who he used to hang out with. He smiled gently and slightly lowered his head, "Don't mind them, they are only jealous because I'm spending my time with you. Come, let's go to the pavilion."

"I want to have some time alone, sorry." Xinxia raised her head. There was no other emotion in her clear eyes apart from the calm.

She rolled her wheelchair with her skinny arms. She did not take the frozen path, but approached the lakeside instead.

Liu Yilin tapped his nose as he uttered a self-mocking laugh.

Meanwhile, Chen Yuqi's rather annoying voice appeared, "Yo, acting like a noble, pretending to keep a distance in order to grasp him better, how impressive..."

"Well, Yunqi, you can't say that, maybe someone is really not interested in the Prince of Ice. Maybe someone has already occupied her heart," said the girl with the mid-split.

"Then maybe her sweetheart prefers to go out with someone whom he can hold hands with while browsing the streets, someone like us who will not require him to push a wheelchair."

"I bet you've been reading too many of those romance novels. Hehe~"

Liu Yilin frowned. In his opinion, Chen Yunqi and her friends had gone too far. How could they keep on talking about someone's physical defects? It would just highlight how uneducated they were.

The girls continued to exchange disdainful remarks on their own. Liu Yilin finally ran out of patience and blurted out, "Aren't you going a bit too far with that?"

"Too far? I don't think so, we're just saying what we want to say, and doing what we want to do. We don't like girls who like to put up an act. Frankly speaking, she's still acting as if she were a saintess after being mocked by us, pretending that she isn't angry at us. I bet she's cursing us in her heart," said Chen Yunqi in a mocking tone.

"That's right, we make it clear who we don't like. We dare to spit it out when we dislike the white lotus."

"Those who put up an act are the most disgusting."

The girls left Liu Yilin speechless with their reasoning.

Liu Yilin was clueless about what to do. He glanced at the lonely back of the person sitting on a wheelchair. He had no idea how he could comfort her.

While he was feeling lost, a man wearing a black short-sleeve shirt walked past him. Judging from his outfit, he had most likely come from the south. No one would wear clothes like him due to the cold temperature.

The man had a fierce presence. His body was wrapped inside a unique shadow, which resulted in huge contrast with his bright, eye-grabbing aura. He even looked like a hooligan with how his chest was exposed from the three loosened buttons.

"Bitches like you should just stay in the water," the man said to Chen Yunqi and the girls who were still talking non-stop.

The man definitely lacked a tender heart toward females. His kicks landed accurately on three different body parts of the girls.

Chen Yunqi, the girl with the mid-split, and the other one wearing glasses were taken by surprise, and were knocked right into the icy lake. The splashes were exceedingly obvious along the path. It quickly attracted the attention of the crowd nearby.

None of the girls possessed the Water Element. Their bodies were soaked, and the water was cold, too. Their clothing, hair, makeup were utterly messed up by the water!

Liu Yilin was stunned. He stared at the man in disbelief.

Why would a man be acting so rough against women? Even though he had pictured himself kicking the girls into the lake a few times, his inner conscience from living a noble life would never allow him to perform such a disgraceful act!

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#### **Chapter 348: She's a Brocon and I'm a Siscon**

"Which jerk dares to kick me into the water, I'll crush you!"

"It's that guy in the black shirt, it's him!"

"Sisters, let's peel his skin off! Teach him that the prettiest three sisters of Zhejiang Institute are not someone he would want to mess with."

The mid-split...Uhh, the girl with her hair soaked wet had turned into a crazy woman. She totally ignored the icy water and started showing her Stars.

The girl called Chen Yunqi was even crazier. A Star Pattern was drawn slowly under her feet. However, her body shivered from the cold and following a sneeze, it instantly interrupted the casting of the magic, leaving her really angry.

"Bitches like you who only know how to abuse people with words dare to fight against me?" The man wearing the black shirt whistled and stared at the wet clothing on the girls, "One has a thick waist, one a flat chest, and one with wide-opened legs. I'm not surprised that you would be jealous of the others!"

The three girls went crazy when the shameless man pointed out the parts that they were embarrassed of. They totally forgot about the rules where the students were not allowed to duel outside of the training grounds and summoned their Nebula and Star Patterns.

"Lightning Strike: Electric Field!"

Mo Fan adeptly cast the Lightning Magic. Dense lightning arcs sprang forward following his wave.

The lightning arcs flew through the air, a few of them spreading rapidly across the ground. The lightning arcs soon formed an electric field with a circumference of twenty meters around the girls.

The lightning arcs cracked rapidly as they were conducted toward the girls. The water made it easier to conduct electricity. The Basic Level Spells they finally managed to cast were shattered instantly. They began to dance wildly as if they were in a fire pit from the shocks.

Their hair was scorched black while their wet clothes were toasted dry. The girls that were relatively good-looking a few moments ago now looked uglier than ghouls.

Mo Fan had already controlled the power of the Lightning Strike to avoid inflicting any damage to them. Otherwise, he could guarantee that they would have had an even greater time!

"The Lightning Strike..." Liu Yilin was startled.

Chen Yunqi was an Intermediate Magician, and the other two girls were not weak either, halfway into the Intermediate Level. However, not only their opponent had managed to cast his magic way earlier, they could not even do anything against a mere Basic Spell!

The Magician using the Lightning Strike clearly knew how to control his energy, only trying to teach them a lesson instead of hurting them. The passersby burst into laughter when they saw the miserable appearance of the girls.

"You...you just wait!"

"Tell us your name if you have the guts. I, Chen Yunqi will definitely make you pay!" Chen Yunqi burst out cursing while coughing up smoke.

The man in the black shirt blurted out with an evil grin, "I'm one that has never bothered using a false identity, Shen Mingxiao from Pearl Institute!"

"Shen Mingxiao... very well, you shall wait!"

Chen Yunqi quickly left after uttering the threat. As a woman, she still wanted to protect her own image. The trio did not want to stay any further and be the crowd's laughing stock.

The man in the black shirt chuckled when he saw the three girls fleeing. He went up to Xinxia.

On the wheelchair, Xinxia whose eyes were glistening had her mouth slightly open. Her face was filled with joy and surprise...

Soon, her eyes turned wet and red. Following a blink, her eyelashes were soaked with tears.

"Stupid girl, what are you crying for? Didn't I tell you that I'm still alive?" Mo Fan stood in front of Xinxia with his hands in his pockets. He half-bent forward while staring at Xinxia's cheeks, as if he were acting cool.

However, when he saw her tears bursting out from her eyes, he panicked and drew out his hands. His fingers swiped across her chubby face to get rid of the tears rolling down her cheeks.

Xinxia could not hold her tears when she heard the words. She opened her arms and wrapped around Mo Fan's neck, sticking her face close to his...

Mo Fan was slightly startled. He could feel the tenderness and the heat from the girl's face. His heart, which was still feeling rather indifferent, immediately melted. His squinted eyes showed how relieved he felt, while his mouth, which usually portrayed arrogance and evil intentions, slowly curled upward into a relieved smile.

A girl sitting on a wheelchair, and a boy half-bending forward while enjoying the hug, the crowd, despite its number, had somehow turned into the background together with the path with trees lined up on both sides. It was a peaceful afternoon, with steady and gentle breathing, and tears of joy...

"Do you still remember the story I told you? Once upon a time, a king had two daughters. They were born pretty, and had a unique ability. Their tears would turn into pearls instantly. The king then let her eldest daughter marry a prince from another kingdom. The prince always hurt her, thus making her cry. The pearls she made were enough to wrap around the Earth twice... The younger daughter married a farmer. The king was confused, as a single drop of tears could let them live a luxurious life, but they stayed poor instead. However, the king soon realized that the farmer is not willing to let his daughter shed a single drop of tears. The king said to the farmer with relief, you're a good husband, unlike the other prince who only cared about producing more pearls with his daughter's tears..." Mo Fan slowly told the classic story.

Xinxia nodded heavily. She had already heard the story before, and not just once.

Her heart rippled as she blushed slightly. Did Mo Fan just hint that they were like husband and wife?

"The farmer fell silent for a moment hearing the king's words, before he blurted out..." Mo Fan saw there were still tears on Xinxia's cheeks, thus he pretended to be the farmer and said, "My king, I bet you've forgotten. She is only fond of me after she went blind..."

Hearing this, Xinxia instantly felt the atmosphere crumbling. She clenched her little fists and threw punches at Mo Fan's shoulder...

This asshole is trying to destroy the fairy tales again. Most of them have already fallen victim to his hands. Can't he just finish them with a happy ending!?

However, when she recalled Mo Fan's tone as he mimicked the farmer, she burst into tears of joy instead.

Thanks to this jerk for brainwashing her with dark fairy tales. Somehow, she would even laugh at such a bad punchline!

"Xinxia, is this your brother that you mentioned before?... Hi, I'm Liu Yilin, nice to meet you." Liu Yilin was never satisfied with just being a bystander. He soon went up to the two.

Mo Fan turned around at the hypocrite Liu Yilin and snapped, "Didn't you know it's impolite to disturb a couple making a public display of affection!"

"Public display of affection?" Liu Yilin was stunned, before he asked in a surprised tone, "Aren't you two siblings?"

"She's a Brocon, and I'm a Siskon, you have a problem with that?" said Mo Fan.

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#### **Chapter 349: A Wife That I've Raised Up Since Young**

The expression that the Prince of Ice, Liu Yilin was wearing was the pure definition of weird. Despite wearing a stiffened smile, he was having a dramatic monologue in his heart.

Why would Ye Xinxia have such a weird brother? Not only was he acting rough to girls, he even said stuff like Brocon, or Siskon, how lowly!

"If you have nothing else to say, please get out from my sight. Go wherever you should be going." Mo Fan pushed Xinxia's wheelchair and headed to the school's entrance.

There was no chance Liu Yilin would let them go just like that. His instincts were warning him about how unreliable this person was. Xinxia was already a weak girl who had impaired movement. It would be a disaster if she were taken away by this strange man!

Hence, Liu Yilin continued to wear a smile as he said, "Since you're Xinxia's friend, you are my friend, too. I believe you've just arrived here. Please, let me buy you a meal..."

"Dude, aren't you annoying? We're about to find someplace without people to share our love and do something that's not suitable for children. Can you please stop talking and step aside?" Mo Fan said impatiently.

Xinxia blushed when she heard the words.

What does he mean by sharing our love and do something that's not suitable for children? How embarrassing does that sound?

Liu Yilin's face turned blue and white rapidly. This guy was indeed having bad thoughts against Xinxia. She was too kind and gentle, she wouldn't even dare reject him.

No way, even if Xinxia weren't rejecting him, how could I just stand and watch her falling into the wolf's mouth? Liu Yilin decisively stepped forward and said with a stern face, "Friend, you're going too far with that. I've been looking after Xinxia for the past few months. I know how gentle she is. I will not let you abuse her personality and harass her as you wish. She might stay silent, but it doesn't mean I, Liu Yilin will allow it!"

Xinxia was about to say something, as she did not agree with Liu Yilin.

As a matter of fact, Xinxia had already made things clear to Liu Yilin, but this guy seemed to be just living in his own world!

However, Mo Fan stopped her. He squinted and glanced at Liu Yilin whose appearance and actions were hinting that he was a fairly well-behaved man. He asked with a smile, "Do you like her?"

"What are you trying to say..." said Liu Yilin.



"If so, I still think you're behaving reasonably. Otherwise, aren't you f\*\*king caring too much about other people's business?" cursed Mo Fan.

Liu Yilin did not like anyone cursing at him. He frowned and glanced at Xinxia.

It's fine. He could use the chance to express his feelings. Otherwise, the woman he loved would be dragged away by this perverted wolf, staining the pure, naive woman he was fond of!

"So what if that's true!" Liu Yilin said with a stern look.

"So what if it's true? I was already disappointed when those girls were picking on her. If you're a man, you should have kicked them straight away instead of wasting your time arguing with them. And now, you're telling me you like her..." Mo Fan's smile had turned into a mocking grin.

"I was being considerate for Xinxia!" Liu Yilin explained himself with a dark face.

"Consider my ass! Listen up, she's my sister, and my wife that I've raised up since young. She's mine, you understand? Stop bothering her shamelessly like a fly. I'll beat the crap out of you so that your mum won't even recognize you!" Mo Fan snapped righteously.

Mo Fan's current appearance perfectly suited the expected behavior of an imposing CEO that the girls always fantasized about.

Xinxia had let Liu Yilin know that her heart was already occupied. However, when she heard Mo Fan referring to her as his wife that he had raised since young, she felt like digging herself a hole and hiding inside it. There were people passing by occasionally. Did he really have to say that out loud?

"Beat the crap out of me that my mum won't even recognize me?" Liu Yilin's expression turned dark. He could no longer stick to his polite demeanor, "I bet you should go and ask around, to see if anyone dares to disrespect me like that here in Zhejiang Institute!"

The situation immediately became a showdown between the two. Their auras collided, the energy of the Ice Element and Lightning Element soon lingered in the air nearby.

The crowd quickly realized that the two were about to start a brawl. They immediately backed off and looked at them with a hint of gloating.

"Where did this kid come from? Is he really that blind to try and pick on the Prince of Ice?" said one of Liu Yilin's sidekicks.

"Take a look yourself, it's that guy in the black shirt. Liu Yilin has already warned him not to cross the line. However, that guy showed no respect at all. Even though the Healer girl Xinxia was born with impaired movement, there are quite a few guys interested in her. However, either they did not dare to compete with the Prince of Ice, or they were taught a lesson behind the scenes... This guy is about to have a tough time," said a student who was relatively up to date with the news in the school.

"By the way, does anyone know who the guy is? I don't think he's from Zhejiang Institute?"

"Surely not, otherwise, why would he even bother going against Liu Yilin! Look at him, still thinking that he's good. I bet he won't even know how he loses the fight later." Liu Yilin's sidekick burst into laughter.

An unusual breeze swept the place. The fallen leaves drifted to the wind.

The crowd was intrigued. They had surrounded the entire place, waiting for the two to start fighting.

The school did set up rules, but how many Magicians could actually control their hands?

"Xinxia, step aside. I'll teach this stupid jerk a lesson. My Ice Element is fairly powerful. I don't want to hurt you by accident," said Liu Yilin politely.

Mo Fan did not purposely push Xinxia away. His eyes flickered with a bolt of purple-black lightning, an indication that he was accumulating his energy.

"I prefer to use Lightning against people like you." Mo Fan stood beside Xinxia. The Lightning Element Star Pattern was drawn quickly under his feet. The process was finished in a silent, yet rapid manner.

"Damn it, having Xinxia by your side while fighting against me. You know that I won't cast any Spell at you!" said Liu Yilin with a stern look.

"It's not that complicated..." Mo Fan smiled.

As a matter of fact, it was unnecessary for the crowd to give them a big space for the duel. There was no need to have Xinxia move away from them to avoid being hurt by accident...

Mo Fan could easily defeat an opponent like him with a single attack!

"Qianjun!

"Thunderbolt!

"Yaksha!"

Mo Fan was incredibly quick at casting an Intermediate Spell. He was already pointing his finger at the air when he was uttering the words, "It's not that complicated..."

A great flicker swept across the sky. It forked and struck down rapidly. The trees nearby were shattered into black pieces instantly by the lightning...

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Thick purple lightning bolts appeared out of nowhere from the clear sky, like a devil's claw.

The Prince of Ice, Liu Yilin could not even prepare himself. He never imagined that his opponent was able to cast an Intermediate Magic at twice his speed!

He had only drawn half of the Star Pattern!

Liu Yilin quickly activated his Magic Shield, knowing that the situation was not in his favor. The Shield looked like an extended fin. Its surface was made of scales, each reflecting a unique color.

The purple-black lightning bolt struck the Shield heavily. To everyone's surprise, it was shattered into pieces instantly by the powerful bolt of lightning.

Even though the equipment looked fairly sturdy, it was incredibly fragile when facing the lightning.

Liu Yilin was slammed to the ground as soon as the Shield was destroyed. Blue puffs of smoke rose from his body.

Although his equipment managed to protect him from the lightning, his body could not withstand the momentum from the impact. He fell to the ground with his face down, the blood from his bleeding nose immediately smearing across the face he was proud of.

Liu Yilin shivered. It felt like his bones were on the verge of collapsing when he tried to get up from the ground. The incredible pain made him clench his teeth.

Meanwhile, the gloating crowd were gaping, their eyes wide. They could not believe the famous genius of their school was defeated by a single attack!

Where did this monstrous kid come from?

"Crap, Liu Yilin has smashed himself into an iron plate."

"That's insane, he just defeated the famous Prince of Ice with a single spell!"

Being aware of the comments and weird gazes of the crowd, Liu Yilin totally lost his temper.

However, when he glanced at the man in the black shirt, Liu Yilin did not dare to underestimate him again.

The fact that he had acquired a Spirit-grade Soul Seed and able to master the second-tier Storm Cloud was enough to imply that he was no ordinary Magician.

Liu Yilin could not help but admit that he had picked the wrong fight, but he would not give up easily!

"Don't let me see you again. Otherwise, I'll beat the crap out of you every time I see you," Mo Fan stared down at Liu Yilin, who was still having trouble rising from the ground. Both his expression and tone were incredibly smug!

"Beat me up every time you see me?" It was the first time Liu Yilin had heard someone say that to him.

The fact was, him being persistent would make little difference. His strength was obviously not on the same level as his opponent!

Mo Fan did not waste any time further with the idiot. He pushed Xinxia's wheelchair and left the place.

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They finally had some peace after leaving the crowd behind. Mo Fan glanced at Xinxia, who had been fairly quiet, and chuckled, "Do you think I've gone too far, beating up your schoolmate like that?"

Xinxia shook her head and said, "He is indeed too full of himself."

Xinxia had no idea what to say about Liu Yilin. Despite acting like a gentleman around her, he would subconsciously display the pride in his heart with little details. She was not willing to get close to him, but he always assumed that she was hiding her favor, worried about being picked on by girls like Chen

Yunqi. She had already told him that she was not interested in him, but he assumed that she was only feeling unworthy due to her natural defect.

"Oh, so you don't like him either! I should have hit him with another spell. I hate idiots like him who think they are the White Prince the most," said Mo Fan.

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Leaving the school, Mo Fan saw that Xinxia was still wearing her same old clothing, thus he decided to bring her shopping.

Autumn had come too. How could a girl not dress up properly in this poetic season? Besides, Mo Fan enjoyed seeing different impressions of her as she tried on different outfits.

Mo Fan realized that many couples were hailing taxis at the school gate.

Mo Fan was not in a rush. He queued up patiently for his turn. When his ride arrived, Mo Fan was about to push Xinxia toward it when someone quickly went up to the car and hopped into it with his girlfriend!

"Hey, I've already waved my hand," said Mo Fan in an unpleasant tone.

"Brother, I waved my hand at it, too. Too bad you didn't see it, just wait for the next one!" said the young man with a baseball cap.

The driver saw Mo Fan was with a girl in a wheelchair, and subconsciously wanted to avoid trouble. He pressed the horn, urging Mo Fan to make way.

"See you, brother! Don't blame me, you should be driving yourself since your girlfriend is impaired," said the young man in a proud tone.

"It does make some sense," Mo Fan nodded.

Hailing a taxi was not really convenient. Why was he waiting here when he already had a great transportation tool?

Mo Fan briefly closed his eyes. When they sprang open again, his pupils flickered with a lunar white glow.

The Nebula of the same color appeared in front of Mo Fan, forming a dimension gap connecting their world to another magical kingdom.

"Awoooo~~~!"

A howl stirred up a strong gust within an instant. The school gate was fairly crowded at this time of the day. They immediately turned around upon hearing the shocking noise.

To everyone's surprise, a handsome blue wolf leapt out from the gap. Its hair drifted imposingly in the wind, granting it indescribable savagery and style.

"Come, our ride is here." Mo Fan lifted Xinxia and placed her on the back of the Swift Star Wolf.

As Xinxia collected her thoughts, she realized that she was sitting on the back of a magnificent beast. She grabbed the fur of the Swift Star Wolf in fright.

Mo Fan folded up the wheelchair and carried it on his back. He leapt onto the Swift Star Wolf's back, sitting behind Xinxia. He made use of the chance to hug her around the waist, while his nose was enjoying the pleasant scent of her hair.

The crowd at the school gate burst into an uproar!

Apart from those hailing taxis, even those who had driven their luxurious cars here to pick up their girlfriends were incomparable. This man had redefined the highest level of making a public display of affection!

The guy who was feeling proud after taking the taxi away from Mo Fan was stunned. Even the driver was too scared to drive away.

Holding Xinxia's tender body and riding the magnificent Swift Star Wolf, Mo Fan had decided to show these guys his best ride, which consisted of a roaring jump start, an open-top view of two hundred and seventy degrees, and a luxurious two-seater!