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Chapter 791: There's a Beast in the Sea

The next duel was between Jiang Shaoxu and Koike Shoko.

Without any surprise, there was no chance that a Psychic Magician would lose in a one-on-one duel. The continuous Psychic Impacts simply gave her opponent no chance to cast a single spell.

Mo Fan had already experienced how disgusting it was to fight a Psychic Magician at Pearl Institute. He would have been crushed by Ding Yumian if it weren't for his Focus Necklace.

Koike Shoko was not weak, yet Jiang Shaoxu's Psychic Element gave her a great advantage. Koike Shoko suffered a humiliating defeat pretty soon.

Jiang Shaoxu lifted her proud gaze after the duel and said to her opponent, "This is the difference between a representative on the national team and a gatekeeper. It's unwise to judge us by the standard of the countries that lost against you."

They had won all three of the duels. They did not disappoint themselves, considering how confident they were at the start.

As the duels came to an end, everyone went back to their rooms to rest up. The strength of the Chinese national team had indeed surprised the people of the West Guardian Tower.

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Late at night, the Japanese commander slowly walked back and forth on the balcony holding a phone in his hand. He was talking cautiously to the person on the other end.

"We've recorded the duels. We'll send the information we collected over tonight. Unfortunately, they only sent three representatives to fight the duels. If we can collect more information, it will be of great help to us," said the Japanese commander.

"Commander Takagi, the students of your West Guardian Tower are quite disappointing. I've already learned the details of the duels from my other subordinate. Your students lost the duels before they could gather any useful information," said the slightly blurred voice on the other end.

"That isn't the case. I believe you'll be surprised if you watched the second duel. The representative from China was fighting against Mochizuki Chihaya, but he managed to stay in the duel for quite a long time. His Fire Element is extraordinary. I've already watched the recording, and if I'm not mistaken, the Chinese student is most likely a Summoner who has a rare Fire Elemental Beast. His rather unique Contracted Beast granted him the astonishing power of the Fire Element," said Commander Takagi.

"Oh, I did hear something about it... let's discuss it later, that goddamned Iwata is still not telling us?" asked the man with the blurred voice.

“It doesn’t seem like it,” replied Commander Takagi.

“Then he will be staying longer in the East Guardian Tower. I would like to see if he is tougher than the punishment he will receive in the East Guardian Tower!”

“What if he’s still not willing to tell us?”

“Do you seriously think he’ll trade his life just to keep the secret?”

“I think... ah, Chihaya, why are you still awake at this time?” blurted out Commander Takagi in the middle of his sentence when he suddenly discovered Mochizuki Chihaya.

Mochizuki Chihaya was standing on the balcony. Commander Takagi did not notice her at first, as she was hidden by the shadows.

Mochizuki Chihaya turned around. She was wearing a kimono with a ribbon around her waist. Her outstanding physique was rather alluring under the moonlight, even though she was trying to hide her sexiness.

“It’s very late now, who are you talking to on the phone?” asked Mochizuki Chihaya smiling when she realized Commander Takagi’s phone was lit up.

“Oh...oh, just a silly subordinate. I’m scolding him for some mistake he has made. Matsumoto, you better hand in the report I want early in the morning tomorrow. Otherwise, I’ll allocate you to some guard duty on the islands!” Commander Takagi said into the phone with a stern voice.

The aged commander standing on the walls along the maritime battlefield in Tokyo immediately had a dark expression, yet he had no choice but to put up an act. He lowered his voice and said, “Alright, Commander Takagi, I’ll fix the report overnight.”

“That’s all,” Commander Takagi hung up the call impatiently and shoved it into his pocket. He looked at Mochizuki Chihaya with a gentle smile.

Commander Takagi was around forty years old. He was not tall, and the lines on his face were sagging. His eyes curled into a line whenever he smiled, making it difficult to see his thoughts.

“Having trouble sleeping? Why don’t you come and have some drinks in my room? An old friend in Tokyo just brought me some nice wine, I know you’re a fan of it,” Commander Takagi walked closer to Mochizuki Chihaya and invited her with a gesture.

“I’m feeling a bit sleepy,” replied Mochizuki Chihaya.

“Oh, go get some rest then,” conceded Commander Takagi calmly.

“It is time for the guards in the East Guardian Tower to exchange their shifts, aren’t you supposed to be there, Commander Takagi?” Mochizuki Chihaya glanced at the mountain on the other side.

“I’ll be there after I retrieve something... oh, by the way, I’m sorry for what happened to your brother Iwata, we’ve sent many people out to find him, but we haven’t found any clues yet,” said Commander Takagi.

Mochizuki Chihaya stood there in silence.

Commander Takagi slowly walked forward. He looked at Mochizuki Chihaya's back with a side glance as he walked past the woman and grinned with an evil flicker in his eyes.

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Mochizuki Chihaya remained in her spot after Commander Takagi left. She only told the man she was tired just so he would not bother her further. She lifted her gaze and looked at the East Guardian Tower on the other mountain with a complicated expression.

"Are you really in there? Why did they lock you up?" murmured Mochizuki Chihaya.

A red glow suddenly descended from the top floor of the tower, followed by the ringing of an alarm, breaking the silence of the night.

Mochizuki Chihaya immediately jumped to the top floor and asked the guard, "What's going on?"

The people asleep in the West Guardian Tower were immediately woken up by the alarm, with guards running up and down the stairs and balconies as they proceeded to their positions.

The West Guardian Tower was basically a fortress on a mountain. The sea to the east was considered the territory of the demon creatures outside of Osaka's boundary.

"There's something in the ocean!" replied a guard on duty.

"What is it? Did you take a close look at it?" asked Mochizuki Chihaya.

"It's in the water, but I didn't see what it was. More than a hundred sensors in the water were destroyed," said the guard.

"More than a hundred? Is a pack of demon creatures invading us?"

"No, I think there's only one!"

Mochizuki Chihaya's eyes were immediately filled with astonishment and terror when she heard the words.

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Chapter 792: A Gigantic Creature in the Ocean

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"What the heck, why can't I enjoy a good sleep?" Mo Fan yawned and rose from his bed. He was still wearing white sleepwear.

The others were woken up by the alarm, too. They all went to the balconies outside their rooms.

Mo Fan could see a red light flickering. It was similar to the light of a Blood Alert. His expression immediately darkened as he mumbled to himself, "Are you serious? Are you telling me that every city I go to will have some kind of disaster?"

Mo Fan took a closer look and realized the light was different from a Blood Alert. It was only a signal for the guards in the West Guardian Tower.

The guards were busy patrolling around the tower. Many of them were heading up the stairs to the top floor. Mo Fan immediately blended into the guards and followed them to the top floor. He was curious to find out what was happening.

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Commander Takagi and Mochizuki Ken were standing at the top of the tower, with Japanese soldiers lined up behind them. They were all looking at the area on the sea around six kilometers away from the tower.

The sea was some distance away from the West Guardian Tower. The bright moon reflected off the surface of the ocean, and it was obvious that something there was producing irregular waves that were splashing onto the rocks nearby.

The disturbance had come from that area, yet no one saw anything suspicious, apart from the irregular waves.

"What exactly is it?" asked Mochizuki Ken in a surprised tone.

"We're not sure yet," replied Commander Takagi in a deep voice.

The people of the West Guardian Tower had placed lots of buoys in the ocean close to Osaka's boundary. The sensors would only respond when they detected the presence of living creatures.

Occasionally, some creatures would trigger the buoys, but it was rare to see more than a hundred sensors being triggered simultaneously.

Most importantly, they had discovered that the buoys were all triggered by a single creature!

Each buoy was around four meters apart. In other words, the creature that triggered the sensors was a gigantic sea creature!

"Commander Takagi, the creature seems to have withdrawn deep into the ocean!" reported a captain as he landed on the tower and withdrew his Wind Wings.

"It fled?" Commander Takagi was puzzled.

If a gigantic creature had triggered the sensors, it was most likely that the creature was up to something. Commander Takagi was just about to have the soldiers prepare for a huge battle, but the situation was resolved just like that?

"Maybe it accidentally came into our territory?" said Mochizuki Ken.

"I don't think so, such a high-level creature must have a certain level of intelligence. There's no way it doesn't know this area belongs to us humans..." Commander Takagi stared into the distance and said after a slight hesitation, "I should go and check, just in case."

Commander Takagi summoned an enormous beast. It had a head like tiger, with gray wings on its back. The wings were eight meters long when they were extended, even more majestic than the wings of a giant eagle.

The creature carried Commander Takagi as it soared into the sky. It flew a few hundred meters away by just beating its wings a few times. It gradually shrank into a tiny dot as it proceeded toward the area where the sensors were.

"That's Commander Takagi's Sky Ridge Beast, I'm so jealous!" sighed a captain.

"I heard that his Contracted Beast's strength is almost on par with the Ruler-level creatures. If he's lucky enough to help the creature evolve, Commander Takagi is going to become the strongest Summoner in Osaka!" said another captain.

"Yeah, Commander Takagi has been stationed here at the West Guardian Tower for quite some time, but normally people with his capabilities would be appointed to the maritime battlefield in Tokyo... hey, who are you, you're not supposed to be here!" the captain's expression darkened when he suddenly saw an uninvited guest.

Mochizuki Ken turned around and saw the person was a young man in his sleepwear.

The young man was still rubbing his eyes as if he had not fully woken up yet.

"Mo Fan, this isn't somewhere you should be," said Mochizuki Ken.

"Oh, I only came to take a look and see if there's anything I can help with. It seems like the whole West Guardian Tower is in a panic," Mo Fan replied curiously.

"A gigantic sea creature has appeared, but it seems like it has run away," replied Mochizuki Ken.

The alarm slowly faded. As an important fortress protecting Osaka's shoreline, the security of the West Guardian Tower was fairly tight. The guards were on alert twenty-four hours. It was not rare for the alarm to go off.

"A gigantic creature? How gigantic?" asked Mo Fan.

"We aren't too sure either, our men didn't really see the creature. We only detected it through the sensors, but it has now left," said Mochizuki Ken.

"Yeah, it even triggered more than a hundred buoys. I almost thought a pack of demon creatures is invading Osaka. Luckily, it was only a creature that mistakenly trespassed into our territory."

Mo Fan glanced at the area with a suspicious look. The ocean reflecting the silver glow of the moon was now calm. The crescent and stars could be seen from the surface of the ocean, a soothing scenery.

"If nothing actually happened, I guess I'll head back to sleep," said Mo Fan.

“Mm, go ahead, the West Guardian Tower can handle the situation if anything happened,” said Mochizuki Ken.

“That’s good to hear.”

“Kid, don’t come up here again!”

“(cough cough) I’ll be going.”

“Xiao Zhe, escort him back,” Mochizuki Ken called a soldier over to bring Mo Fan down.

“You sound like you’re scared that I’m going to run off to somewhere else again...” said Mo Fan.

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The soldier called Xiao Zhe followed Mo Fan closely, making sure that he would not go somewhere else again.

They happened to pass by the drawbridge on their way down. Mo Fan glanced at the drawbridge that was lowered and asked Xiao Zhe curiously, “Why is the drawbridge lowered? I thought that place is a prohibited area?”

“It’s time for the guards to change shifts. You don’t think the guards will be staying in there for days, right?” answered Xiao Zhe.

“Speaking of which, what exactly is the East Guardian Tower used for? Why is everyone being so mysterious about it...” asked Mo Fan.

“It’s none of your...”

Before Xiao Zhe could finish sentence, thick lightning bolts descended from the sky. From their position, it felt like the energy of the magic formation was going to tear the night sky apart, and the lightning bolts were about to travel across the drawbridge and strike the West Guardian Tower!

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Chapter 793: Scattered Ashes and Dispersed Smoke

Mo Fan was given a great scare by the incredible power of the magic formation, and he subconsciously took a few steps back. The black mountain opposite the one he was standing on was brightly lit, especially the East Guardian Tower at the peak. The gray-white walls were shrouded by the yellow light of death. It was like the whole building would be turned into scattered ashes and dispersed smoke in any second.

“Is...is this some kind of daily routine too?” Mo Fan looked at Xiao Zhe beside him with a stunned expression.

Xiao Zhe too was dumbfounded. He was about to answer when someone's voice, talking in Japanese, came from the drawbridge.

Judging from the voice, the guards in the East Guardian Tower were in a panic. They were yelling at the West Guardian Tower.

It turned out that most of the guards were moved to the south because of the strange incident of the sea creature. The East Guardian Tower did not have as many guards as it should have.

"You should go back to the middle floor at once. I must go sound the alarm," Xiao Zhe immediately headed for the guard tower after hearing the shout.

Xiao Zhe had already run into the distance before Mo Fan could ask any questions. He was left alone on one end of the drawbridge.

Glancing at the lightning bolts dancing wildly on the other mountain, Mo Fan immediately felt a great urge to check the situation out.

"No one is bringing me, so it's easy for me to lose my way, so I should go to the other side to ask for directions. Mm, sounds about right..." Mo Fan mumbled to himself before slowing heading to the other side across the drawbridge.

Zhao Manyan's long-lost brother had mentioned that the magic formation would only target those trying to trespass into the area. It would not pose any threat to Mo Fan as long as he was standing on the drawbridge.

Mo Fan slowly stepped forward on the drawbridge. He realized that he was standing above the abyss between the two mountains. He walked to the edge and peeked down. The strong snapping glare of the formation was lighting the place up. However, he could only see the cliffs of the mountains, not the bottom of the abyss.

Half of the drawbridge was out of range of the magic formation. Mo Fan had traveled a third of the way across. He could see the yellow lightning bolts dancing wildly in the sky by glancing up. There were a dozen lightning bolts close to the drawbridge, in addition to the number surrounding the East Guardian Tower. There were simply too many. Mo Fan firmly believed that his tiny body would be torn into pieces within half a second if he was tossed into the air!

"What are these Japanese up to?" Mo Fan frowned. He glanced across the drawbridge.

Amid the lightning flashes, Mo Fan vaguely saw a few Magicians in uniform running towards him. They seemed to be in a pinch...

Before they could reach the middle of the drawbridge, several demonic branches appeared from below the bridge and quickly wrapped around the Magicians.

Before Mo Fan could react, the guards were flung away from the drawbridge.

The area away from the drawbridge was completely covered by the magic formation. Mo Fan immediately saw the three guards being shredded into ashes by the lightning bolts!

Mo Fan was stunned by the scene. It took him a few seconds to recover.

“Mo Fan, what are you doing here!” Mochizuki Ken’s loud voice came from behind him.

Mo Fan was terrified. He immediately went back to the other side.

“I told you not to go anywhere else!” snapped Mochizuki Ken furiously.

“I just saw...” argued Mo Fan.

“We’ll handle the situation ourselves. You will return to your room at once. Otherwise, I wouldn’t mind punishing you according to our rules here!” said Mochizuki Ken.

“I saw a few guards being killed...”

“Whatever you saw was none of your business; Xiao Zhe, bring him away!” said Mochizuki Ken with a firm voice.

Xiao Zhe immediately walked up to Mo Fan with a dark expression.

Mo Fan had no idea what to say. He had no choice but to leave the drawbridge.

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“Can you stop going to places you’re not supposed to? The upper floor is already off-limits to you, the drawbridge and the East Guardian Tower are prohibited areas too! Luckily, it was Mr. Mochizuki who found you. He has always been kind to everyone. If it was Commander Takagi, he wouldn’t let you go so easily,” said Xiao Zhe cautiously.

The lightning bolts finally disappeared after they arrived on the middle floor. Mo Fan was still full of questions. He immediately asked Xiao Zhe, “I saw demon branches tossing a few guards off the bridge, killing them instantly!”

“Nonsense, Mochizuki Chihaya is the only Advanced Plant Magician in both the West and East Guardian Towers. You must have seen it wrong!” said Xiao Zhe angrily.

“Why are you panicking? I never said it was Mochizuki Chihaya,” complained Mo Fan.

“How am I panicking? I just think that you shouldn’t slander Miss Chihaya like that. Don’t say anything like that again, especially not in front of Commander Takagi!” said Xiao Zhe hurriedly.

“Do you have feelings for Mochizuki Chihaya?” wondered Mo Fan.

“Of...of course not, what the heck are you saying!” Xiao Zhe started to panic again. He even blushed.

“Oh, maybe I did see it wrong. The light of the magic formation is very bright after all. By the way, is that Mochizuki Chihaya’s room? I believe we had some misunderstandings before. However, she was still willing to put her grudge aside to give me some advice, I would like to apologize to her tomorrow,” said Mo Fan.

Xiao Zhe immediately answered as if he was trying to cover something up, “Yeah, her room is at the end of the corridor. Miss Chihaya is a very nice person, she’s the most loyal to the West Guardian Tower...”

“Mm, I’ll be fine, I’m heading back to sleep,” Mo Fan went into his room and locked the door behind him.

Xiao Zhe was a responsible soldier too. He decided to stand in front of Mo Fan's door, just so the man would not run away again.

Inside the room, Mo Fan found himself amused by Xiao Zhe's reaction.

He opened the window and sneaked out of the room in a lump of shadow. He easily made his way down the corridor without attracting Xiao Zhe's attention.

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Mo Fan moved sneakily in the dark. He flowed over a fake hill just a second ago before he appeared in the corridor he walked past before, where Mochizuki Chihaya's room was.

Mo Fan was smacked around by Mochizuki Chihaya's demon branches after dinner. He was confident that the demon branches that tossed the guards into the air were extremely similar to those that Mochizuki Chihaya had summoned!

If Mochizuki Chihaya was from the West Guardian Tower, there was no reason she would kill the guards. It was shocking how three human lives were erased from the world just like that, yet everyone was reacting oddly, as if the secret in the East Guardian Tower was more important than the deaths of the guards!

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Chapter 794: Settle the Peep in Private!

The door into the room was locked. However, it was nowhere enough to stop someone like Mo Fan who was already an expert at sneaking into women's rooms at late night. He could easily break in as long as the room had a window.

A clear human shadow stuck to the corner before it silently sneaked into the room through the half-covered window. The window's style was somewhat retro. Its curtains made it troublesome for Mo Fan to sneak in, yet he easily handled the problem.

"Humph, she's not in her room, as I thought." Mo Fan checked his surroundings and discovered that the room was empty, although the light was on.

The room was decorated in a mix of retro and modern styles. It was extremely clean, and everything was placed tidily. Even the bed was perfect, without a single wrinkle. The dressing table had bottles of perfumes, hand lotions, hair cream, and a stand with all kinds of decorations, ribbons, and hairpins. A kimono was hung on the clothes stand...

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The kimono looked familiar. It seemed like the one she was wearing today. It still had an alluring fragrance. Mo Fan took a sniff, his mind instantly filled with the image of Mochizuki Chihaya's outstanding physique under her kimono.

“Such fragrance, why does the room smell so nice even when she’s not here...” Mo Fan soon captured a different fragrance. It seemed to be coming from the bathroom.

Suddenly, the door to the bathroom sprang open. A smooth, glossy leg stepped through the door. Mo Fan immediately experienced an adrenaline rush when he saw the leg!

Mo Fan was looking down at the start. He subconsciously lifted his gaze along the sexy leg!

A purple bath towel happened to be covering the most important part. However, the bath towel was not wrapped around her body. It was dangling in front of the woman as she was drying her hair. Mo Fan could even see her smooth, skinny pelvis...

Mo Fan gulped down and lifted his gaze further. As he thought, the little bath towel was nowhere enough to cover her spectacular breasts. Such bounciness despite their size, the jade-white gloss, and the perfect shape!

“Baka!”

Mochizuki Chihaya was drying herself with the towel. She totally did not expect someone to be in her room. She quickly reacted by wrapping herself with the towel and controlled a magic vine to grab the kimono off the clothes stand!

She quickly draped the kimono over herself, flinging her wet hair in the air.

The whole process only took less than a second. Mo Fan did not even have a chance to enjoy the sight of her alluring body.

“You have five seconds to explain yourself. You’ll die your reason is not good enough to convince me!” Mochizuki Chihaya’s face blushed, yet her eyes were extremely cold.

“This...this is a misunderstanding, I didn’t know you were in...”

“Two seconds!” snapped Mochizuki Chihaya coldly.

“Holy crap, calm down!”

“Three seconds!” Mochizuki Chihaya’s gaze sharpened. Black demon branches were growing out of the room, sealing off the exit. In other words, if Mo Fan did not give her a convincing explanation, she would not let him leave in one piece!

“Demon Tree! I saw a Demon Tree similar to yours on the drawbridge to the East Guardian Tower. I thought it was you, so I came here to prove my speculation. I didn’t expect you to be in your room, or to be taking a shower... I’m not the kind of person you think I am!” blurted out Mo Fan.

“Seven seconds!” said Mochizuki Chihaya when Mo Fan finished speaking.

“Trust me, I just came from the upper floor. I really saw a Demon Tree that’s the same as yours. Otherwise, why would I come to your room for no reason?! I’m really not that kind of a person!” said Mo Fan.

Mochizuki Chihaya stared at the man coldly. Her eyes flickered murderously.

Her wet hair was dangling down on her back. Drops of water pattered to the floor. The atmosphere in the room was extremely weird.

“Did you say that you saw the same Demon Tree that I Summon?” asked Mochizuki Chihaya, one word at a time.

“Exactly! Your Demon Tree is gray-blue because of your Soul Seed, with the shape of a Chinese bellflower... I saw the same Demon Tree in the East Guardian Tower. It grabbed three of the guards and tossed them off the bridge. The lightning bolts immediately shredded them into ashes!” exclaimed Mo Fan.

“Tell me everything right from the start,” said Mochizuki Chihaya expressionlessly.

Mo Fan let out a relieved sigh, sensing that the tension has eased.

However, before he could relax, two stalks of gray-blue Chinese bellflower appeared behind the woman. Sharp thorns extended from the petals toward Mo Fan’s face!

“If you dare lie to me... hmph!” declared Mochizuki Chihaya.

Mo Fan was soaked in cold sweat. They always said that curiosity killed the cat. He had only come to confirm his speculation, yet he happened to sneak into the woman’s room when she was taking a shower. Didn’t he come at a perfect time...ugh, the woman’s body was pretty hot, his blood was boiling just from the sight!

Mo Fan did not dare to imagine further. He quickly told her the series of events.

Mochizuki Chihaya already knew about the gigantic sea creature. On top of that, Mo Fan’s description of the upper level, the soldier Xiao Zhe, and the guards protecting the drawbridge was accurate, too. She had no choice but to believe that Mo Fan was telling the truth.

“I wasn’t lying to you; the Demon Tree killed the three guards in an instant. I also heard cries of agony asking for help when I was on the drawbridge. Someone must be massacring the people in the East Guardian Tower, but Mochizuki Ken chased me away instead!” said Mo Fan.

Mo Fan simply could not understand what the East Guardian Tower was trying to hide. The sight of the three guards being shredded by the magic formation was still stuck in Mo Fan’s mind, sending chills down his spine!

Mochizuki Chihaya lowered her head with a clearly complicated expression.

The room fell silent. The fragrance from the woman coming out of the shower assailed Mo Fan’s nose. He secretly took a peek at Mochizuki Chihaya. The death of the three guards in his mind was immediately replaced by some evil thoughts. The blood in his body started boiling again.

“Even if you’re telling the truth, it’s also a fact that you’ve sneaked into my room and saw my naked body. I’ll let someone deal with you. You won’t be able to participate in the World College Tournament anymore. You will soon be sent back to your country, waiting to be punished!” Mochizuki Chihaya promised coldly.

“Sister... I really didn’t mean it, can we settle it among ourselves?” Mo Fan immediately had a headache.

“We can!”

Mo Fan was startled. *-Damn, did she really have to respond so decisively? Is she seriously willing to settle it privately?-*

That being said, Mo Fan would never think that Mochizuki Chihaya was someone who would settle a dispute so easily. Maybe she was planning to demand something even worse from him!

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Chapter 795: Sneaking into the East Guardian Tower at Night

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As Mo Fan recalled it, he believed that he would have trouble grabbing the woman’s boobs with a single hand. If he dug his face into them, he would most likely suffocate!

As for her lower body, the curves of her waist and pelvic were extraordinarily elegant. The tenderness and gloss of her skin made her visually exhilarating. The excitement simply surged through his cells, as if they were going to raise their flags and revolt, just so they could all move onto her body.

However, honestly speaking, if Mo Fan knew he would be dangling on a tree by the edge of a cliff, with a magic formation above him that could easily shred him into ashes, he would be more than willing to give up on the alluring encounter!

Damn it, he knew the woman was not something he could handle easily!

“Say, do we really have to sneak in through here? Aren’t you a member of the Mochizuki Clan that protects the Twin Guardian Towers? Why do we have to climb the cliff instead of taking the drawbridge? I can feel my legs weakening!” Mo Fan lifted his gaze and looked at Mochizuki Chihaya, who was standing on the top of the pine tree.

Mochizuki Chihaya’s legs were right above Mo Fan. Luckily, she was not wearing her kimono. Otherwise, Mo Fan would have seen it all from his angle.

Mochizuki Chihaya was wearing a black outfit. The soft cloth was wrapping her figure tightly. Her body ratios, which could only be found on characters in an anime, were even more alluring. Mo Fan believed that it was a waste for her to become a Magician. She should learn from the great teacher Sola Aoi and service the millions of disciples of the Right Hand Religion, benefiting mankind.

“The fact that I’m a member of the Mochizuki Clan is exactly why this is the only way for us to sneak into the East Guardian Tower,” answered Mochizuki Chihaya.

“Do we really have to go in there?” asked Mo Fan.

“There’s no other way!”

“Just let me apologize, I know it’s my bad sneaking into your room like that...”

“Don’t you ever mention it again!” Mochizuki Chihaya’s tone was murderous.

Mo Fan immediately shut his mouth.

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That’s right, Mochizuki Chihaya was settling the dispute by asking Mo Fan’s help to sneak into the East Guardian Tower.

Even though Mo Fan had no clue what was happening inside the East Guardian Tower, he was sure that Mochizuki Chihaya was very concerned about the person who had the same Soul Seed as hers.

The security of the East Guardian Tower was extremely tight, not to mention the terrifying magic formation protecting it. Mo Fan never thought he would be dragged into this mess just because he was curious once.

Forget it, he had already seen the woman naked. It would not hurt to go on a crazy adventure with her. Otherwise, how would he possibly survive the night?

“Since we’re sneaking in, aren’t you going to tell me something? Like who the person that uses the same Demon Tree as yours is? Why did he kill the guards? Why is the East Guardian Tower off-limit, like they were doing some secret experiment in there?” said Mo Fan.

Mochizuki Chihaya did not answer. She stood on the tree with her eyes closed. She was using a spell to control the vines growing along the cliff.

The vines served as a ladder for them to climb. The whole mountain was protected by the invisible magic formation. A bird that stopped on a rock poking out from the wall would be scorched within an instant. If it weren’t for the fact that Mochizuki Chihaya was extremely familiar with the magic formation, there was no way they could sneak into the East Guardian Tower.

“When you cross that spot, stick closely to the rocks,” Mochizuki Chihaya specifically reminded Mo Fan who was climbing up the vines behind her.

“Why aren’t you sticking to the rocks?” asked Mo Fan.

“I’m skinnier,” answered Mochizuki Chihaya unpleasantly.

“But your boobs and ass are huge...”

“What did you say!?”

“I said, you should be more careful too!”

Mo Fan stuck closely to the jagged rocks. He felt like the world’s greatest thief trying to avoid the infrared sensors inside a museum.

He had witnessed how terrifying the magic formation was in person, so he was particularly cautious when climbing up the vines. Even though the alluring buttocks were right within reach of his arms, he did not dare to lose focus. After all, he had to stick right along the cliff as he moved up. If he kept staring

at her derriere, he would have difficulty sticking close to the rocks, since his size was around eighteen centimeters...

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The East Guardian Tower was shrouded in darkness. Not a single light was on. It was so dark that the structure almost blended into the darkness. Even the light of the stars and the moon could not reach it.

The two climbed up the steep rocks along the cliff behind the East Guardian Tower. They could already see the base of the tower.

“The walls of the tower are protected by magic formations, too. They would burn my plants instantly if they made contact with the walls. I sensed the Shadow Element when you snuck into my room. You can cast Fleeing Shadow, which is why I didn’t notice you at first, correct?” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

“Well...” Mo Fan did not want too many people to know that he had more Elements than he should.

“I’m not interested in other people’s secrets, but you’ll need to use Fleeing Shadow to move into that spot and throw a rope down for me to climb up,” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

Mo Fan had no choice but to follow her order.

He let go of the vines. His shadow immediately stuck closely to the walls of the tower and glided upwards.

The wall of the tower was quite tall, like a huge dam. A human was tiny like a fly compared to it.

The shadow moved closer to a spot above the base of the tower. It was a gutter facing the cliff with nowhere to stand. Mo Fan had to fix the end of the rope into a hole to barely make it possible for someone to grab onto it.

The night breeze swept past. The perfectly straight cliff looked eerily spooky. A rope was dropped down from the back of the tower to the rocks.

Mochizuki Chihaya grabbed the rope and swiftly climbed up. She soon reached the gutter where Mo Fan was.

“There’s a vent above us. We can climb into the East Guardian Tower from there,” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

“I’ve already helped you to reach here, I’ll leave the rest to you... just put down that Demon Tree, fine, I’ll follow you inside.”

“What’s with all the nonsense!?”

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The vent was extremely narrow. Luckily, Mo Fan was able to cast Fleeing Shadow, or he would be stuck inside the vent. Meanwhile, Mochizuki Chihaya had no problem climbing in since she was skinnier.

“Can you now tell me what exactly is in this East Guardian Tower?” asked Mo Fan.

“You really want to know?” asked Mochizuki Chihaya in return.

“Are you kidding, I’ve already snuck inside it!”

“It’s Japan’s S-Class Prison.”

“A...a prison?” Mo Fan almost dropped his jaws to the ground.

“Mm, a place where all the world infamous criminals are kept.”

“Criminals like murderers and drug vendors?”

Mochizuki Chihaya shook her head and said, “Everyone in here is an evil Magician who has killed more than a hundred Magicians on average!”

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Chapter 796: One Stem, Two Flowers

The death penalty was a rather complicated punishment. It did not simply mean taking the lives of the people who had committed serious offenses.

For someone with unforgivable crimes and misdeeds, killing them was not the best punishment. The pain inflicted on the others for the people they killed and their evil deeds would last for years or even tens of years. If they were simply put on electrical chairs or finished off with guns, it would free the criminals instead!

A real, scary punishment did not only consist of a bullet, since that would only inflict a swift pain and eradicate them. It was keeping them alive while taking away their freedom. It was imprisoning them for life inside a pitch-black, cold cage, where they would never see the sunlight or any other human being.

Japan’s Enforcement Union had already canceled the death sentence. The criminals who had committed serious offenses were imprisoned for life instead.

However, since most of the criminals had incredible capabilities and strong cultivation, a normal prison would not be able to hold these evil Magicians. The East Guardian Tower was specifically built to imprison these Magicians.

Basically, the worst criminals that Japan ever had were all kept in the East Guardian Tower, including Magicians who were strong enough to wipe out an entire city, and evil Magicians who were indulged in practicing black magic...

The common evil Magicians were not worthy to be kept here, meaning that those who were kept here were the real devils!

Mochizuki Chihaya’s clan had long supervised the high-class prison. The way the Twin Guardian Towers was constructed basically guaranteed that criminals who were imprisoned here had no chance of escaping. The only way out was the drawbridge to the other side, but that place was basically a military fortress!

Mo Fan subconsciously shivered after learning the truth.

The West Guardian Tower looked like a unique place that seemed to be the combination of a fortress, an academy, and a training hall, yet the tower on the other side turned out to be a prison imprisoning the worst murderers of mankind. As a woman, wouldn't she feel uncomfortable sleeping every night?

"The evil Magicians of other countries are kept here too. It's known as the highest-class prison for Magicians in Asia," added Mochizuki Chihaya.

"If all the devilish Magicians are kept here, aren't you guys worried that they would team up and tear the East Guardian Tower down? I don't believe they would have trouble destroying a small tower, considering the evil deeds they have done?" said Mo Fan.

"As long as the formations are active, they are just a bunch of normal people. Their souls are stamped with criminal seals. If they try to use magic, the formations will attack them instantly... besides, the East Guardian Tower has been under a Curse for a very long time. Anyone who stays in there for a long time will have their energy and souls drained slowly. The cultivation of a Super Magician will degrade to the Basic Level in ten years," explained Mochizuki Chihaya.

"Doesn't that mean we're under the effect of the curse, too?" blurted out Mo Fan.

"The short duration won't bring any harm to us. Come with me, don't fall behind. The place is constructed with a Shadow Formation, too. The whole structure is like a maze. There's no way you will be able to tell the directions without a certain trick..." reminded Mochizuki Chihaya. She only took a few steps when Mo Fan bumped into her from behind. She glared at him and snapped, "There's no need to stay so close to me!"

"Let's go back, this place feels very weird!" Mo Fan had the urge to run away.

"Are you scared?"

"I was worried about your safety. Think about it, it has been years since the criminals in here have seen a woman, and considering your body...uhh, forget what I said."

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The walkways inside the East Guardian Tower were extremely narrow. Mo Fan did not understand the layout inside the structure. Judging from the narrow paths, stairs, and corridors, it felt like eighty percent of the space inside the tower was taken up by walls.

"I have to tell you something, as a friendly reminder... the duels between your team and the gatekeepers were all recorded. I believe they are going to send the recordings to the national team." Mochizuki Chihaya was a righteous person. It seemed like she could not accept some of the things that they did.

It was proper to ask the Chinese team for permission if they wanted to record the duels.

"It's not a big deal." Mo Fan was not too bothered by it. After all, he had yet to use his full strength. There was no need to be concerned about the little tricks that the Japanese used.

The place was deadly quiet. Mo Fan was not a fan of silence. He remembered the alarm from before and asked, "What was the gigantic creature from before? Is it related to the incident here in the East Guardian Tower?"

"I have no idea, but I don't think a creature of that level would be controlled so easily..." Mochizuki Chihaya fell into deep thought.

"You haven't told me who the person that uses the same Soul Seed as yours is. Why did he kill the guards?" asked Mo Fan.

"I have a half-brother that grew up together with me, but he suddenly went missing last year, and we still haven't found him..." Mochizuki Chihaya hesitated for a moment, but she still decided to spill the beans.

"So you're here to look for him?" asked Mo Fan curiously.

"Mm, the Plant Seeds we have are called Stems. They have two flowers on a stem, so both my brother and I took one," said Mochizuki Chihaya.

"So you're saying that the person who killed the guards is most likely your elder brother, Iwata? No wonder the Soul Seed was the same as yours, a gray-blue Chinese bellflower. Then again, this prison is full of evil criminals, why is your brother Iwata here?..." wondered Mo Fan.

"That's something I'm trying to find out too...Commander Takagi is responsible for the criminals in here. If my brother is secretly imprisoned here, he would definitely know something about it. My brother might not have the surname Mochizuki, but he's loyal to the West Guardian Tower too. He would never commit any criminal offense... I have to find out the truth!" said Mochizuki Chihaya firmly.

"But he killed three guards!" interjected Mo Fan.

Mochizuki Chihaya glared at him and said defensively, "He was left with no choice!"

"Let's just find him first. Do you know where they are keeping him?"

"If he's the one that stirred up the mess, they would surely bring him to that place..." Mochizuki Chihaya said confidently.

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Chapter 797: The Nightmare Cell

In most prisons, the criminals who had done something wrong would be kept in a dark room to repent on their deeds. Normally, the room was so tiny that even the flow of air was obstructed. Time felt extraordinarily long in the darkness, and most of the time, the criminals would go insane in the confined darkness.

Similarly, in the East Guardian Tower, the criminals who stirred up troubles would be kept in a cell under a strong curse, known as the Nightmare Cell.

The Nightmare Cell would make the criminal drowsy, and they would experience nightmares after falling asleep. The person would be trapped in the nightmares, and when they woke up, they would realize that they were still in a deep nightmare. Their mental state would suffer greatly. It was the punishment given by the East Guardian Tower to the criminals who tried to cause trouble. Even these devilish criminals had something that they were scared of deep inside their hearts. The Nightmare Cell would dig out their deepest secrets and use them in their dreams. No one would want to experience it a second time!

Mochizuki Chihaya was sure that if her brother did kill the three guards, he would definitely be locked in the Nightmare Cell. She would be able to learn the truth by heading there.

Mo Fan had no choice but to risk his life for the beautiful woman, considering what he had done to her.

As they continued along the narrow path, Mo Fan did not see a single cell or a door throughout the walk. The tower felt incredibly strange to him.

“Are there people guarding the Nightmare Cell?” asked Mo Fan.

“Why do you think I asked you to come with me?” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

“Damn, you want me to handle the guards?” Mo Fan’s expression darkened.

“Don’t worry, the guards are easy for you. Besides, your Shadow Element is perfect in this tower,” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

Mo Fan was left with no choice. He began to wonder if Mochizuki Chihaya already knew he had snuck into her room, and had purposely shown him her naked body, just to drag him into this mess.

Candles on both sides dimly lit up the path. The light projected their two suspicious shadows on the walls.

Their steps were already extremely light, yet it felt like the sound of their footsteps was echoing far away.

The path ahead ended with a spiral staircase, obviously leading them to the lower floors.

The place gradually turned more spacious as they ventured further. Mo Fan and Mochizuki Chihaya were hiding behind a corner. Mochizuki Chihaya slowly poked her head out and observed the hall ahead.

The hall was like the shape of a vase. Currently, Mo Fan and Mochizuki Chihaya were at the narrow spot at the mouth of the vase. Four men in indigo-blue outfits were standing in positions at the other end. From their auras, they were most likely Intermediate Magicians.

“Criminals in the East Guardian Tower have lost their ability to fight due to the magic formations. Therefore, Intermediate Magicians are more than capable of keeping an eye on them,” whispered Mochizuki Chihaya to Mo Fan.

Mo Fan inspected the positions of the four guards and said to her, "I can deal with three of them, but you'll need to take out the last one."

"Not a problem, I'll deal with the one standing the furthest away."

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The only sources of light in the hall were the dim candles along the walls. The people in charge of the tower were obviously not confident in the security provided by technology. There was basically no electronic equipment in the tower.

However, such an antique environment provided Mo Fan with an advantage. The Fleeing Shadow was perfect in a dimly lit environment. He could easily move wherever he wanted...

Mo Fan turned into a shadow and approached the three guards along the ceiling, watching them carefully. He took his time approaching, just in case there was a Light Magician among them.

Light Magicians were specifically sensitive to moving shadows. They would easily detect his presence from a hundred meters away. Mo Fan was trying to probe their reactions at that range, to see if they had the urge to look at the ceiling.

According to Mochizuki Chihaya, Mo Fan had to subdue the guards in an instant. Each of them had a certain device. If they pressed the button on the device three times at a certain rate, it would immediately send a signal to the people outside. As such, Mo Fan was feeling quite nervous.

Mo Fan slowly moved forward when he was a hundred meters away from the guards.

-Damn, how unlucky am I?-, Mo Fan cursed inside, seeing the guard in the middle suddenly lift his gaze and look in his direction.

Mo Fan did not dare to move, shrouded by the darkness. He did not even dare to move his gaze around.

"Yamaji, what are you looking at?" asked a guard in a rather slack tone.

"Somehow, it feels like the presence of the darkness is a bit stronger," replied the guard called Yamaji.

"The whole tower is placed under a formation of darkness. It's common for its energy to pulsate at times. Stop trying to scare yourself just because some people were killed tonight. The person who caused the mess is having a pleasant dream in the cell behind us!" said the first guard.

"I still think we should take a look," said Yamaji.

"Is it because one of the candles died?" said the slacking guard, pointing at one of the candles.

"Oh, that must be it."

"HAHAHA, I was nervous like you when I was first assigned here, stop trying to scare yourself. Hang on... another candle just died!"

"Let me check... another one died again, something isn't right!"

The four guards were startled when they discovered that a few of the candles on the walls had gone out.

As they stepped forward to take a closer look into the darkness, six eerie flickers came from the ceiling, and six shadowy thorns silently dashed forward and nailed the shadows of three of the guards precisely.

The first spike sealed off their movement, and the second spike sealed off their minds!

Mo Fan's move was precise and clean. He made his move as soon as the guards were distracted, sealing off their movements and their thoughts. Not only were they unable to move, they had no chance to cast a spell too!

"Ambush!" The guard who was the furthest away was alerted. He shrieked and immediately took out his alarm device.

He was just about to press the button when a gray-blue demon branch sprang out from the wall and snatched the device away from him before he could press the button a second time!

The guard yelled, but the demon branch was extremely fast. It quickly wrapped around the guard's legs, waist, and covered his mouth.

The guard was cocooned in just a few seconds, although its size was nothing like the one that had trapped Mo Fan in the duel. However, it still subdued the guard. He could not even move a single finger.

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Chapter 798: The Evil Essence Orb!

"You two..." The guard called Yamaji was a Light Magician, after all. The others had trouble moving their eyeballs, but he could still speak.

Yamaji tried to catch a glimpse Mo Fan and Mochizuki Chihaya as they appeared, but Mo Fan was not foolish enough to expose his face. He had already covered his handsome face, that no one could possibly forget after catching a glimpse of, with a black mist.

"Take a nap!" Mo Fan walked up to the Light Magician and knocked him unconscious.

The whole tower was covered in a strong aura of darkness, which significantly increased the effects of Mo Fan's Giant Shadow Spikes. The other two guards were covered by a black aura, saving him the need to knock them unconscious. They had no chance of breaking free for a short period of time.

"Time to hurry," said Mo Fan, glancing at Mochizuki Chihaya behind him.

Mochizuki Chihaya looked at Mo Fan. Her eyes flickered gently as she spoke, "Mmm...you have my thanks."

"It's nothing, I'm a fan of exhilarating adventures," replied Mo Fan.

He was not lying; he always liked excitement, for example sneaking into a Japanese teacher's room to see her naked. That was f**king insane!

Mochizuki Chihaya quickly walked to the narrow door. She was well aware that the guards did not have the key to unlock the door. She leaned against the heavy door and spoke to the person inside.

Mochizuki Chihaya was speaking Japanese, so Mo Fan was unable to understand her.

Some time later, Mochizuki Chihaya turned around and looked at Mo Fan. He could easily tell that the person locked inside the cell was truly her brother Iwata just from the expression in her eyes.

“Why did they lock you here? Aren’t you one of the guards?” Mochizuki Chihaya’s emotion was slightly unstable. Her eyes were already bloodshot.

Iwata had been missing for a long time. She almost thought her brother had simply vanished from the world. To her surprise, he had been kept in the tower just a drawbridge away all this time. As someone from the West Guardian Tower, it went without saying that Mochizuki Chihaya knew clearly how terrifying the prison was!

“I found an Essence Orb. I was going to report the finding to Osaka’s government, but I was intercepted by Commander Takagi. He was planning to keep the orb to himself, so he locked me up. I did not tell him where the orb is, so he imprisoned me here...” the voice inside the cell was extremely weak. It sounded like the person had suffered greatly.

“Let’s talk later, how can I save you? I can’t let you die here,” interrupted Mochizuki Chihaya.

The two chatted for quite a long time. Mo Fan purposely gave the guards a few more shadow spikes.

“Is there a way to open up the Nightmare Cell?” asked Mo Fan.

Mochizuki Chihaya shook her head with a lost expression. It seemed like what Iwata had told her had given her quite a huge blow.

“What exactly is going on?” asked Mo Fan.

“Apart from the Formation of Darkness, the East Guardian Tower also has a huge curse, which will draw away the energy of human souls from criminals. I initially thought that was the only effect of the curse, yet it turns out that it does not only draw away the energy of human souls, but it also stores the energy inside an orb...” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

“An orb that stores the energy of human souls collected from these criminals? That’s going to be remarkable!” said Mo Fan.

“Exactly, that asshole Takagi has gone so far just so his Sky Ridge Beast can evolve to the Ruler-level... bringing harm to people’s lives just for his personal gain, despite his identity as the commander in charge of the West Guardian Tower. How detestable!” snapped Mochizuki Chihaya furiously.

“The orb is seriously able to raise a Summoned Beast to the Ruler-level? Anyone with the slightest selfish desire would surely go for it. I always felt something fishy about that Commander Takagi. He looks like the kind that would pursue power more than anyone else. I bet he’s tired of his role as the warden of the prison, but he discovered the treasure, and will do anything just to secure it,” analyzed Mo Fan.

It was common for people to be greedy, especially those with high positions!

“We’ll be taking the Essence Orb. Otherwise, if Commander Takagi found it, he will surely kill my brother to silence him,” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

“Mm, you’re right. Considering how evil the thing is, maybe I should be the one keeping it. I wouldn’t want the Twin Guardian Towers to be involved in a disaster,” said Mo Fan.

Judging from Mochizuki Chihaya’s description, the Essence Orb was clearly useful for powering up the soul of a beast. It would be extremely useful for his Summoned Beast. Mo Fan knew that refining the soul was an important requirement for a Summoned Beast to evolve. Only with a stronger soul would the beast be able to surpass its limits and grow stronger.

Frankly speaking, Mo Fan was interested in the orb. His Swift Star Wolf had been stuck at the current level for quite some time, and it was most likely due to the level of his soul. If he could help the creature refine a stronger soul, perhaps the Swift Star Wolf could improve to a higher level.

A piece of treasure that could level a Commander-level creature in the Advancing Period to a Ruler-level creature. He was definitely not asking too much if he was planning to use it so the Warrior-level Swift Star Wolf could level up to the Commander-level, right?

“You better not think about trying to keep it to yourself,” Mochizuki Chihaya’s eyes chilled.

“Hehe, I was just saying,” Mo Fan shrugged.

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Following Iwata’s instructions, Mo Fan and Mochizuki Chihaya headed deeper into the East Guardian Tower. It seemed like the Essence Orb was hidden on the bottom floor of the tower. Since the structure of the tower was rather complicated, it was almost impossible to locate the place where the energy collected from the criminals’ soul was stored without guidance.

Luckily, Iwata had told Mochizuki Chihaya the directions through the maze of darkness. Mo Fan and Mochizuki Chihaya successfully arrived at the spot that Iwata mentioned.

The place did not have any guards. It was most likely that Iwata had found the place coincidentally, and so discovered the existence of the Essence Orb.

Iwata was quite an honest man. Most people would simply keep the orb to themselves in secret, yet the man insisted on writing a report to his superior, and was found out by someone who was harboring evil intentions, ending up placing himself in great danger. If Mo Fan was in his shoes, he would surely have taken it, and even if the orb was useless to him, he would have sold it instead!

The eye of the formation was inside an insignificant spot, surrounded by walls. The only entrance was a little gap above the place.

There was nothing else in the room. It looked just like an ordinary underground storeroom, but a gleaming orb with a weak, evil presence was floating in the center.

In Mo Fan’s eyes, the orb was not attractive at all. It simply looked like an eyeball floating in the air, which actually looked rather scary.

“This thing is rather evil!” Mo Fan kept on his toes.

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Chapter 799: Big Trouble!

“I think it’s fine. Either way, we should bring it out immediately,” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

The thing would be convincing proof. Mochizuki Chihaya could report it to her superior and accuse Commander Takagi of his selfish act to free her brother Iwata.

“Chihaya, you better think twice about it,” said Mo Fan sternly.

“What do you mean?” Mochizuki Chihaya looked at Mo Fan in confusion. Her eyes flickered alertly.

She was still not too familiar with Mo Fan’s character, and it was normal for anyone to be interested in the orb. She was worried that Mo Fan was blinded by greed too.

“Don’t look at me like that. I do admit that I was quite intrigued before seeing the Essence Orb, since I also have a Summoned Beast. However, I no longer have the thought after I saw it. I wouldn’t even take it for free,” said Mo Fan.

“What are you trying to say?” Mochizuki Chihaya did not understand.

“I already told you, this thing is too evil!” said Mo Fan.

“I’m not planning to keep it, I’m just going to hand it to Osaka’s Magic Association, or the government, as long as my brother will no longer suffer in the East Guardian Tower.” Mochizuki Chihaya sounded quite agitated.

She had been extremely close to her brother since they were young. On top of that, they shared flowers of the same stem, which further deepened the bond between them.

She was more familiar with what kind of a place the East Guardian Tower was than anyone else. How could she possibly let her brother Iwata suffer for such a long time here?

“I’m only keeping you company until you’ve confirmed that your brother is imprisoned here. As for the orb, take it if you want, I won’t stop you, but don’t drag me into the mess,” said Mo Fan.

“Mmm, either way, I’m grateful for your help. It means a lot, thank you.”

Mo Fan did not respond. He saw Mochizuki Chihaya stow the orb away with an expressionless face.

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It was not difficult to leave the East Guardian Tower. They were not many guards inside, and it was impossible for outsiders to come in. Considering how security was established, the unconscious guards would only be discovered when the guards for the next shift arrived. Mo Fan and Mochizuki Chihaya were able to return the same way they came.

They parted ways at the bottom of the mountain. Mo Fan was still feeling uncomfortable seeing Mochizuki Chihaya hurrying toward Osaka.

“Little Loach, something is seriously wrong about that thing, right?” mumbled Mo Fan as he glanced at his chest.

The Little Loach Pendant had acute senses. If the Essence Orb was useful, the Little Loach Pendant would have eaten it in a single bite to grow stronger. However, when Mo Fan approached the Essence Orb, he felt a strong disgust rising from the Little Loach Pendant, directed at the orb!

Therefore, Mo Fan was convinced that the orb was extremely dangerous!

It was normal for humans to be greedy. Mo Fan admitted that he was the kind who would pounce on a treasure as soon as he spotted one. However, it was necessary to be smart when being greedy, too. Mo Fan somehow felt that the Essence Orb was like Pandora’s box!

The uneasy feeling grew stronger when he looked in the direction Mochizuki Chihaya was disappearing into and captured a glimpse of a shadowy aura surrounding her.

“Little Loach, do you think daddy has made a huge mistake?” Mo Fan started murmuring again.

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The light of the moon was blocked by the clouds. The night was pitch-black, and even the brilliance of the stars had disappeared.

The modern city of Osaka was brightly lit up, even though it was now late at night. However, the neon lights in the city did not light up the night sky as usual, but seemed to be absorbed by the thick darkness.

Tall buildings, cars whooshing past, a group of drunk young adults with dyed hair were stirring a up great scene on the street. The pedestrians immediately avoided them.

“Since when have I been sad for a bitch, how ridiculous, look at the pretty girls on the street, they are my prey now, HAHAHA!” a golden-haired man slurred as he staggered along.

His friends tried to give him support, yet he simply pushed them aside.

“I don’t need you meddling in my business, I can walk myself... not only can I walk, I’m going to scold the hell out of that bitch. Oh, there she is, bitch, I’m not someone you can dump so easily, come here!” Chao Gang pointed at a woman in a tight, black outfit.

The woman continued forward without giving Chao Gang any attention.

The woman’s cold temperament infuriated the man, as the woman who made him drunk also had the same temperament. Chao Gang immediately went up to the woman and yelled, “Don’t you run away from me!”

“Piss off!” Mochizuki Chihaya’s eyes chilled. A demon branch as thick as an adult’s waist suddenly appeared by her foot.

The demon tree lashed forward at Chao Gang, who was blocking her path. Chao Gang was just an ordinary human. The hit immediately sent him flying onto the road.

A huge truck was passing by. The driver panicked when he saw someone flying onto the road. Luckily, he was an experienced driver and subconsciously stepped hard on the brake!

Chao Gang's friends were stunned. One of the women screamed at the top of her lungs.

The truck quickly slowed down in front of Chao Gang, yet it still drove over one of his legs. The agonized cry of the drunk man immediately filled the street. The great pain instantly sobered him up.

Mochizuki Chihaya did not bother looking at Chao Gang. She headed straight toward one of the buildings.

The path had flowers and plants along it, yet when the woman walked past them, the flowers immediately wilted and the plants dried up.

The street lamps were strangely dim, as if the light was being sucked away by something, making it difficult for the light to travel further. The modern street was covered in an eerie, black aura.

"Someone call an ambulance!"

"That woman is out of her mind!"

"She's a Magician..."

"Even if she's a Magician, she has no right to hurt someone like that. The Enforcement Union will punish an evil Magician like her!"

The pedestrians cried out. Some that were righteous followed closely behind Mochizuki Chihaya.

They were in Osaka, a city with a legal system. Even Magicians had to be punished after committing criminal offenses!

Mochizuki Chihaya continued to walk forward and stood in front of the building.

She seemed to be aware of the people following behind her and pointing at her. She quickly turned around and stared at the people menacingly!

Someone noticed that the reflection of the woman on the French windows of the building was completely different than her look. It was a terrifying black figure with tentacles covered in a red glow!

The figure standing on the street was a woman, yet the reflection on the windows was a terrifying demon. The pedestrians screamed out in panic after witnessing the unbelievable sight!

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Chapter 800: A Parasitic Evil Demon

The black figure only had a body without a head. Its arms were wriggling on both sides, like those of a centipede, strong and muscular.

Most terrifyingly, the demon's chest was fully covered in crimson-red eyes. The eyes were all pupils and wriggling as they stared at the pedestrians on the street, full of icy hate!

Mochizuki Chihaya turned around. Her face was replaced by a ghastly mask, which immediately sent the people stumbling away in fear. Even the motorists were so terrified that they could not hold their steering wheels properly!

"Our Mochizuki Clan is stationed on the mountain, to watch out for the demon creatures in the ocean. We're ready to sacrifice our lives to protect the city at all times, but you people only know how to enjoy yourselves and getting drunk in the city... you're nothing but a bunch of parasites!" Mochizuki Chihaya's voice was now utterly weird. Her actual voice was supposed to be clean and elegant, but a different voice was stacked on top of hers.

The cement of the pavement cracked all of a sudden. Black branches grew along the windows of the building like vines and swiftly covered the walls.

Demonic vines and branches were also growing out from the cracks on the pavement. The plants were like living tentacles, chasing after the pedestrians who were fleeing in all directions, including Chao Gang's friends and the people who had demanded justice be served to the Magician who had harmed him. They were all tied up by the demon branches and vines!

More demon branches and trees showed up and spread around Mochizuki Chihaya. At the start, only a dozen people were held captive, but soon thirty people were caught by the demonic plants!

The black branches and vines crawled into the bodies of the pedestrians like worms through their ears, noses, throats, and even their pores were penetrated by extremely thin branches.

The people bound by the plants did not even have the chance to scream. Their skin turned bloated all of a sudden, as new branches sprouted on their bodies...

More flowers, branches, and vines were growing out of their skin. The living humans were turned into half-human, half-tree monsters, a horrible sight!

"Stop it!" a voice shouted from above.

Mochizuki Chihaya raised her head and saw a man standing on the roof of a shop nearby. His black-brown eyes were extraordinarily bright in the darkness looming over the street.

"It's you?" Mochizuki Chihaya looked at the man. Her gaze was rather unfriendly.

"I couldn't stop worrying, so I decided to follow you. As I thought... look what you're doing!," shouted Mo Fan, while staying a certain distance away from her.

"I..." Mochizuki Chihaya still retained her own consciousness. She looked at her surroundings and saw people running away, teenage girls screaming and kids bursting into tears in fear because of her.

Everyone was looking at her like she was a monster. When she saw the pedestrians that she had turned into plants, she immediately took a few steps back.

The demon branches and vines on the street were withdrawn quickly. Mochizuki Chihaya swiftly summoned them back. The walls of the building nearby returned to normal too. Mochizuki Chihaya turned around and looked at her reflection in the window in disbelief!

The Essence Orb on her hand fell to the ground. Mochizuki Chihaya acted as if she had just seen a devil. She quickly moved away from the orb, not daring to touch it again!

“This thing is real evil, you better not touch it again. You might not like this, but I’m afraid your brother Iwata was controlled by the orb, too. He’s putting your life in danger by asking you to bring Essence Orb away.” Mo Fan walked up to Mochizuki Chihaya and observed the orb that was unleashing a black aura.

Mo Fan was not brave enough to touch the orb, either. It was scarier than he had imagined.

Luckily, Mochizuki Chihaya’s mental strength was fairly high, and the time she was controlled by the black aura was not long. Otherwise, it was likely that Mochizuki Chihaya would have turned into a terrifying demon!

The demon creature reflected in the window with multiple limbs and eyes was most likely the parasitic form of the Essence Orb. Mo Fan had seen quite a lot of demon creatures, yet he was still shocked when he saw the reflection on the window.

It was fortunate that he had made it in time. Otherwise, if Mochizuki Chihaya was fully controlled by the Essence Orb, she would have caused a great disaster!

“I’ve already notified Mochizuki Ken, he’s on his way here. It’s better not to touch it before he arrives...” said Mo Fan to Mochizuki Chihaya.

Mochizuki Chihaya was still in a trance. She was leaning against Mo Fan with a blank expression.

The innocent people that she was controlling before had all fallen to the ground. Their bodies gradually returned to normal. However, none of them had the courage to stay around after experiencing the incredible pain from the demon plants occupying their bodies. They immediately ran away in panic.

“Thank...thank you, I never thought my brother would trick me by not telling me the truth,” said Mochizuki Chihaya.

“He was the first person to discover the Essence Orb, thus he was surely the most influenced by it. Perhaps he isn’t your brother now,” said Mo Fan.

Mo Fan strongly believed that Iwata was not a kind person after what he saw at the drawbridge. The three innocent guards were tossed off the bridge without mercy and were instantly blown into ashes.

How could a person who killed the guards in such a cruel manner not harbor any evil intentions?

That being said, the evil Essence Orb was the main problem. Mo Fan had been feeling uneasy since he first saw it.

Luckily, he was cautious enough to follow Mochizuki Chihaya and witness how the orb had taken control of her. He immediately knew the orb was truly a demon. It would take over anyone that touched it. The reflection on the window was its true appearance!

If the creature was set free, the heavens knew what kind of terrifying disaster it would bring.

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The police arrived fairly quickly. They immediately sealed off the area.

After them came the City Hunters of Osaka. They surrounded Mo Fan and Mochizuki Chihaya cautiously, but they were too scared to come any closer.

Mo Fan tried to communicate with them, to prevent them from coming any closer.

Mochizuki Chihaya finally came to her senses. After revealing her identity, she quickly explained the situation to the City Hunters in Japanese and convinced them to stay where they were.