

## Versatile 491

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#### Chapter 491: Natural Beauty, Nanyu

Mo Fan simply walked in a direction, and somehow stumbled onto the corpse of another man.

Likewise, it was covered in fresh blood, his body torn into half by the creature, but not eaten. The man was tortured right before his death, as the panicked expression on his face was enough to imply what he had experienced prior to his death.

It was difficult to tell how many Magicians had died in the wild when searching for treasure, yet without these Magicians risking their lives looking for resources in the demon beasts' territories, humans would be a lot weaker than demon beasts... Mo Fan was a Hunter himself, so he clearly understood the sorrow.

He ignited a fire and set the corpse aflame, just so the body would not be eaten by any other demon beasts.

"Magic Vine: Entangle!"

A feminine icy voice suddenly appeared from the woods. Mo Fan was ambushed after he had just burned the corpse. Luckily, he was not a rookie when it came to real fights. He had already drawn the Shadow Element Star Pattern when he sensed the energy ripple of the Magic.

Blue magic vines grew rapidly under Mo Fan's feet as if they were alive, lunging upwards and wrapping around Mo Fan's figure.

However, Mo Fan's figure slowly dissolved into the shadow of the trees nearby. It was like he had vanished into thin air, leaving a black shadow on the trunk.

"Who's there, come out at once!" Mo Fan slowly appeared beside the trunk. Lightning instantly appeared on his palm with a crackle!

"I should be the one asking the question!" Some distance away, a tall woman with yellow hair to her shoulders appeared, staring at Mo Fan coldly.

Mo Fan chuckled when he saw the woman with an aquiline nose and a badge on her chest. "Is the military running out of money, trying to dig up some gold here?"

"We don't need a useless Hunter like you to judge us!" Nanyu did not continue to attack Mo Fan. Although Mo Fan was not wearing a Hunter's badge, his temperament clearly revealed his identity.

"Many of your comrades have died. I feel like your squad is going to get wiped out before you could find anything useful."

Nanyu did not speak, and bit her lips softly.

As Mo Fan had mentioned, their squad had lost too many members here. The Fire Cloud Woods was a lot more terrifying than they had imagined. They could only hide in a safe spot to avoid being massacred...

"How are you unharmed when you're walking around on your own? It doesn't look like you're able to handle the creatures in this area with your cultivation," said Nanyu.

Mo Fan squinted as he inspected the 'utterly handsome' female Commander. His eyes scanned from her hair to the loose army pants...

Her legs were insanely long. The loose army pants could not hide her muscular legs, yet her calves were fairly thin. Her legs were already so long and upright without wearing heels, a beauty indeed!

The woman's height was outstanding. Mo Fan was not short among men, yet the woman was only one to two centimeters shorter than him. Together with her cold, handsome face, she looked rather dignified when looking down at short boys, urging them to submit to her willingly, yet when facing little girls, her handsomeness would dazzle them, making girls doubt about their sexual orientation!

Her nose was the rare aquiline nose, combined with a pair of glistening, single-eyelid eyes. Mo Fan was not a fan of effeminate men or tomboys, but he found the neutral beauty of the female Commander very attractive, somewhat handsome and breathtaking!

Alright, it doesn't matter if someone were an effeminate man or a tomboy, what was more important was their looks. He could not care less which way they were leaning, as good looks made the world go round!

Nanyu's eyes became colder when she was aware of Mo Fan's unbridled gaze. She quickly tagged Mo Fan as a lecher and immediately became more alert when interacting with him.

"If you're willing to give up on the mission, you can ask your people to follow me. I'll bring you to safety," said Mo Fan.

"We haven't found the Fire Calamity Fruit..."

Mo Fan burst out laughing before Nanyu could finish. He waved his hand and said, "Forget about it, you can't even make it through the Fire Cloud Woods, don't even think about trying to get the Fire Calamity Fruit. I know where it is, but the guardian of the Fire Calamity Fruit isn't something we can deal with. Killing us would be like killing ants for her. Don't waste the lives of your people. Just listen to me and leave when you still have the chance, or head down and loot some Soul Seeds or Soul Seed Pieces and report back to your superiors."

Nanyu frowned. She did not like Mo Fan's tone, yet she could not help but admit that her squad was being targeted by some deadly creature. Their numbers kept on decreasing, yet she still had no idea what was attacking them.

Mo Fan continued when he saw the Commander being hesitant. "The creature that attacked your squad should be the Three-headed Demon Python, the guy at the top of the food chain in this Fire Cloud Woods."

Mo Fan had inspected the corpses along the way, and observed that the corpses had died to the same causes: poison, fire, and broken bones. The only creature that could be responsible for their deaths would be the Three-headed Demon Python that had tried to prey on him, too.

"How do you know that?" asked Nanyu with the same alert tone.

"I'll ask you one more time. Are you going to give up, or continue to stay here and wait for your death?" Mo Fan did not want to waste his time with Nanyu. If they weren't from the army, or the fact that he was feeling it would be a pity if the gorgeous girl was killed by the demon beast, he would not bother helping them.

The Fiery Sorceress must have warned the Three-headed Demon Python, thus it did not dare to trouble him even when he was roaming in the woods. The others weren't so lucky...

Nanyu hesitated for a long time, her eyes staring at Mo Fan, trying to see if he were setting them up.

However, as she recalled that staying in the woods any longer would place her people in extreme danger, she finally came to terms and asked Mo Fan, "Can you bring us to safety?"

"Should be, but I have to find my friends first. We'll leave together," said Mo Fan.

Mo Fan did not like to do things sloppily. After witnessing the Fiery Sorceress' strength, he immediately gave up on the thought of securing the Fire Calamity Fruit.

"Then... fine, you better not be lying to me," said Nanyu.

"I was being kind, and also because of your looks," said Mo Fan teasingly.

Speaking of which, it seemed like it was easy to find great beauties in the army. Li Man and the woman before him were of the best quality compared to the girls at school or the cities. Their empress-like auras and a temperament that could entrance the hearts of young men was not something the girls who spent most of their time figuring what cosmetics, luxurious bags, and clothing to buy could mimic.

"Jerk!" Nanyu glared at Mo Fan. No one dared to speak to her like that in the army!

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#### **Chapter 492: Wrath of the Sorceress**

Mo Fan's thoughts were simple: he would return to the Fiery Sorceress straight away, and ask her to guide him and the soldiers out of the Fire Cloud Woods.

After interacting with the Fire Sorceress for a few days, Mo Fan was confident that she would not reject his simple request. Not only was she kind, she was basically very approachable if he did not mention about the Fire Calamity Fruit.

Nanyu had brought around ten people here to search for the Fire Calamity Fruit, and there were only five left, not a great start at all.

Mo Fan managed to find his way back to the Starry Tree. In other words, he also brought Nanyu and her squad to the Fire Calamity Fruit. However, Mo Fan wanted the military to know that, as long as the Fiery Sorceress was still here protecting the Fire Calamity Fruit, there was no chance they could get their hands on it, as it was pretty much committing suicide trying to do so.

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"What is this place..." Nanyu was still unwilling to lower her guard when she saw the little slope.

On the slope, the Starry Tree stood alone at the highest place in the valley, with the stars and sun keeping it company.

Not a single Fire Cloud Tree could be spotted across the spacious area, nor was there any creature nearby. The slightly bent trunk of the Starry Tree almost covered the space on the slope, and its dense branches were within the reach of a hand.

"I'll make this clear; don't think about doing anything stupid, regardless of what you see. She lives here, and as long as you're not hostile toward her, she's very willing to lend anyone in need a hand. I'll ask her to bring us out," Mo Fan reminded Nanyu and her crew.

The other soldiers were extremely obedient, probably because they were utterly terrified by the Three-headed Demon Python. They fully obeyed Mo Fan's words.

"I'll go ahead and greet her. Don't worry, she won't..."

Mo Fan was just about to calm the squad down when a shocking fireball erupted on the Starry Tree.

The fireball was like a blazing sun hanging on top of the tree, burning the surroundings in a fiery red flame. Its fiery tongues could almost reach the ground.

The temperature rose rapidly. The heat was unbearable to begin with, yet it felt like the fireball was going to roast the humans dry.

Nanyu was shocked, and quickly went into a defensive stance. She glared at Mo Fan furiously, as she assumed that Mo Fan had purposely baited them here to harm them.

As Nanyu was about to interrogate Mo Fan, a fiery creature burst out from the fireball.

She stood on the fireball, her figure engulfed in flames. Her outline resembled a woman's shape, glamorous and dignified.

The fireball under her feet made her temperament colder and unapproachable; none of the Magicians dared to resist her after seeing her appearance!

The flames spurted out in waves. The red fire rings spread forward in an arc, until they reached into the distance and formed astonishing flame clouds!

Raising their heads, the furious, scorching flames almost set the entire sky aflame, like the terrifying scene of an apocalypse!

"Asshole, you dared set us up!" Nanyu felt herself suffocating due to the pressure of the fiery aura. She endured the suppression and roared furiously.

"I would've left you guys in the woods if I was trying to harm you...don't panic, I'll ask what happened. Someone else must have infuriated her. Damn it, which idiot did that, they almost killed us!" cursed Mo Fan.

The Fiery Sorceress was extremely furious.

When the Three-headed Demon Python tried to eat him, the Fiery Sorceress had unleashed her Ruler aura to express her anger. However, the Fiery Sorceress seemed to have lost her rationality in her anger. Her flames were sprouting into the sky uncontrollably, forming a shocking ocean of flames.

The fireball under her feet was even more shocking. Once it exploded, God knew if Mo Fan and the others would simply be erased together with the Fire Cloud Woods.

Through Mo Fan's experience with the Black Totem Snake, he had a certain degree of understanding toward the personalities of an extremely powerful creature. He knew that the Fiery Sorceress was not the type of creature that would massacre aimlessly. In fact, she was kinder and more compassionate than the Black Totem Snake.

Someone must have stepped on her tail!

The Fire Calamity Fruit?

The Fire Calamity Fruit on the Starry Tree had disappeared!

The Fire Calamity Fruit was like the Fiery Sorceress' inverse scale. Now that the Fire Calamity Fruit was gone, it must be the reason why she was so furious.

Mo Fan quickly arrived at that conclusion. When he saw that the Fiery Sorceress was about to throw a destructive fireball in their direction, he quickly jumped forward.

"It's me, it's me! I know someone must have stolen your Fire Calamity Fruit, but as I told you, there were people coming here to take away your treasure... your act of killing is meaningless, tell me what happened. Maybe we can help you take the Fire Calamity Fruit back," Mo Fan calmed his thoughts and tried his best to calm the Fiery Sorceress' rage in his own language.

The Fiery Sorceress was infuriated. Her first instinct when she saw humans was to butcher them all...

Even when Mo Fan jumped forward, she showed no sign of stopping!

The fireball grew bigger. It was impossible to predict the destruction it would bring once it exploded. Mo Fan knew that even with his Fire Resistance, he had no chance of surviving the blast. His only chance was to convince the Fiery Sorceress!

The Fiery Sorceress was able to understand human language. Her fiery eyes were filled with rage. Just a thought would detonate the shocking fireball.

She glanced at Mo Fan. The flames on her figure burned wildly at a faster pace.

In the end, the flames on her body slowly weakened. She descended from the fireball and landed in front of Mo Fan.

She stared at the soldiers behind Mo Fan coldly. The hearts of the soldiers, including Nanyu were already beating wildly. They did not dare to even move their fingers, let alone try to fight back...

They finally understood why Mo Fan had asked them to forget about getting the Fire Calamity Fruit. The guardian of the Fire Calamity Fruit was too terrifying. She was pretty much the ruler of the Burning Valley!

"Tell me what happened," Mo Fan calmed his thoughts and asked the Fiery Sorceress sternly.

The Fiery Sorceress did not interact with Mo Fan. She realized that these people were not the same group who had stolen the Fire Calamity Fruit. She glanced toward the west, before her figure flew into the distance.

Mo Fan was about to say something when he shockingly discovered a dark blue spike with an icy aura sticking into the Fiery Sorceress' back!

The spike had almost penetrated the Fiery Sorceress's body. It had poked fairly deep into her back.

It was obvious that the icy spike was specifically prepared for the Fiery Sorceress. The chill was suppressing her flame, and seemed to be spreading to the other parts of her body.

Ice Poison!

The icy spike must have been some Magician's equipment, and since it had penetrated the Fiery Sorceress' back, it must have been a surprise attack...

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#### **Chapter 493: Fleeing with the Treasure!**

The surroundings were completely empty, without any traces nearby. It implied that the incident had taken place quite some time ago. The Fiery Sorceress must have lost consciousness due to the ice poison, and happened to wake up when he arrived, thus she almost vented her anger on an innocent group of people.

Mo Fan had spent almost a day in the Fire Cloud Woods. He did not expect someone would manage to steal the Fire Calamity Fruit and inflict serious damage to the Fiery Sorceress while he was gone.

The icy spike penetrated deep into her flesh. If the spike were pulled out, the Fiery Sorceress' life might be in danger. Mo Fan was unsure how she managed to hold back the poison to protect her life.

How cruel, such a vicious move!

The person who had stolen the Fire Calamity Fruit must be rather familiar with the Fiery Sorceress, and specifically prepared the equipment to harm her!

Who would abuse the Fiery Sorceress' kindness toward humans?

The Fiery Sorceress was kind, but she was far from stupid. The person who managed to thrust the deadly spike into her back was probably someone she was willing to let her guard down in front of.

“What should we do now?” Nanyu finally trusted Mo Fan’s words when she saw the terrifying Fiery Sorceress leaving the place.

Luckily they were not the first to arrive to steal the Fire Calamity Fruit. The Fiery Sorceress was indeed too powerful.

“What could we do? We’ll have to find the way out ourselves. Look how angry she is, I bet the creatures in the Fire Cloud Woods no longer dare to show themselves,” said Mo Fan with a wry smile.

Mo Fan was extremely worried for Xinxia and the others. He was clueless about their whereabouts. He was hoping that they would not stumble into the infuriated Fiery Sorceress...

“Mm? The Swift Star Wolf has returned to his dimension?”

Mo Fan was too busy handling the Fiery Sorceress. He did not realize that the Swift Star Wolf had returned.

It was most likely that the Swift Star Wolf had run out of energy, and was forced to return to his world. Mo Fan immediately communicated with the Swift Star Wolf and asked him about the group’s whereabouts.

The Swift Star Wolf was utterly worn out. Before he fell asleep, he told Mo Fan that the group was rushing back to Dunhuang City with another group of people.

Mo Fan let out a relieved sigh, knowing they were safe. However, Mo Fan was confused about why they were in a panic to go back to Dunhuang City. Besides, the Swift Star Wolf also mentioned something about another group of people. Who would they be?

They were in a rush to go back without waiting for him, could it be...

This goddamned Swift Star Wolf, why is he sleeping now, he still hasn’t told me if they were the ones who stole the Fire Calamity Fruit!

Inside the Drifting Sand River, Zhao Yulin’s crew was well-prepared and able to cross the Drifting Sand River safely without the help of a Psychic Magician.

“Luckily I’ve made some precautions. Otherwise, we would have troubles crossing the Drifting Sand River... the Fiery Sorceress has to cross the Drifting Sand River when she leaves the Burning Valley. The ruler of the Drifting Sand River will buy us some time, we should make use of the chance to escape,” the person wrapped in white cloth said with a hint of joy.

“Chen Yi, you’ve done well. The liquid of the Fire Calamity Fruit is able to cure your mother, and the rest of it has other uses too...” Zhao Yulin led the group with a joyful expression.

He did not expect their plan of stealing the Fire Calamity Fruit to be executed so smoothly. Was the Fiery Sorceress really intelligent? Why did he feel like she was fairly stupid to trust them so easily?

“I...” Chen Yi tried to say something, but she could not find the words.

On the other Desert Fire Horse, Lingling sat closer to the front on the saddle while Xinxia sat in the middle of it.

They had witnessed the entire sequence, and they still found it extremely unbelievable.

According to Chen Yi's explanation, the Fiery Sorceress had saved Chen Yi's mother before. On top of that, her mother had lived a few years with the Fiery Sorceress. Therefore, when they arrived at the Fire Cloud Woods, it was reasonable for the Fiery Sorceress to welcome them warmly.

However, they never knew the Fiery Sorceress was the Fire Calamity Fruit's guardian, and they did not expect Chen Yi's mother would ask Chen Yi to sneakily attack the Fiery Sorceress...

As a matter of fact, Xinxia and Lingling found it hard to agree with the ungrateful act.

However, it was possible that Chen Yi's mother had a twisted personality because of her despair after her face was destroyed by the burns. She completely ignored the fact that the Fiery Sorceress had saved her life in order to gain a chance at a new life, and planned a trap for the Fiery Sorceress.

"Lingling, what do you think?" whispered Xinxia.

"Something feels strange, I don't think the whole thing is simple as it seems. However, the Fiery Sorceress is trying to hunt us down. We have to leave this place first," answered Lingling.

"Mmm," Xinxia nodded.

The group kept fleeing. Zhao Yulin and Chen Yi's mother, Jiang Feng let out relieved sighs when they finally crossed the Drifting Sand River.

No one dared to oppose the Fiery Sorceress in the North Burning Valley. She was the ruler of the place, with an unmatched strength.

However, things were different after they crossed the Drifting Sand River. The Drifting Sand River had become restless for some unknown reason, thus the Fiery Sorceress would have to consider if she would stand a chance against the Drifting Sand Bone Dragon while she was severely injured!

The presence of the Fiery Sorceress was rather outstanding. Once she came close to the Drifting Sand River, she would awaken the ruler of the Drifting Sand River, the Drifting Sand Bone Dragon, which would buy the group enough time to return to Shanghai!

Upon arriving at Dunhuang, Zhao Yulin knew it was unwise to stay any longer. He immediately boarded his private jet, which he had long prepared to leave the place.

The flight path was inside the safe zone. Normally, most flight paths would avoid the demon beasts' territories, and the flight companies would hire powerful Magicians to eliminate the potential threat along the flight paths. As such, even when the planes were crossing demon beasts' territories, the plane was still safe as long as it maintained a certain altitude and concealed the energy of the plane's engines.

To prevent the Fiery Sorceress from tracking their whereabouts via the scent of the Fire Calamity Fruit, Zhao Yulin and Jiang Feng purposely flew towards the south, and stopped at Xiamen for a while, before heading back to Shanghai...

Although the Fiery Sorceress was able to fly, she would have to cross lots of other demon beasts' territories along the way. The rulers in those territories were not easy to deal with, thus it was impossible for her to make it that far.



If she decided to take the same flight path as the planes in the safe zone, the Magic Associations and the flight companies would be aware of her presence, and would send Super Magicians after her. As such, the group was considered themselves safe when they left Dunhuang.

Zhao Manyan, Lingling, Xinxia and Zhang Xiaohou initially planned to stay and wait for Mo Fan, but Zhao Yulin gave them no room for negotiation and forced them to go with him.

Zhao Yulin's strength was fairly outstanding, so it was useless for them to try and fight back. They had no choice but to go back to Shanghai.

In simple words, since the husband and wife had infuriated the ruler of the Burning Valley, everyone in the group was forced to leave Dunhuang if they were planning to stay alive, as Dunhuang's army was probably not strong enough to stop the Fiery Sorceress...

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#### **Chapter 494: Fire Across Shanghai, Part One**

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It all happened so quickly. Zhao Manyan, Zhang Xiaohou, Lingling and Xinxia did not expect it.

They were basically put under house arrest by Zhao Yulin in the Zhao Family's villa in the south. Simply speaking, none of them was allowed to leave before they were sure that the Fiery Sorceress had given up on getting her revenge.

The party was left with no choice. They could only wait patiently.

It turned out that the Fire Calamity Fruit needed a few more days to fully ripen. Zhao Yulin and Jiang Feng were basically the monsters that had stolen Tang Sanzang, and were afraid that Sun Wukong would come to get his revenge. Unfortunately, they could only eat the monk after his flesh was cooked, and would only feel relieved once the meat was in their stomach!

*{TL Note: It's a reference to 'Journey to the West'.}*

Two days later, the group finally received some news about Mo Fan. It turned out that Mo Fan had also returned to Dunhuang City, after learning the group was safe from his Swift Star Wolf...

As he arrived at Dunhuang, he learned that his friends were forced to return to Shanghai with Zhao Yulin, thus he quickly boarded a military supply plane that happened to be departing for Shanghai.

Together with Mo Fan as he returned to Shanghai was the female Commander Nanyu. She was unwilling to give up investigating the person responsible for stealing the Fire Calamity Fruit, thus she followed Mo Fan to Shanghai, too.

The journey from the Fire Pillar Hill to Dunhuang had been a tough one. Luckily, Nanyu had some special capabilities, allowing them to cross the Drifting Sand River safely. Otherwise, they would still be trapped in the North Burning Valley.

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The plane ride back to Shanghai did not take long. As they arrived at Hongqiao Airport, Mo Fan went straight to the suburb in the southwest. To his surprise, Zhao Yulin's mansion was very close to the temporary refugee placements he used to stay at in the past. It was a place called Lehuo Town!

An industrial district lay between Lehuo Town and Shanghai City. Both sides of the road between the two places were filled with all kinds of factories, warehouses, and companies. As such, one could see lots of irregularly shaped buildings, workshops, and houses when glancing into the distance.

Factory workers were the main residents in Lehuo Town, resulting in a deserted town during working hours.

Even though the place was considered a part of Shanghai, the main difference to other towns was that the town lacked the typical peaceful atmosphere, as the residents all lived a repetitive life, like machines...

The entire area was owned by Zhao Yulin. His mansion was on top of a hill, modified into a European style abode, with an asphalt road leading to the mansion in winding curves. It had luxuriantly green pine trees, maple trees, a giant fountain, and gardens under the consistent care of gardeners.

Mo Fan had been assigned to live in Lehuo Town before. That house seemed to belong to one of Zhao Yulin's companies, too. He only learned there was such a luxurious mansion here today; it looked slightly more majestic than the Mu Family's villa in Bo City. If the town was like a small country, Zhao Yulin was basically the king!

Mo Fan went up the hill, and was stopped immediately by some Magicians on patrol when he was heading into the villa.

Mo Fan revealed his identity. After almost an hour of waiting, their superior finally gave them permission to let him pass.

Mo Fan pulled a long face. – *What the heck is wrong with these people, trying to return to old ways? Why can't you just use your phone? They had to spend an hour doing something that could be done in just minutes! Even the sky is getting dark!-*

Cars from outside were not allowed to drive into the villa. Mo Fan and Nanyu had to take the cable car, like one normally seen at tourist attractions. The ride lasted for almost half an hour before they arrived at the entrance.

The foothill was under the patrol of Magicians, and the top of the hill had barriers as tall as castle walls. The defense of the private villa was almost comparable to that of a military headquarters. They were in the southwest region of Shanghai, did they really have to go so far?

"I'm so sleepy. Is Master Zhao out of his mind, asking us to guard this place twenty-four hours a day? What hive did he poke this time?" yawned one of the guards.

"Who knows, but I heard from the captain that they have also invited the people of Mu Clan over. He mentioned something about the place being safer with the people of the renowned Ice Elemental clan," said another shifty-eyed guard.

“Maybe they stepped on the Dongfang Clan’s tail. The Mu Clan and Dongfang Clan have been hostile toward one another for years!”

The conversation between the two guards soon fell into Mo Fan’s ears, allowing him to realize something.

It seemed like Zhao Yulin and his wife were extremely scared of the Fiery Sorceress, going so far as to arm the entire villa. They even invited the people of the Ice Elemental Mu Clan over. It was clear that they were still worried, despite fleeing thousands of li away.

“I’ll bring you to your friends, but Master Zhao has made it clear that you’ll have to stay here for some days too... you’re free to do whatever you want in the villa. We’ve got entertainment facilities, meditation rooms, training grounds and practice courses, too. Fourth Young Master will guide you around!” said Haiyan, the captain of the guards.

“How many Magicians are there in the villa?” asked Mo Fang.

“One hundred and twenty-three. Everyone is allocated here by the clan. We also hired some of the experts from other renowned families that we’re close with. If anything happens, please don’t make a fuss about it. We are under a media blackout. Once everything returns to normal, Master Zhao will reward you greatly,” said Haiyan sternly.

“Don’t worry about the reward.”

Hongqiao Airport, a cab was driving at a high speed on the busy highway. Many curses were uttered along the way.

As the cab drove to somewhere remote, the passenger in the back seat demanded to get off the ride, leaving the kind cab driver confused.

“Don’t you have a high fever of 41 Celsius? I’m sending you to the hospital now...” The driver raised his cap.

To his surprise, the passenger forced the door open and jumped into the bushes at the side of the road.

Before the driver could react, the passenger was suddenly engulfed in flames. The fire spread from her feet to her waist, before rising to her head, leaving the driver dumbfounded...

He had never heard of anyone being set aflame from a fever!

The fire on the passenger was like a terrifying demon, which slowly separated from the passenger while it was still burning on her.

The fire slowly took the shape of a glamorous humanoid figure, and the person who had been possessed fell to the ground in a weakened state, totally losing consciousness...

The fiery figure slowly floated into the sky. She did not cast any Magic, yet as her aura spread toward the surroundings, it felt like the highway struck by an energy pulse, stalling all the vehicles and caused their tail lights to blink rapidly...

A few seconds later, the engines of the vehicles burst into flames. The fire immediately spread to the rest of the cars!

Under the night sky, the entire highway was left in a standstill. Thousands of vehicles within a few kilometers suffered spontaneous ignition, resulting in the breathtaking sight of a shocking fire dragon on the highway!

Luckily, the vehicles were not moving at high speed, and the drivers were able to escape in time. Otherwise, many innocent lives would have died in accidents!

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#### **Chapter 495: The Empress of the Burning Valley Arrives, Part Two**

*Lehuo Town, Yulin's Villa ...*

The open-air pool was reflecting different colors under the LED lights. The water was extraordinarily clean, with a hint of elegance and nobility when covered in the colorful lighting.

A well-decorated table stood beside the pool, various kinds of snacks and fruits on top of it.

Lingling, Zhang Xiaohou, Zhao Manyan, Chen Yi and Xinxia were seated at the table. The day was fairly cold, so none of them was interested in swimming. They were playing cards with bored looks on their faces.

"I don't want to play anymore, Xinxia always wins." Zhang Xiaohou threw the cards onto the table. He did not feel pleasant after losing a huge sum of his allowance in the games.

"Yeah, that's right, Xinxia, you can't cheat, you have to interpret other people's thoughts from their reactions..." said Chen Yi.

Xinxia was slightly embarrassed. She pushed the stack of money back to everyone and said, "I didn't do it on purpose."

For some reason, Xinxia was able to read everyone's mind even without casting any Psychic Spells. They couldn't possibly ask her to close her eyes when playing cards, could they?

"I finally know why the casinos in Macao put ' *No Psychic Magicians are allowed inside*' before the rule ' *No underage kids allowed*,'" Zhao Manyan remarked helplessly.

As they were chatting, a few people came out from the pool, all of them also young in age. For some reason, the temperature of the water around them would drop as they were swimming in the pool. It felt like the water was about to freeze, too.

"Some capabilities turn into habits, which are hard to control. It's like nobody is willing to swim with us in the same pool, no matter how hot the day is," a handsome man in a swimming trunk with his eight packs exposed approached the group. He picked up a cocktail on the way and emptied it.

"Mu Xiu, no one here is talking to you. You don't have to remind us of your existence. You're invited here to guard the place, not to enjoy yourself a vacation. We even paid you!" said Zhao Manyan to the man unpleasantly.

Upon hearing this, another girl with an attractive figure came out of the pool. She flung her hair in a self-assumed elegant manner and giggled like a fox, "This is Shanghai. Do you think the safe zone is a decoration? I don't think any creature is able to come all the way here. Even if the creature managed to come this far, our Mu Clan is the specialist when dealing with Fire Elemental creatures. The Demon-Sealing Ice Formation is enough to handle everything. I don't think our help is needed, hehe~"

The group totally ignored Mu Xiu and Mu Tingle, the two unwanted guests. They continued to discuss some other topics.

"By the way, Xinxia, why did the Drifting Sand River become restless all of a sudden? Was it because of the Fire Calamity?" blurted out Zhang Xiaohou when the thought crossed his mind.

Xinxia shook her head and said, "It's just a coincidence. The Fire Calamity doesn't affect the peace in the Drifting Sand River. I can feel that it's because of something in the east, like something huge is about to happen."

"We are so out of luck. First the Fire Calamity, then the raging Drifting Sand River..." complained Zhao Manyan.

"Something feels strange to me too. Chen Yi, do you know why your mother asked you to harm the Fiery Sorceress? Normally, since she used to be close with the Fiery Sorceress, it would only make sense if she was the one who did it." Lingling was still bothered by the incident.

"I don't know, my mum only gave me the Grimsteel Spike and told me when to strike, so I just followed her instructions. It felt too easy to be true." Chen Yi shook her head as she recalled attacking the Fiery Sorceress.

"Chen Yi, you've done something stupid..."

As the group was discussing, a familiar voice barged in. The group did not realize it at first, but as they were about to respond, they suddenly recalled the owner of the voice, leaving them with widened eyes as they turned around and looked behind them...

"Mo Fan!"

"Holy crap, when did you get here? That was quick!"

Zhang Xiaohou and Zhao Manyan went up to Mo Fan and gave him hugs and fists excitedly.

Mo Fan pushed the two idiots away and walked up to Xinxia.

He believed that if Xinxia could run, she would be the first to dive into his hug. As such, Mo Fan was lazy to waste his emotion on the two idiots.

Mo Fan cut straight to the topic. He hugged Xinxia in his arms, making the girl blush, but she did not resist and placed her head on his shoulder obediently...

"Mm, and you are?"

"Mo Fan, you piece of shit, the lava has swept you away, but you still managed to bring such a gorgeous lady with you..."

“Piss off!”

Mo Fan was trying to enjoy some time with Xinxia, yet the two idiots had totally disturbed the atmosphere. Xinxia glared at Mo Fan, implying him to explain himself before letting him hug her for another second!

“She’s Nanyu, from the military. She followed me here because she has found some leads about something that she has been investigating for a long time,” explained Mo Fan.

Nanyu did not join the conversation. She found herself a spot and sat down. Only Zhang Xiaohou, who was also a soldier, took the initiative to talk to her. The others did not bother speaking to her.

“Why did you say that Chen Yi has done something stupid?” asked Lingling, who was more concerned about the topic.

“When the lava swept me away, it was the Fiery Sorceress that saved my life. She isn’t hostile toward humans at all...” Mo Fan roughly explained his experience with the Fiery Sorceress to the group.

The group could tell that the Fiery Sorceress was friendly, too. She had approached them and welcomed them. Not only did she gift them with the Fire Cloud Fruits which could provide them some Fire Resistance, she even led them out of the maze-like Fire Cloud Woods.

However, none of them had expected what happened after that, and they were unaware that the Fiery Sorceress had saved Mo Fan’s life too...

“Now that we’ve made her angry, it’s hard to tell what’s going to happen.”

“We’re so far away, I don’t think she would chase us all the way here. It’s not easy to trespass into Shanghai’s safe zone. The fortresses around Shanghai would wipe out any demon beasts that try to invade the city.”

“If that’s the case, Zhao Yulin wouldn’t bother setting up such an incredible defense here, placing the entire hill under alert,” harrumphed Lingling coldly, glancing at the Magicians patrolling the place even at night.

The words immediately reminded the group, and the atmosphere intensified significantly.

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At the Southill Park of Lehuo Town, on a grass field with an open vision of the sky, a couple was lying on the ground, hugging one another while watching the night sky and the lit-up town in the distance.

“I don’t care, if you really love me, why couldn’t you prepare a hundred thousand as the betrothal gift to convince my parents?” said a girl with a fringe hairstyle and an oval-shaped face.

“I’m already in my twenties. It’s embarrassing to ask my family for the money. You should think about it in my place too, I’ve already given you my wage every month,” said the man in a factory uniform. He was obviously a lad working in the town, who had gone on a date straight after work.

The girl was not willing to listen to his words. She raised her head arrogantly.

A brilliant light swept past the night sky, leaving a trail behind it. The grey clouds of dust created by the factories were fully lit up, resulting in a mysterious, spectacular view!

"Ah, it's a shooting star!" yelled the girl excitedly. Her face blushed with joy.

"It's true, quick, make a wish!"

The two immediately closed their eyes and bowed their heads onto their hands sincerely as they made their wishes.

The sky of the city was usually filled with pollution. Even a meteor shower was not visible due to the pollution, let alone a shooting star. It was like a miracle that they were able to see it. Wasn't that a clear sign that they were one another's true love?

However, as the two opened their eyes and were about to share their wishes, their eyes widened with doubt and astonishment!

The night sky ahead was blazing red!

The shooting star had descended upon Lehuo Town in just a very short time, turning into a meteorite huge enough to light up the town like day!

The scorching, blazing meteorite fell rapidly from the sky, and even the air began to burn...

Judging by the direction it was heading in, it was most likely going to crash into the hill in Lehuo Town, where the European-style mansion was!

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#### **Chapter 496: The Empress of the Burning Valley Arrives, Part Three**

"Meteorite!"

"Run, a meteorite is falling!"

"I can't start my car's engine... AH, it's on fire!"

"The lights in the factory are all gone, quick, anybody, go and turn off the main switch..."

All of Lehuo Town was in a total mess. The people who were working overtime in the factory had no idea what was happening. They only felt a flicker, before all the lights went out!

Machinery that was powered up through combustion all broke down, including the cars on the roads. As the meteorite in the sky approached the ground, machinery that was powered up with Fire Magic Ores were set aflame by spontaneous combustion...

There were many factories in the area, thus there were lots of flammables around the place. Many factories were on fire, setting off piercing alarms. The workers ran away in panic, not caring less about the infrastructure in the factories!

The fire did not spread rapidly, thus it gave them enough time to escape. However, those who managed to run out into the open immediately saw a huge fireball, like the sun falling toward them, setting the entire sky aflame! The workers had no idea where they could possibly run to, and were left dumbfounded in place!

Luckily, the meteorite was only passing by the sky above Lehuo Town. Otherwise, the town would have turned into an ocean of flames, like Hell on Earth!

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"Oh, mama!" Zhao Manyan raised his head and stared into the sky with disbelief.

The night sky was now brightly illuminated, the hill dyed blazing red by the light of the fire. The group was just discussing how impossible it was for the Fiery Sorceress to appear in the town, when they discovered the outline of a woman standing above the meteorite. She was standing on the meteorite that heralded a great calamity, sliding across the night sky!

Safe zone?

Fortresses?

When the Empress of the Burning Valley was infuriated, human defenses were nothing but mere decorations!

The descending meteorite served as a blatant warning to the humans who dared to touch her reverse scale!

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The meteorite slammed into the hill and instantly razed half of it to the ground.

The villa was protected by a barrier. The meteorite would be reduced in half by the water-blue barrier. As such, the Fiery Sorceress simply aimed the meteorite at the hill instead...

The people in the villa were utterly dispirited. They simply stood there and watch the areas outside the barrier burn into ashes, completely vanishing from the world.

There were still quite a few Magicians patrolling on the other half of the hill. They had most likely evaporated together with it. They did not have the chance to scream for help, or even have the time to figure out what was happening.

At the pool in the villa, Mo Fan, Zhang Xiaohou, Lingling, Xinxia, Chen Yi, Zhao Manyan, Mu Xiu and Mu Tingle all turned into statues, not believing what had happened outside of the barrier!

Half of the hill...

Half of the hill was gone, just like that!

If the meteorite was aimed at the villa instead, could the petty barrier even stop it?

Would the people in the villa even be alive by now?



A scorched land and some remaining flames replaced the dense plants that existed just a second before. A thick presence of destruction and death swept through in the direction of the barrier.

As the people were staring at this astonishing sight of Hell, the empress of the Burning Valley floated in the sky above the seemingly well-defended villa. Her eyes were burning with flames, yet they were emitting a cold gaze at everything around her.

She had appeared, when everyone was assuming that she could not possibly journey across half of China to reach the easternmost regions. She had chased after the group like a nightmare, and used her utterly destructive power to produce such an astonishing scene!

Her wrath was telling the humans that someone was about to pay a great price for the sins they had committed!

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The Fiery Sorceress uttered a piercing shriek. Her gaze was fixed on where Mo Fan and the others were standing.

She stepped forward, bringing a wave of heat with her!

Chen Yi fell to the ground in fear at what she had witnessed, her very soul trembling.

She was the one that drove the Grimsteel Spike into the Fiery Sorceress' back. She had come to get revenge, she must be here to take her revenge!

The Fiery Sorceress floated outside of the barrier. Her eyes squinted as she reached out her hand and grabbed in the direction of Mo Fan's crew...

When everyone assumed that she would simply murder Chen Yi despite standing outside of the barrier, Xinxia, who was sitting beside Mo Fan, was grabbed by some special force, which dragged her fragile body into the air...

"Xinxia!"

Mo Fan was shocked. He immediately activated the Blood Tabi and chased her out of the barrier simple-mindedly.

Xinxia seemed to be dragged away by some force. Her body quickly crossed the watery barrier, flying toward the Fiery Sorceress...

Mo Fan chased after her madly, who ignited a puff of scorching flame on his hand. It turned into a surging Fiery Fist, blasting at the Fiery Sorceress.

The Fiery Sorceress stood in the air. She cast a cold glance at Mo Fan, and easily spotted the Fiery Fist approaching her.

She waved her hand expressionlessly, easily nullifying Mo Fan's Fiery Fist with some unknown power.

Mo Fan was speechless. How stupid was he, thinking that he could harm the Burning Valley Sorceress with her Fire Element? He was about to cast his Lightning Spell when he heard Xinxia communicating with her using her Psychic Element.

"Brother Mo Fan, she's not trying to harm me."

Mo Fan did not give up. He used the Fleeing Shadow and Blood Tabi at the same time, and quickly leapt onto a pine tree that was still unharmed.

Standing on top of the pine tree, Mo Fan was still a distance away from the Fiery Sorceress who was floating in the air. He looked upward at the Fiery Sorceress and the captured Xinxia.

"Let her go, she has nothing to do with this!" snapped Mo Fan furiously.

Mo Fan's blood began to boil in the midst of his tantrum. He did not realize that while he was roaring at the Fiery Sorceress, the teeth from his upper jaw were growing longer. His black hair was also growing in length, and was slowly turning white under the illumination of the fire...

"I won't hurt her. I just want to take my belongings back." The Fiery Sorceress stood there like an imperious emperor.

She did not speak, yet Mo Fan could hear her voice.

He glanced at Xinxia, and realized that her mouth was open, speaking with a voice that did not belong to her.

"She's a Psychic Magician, she will speak on my behalf..." said the Fiery Sorceress, her voice coming out of Xinxia's mouth.

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#### **Chapter 497: Demon-Sealing Ice Formation**

A number of Magicians suddenly appeared above the red-orange rooftop of the mansion, standing in lines as if they had long prepared themselves for the upcoming battle.

However, when the guards saw half of the hill razed to the ground, their eyes still displayed fear. Despite all the battles they had fought in their lives, they had never seen a creature with such destructive power!

The captain of the guards, Haiyan, already had a pitch-black armor on him. The magical armor was made of the substance produced from cooled lava and provided perfect resistance toward Fire. However, Haiyan's body inside the armor was trembling subconsciously, despite himself. He was clearly aware that the armor he was proud of was merely a decoration in front of the Empress of the Burning Valley!

The flames burning on the Fiery Sorceress lit up the entire scorched land. The flames spread wildly in layers through the surroundings, covering a distance of a few kilometers.

She was floating above the ground, glancing at over hundreds of Magicians in the villa, yet none of them was capable of posing a threat to her.

Her gaze scanned the place and finally saw a woman wrapped in white cloth with braided hair standing beside Zhao Yulin in the attic of a building.

Beside the greedy couple stood an aged man. He did not have a beard, yet his graying hair was dangling, resembling the typical look and outstanding temperament of a cultivator!

"Demon, how dare you trespass into the safe zone!" snapped the man with graying hair furiously.

The man was the helper Zhao Yulin had specifically invited from the Mu Family, the Vice Chieftain of the subfaction under Mu Dao's lead.

Mu Dao was the third person in line to supremacy in the clan. He had a high status in both the family and the society, on equal footing with a Councilman since he was ranked on the Xuan Ranking.

Meanwhile, the man with graying hair was Mu Dao's right-hand man, a powerful Ice Magician.

Zhao Yulin was fairly close with Mu Dao. Initially, Zhao Yulin was planning to ask him to help, since he was a Xuan-ranked Ice Magician. Unfortunately, Mu Dao happened to be out of the country, thus he ended up sending Shi Gua, who was also an expert, over.

Zhao Yulin had no idea who Shi Gua was at the start, but when he learned that the guy was an expert who had half his foot in the Super Level, he immediately treated Shi Gua with utter respect. Shi Gua was his only hope to resolve the crisis!

As expected of someone who was very close to achieving the Super Level, Shi Gua seemed rather fearless despite facing the intimidating Fiery Sorceress.

"Fire Calamity Fruit, give me back my Fire Calamity Fruit!" the Fiery Sorceress uttered a piercing scream when she saw Zhao Yulin and the person in white cloth, Jiang Feng.

Her voice came out from Xinxia's mouth. As Xinxia was a Psychic Magician, her voice was able to penetrate people's soul and send a chill down their spine after it was enchanted with Magic!

"Enough with the nonsense, she's injured; she can't possibly stand a chance against us!" blurted out Jiang Feng immediately, as if she did not want the Fiery Sorceress to talk too much.

Shi Gua knew there was no point communicating with a demon beast. He immediately waved his hand to signal the Ice Magicians who were standing by to ambush their target!

Somewhere in the villa, eight Magicians who were long prepared immediately gathered their focus and accumulated a great surge of Ice Energy, using themselves as the foci when they received Shi Gua's signal.

A glow in the shape of a white octagon appeared under their feet, like the shape of an enlarged snowflake...

As more energy was accumulated, the power of the octagonal Demon-sealing Ice Formation grew stronger. The hill was currently like a furnace, so hot that the people on it were on the verge of fainting from dehydration. However, as the eight Ice Magicians constructed the formation, snowflakes began to fall from the sky!

Snowflakes as huge as goose feathers fell from the sky!

The white snow gradually became denser, as transparent icy walls were constructed in the midst of the snowfall...

There were eight layers of walls in total, corresponding to the eight Magicians. They were freezing at an incredible pace, to an extent that the eight walls almost combined into an enclosed space entrapping the Fiery Sorceress when the first snowflake landed on the ground.

The Fiery Sorceress pushed her hand to the left, firing a fireball taller than a building at one of the ice walls.

The fireball blasted the wall into pieces, which scattered in all directions and melted in the air.

However, a new ice wall quickly replaced the one destroyed by the fireball. The Fiery Sorceress was planning to escape from the surrounding walls with a tide of flames, yet her body slammed into the freshly constructed ice wall in the process. The frost penetrated her body like swords...

"They have already prepared to fight to the death with you," Mo Fan who was standing on top of the pine tree let out a sigh on behalf of the Fiery Sorceress when he saw the ice wall.

The Fiery Sorceress had taken Xinxia, still having a glimpse of hope that the couple was aware of the grave mistake they had committed, thus there was a slight chance they would be willing to hand the Fire Calamity Fruit over.

As a matter of fact, the greedy couple was determined to keep possession of the Fire Calamity Fruit. They had no intention of giving it back!

The Fiery Sorceress' eyes flickered mercilessly. She flicked a spark forward...

As the spark collided with the ice wall, a terrifying blast took place. The entire place trembled violently.

The blast was similar to the Fire Burst: Rupture, yet its power was many times stronger than the Fire Spell. The fire tongues were like enormous serpents wriggling violently as they lunged into the air, turning the snow in the sky into steam!

When the ice wall broke into pieces once again, she gave Xinxia a soft push, returning her to Mo Fan. The creature who no longer had the intention to show any mercy was instantly engulfed in flames...

Her glamorous figure transformed into a giant meteorite and slammed into the water-blue barrier protecting the villa, together with the fiery serpents that had yet to disappear.

The water-blue barrier loomed over the villa in the shape of an oval. The thin layer of the water curtain stood no chance against the Fiery Sorceress in her meteorite form with her full power. The barrier first shuddered vigorously, before crumbling to the damage inflicted by the meteorite...

The barrier shattered into water droplets and poured down, completely evaporating before reaching the ground. The meteorite dove forward and crashed into Zhao Yulin's beloved mansion...

The mansion was instantly razed to the ground. The fierce flames burned his antique collection to ashes.

Zhao Yulin could feel his heart bleeding, but he knew he would be paying a great price when he decided to oppose the Fiery Sorceress. Since there was no turning back, he could only clench his teeth and rely on the assistance provided by the Mu Family to eliminate her!

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#### **Chapter 498: Sea of Fiery Leaves**

"What are you standing there for? Are you waiting for the fire to burn you to death!?" snapped Shi Gua at the eight Ice Magicians when he saw the Fiery Sorceress breaking into the villa.

The eight Ice Magicians did not expect the Fiery Sorceress's strength to be so overwhelming. Their ice walls were destroyed one by one, even when the walls were sturdy enough to trap an Advanced Magician!

They exchanged glances with one another. They no longer dared to underestimate their opponent after witnessing the Fiery Sorceress' terrifying power. They immediately gathered all the energy and transferred it into the formation's foci. They even expended the Ice Magic Ores which they had saved up over many years, just to further increase the power of the Demon-sealing Ice Formation!

The Demon-sealing Ice Formation was different from other entrapping formations. It was not merely an entrapping formation, but one with a continuous effect.

The formation would first mark the target and continuously summon ice walls to surround them.

If the target failed to break the ice walls in time, the walls would continue to stack up, increasing the thickness of the walls. When the walls reached a certain thickness, it would completely seal the target within the enclosed space.

Therefore, even when the Fiery Sorceress had entered the villa, the Demon-sealing Ice Formation was still active. More ice appeared around the Fiery Sorceress to build the walls, and regardless of where she was moving, the walls would follow right behind her, until eight walls appeared and enclosed their target...

It was obvious that the Fiery Sorceress had realized how extraordinary the formation was. She was initially planning to attack the couple in the attic, yet when she saw the ice walls about to entrap her, she had no choice but to divert her attention and attack the walls with fire instead.

The pieces continued to fall from the sky. Although the Fiery Sorceress was stuck in the middle of the formation that could freeze her in the ice anytime, it did not necessarily mean that the Fiery Sorceress was unable to unleash her destructive power.

She began to multitask by drawing a fiery ring with her left hand, summoning a fire cloud that loomed over the entire villa and dropped a rain of fire. Her right hand was used as a fist, each punch able to shatter the walls...

"I'll be your opponent!" Shi Gua leapt into the sky. His movements were surprisingly nimble, reaching a height of twenty meters!

As he reached the highest point, he flung both hands forward. More than ten thick icy chains appeared before him, intertwining into a tall pillar which Shi Gua landed right on top of!

Shi Gua was able to control the Ice Spells as he wished. He did not have Wing Equipment, nor did he have the Wind Wings, yet with his nimble Magic Boots and his agility, he was able to move freely in the air using pillars constructed by ice chains...

He could make the ice chains sturdy and flexible as he wished, allowing him to use them both for offensive and defensive purposes. Shi Gua used Ice Lock to create a domain of chains that granted him the ability to move freely in the air, allowing him to face the Fiery Sorceress.

The Fiery Sorceress was busy breaking the ice walls while defending herself from Shi Gua's Advanced Spells, so she had no chance to attack the villa.

However, the Fiery Sorceress clearly possessed other power apart from Fire. Her furious gaze emitted a brilliant glow, as her will transformed into a strong force grabbing at the annoying ice chains that Shi Gua had set up!

The force itself was invisible, yet when the ice chains broke into pieces, it was fairly obvious that the force had the shape of a giant hand. It had torn the chains apart with a crushing grip.

The ice chains were the reason Shi Gua was able to fight in the air. Without their support, he soon fell to the ground...

Shi Gua was planning to reconstruct the ice chains when he felt a great pressure descending upon him from above...

"Giant Armor!"

Shi Gua immediately summoned his Armor Equipment in a panic.

As soon as the armor fully covered his body, the invisible weight collapsed upon him. The ground where he was standing sank rapidly!

It felt like he was standing under the foot of a giant. There was a garage around ten meters away from Shi Gua, and half of the garage was gone. The cars inside it ended up as flat metal sheets in the pit.

Shi Gua was right in the center of the force, pressed into the pit. His body was buried between the rocks and soil. His armor was covered in cracks.

As Shi Gua climbed out from the pit, he could not help but feel flustered...

The Fiery Sorceress also possessed the power of the Space Element. The Stomp of Depravity totally took him by surprise. The battle-seasoned Shi Gua was barely able to sense the space around him compressing in time. He would have been crushed into pulp if he was a second slower!

What mess did this Zhao Yulin drag him into!? How did he involve himself with such a devil!?

Shi Gua could feel the ache across his entire body. He tried to catch his breath, yet the infuriated Fiery Sorceress showed no intention of letting him do so.

The Fiery Sorceress placed her palm in front of her mouth and blew softly...

The flames from her breath turned into bright-colored maple leaves floating toward Shi Gua's position. When the insignificant leaves made contact with the soil, it was like they had encountered something that would set them on fire. The fiery leaves blossomed into clouds of blazing fire...

The raging clouds merged together into an astonishing ocean of flames, which spread in all directions like wild sprinting beasts!

The fiery leaves flared as soon as they touched the ground, devouring the buildings, gardens, ponds and compounds of the European-style villa into ashes.

The Magicians defending the villa were completely overwhelmed by the flames produced by the Fiery Sorceress. They initially planned to abuse their numbers, yet they were already fleeing for their lives in the midst of the fiery ocean before they could assemble and coordinate their attacks.

Their attacks were completely useless, as the destruction brought upon them by the Fiery Sorceress' attacks was on a completely different level than theirs. They already had trouble dealing with the fiery leaves floating in the air.

Meanwhile, Shi Gua was suffering greatly from the fire, too. His Magic Armor was already breaking apart, allowing the flames to penetrate through the gaps. Even though his primary Element was Ice, the burns still inflicted great pain on him!

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#### **Chapter 499: Calamity Fire, Dark Flame**

The Ocean of Flames quickly spread to the area of the pool.

Mo Fan carried the slightly unconscious Xinxia back to the area, yet he discovered that the place was already burning with flames.

Luckily the flames here were not as fierce as the ones in the battle, Mo Fan could still resist them with his Rose Flame.

He held Xinxia close to him as he moved past the walls of fire. He finally saw Zhang Xiaohou and the others who were backing off to safety. Unlike him, they did not have the Fire Resistance provided by a Fire Seed. The flames were still deadly to them.

"Is she alright?" asked Zhao Manyan when she saw Xinxia slightly unconscious.

"She's fine, it's likely that the Fiery Sorceress' psionic power is too strong. It was a heavy burden for Xinxia to handle it," said Mo Fan.

Xinxia was murmuring with her eyes closed. Her mouth continued to babble, as if she were sleep talking. Mo Fan could make sense of some of it, but the words were structured weirdly. He could not understand if Xinxia was trying to tell him something, or if it was a side effect of the emotion left by the Fiery Sorceress.

"Let's leave this place, I don't want to get dragged into this mess," suggested Zhao Manyan.

Mo Fan shared the same thought, too. They never had anything to do with the incident, and the Fiery Sorceress was incredibly powerful. She would hurt them by accident if she completely lost her temper...

"Where's Chen Yi? I don't see her!" asked Mo Fan when he saw someone missing.

"She must have gone to her parents. This Chen Yi; she was the one that attacked the Fiery Sorceress. The creature surely hates her. What could she possibly do going there? She's going to get herself killed," cursed Zhao Manyan.

"No...that's not it..." Xinxia murmured something half-consciously.

She was denying continuously, as if she were trying to tell something to the group.

However, she was only shaking her head and babbling continuously.

"There's nothing we can do, let's leave this place first..." Mo Fan carried Xinxia and left without wasting any time further.

Just as the group was about to move, a blinding fireball swept past above them.

The projectile had obviously come from the battle, yet its force was shocking. It slammed into the resting hall beside the pool...

The hall was connected to four other buildings, which happened to surround the open-air pool. As the fireball landed, the direction the group was planning to escape into immediately turned into an ocean of flames. The fire was taller than the buildings. They were lucky the fire did not devour them, let alone trying to cross the fire to safety.

"Damn, we're trapped!" cursed Zhang Xiaohou.

"Rolling Wave!"

Zhao Manyan did not give up. He waved his hand and used the water from the pool to produce a surging tide rolling toward the blaze covering the resting hall...

However, the strength of the fire completely exceeded his imagination. No one could tell what level the Fiery Sorceress' fire was. Not only did the water fail to put it out, the whole tide evaporated into steam within a short period of time, leaving Zhao Manyan with his eyes wide and jaw dropped.

"Save up some of your energy to open a path for us. The way is blocked, come this way!" Mo Fan told Zhao Manyan.

Zhao Manyan helplessly followed the group toward a path that was not covered in fire. However, the path was leading them away from the battle. None of them could guarantee that it would not turn into an ocean of flames in the near future...

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Two thirds of the villa was on fire. Many Magicians had died to the inextinguishable flames.

The Fiery Sorceress had gone completely mad, showing no mercy to the humans. She simply let them burn to ashes in her fury.



She broke through the defenses along the way as she approached the attic where Zhao Yulin and his wife were.

She could sense the Fire Calamity Fruit on Jiang Feng. The greedy woman was waiting for the fruit to ripen so she could immediately expend it to restore her face, something that she had desired for over ten years.

Meanwhile, Zhao Yulin was unwilling to give up on the Fire Calamity Fruit, either. He desperately needed it to refine a Soul-grade Fire Seed, as it would grant him more authority in the family. He was not willing to simply obey his younger brothers. The family's heritage belonged to him, Zhao Yulin! He was supposed to be the CEO of the family's business in the Magic Industry, instead of spending his time enjoying retired life in Lehuo Town!

"Father, mother!" Chen Yi safely arrived at the attic under the escort of a few guards.

"What are you doing here?" Zhao Yulin frowned with a hint of anger.

"I called her here," said Jiang Feng.

Zhao Yulin coldly harrumphed, clueless about what Jiang Feng was planning.

Shi Gua had escaped from the ocean of flames and returned to the attic. His hair was almost burned away by flames, and his body was covered in burns. His Armor Equipment had vanished, too, leaving him in a miserable state.

"Mr. Shi, are you alright?" asked Zhao Yulin.

"The creature won't have her way for long. The Demon-sealing Ice Formation is about to unleash its strongest wave of attacks. It will simply freeze her inside its walls!" said Shi Gua coldly.

He had involved himself in the battle to earn some time. The Demon-sealing Ice Formation had great power against Fire Element creatures. It would unleash its true force once the Magicians maintaining the formation survived past the accumulation stage.

"That's great. Once the situation is resolved, I'll reward you greatly," said Zhao Yulin, whose grim face was finally replaced with a smile.

"That being said, the freeze is only going to buy us some time. I've realized how powerful the creature was when I fought against her. She uses the Calamity Fire when she attacks, but she also has Dark Flame protecting her. The freeze can only suppress her Calamity Fire at most, stopping her from attacking us, but the Dark Flame won't be eliminated. It's like a domain that none of us can get close to," said Shi Gua.

"Does that mean, even after we freeze her, as long as the domain of Dark Flame is still there, we won't be able to kill her? Are you saying that the Grimsteel Spike we've specifically prepared for her is useless?" The smile on Zhao Yulin's face vanished.

"Mm, the Dark Flame is stronger than the Calamity Fire; even I have no chance of getting close. This is an extremely powerful creature we're fighting against!" said Shi Gua.

Zhao Yulin's face turned grim once again. He could not think of any way to break through the Fiery Sorceress' domain of Dark Flame.

High-level creatures were strong because Magicians had no chance of dealing with their unique domains!

"Mr. Shi, it won't be a problem. As long as you're able to freeze her, I have my way to kill her!" said Jiang Feng, who was still wrapped in white cloth.

Under the cloth, her eyes emitted a vicious gleam...

### [Versatile Mage \(Web Novel\)](#)

#### **Chapter 500: The Constellation Made of Eight Star Patterns**

Magicians who had experienced wars against the demon beasts would know one thing; the humans were usually the ones being invaded by the demon beasts, who outnumbered them by hundreds, or even thousands of times.

The ratio of talented Magicians among humans was not extremely high to begin with, and the strength of a Magician usually could not match the strength of a demon beast.

The reason why humans were able to fight against the demon beasts for many years was not only because of their intelligence when fighting against wild creatures, but most importantly because humans knew how to utilize natural resources to construct various formations that were a lot stronger than themselves!

Formations and barriers; these things gave humans a chance to overturn battles when there was a great difference in strength between the two sides, keeping the rulers among the demon beasts who could easily raze a city to the ground at bay.

Equipment, weapons, formations, and barriers; these were the crystals of wisdom that mankind had produced throughout history. Words were not needed to describe the usefulness of equipment and weapons, as they were the only way to strengthen human's fragile flesh. Formations allowed the weak to win the fight against the strong.

Using magic ores that were filled with the essence of Heaven and Earth as their source of energy, and Magicians as the foci for the formations...

The principles of formations were fairly similar to drawing Stars, Star Patterns, and Star Constellations. If a Magician was considered as a Star Pattern, the eight ice walls corresponded by the eight Advanced Magicians could be considered a giant Star Constellation made of eight Star Patterns!

The Star Constellation was unique. Although it was still described as an Advanced Spell, its power was significantly stronger than the usual Advanced Spells.

Initially, snow the size of goose feathers were falling from the sky, but the snow had now turned into ice crystals, which were able to combine into walls every second.

The walls were extremely thick, and were strictly aligning themselves into an octagonal shape. The Calamity Fire from the Fiery Sorceress initially covered a radius of a hundred meters, setting everything

close to her aflame. However, as the ice crystals landed on the ground, the walls immediately trapped the flames. Five out of the eight ice walls were completed!

The Fiery Sorceress turned around and saw the ice walls just ten meters away, too thick to blast open!

It was like her flames were trapped inside a cage, the ice was melting at a slower pace than it was freezing...

The Fiery Sorceress finally realized that the Demon-sealing Ice Formation was not to be underestimated. She glanced at the villa half-destroyed by the flames and discovered eight Ice Magicians with rather impressive cultivation were standing in their respective positions in the center of the villa. They were surrounded with brilliant stars, densely packed into a stellar Star Pattern.

Each of the Magicians had turned into a Star Pattern, which intertwined with the other Magicians, forming an Ice Element Star Constellation consisting of eight Magicians!

The Star Constellation was octagonal, looking like an eight-sided starry box.

The Fiery Sorceress immediately uttered a piercing screech after learning the source of the ice walls.

She grabbed in the direction of a building nearby and pulled it out of the ground, and it instantly flew into the air...

The Fiery Sorceress blew at the building, setting the floating structure on fire.

The burning building under her control flew right at the eight Magicians...

"Do you seriously think I'm unprepared?" Zhao Yulin suddenly burst out laughing.

The burning building that was flying toward the formation seemed to collide with an invisible wall around thirty meters away, shredding into pieces in midair...

The burning pieces were stopped by some special object. The Fiery Sorceress could vaguely see a barrier with a slight arc close to the eight Ice Magicians, protecting them. Both the spreading flames and the projectiles flying toward them were completely blocked by the barrier.

A barrier!

The formation was protected by a barrier!

Zhao Yulin was clearly aware that it was unrealistic to set up a barrier that could protect the entire villa. The barrier would be too fragile, but if he reduced its area to just the size of the formation to protect the Magicians, it would make them unbeatable.

The Fiery Sorceress was unaware that the Demon-sealing Ice Formation would become stronger gradually. It was too late to try and destroy it now.

The ice walls were being constructed at a faster pace, like steel walls appearing instantly out of nowhere. The walls were trapping the Fiery Sorceress no matter which direction she was moving in.

The Calamity Fire was only covering an area within ten meters of the Fiery Sorceress now. Normally, the flames engulfing her body would prevent her from being harmed by the icy aura, but since her back had

been stabbed by the spike, allowing the ice poison to penetrate her body, the damage began to spread across her body, suppressing her Calamity Fire.

When she was driven by rage, her injury was veiled by her emotion. She could not sense the effect of the Grimsteel Spike, but as the battle continued, and the formation became stronger gradually, her flames were suppressed even further...

More ice crystals like glass pieces appeared in the air, which combined together into a transparent ice wall.

It was the final ice wall. The Fiery Sorceress could no longer produce destructive flames due to her injury. She could only watch the ice stacking up and seal up the remaining space around her...

The octagonal ice trap was fully constructed, and was shrinking toward the center. It turned into a transparent steel cage, putting the Fiery Sorceress under a total freeze. The Calamity Fire on her body was extinguished too.

"It works!" Zhao Yulin was overjoyed.

Shi Gua uttered a relieved sigh. He turned around, glancing at the eight Advanced Magicians, but his face was still lacking a smile.

As the eight Magicians fulfilled their roles, they fell to the ground from fatigue or losing consciousness. If the Fiery Sorceress could have held on a little longer, they would be the ones losing the battle.

"The Grimsteel Spike played a huge part in it!" said Jiang Feng excitedly.

Without the ambush, it would have been troublesome to try and take down the Fiery Sorceress.

"I've done what I need to, I'll leave the rest to you," Shi Gua said to Zhao Yulin and Jiang Feng.

Zhao Yulin glanced at Jiang Feng. He was curious about how she was going to overcome the Fiery Sorceress' Dark Flame. The domain was strong enough to burn an Advanced Magician into ashes instantly.

"Chen Yi, remember the Deathstrike Magic Equipment, Breaking Profaner?" Jiang Feng asked her daughter.

Chen Yi nodded.

"The Breaking Profaner can make the ice poison of the Grimsteel Spike flare up, making it deadly. Stab her with the Breaking Profaner, and she'll be dead soon!"