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Chapter 831: Working Together to Kill the Demon!

The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast lifted its leg once again. It was emitting the same eerie red glow.

The creature swiped its leg at remarkable speed. It was impossible to deduce the direction of the projectile by looking at its movement...

“Mu Ningxue!” Mo Fan yelled upon having a bad feeling.

Mu Ningxue had realized it too, and let out a soft groan. Walls of ice immediately rose between her and the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast! The spectacular stands of ice stood in front of Mu Ningxue in layered barriers.

However, as the creature’s Void Slash swept past, the ice walls were sliced in half in the middle.

The first ice wall had just cracked into pieces when the second one was sliced open, followed by the third. Mu Ningxue could only stare at the deadly slash in astonishment. She simply had no chance to react in time!

If a pedestrian was walking on the street and saw a truck coming right at them all of a sudden, most people would feel their mind going blank, as if their subconscious was telling them that it was meaningless to try and dodge!

Mu Ningxue was experiencing the same feeling now. The speed and strength of the creature’s attack were just too shocking. It sliced through the three layers of ice walls with ease. A strong gust of wind swept at her defenseless body...

A brief moment later, Mu Ningxue saw the red slash disappear after it sliced through half of the third ice wall. Her heart totally skipped a beat!

The slash had almost pierced through the third ice wall. She would be completely defenseless if it had kept going. She would have been beheaded by the creature’s attack without a doubt!

“This...this...” Hirose was speechless from shock. The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was a lot scarier than he had imagined!

“Mo Fan, run!” shouted Mu Ningxue decisively, knowing that they simply stood no chance against the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast.

Mo Fan did not force it either. He immediately retreated to Mu Ningxue’s side.

Luckily, the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was only able to use the Void Slash two times in a short period of time. If it was able to fire another slash, someone among them would surely have died!

“We...we’re stuck here, the Fierce Shark Demons are everywhere!” Hirose glanced at his surroundings with a wry smile.

In the beginning, the Fierce Shark Demons were stuck outside of Mu Ningxue’s Domain. However, while they were busy attacking the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast, the Fierce Shark Demons had moved closer and surrounded them.

“This son of a bitch’s scales are too strong, we can’t defeat it!” cursed Mo Fan.

The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was significantly stronger than the Scarlet Rending Demon. Mo Fan had basically used all he had, yet the creature was still unharmed.

Mu Ningxue nodded. She was thinking of a way to escape when she suddenly recalled Ai Jiangtu mentioning the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast’s weakness. “It has a weakness!” she blurted out.

“You should have mentioned it earlier! Where is it?... I initially thought its back was its blind spot considering its size, yet to my surprise, it can twist its legs in the opposite direction!” exclaimed Mo Fan.

“On its head, there are no scales covering there!” answered Mu Ningxue.

Hirose was dumbfounded. Were they for real? Were they seriously thinking of killing the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast instead of running away under the circumstances?...

“I see, I’ve sealed its arms, that should last for quite a while still. Its legs can twist and reach its back, but I doubt they can reach its head. It looks like we still have a chance, but the Fierce Shark Demons are coming...” said Mo Fan.

“If you really want to do it, I can ask my comrades to hold the Fierce Shark Demons off. They are nearby, but they are too scared to engage the Commander-level creature,” offered Hirose.

“Splendid, I’ll leave the underlings to you!”

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Since escaping was not an option, they had no choice but to fight!

Mu Ningxue continued to freeze the water and used a strong icy wind to keep the Fierce Shark Demons at bay.

The ice spread rapidly, forming across the place to serve as barricades against the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast, to hinder its movement temporarily...

“Meow!” The crisp cry came from a tall building. Mu Ningxue quickly turned around and saw the little Night Rakshasa standing on a half-destroyed balcony. Its pitch-black eyes had an intelligent glitter to them!

“Feifei!” Mu Ningxue was overjoyed. She did not expect Jiang Yu’s Contracted Beast to return at such crucial timing.

“Meow!” the Night Rakshasa responded with a cry, telling Mu Ningxue that she had slain the White Sobbing Demon.

The Night Rakshasa did not follow Mu Ningxue's words of returning to the team with the antidote after killing the White Sobbing Demon. The little creature was concerned about Mu Ningxue's safety, since her master had emphasized keeping Mu Ningxue safe.

"What is that?" Mo Fan saw the Night Rakshasa too.

"She's Jiang Yu's Contracted Beast, she's good!" said Mu Ningxue.

"Good at acting cute?"

"Meow!" The Night Rakshasa jumped down from the building, yet she did not leave a scratch on the ice as she landed nimbly.

"I guess it's easier with the help of a Contracted Beast. Little black cat, go and get the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast's attention. Make sure it exposes its weakness on its head, so I can land my attack on it," said Mo Fan.

The Night Rakshasa shook her head and pointed her paws at herself, before pointing at the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast's head.

Mo Fan's face turned dark. He had never seen a Contracted Beast ordering Magicians around instead. She was not cute at all, unlike his little Flame Belle!

"Mo Fan, she's more agile than you, let her handle the attack! You get the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast's attention!" said Mu Ningxue.

The Night Rakshasa was indeed a strong creature. Even when fighting the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast face-on, the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was not necessarily able to defeat the Night Rakshasa due to her outstanding agility.

On second thought, the Night Rakshasa must be an expert at giving her target a deadly blow sneakily. Her fighting style was more suitable to hit the creature's weakness compared to Mo Fan's violent combination of the Fire and Lightning Elements.

"Fine, you better not run up to its head and end up giving the creature a little scratch," Mo Fan did not have high hopes for the little black cat.

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"Little Flame Belle, possess!"

The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was coming in his way. The only way to face it head-on was by having the father and daughter in sync!

Little Flame Belle was fully prepared too. Her porcelain doll figure rammed into Mo Fan's chest and immediately set him on fire. The brown Calamity Fire spread into his surroundings explosively...

The fiery aura happened to be contradicting with Mu Ningxue's Ice Domain, yet when Mo Fan tried to unleash the maximum potential of the flames, he somehow felt that his fire was not weakened by Mu Ningxue's frost and the water vapor in the air. The flames were burning stronger than ever instead!

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Chapter 832: Rocket Wings

“Ling~” Little Flame Belle cried out happily, telling Mo Fan that she had learned a new ability, and asking him whether he wanted to try it out now.

Mo Fan was surprised. Little Flame Belle had definitely impressed him lately. Considering how diligent she had been, should he spend some money on some Fire Soul Seeds and feed her? Perhaps she would rank up soon?

Little Flame Belle’s thoughts were linked with Mo Fan’s. She could easily shape her flames as Mo Fan wanted to.

The Calamity Fire gradually moved to Mo Fan’s back and seemed to take the shape of feathers. More fiery feathers gradually took shape, resembling a pair of wings...

“Isn’t this the Thousand Piercing Fiery Feathers?” Mo Fan asked with a confused look when he saw the fiery wings.

Thousand Piercing Fiery Feathers was the move that Mo Fan had used quite a few times in the past. He could fire the fiery feathers at will, detonating them at the right time to deal spectacular damage to his target. The move was stronger than the Fire Sword. However, it was more efficient against enormous creatures or a group of demon creatures. In terms of damage output, the Fire Sword had a slight edge still.

-Wasn’t this supposed to be a new move?-

Mo Fan was still wondering what was going on when the fiery wings extended out and waved backward!

As the blazing red wings waved, every feather exploded and sent the unprepared Mo Fan flying ahead like a rocket!

Mo Fan rapidly barrelled ahead while staying close to the ice. His flame-shrouded figure was basically a burning missile ramming at the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast.

“AHHHHH!” Mo Fan was totally unprepared for it. It felt like he was wearing a jet pack that had accumulated lots of energy on his back. The wind was hitting him hard on the face, even the muscles on his face began to distort.

“Can...can you please give your dad... a heads-up!? AHHHHH!”

Mo Fan slammed into the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast’s stomach. Luckily, he was covered in layers of the Rose Flame and Calamity Fire, which protected him from the impact. Otherwise, he would have smashed himself to pieces from the force of crashing into the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast’s armor at such speed, without dealing any damage to it!

“What...what is he doing?” Hirose stared at Mo Fan blankly.

To be honest, Mo Fan looked extremely cool when he was blasting forward like a missile, but what was he thinking, trying to ram his head into a Commander-level creature?

“Meow!” The Night Rakshasa had already raised her claws, but her confidence in Mo Fan dropped rapidly after seeing his approach. The translation for her cry was, “Holy shit, is he retarded!?”

Even the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was stunned. Its confused look totally implied that it had no idea what the human was up to.

Luckily, the surprise stopped the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast from attacking. Mo Fan quickly used the Fleeing Shadow to withdraw fifty meters away.

The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast assumed that the human was treating it like a fool. It raised its legs and attacked ferociously.

The first stab landed on Mo Fan’s fake shadow. The second stab quickly followed, aiming at Mo Fan’s head.

Mo Fan reacted by crouching down. A cold breeze swept past above his head. His hair was suddenly parted in the middle, with a few strands falling slowly to the ground.

Another stab approached once again. Mo Fan had an uneasy feeling, as he had no idea how to evade it.

In the nick of time, an ice chain wrapped around his waist from behind. Mo Fan’s skidded on his butt across the ice as he was dragged away by the ice chain. The ice was not perfectly flat, hence his rear was getting abused in the process.

However, when he saw two sharpened legs stabbing through his previous location, he completely forgot about the pain as his heart skipped a beat.

“Can you be a bit more reliable!?” Mu Ningxue was so angry that she simply had the urge to toss the guy into the creature’s mouth.

“(cough cough) That was a mistake, please give me another chance...” Mo Fan felt extremely awkward.

Mu Ningxue loosened the ice chain, giving Mo Fan back his freedom.

“My beloved daughter, please don’t play me like that. The skill is impressive, it can give me a great boost in terms of speed, but it doesn’t really do much unless you use it together with my Fiery Fist, or you can summon the Fire Sword too...” Mo Fan did not dare to condemn Little Flame Belle, and spoke to her gently.

Little Flame Belle had a fragile heart, like a little baby. If his tone was slightly heavier, the kid would threaten to run away from home.

Little Flame Belle realized that trying out a new ability in a fight like this was most likely not the best idea, yet against the Commander-level creature, their old moves were not so effective, either.

“Can you still produced the burning feathers?” asked Mo Fan.

“Ling!~” Little Flame Belle nodded and told Mo Fan that the wings could accelerate two times in total. However, the number of times would increase as his cultivation continued to improve.

Mo Fan basically understood the concept of the new ability.

The Thousand Fiery Feathers were flames in the shape of feathers. When the feathers reached a certain number, they resembled a pair of fiery wings.

However, the wings did not grant Mo Fan the ability to fly, and the fiery feathers mostly served as an offensive ability. The fiery feathers would explode upon collision, and the greater the number of fiery feathers, the stronger the attack would be.

Meanwhile, the new fiery feathers were basically an improved version of the Thousand Fiery Feathers. They would form a pair of wings on his back, and as the wings beat, they would detonate a portion of the fiery feathers. The sudden burst would then rocket the user along, giving him or Little Flame Belle a shocking speed boost!

The ability was handy when attacking the enemy or running away from a fight. Mo Fan was pretty happy about it, yet it was obvious that it still needed some optimization!

The fiery wings on his back did not disappear. However, Mo Fan did not use the Fiery Jet Wings ruthlessly this time. He needed to figure out what spell would be the best to combine with the new move, and how he was going to run away to a safe distance after landing a hit. His Black Snake Armor was already torn open by the previous slash, which had significantly reduced its duration.

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Chapter 833: Advanced Meteorite Fist

The joints of the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast clacked roughly. Mo Fan quickly discovered that the creature had regained control of its arms.

He was able to stand his ground against the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast for so long because the Giant Shadow Spikes had restricted the movement of its arms. However, the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast would soon be able to use them again. It would be almost impossible to fight the Commander-level creature then.

“Meow!” The Night Rakshasa licked her paws, waiting for Mo Fan to secure her the opportunity to strike.

She did not hide in the shadows waiting for her chance to strike from her target’s blind spot like other creatures that were specialized in ambushing their targets would. She was utterly confident that she would be able to destroy the creature at its weak spot with a single blow once Mo Fan successfully attracted its attention. Anyway, it was all up to Mo Fan now!

“Have you come up with a plan? My ice won’t last any longer,” Mu Ningxue urged him impatiently.

After Mo Fan’s ridiculous move, Mu Ningxue had been busy keeping the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast at bay with all she had. Luckily, the creature was still in her Ice Domain. Her Ice Spells were a lot stronger within the Domain, still posing a threat to the Commander-level creature. Other Ice Magicians would have been long torn into pieces by the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast by now!

“Little Flame Belle, again!”

Mo Fan gathered his focus sternly.

The Calamity Fire drifted in the wind. The fiery feathers swiftly gathered on Mo Fan’s back and formed two spectacular burning wings at full extension!

“Little Flame Belle, on my mark, I’m going to count to... AHHH!”

Mo Fan was still discussing the timing with Little Flame Belle, but she was so nervous that she simply launched the Rocket Wings immediately.

People who rode in the wind would accelerate gradually just like a normal vehicle, but Mo Fan’s Rocket Wings were completely different!

The thrust from the exploding fiery feathers immediately propelled Mo Fan like a terrifying missile. However, he would gradually slow down as he was driving through the air. As such, when the fiery wings beat, the explosion had already sent Mo Fan flying fifty meters ahead, leaving his soul behind!

“Me...Meteorite...Meteorite Fist! Nine...Nine Dragons!”

Mo Fan was able to react fairly quickly. He initially planned to move closer to the creature, cast a Lightning Disaster, before following up with the Fire Sword and using the Meteorite Fist as a finale. However, he quickly forfeited the plan and subconsciously cast the strongest move he was most familiar with.

That being said, it was impossible for anyone to draw the Fire Star Pattern in his current situation without mastering the ability to draw a Star Pattern with a single thought!

Mo Fan quickly adjusted his stance. He did not want to ram into the scales on the creature’s stomach like a toad again!

His fist erupted in flames as the wind burned against it. Since Mo Fan was moving at an incredible speed, the two different types of flames unleashed by his fist were left behind, a long trail of fire following behind him like a fiery dragon.

The fiery dragon engulfed Mo Fan’s entire body with his fist, merging with his fist as one.

The punch blazed brilliantly before colliding with the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast like a meteorite. It landed on the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast’s stomach once again, but with a totally different strength and aura this time!

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This Meteorite Fist was comparable to an Advanced Fire Spell. The boost of the Rocket Wings had further increased its power. The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was full of weapons, but its scales were its only defensive mechanism!

Mo Fan’s punch slammed into the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast’s stomach like a red-hot poker, lifting the creature’s feet off the ground before sending it flying.

The scales on its stomach were shattered, scattering across the place like a car wreck. Blue blood splattered across the ground...

The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast knocked three buildings down in its flight, sweeping a huge cloud of dust into the air as it came to a stop. The debris fell onto the ice, cracked it open, and made a huge splash...

A scorched path over a hundred meters long extended from Mo Fan's feet to where the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast landed, resembling the trail the fiery dragon had left behind.

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"WOWOWOW! Did anyone see that?"

"Such domineering force! I wonder which Advanced Magician it was!"

Hirose's comrades were fighting the Fierce Shark Demons nearby. They happened to witness the astonishing scene and were dumbfounded by it.

They could not recall the nineteenth zone having such a violent Fire Magician!

"He's using Fiery Fist too... but why did I feel it was as strong as an Advanced Fire Spell?" gaped a Fire Magician on Hirose's team with a blank expression.

The energy of the Fiery Fist's Star Pattern was comparable to the energy of a Sky-Flame Funeral!

Sky-Flame Funeral was a spell with wide coverage, thus the damage it would deal to a Commander-level creature was unlikely to be stronger than the Fiery Fist!

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"Hang on... wasn't he supposed to attract the creature's attention, so the Contracted Beast could attack its weak point?" Hirose was still standing still. He almost dropped his jaw onto the ice.

The plan, what about the plan?

They were so excited to come up with the perfect plan with distinguished roles to defeat the Commander-level creature, but the guy simply broke the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast's armor with a single punch...

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Mu Ningxue's lips twisted.

She knew it would turn out like this! She should never believe Mo Fan would stick to the plan!

"Meow!"

Meanwhile, the Night Rakshasa reacted according to the situation. Her eyes glittered when she saw Mo Fan breaking the scales on the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast's stomach. She immediately disappeared into the street, which was blazing red from the flames!

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“Little cat, back off, I’m not done yet!” Mo Fan had the Shadow Element too. He immediately guessed the approaching creature to be Jiang Yu’s Contracted Beast when he sensed a Shadow aura moving rapidly in his direction.

Mo Fan stood at the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast’s previous position. The flames on his fist were extinguished, but the fiery feathers on his back were still burning. Since he could no longer use the Rocket Wings, he decided to withdraw them instead!

The fiery feathers landed around the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast under Mo Fan and Little Flame Belle’s control, exploding as soon as they landed on it!

More feathers gradually landed in the area, resulting in a series of explosions. The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast’s wounds tore open after being caught in the explosions, especially the area that had lost the protection of its scales!

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Chapter 834: Adding Misfortunes to an Unfortunate Person

The explosion of the fiery feathers produced a blinding light once again. Even other teams stationed in the nineteenth zone could hear the loud blast.

The flames burned fiercely. The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was caught in the burning debris. Its scales were not as effective this time, and it kept rolling on the ground, desperately trying to find water.

However, the creature kept slamming into buildings the more it panicked. It finally found a spot where the ice had melted and dove into the water head-first.

The depth of the water was ten meters, but the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was around fifteen meters tall. Somehow the creature had managed to shrink its body and disappeared after jumping into the water.

“Did it run away?” asked Hirose in lingering fear.

“I don’t think so, it’s only a minor injury,” said Mu Ningxue.

The Blue Valley Ferocious Beast was not that weak. It had only dived into the water to put out the flames. Mu Ningxue strongly believed it would return soon.

As she predicted, a bloody flicker struck the ice where Mo Fan was standing on. It cut through the thick ice and hit Mo Fan while he was totally unprepared for it, leaving a deep cut on his waist!

He still had the Black Snake Armor protecting him. He was fortunate its time had not run out, or the slash would have cut him in half!

“That son of a bitch is still trying to ambush me after diving into the water!” Mo Fan held his side and repositioned himself to a spot with thicker ice.

The cut was even more painful than the previous one across his chest. Mo Fan could feel his waist tearing whenever he took a deep breath. He could not tell if the cut had reached his inner organs!

“Nan Rongni is still waiting for us to deliver the antidote. Let’s hurry up!” demanded Mu Ningxue in a serious tone.

It was impractical to kill the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast. Since the creature was able to counterattack in such a short period of time, it simply meant the damage Mo Fan dealt to it was not enough to threaten its life.

However, the creature did not dare to show itself again. It was a great chance for them to return to the twentieth zone.

“Mm, let’s go,” Mo Fan nodded.

“Are you alright?” Mu Ningxue was surprised to see Mo Fan finishing a sentence with just three words. It turned out that his injuries were rather serious.

“Not sure, the cut might have reached my inner organs...” Mo Fan’s face turned pale as he spoke.

He was fighting a Commander-level creature after all. The creature had surprised him with a counterattack before he could celebrate after landing his attack. It was obvious that he was still too weak to fight a Commander-level creature. He still had lots of room to improve before he could take on a Commander-level creature!

“We need to stop the bleeding first,” said Mu Ningxue.

“By the way, is the kidney on the left or the right?” Mo Fan asked seriously.

Mu Ningxue frowned. She once again thought there was something wrong with the man’s brain!

Is the kidney on the left or the right? There was a kidney on both the left and the right! Everyone had two kidneys!

“Answer me quick... if my kidney is damaged, please don’t give me the cold shoulder.”

“Can you be quiet for once!” snapped Mu Ningxue impatiently.

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Mo Fan believed anyone would feel uneasy when a creature was applying its saliva on their wound, no matter how adorable the creature was. Too bad, Mu Ningxue insisted on it, thus Mo Fan had no choice but to accept the black cat demon’s saliva.

That being said, it actually worked like a charm. The bleeding stopped in no time, although it was still giving him a dull pain, probably because something inside was damaged. It better not be his kidney! The others could exchange their kidney for an iPhone, but his kidney was worth at least a top-spec Macbook!

Mo Fan was praying along the journey.

If Nan Rongni was not injured, she could easily treat his injuries. However, Nan Rongni's life was currently in danger. If his precious kidney was injured, it would be a burden for Xinxia and Mu Ningxue...

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The journey back was a lot safer. The little cat fully displayed her outstanding fighting power by dealing with the sea monsters they stumbled into on their way back. She basically killed them all instantly.

Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue saw lots of corpses still intact or torn into pieces floating on the water as they arrived in the twentieth zone, all belonging to the Jagged-Paw Green Demons!

"Why are there so many of them?!" Mo Fan was shocked on seeing the corpses. The number of Jagged-Paw Green Demons was twice the number he had imagined!

Luckily, Mochizuki Chihaya was an Advanced Magician. Otherwise, the team would have had trouble staying alive.

Nanyu, Zhao Manyan, and Jiang Shaoxu were overjoyed when they saw Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue's return. However, when they saw the blood on their clothes, they knew they had gone through a lot.

The Night Rakshasa handed the antidote to Jiang Shaoxu. Jiang Shaoxu immediately tore the cloth off Nan Rongni's leg and applied the antidote to the wound.

Nan Rongni had already lost consciousness. Her face was incredibly pale. It seemed her breathing had stopped, too.

The antidote was working very slowly, possibly because it had slightly solidified on the way back. There was nothing they could do but wait.

"You will get what you want if you come back a bit later," mocked Mu Tingying with a hollow laugh.

Mu Ningxue glanced at Nan Rongni, whose life was in danger, and felt her chest burning with anger.

It was true that she wanted to stay on the team, yet she would never trade her friend's life for it. She was already furious when she was provoked by the strange voice in her mind, and now Mu Tingying still tried to mock her. She could not hold it any longer...

"Meow!" the Night Rakshasa cried out and swiped her claws at Mu Tingying's neck!

Mu Tingying screamed and immediately ran to the side.

"Feifei, what are you doing!" Jiang Yu immediately stopped the creature.

"Meow..." The Night Rakshasa licked her paws.

"You dumb cat, I'm going to skin you!" Mu Tingying rose to her feet miserably and discovered a few scratch marks on her neck. It had only hit the surface of her skin. She was not bleeding.

"Enough! You know how difficult it is to hunt the White Sobbing Demon; you better not say that again!" scolded Nanyu. She could not stand Mu Tingying's sharp tongue either.

Mu Ningxue was going to take Mu Tingying down herself, but decided it was not the time to stir troubles since everyone was injured from the fighting. She immediately suppressed her anger.

“Humph, doesn’t matter, she will be leaving the team soon,” said Mu Tingying, before glaring at Jiang Yu. “You better watch your filthy cat!”

The others simply ignored Mu Tingying. Jiang Shaoxu was surprised when she saw Mo Fan sitting in a corner silently.

Jiang Shaoxu was confused. Normally, the guy would turn into a rascal when Mu Tingying dared to provoke Mu Ningxue. He would scold Mu Tingying until she could not keep her legs together. Why isn’t he reacting this time...

“Hey, you, are you alright?” Jiang Shaoxu nudged him.

Mo Fan raised his head with a pale face.

Jiang Shaoxu was stunned at the sight. She quickly covered her mouth.

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Chapter 835: The Tide Fall, Retreat of the Sea Monsters

“Are...are you alright?” asked Jiang Shaoxu worriedly.

“I’m fine... I won’t die, do you have any water?” asked Mo Fan.

Jiang Shaoxu handed him a water pouch. Mo Fan quickly gulped it down.

His lips felt extremely dry. He finally looked better after drinking the water.

“Is there more?” asked Mo Fan.

“Mm, you’re heavily dehydrated. What happened?” asked Jiang Shaoxu.

“Nothing serious, just being too careless and I let the Blue Valley Ferocious Beast hit me. Commander-level creatures are indeed tough to deal with,” said Mo Fan, after he was feeling better.

“Lie down and take some rest. Blood serums aren’t really effective for wounds inflicted by the sea monsters,” said Jiang Shaoxu.

“Give me more water.”

“How are you so dehydrated?”

Jiang Shaoxu let out a relieved sigh after seeing Mo Fan’s condition improving.

She took the first-aid kit and helped Mo Fan treat his wounds to prevent them from worsening. She then gave Mo Fan an injection, some kind of rapid energy boost for Magicians, just so he could recover faster.

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On the other hand, Nan Rongni’s condition was finally improving too. The antidote was working like a charm. The poison in her body gradually disappeared.

Nan Rongni regained consciousness, but she looked extremely weak.

However, the tide was still around, and the battle in the East Maritime Fortress was still going on. It was likely that the sea monsters would show up again.

There was nothing Mo Fan and Nan Rongni could do due to their injuries. Luckily, the density of sea monsters in the area had reduced. Otherwise, the team would have had a hard time holding the creatures off.

“The tide is falling!” Jiang Yu exclaimed excitedly.

Mo Fan leapt up in surprise, too. He quickly rose to his feet and poked his head over the edge of the building.

It did seem like the water was lower. The parts of the building that were previously underwater were now exposed. The water had dropped around three meters.

The sea monsters’ area of activity would shrink gradually, meaning that the battle would soon come to an end.

“Who would have thought, the East Maritime Fortress was such a thrilling place,” Mo Fan murmured as he laid back down.

Nan Rongni was lying beside him. She looked dull, as if she had just escaped death.

“You should be happy that you’re still alive. Why do you look so down?” asked Mo Fan with a confused face.

“Someone will be leaving the team after the training,” Nan Rongni said softly.

So it turned out that Nan Rongni was worrying about Mu Ningxue. Mo Fan soon fell into deep thought.

“She saved your life. Why don’t you quit the team voluntarily and give her your spot?” Mo Fan asked reasonably.

Nan Rongni was stunned, as if she did not expect it from him.

“I was thinking the same thing too, but it’s unlikely to happen. Anyone else can easily do that, but I’m the only Healer on the team. The advisors won’t let me quit, even if I want to. If I insist, they would simply choose another Healer to join the team instead of giving the spot to Mu Ningxue,” said Nan Rongni.

Mo Fan nodded. Nan Rongni was stating the truth. A Healer was a must for the national team. Nan Rongni would not be able to give Mu Ningxue her spot even if she wanted to.

As for Zhao Manyan who was also a substitute, he was obviously the weakest on the team, yet it was unlikely that he would be disqualified, either. He already mentioned the financial group supporting him. They would simply invest as much as needed to help him become an Advanced Magician, just so he could stay on the team.

Zhao Manyan would soon break through after the training. The person leaving the team would still be Mu Ningxue, unless Mo Fan strangled Zhao Manyan to death now.

It was indeed a troublesome question!

If Mu Ningxue left, Mo Fan felt it was meaningless to stay on the national team.

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The tide fell gradually, revealing the debris of the buildings scattered across the streets.

No one knew how many sea monsters remained. There were countless numbers of them, yet they had all retreated with the tide falling. Without the water as their shield, their casualties would increase significantly as their strength weakened. It was unnecessary for them to stay any longer.

The drainage system of the East Maritime Fortress was shockingly impressive. Normally, it would take a flooded town a few days to recover. However, when the tide fell back to the height of the shorter dam, all that was left on the streets of the East Maritime Fortress were mere puddles. It felt like the fortress had just experienced a rain, instead of a flood with the water reaching ten meters!

The streets had been quickly destroyed, but were rebuilt in no time, too. Whenever the tide fell, the shorter dam would be filled with Battlemages, preventing the sea monsters from launching a sneak attack. The cleaning squad would carry out their tasks efficiently and clean up the debris and the corpses of the sea monsters before nighttime.

The corpses of the sea monsters were the resources of the fortress. After all, most territories outside the cities were occupied by demon creatures. The resources they controlled were a lot greater than humans had, which they used to strengthen their flesh. As such, their corpses would be rich in useful resources too!

Like magic ores, demon creatures also served as a type of resource that drove the Magic Civilization forward, since each of them was a portable quarry full of resources!

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The zone masters were in charge of collecting the corpses. There were people in charge of counting the demon creatures that each team had slain.

However, it was far from the concern of the team. Their only thought was to return to their living quarters, take a nice hot bath, and enjoy themselves a good night's sleep on the cozy beds.

They had just participated in a true battle between humans and demon creatures. However, the national team basically consisted of a bunch of students. Their talents and capabilities might have surpassed most experienced Magicians in society, but they lacked patience and experience.

How much were the corpses worth? They could not care less about it. The factions that supported them to secure a spot on the national team could easily provide them with ten times the resources they had earned from the battle with a few words.

That being said, that was only the case for most members of the national team.

To someone like Mu Ningxue who had lost her backer, money was extremely important to her!

“Jiang Shaoxu and Nan Rongni’s portions are yours, as you saved both their lives. However, even with three portions, you only get twelve million,” Nanyu was in charge of handling the money for the team. She gave Mu Ningxue her split.

Mu Ningxue happily accepted it. She needed money more than anyone else, as money could buy her the resources she desperately needed!

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Chapter 836: As Energetic as an Ox

Twelve million...

It was definitely a huge sum for a Magician who had just ranked up to the Intermediate Level. It could afford half a Soul Seed, granting the Magician an edge over most Magicians at the same level. However, it was not as significant for Intermediate Magicians who had reached their peak.

A Galaxy Vein useful for ranking up to the Advanced Level cost around a hundred million, and the rate of success was fully dependent on the Magician’s cultivation.

As the humans and sea monsters were in a temporary truce, Mu Ningxue left the East Maritime Fortress early in the morning and visited the marketplace in Tokyo.

After asking around, Mu Ningxue had a wry smile. Back in her country, with the right connections, she could get herself a Galaxy Vein with one hundred million, but a Galaxy Vein cost around one hundred and ten million here.

The money she earned from her hard work in the East Maritime Fortress could only cover the difference between the prices of a Galaxy Vein. Mu Ningxue was suddenly clueless about what other options she had.

It was rather hilarious, too.

She once had a great lead over the others, but since she was involved in the mess, it felt like the others would surpass her in no time, and proceeded to leave her far behind.

Mu Ningxue was not unaware; she knew many on the team had already ranked up to the Advanced Level, but they never showed it, or they were still learning how to draw the Star Constellation...

It would be a great mistake if any outsider assumed they were still at the peak of the Intermediate Level!

It would soon be time to evaluate the performance of the members on the team. Even those who had yet to rank up to the Intermediate Level would receive lots of resources from the factions supporting them. They would buy countless Galaxy Veins for them to attempt to rank up, as if they were free. By then, Mu Ningxue would be the only one that was still in the Intermediate Level on the team!

During the training period, the competition between different national teams was not as fierce as she initially thought. The real competition was between the members on the team, since every time the team departed for a new destination, one or two people on the team would be replaced!

Mu Ningxue returned to the East Maritime Fortress gloomily.

Did that mean she could only break through the barrier surrounding the Nebula by herself? The chance was so slim, not to mention that she didn't really have that much time to wait patiently for it to happen.

After passing the hall, Mu Ningxue pushed the door to her room open...

The slightly absent-minded girl was furious when she discovered a man lying on her bed.

"You're going too far!" Mu Ningxue glared at Mo Fan.

She was grateful toward Mo Fan for saving her life, yet it did not necessarily mean he could come into her room when she was away and lie on her bed. That was the borderline for an irreproachable woman like her!

"Me... what did I do?" Mo Fan's eyes widened. He looked extremely confused.

Mu Ningxue was about to lose it when she saw her belongings were not in the room. The messy room was full of Mo Fan's clothes, and socks scattering everywhere.

Mu Ningxue finally realized that she had walked into Mo Fan's room instead.

The layout of the suit was symmetrical. As Mu Ningxue was on her way back, she was thinking of paying Mo Fan a visit to see how well he was recovering. However, she was too preoccupied with her thoughts that she simply assumed she had gone back to her room when her body was moving toward Mo Fan's room...

"Oh, nothing, I'm here to see how you're doing," Mu Ningxue collected her thoughts.

Mo Fan felt cold sweat dripping down his face. He smilingly greeted Mu Ningxue while hiding the phone that he had been using to browse some Japanese adult movie actresses under the blanket.

"I'm fine, it's just that I lost too much blood and didn't notice. My kidney is perfectly fine too!" Mo Fan smiled.

"Good to hear that, I'll be going now..." Mu Ningxue felt uneasy staying in Mo Fan's room.

She was not feeling uneasy because of Mo Fan's occasional glimpses at her, since she had long gotten used to them, but the pungent smell from the dirty socks lying on the floor and a weird smell lingering in the air.

"Have a seat, I can tell that you're feeling down," said Mo Fan.

While talking to Mu Ningxue, Mo Fan quickly locked his will on the dirty socks. Using Telekinesis, Mo Fan adeptly grabbed the socks, opened the window, and tossed them all out!

Mu Ningxue was both amused and enraged by Mo Fan's reaction. Who the hell used magic to get rid of their socks!?

"Err...let's take a walk, the air isn't great in here," he suggested.

"I just came back."

"Just come, there's a marketplace in the East Maritime Fortress. Let's check it out, maybe we can find something useful," said Mo Fan.

Mu Ningxue thought about it. She did not have enough money to buy a Galaxy Vein, thus it was better for her to buy things that were more practical for her. Otherwise, it was meaningless to keep the money around. The marketplace in the East Maritime Fortress was quite famous internationally too, selling all kinds of junks and rare materials. It all depended on the buyers' insight to pick the valuable items. Most Magicians would spend their savings in a marketplace like this, hoping they could become rich if they were in luck.

"Mm," Mu Ningxue nodded.

"Give me five minutes, I'll go take a shower!" Mo Fan jumped out from under his blanket and rushed into the bathroom in his underwear.

Mu Ningxue clenched her teeth furiously when she saw Mo Fan's red underwear swinging in her eyes. That asshole was seriously not treating her as an outsider!

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She had to say, Mo Fan was as strong as an ox...

Oh, she was referring to his recovery!

He was severely injured just a few days ago, as if he was going to lie in bed for a few months, but now, he was extremely energetic, as if he had already recovered. Mu Ningxue could not help but wonder if he was only pretending to be injured.

"Didn't you recover a bit too quick?" said Mu Ningxue to Mo Fan.

"It's normal for me," Mo Fan smiled modestly.

The truth was, the Demon Element was a truly useless Element. Mo Fan basically did not learn any new move or ability from it since its awakening.

However, it did provide Mo Fan with some extraordinary passive abilities. For example, his ability to recover was comparable to that of demon creatures.

The Swift Star Wolf was of the wolf species, well known for their recovery speed. However, even he would need at least five days to fully recover from the injuries that Mo Fan had. However, Mo Fan only needed around three days to recover without relying on any external medication. Otherwise, he would be able to recover even faster...

As energetic as an ox, it was the perfect description for him!

Unfortunately, the recovery speed was totally useless in a real battle. Even though it had strengthened Mo Fan's flesh, it did not necessarily allow him to catch a knife with his bare hands or receive a spell face-on with his body. It simply let Mo Fan look like he was full of energy!

That being said, the Demon Element was not completely useless...

But Mo Fan would only use that ability as his final resort...

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Chapter 837: I Don't Know You

The power of the Demon Element was too overwhelming, to an extent that even Mo Fan was a bit scared to use it.

The concept of the Demon Element was quite simple. From a scientific perspective, all energy was conserved. The temporary strength granted to him was actually him overdrawing the energy of his life and soul, leaving a huge hole behind. If he was unable to replenish the energy he took, he would be done for!

The Demon Element was basically signing a contract. He borrowed the money, thus he was obliged to settle the loan, together with the high interest!

The Soul Essences stored inside the Little Loach Pendant were a great help to him. Otherwise, it would be impossible for any ordinary Magician to live after using the Demon Element. It was the exact reason why all the test subjects in the military had died after using it. The problem was not how many Elements they had, but how they were going to pay the price when the demon came to collect the payment!

Simply speaking, Mo Fan could demonize anytime if he wanted, since the Demon Element was now his sixth Element. However, it was best to avoid using it unless absolutely necessary!

"I was about to ask..." Mo Fan was walking extremely close to Mu Ningxue. They were basically walking side by side with their shoulders sticking close. He would occasionally feel the touch of her smooth skin.

It was the privilege of being her childhood friend!

"Don't ask if it's about me being a substitute," replied Mu Ningxue. The topic was bothering her.

"You're stopping people from having a great conversation with you," sighed Mo Fan helplessly.

Mu Ningxue glanced at Mo Fan. Her gaze stopped for two seconds before she looked away.

"What is it?" Mo Fan was confused.

"Nothing, it's just that I've learned something profound from you," said Mu Ningxue.

"If you're trying to say an ugly person should work harder, please don't," said Mo Fan.

Mu Ningxue giggled and shook her head, "Something like that, but it has nothing to do with your looks."

“Well, what is it, then?”

“It’s not really a big deal, but I think that your decision of not relying on any faction but yourself is the right choice,” said Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue had experienced the true meaning of being a part of a clan. It was simply a cruel hierarchy disguised with blood relations, family, and relationships, an entity where rise and fall could happen in an instant. She had completely lost her status in the clan just because of an irrelevant stigma. All the effort and hard work she had put in were all in vain.

Her talent, Domain, her reputation as the most talented Ice Magician... they were inferior to a small decision made by the renowned Mu Clan. Her superiors could simply decide who they wanted to support. The others had no choice but to be left behind, and could do nothing but watch from the distance.

In just a few months, the difference between how Mu Ningxue was treated before and after was unbelievable. She initially thought she had the chance to still rise to the top as a substitute, but she was disheartened facing the sturdy barrier of her Nebula.

She could not break through the barrier. Without any resources, it was almost impossible to break through on her own. There was nothing she could do apart from watching the others ranking up to the Advanced Level...

“I’ve grown up in an environment where I have to rely on myself for pretty much everything. I’ve gotten used to it, too. That being said, being supported by a renowned clan can really save a lot of time and effort. Look at that idiot Zhao Manyan; he was my roommate, and he basically spent most of his time picking up chicks. Even though he did work hard occasionally, the effort he put in was nothing compared to a diligent, grassroots Magician,” agreed Mo Fan.

Mo Fan was not trying to complain about how unfair life was, but to express his belief that if someone wanted their situation to change, they had to endure the hardship and put in more effort. It was the same for everyone, including a fuerdai like Zhao Manyan. Didn’t the others despise him, too? If he only relied on his background and financial status to retain his spot on the national team, he would surely be the next person disqualified from the team.

Either a person was satisfied with the existing state of affairs, or had the intention to change the situation. Changes would only happen by putting in effort. It applied to every phase of life!

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When they arrived at the marketplace, Mo Fan realized that the place was not as impressive as he thought it would be.

The stunning decorations of a marketplace were utterly meaningless. Everyone knew the items at a marketplace were mostly recycled. It was all up to the Magicians to discover the valuable items among the trash. They were willing to compete for useful equipment on a run-down stall by the street, but no one would go to a well-decorated store if all it had was junk!

The marketplace in the East Maritime Fortress was particularly busy after the recent battle. Much loot from the battle that had been evaluated would end up here with low pricing. If someone was lucky

enough, they would discover that the junk they had bought was a piece of rare scale, bringing them a fortune!

Mo Fan once thought Little Loach was a cheating tool he could use to find the valuable stuff in the marketplace, since it would react to the things it was interested in. The truth was, Little Loach did not react even once in the marketplace. The proud pendant would only show its appetite toward the rarest, most valuable things in the world!

There were countless things to buy in the marketplace. Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue went around in a circle. The two laymen spent around two million, but the value of the things they bought was only worth four hundred thousand at most. It was definitely a loss for them.

After wasting their money, Mo Fan suggested they enjoy themselves with a huge meal to change the mood.

The East Maritime Fortress was a huge seafood market, without a doubt. The corpses of the sea monsters served as a great supply of high-class ingredients.

It was common to hear of humans being eaten by demon creatures. However, the East Maritime Fortress was definitely an exception. There were plenty of seafood restaurants around, and would usually open just a few hours after each tide fall!

It was Mu Ningxue's first time eating sea monsters' meat. She was reluctant at the start, but when Mo Fan finally convinced her to have a taste of a grilled tentacle at a teppanyaki store, she immediately seconded the idea.

"The dish will be more delicious if you freeze it, but you're out of luck. The machine broke down during the battle. Otherwise, it would taste even better," smiled the owner of the shop.

"Just serve us the dish."

Was he being serious? Why would they need a machine to freeze it with Mu Ningxue here?

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"Xuexue, should we give up on being Magicians and open a restaurant instead? You'll prepare the cold dishes, and I'll work on the grill and teppanyaki... we can easily earn a fortune. I already have an idea for the name of the restaurant, we'll call it A Song of Ice and Fire."

Whenever a person was around Mo Fan, it was necessary to own an expression that clearly said I don't know you.

Mu Ningxue was quite an expert at it. Whenever the man was behaving like a retard, she would subconsciously don the expression, making her look otherworldly.

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Chapter 838: Galaxy Vein

After spending some time shopping, enjoying some pleasant food, and drinking some booze, Mo Fan believed that he was surely following the right procedure for a home run. Mu Ningxue seemed a little bit dizzy. The usual icy look in her eyes now had a hint of charm. Her pale-white skin had an alluring pink shade to it. Mo Fan could feel his heart pounding when he looked at her.

A long time ago, when Mu Ningxue was playing with the kids who lived close to her family's villa back in Bo City, Mo Fan had already a crush for her. Back then, even her fingernails were delicately polished.

Her princess temperament made her look like a gorgeous phoenix among the girls.

If someone were to ask Mo Fan his greatest ambition when he was young, he would definitely say it was to marry the little princess!

Today, he finally had a chance to date her, and was carrying her as they returned to his room. Mo Fan had the feeling that his ambition was about to come true!

The alcohol was quite strong. Mu Ningxue was totally unaware that the cunning Mo Fan was helping her to his room. It was nighttime, the others had basically gone out. The intoxicated Mu Ningxue was a helpless little lamb in Mo Fan's eyes. No one could possibly respond to her scream for help!

Mo Fan had waited so long for this day, the toad could finally have a taste of the graceful swan... err, somehow the description was not really appropriate. Forget it, whatever, it was still going to be an unforgettable night for him.

As a matter of fact, Mo Fan was a little nervous when he was trying to unlock his door. He failed to insert the key into the hole a couple of times...

"Is...is this my room?" Mu Ningxue rubbed her head. She finally felt the kick from the alcohol's aftereffect. She did not feel the effects at the start.

"Yeah, it is," said Mo Fan with a nod.

Mu Ningxue did not doubt it. She staggered into the room.

Mo Fan grabbed the handle and was about to follow Mu Ningxue in when she grabbed the key from his hand and slammed the door shut!

Mo Fan almost hit the door with his nose. He soon heard the door locking...

"Hey, hey!" Mo Fan knocked on the door.

Mu Ningxue ignored the shout. She was feeling too dizzy. She saw the bed and fell onto it. She curled up in the blanket and fell asleep like a little kitten.

Mu Ningxue totally ignored Mo Fan no matter how hard he was knocking on the door.

Mo Fan's face darkened as he stood outside the door.

As he thought, the story would never go according to his script...

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Mo Fan sat silently in the hall for a while. As he recalled the day, he did agree that he had enjoyed spending the day with Mu Ningxue. It had been a long time since they had last spent some time together, especially after they had both grown up...

He sighed. She would eventually be his, there was no need to rush it. Today was a great start, and the days were still long!

Having this thought, Mo Fan felt a lot better. Since he could no longer return to his room, he decided to go into Mu Ningxue's room instead. Her bed still had her perfume. Mo Fan felt like he was drowning in joy as he laid down on it.

Tsk tsk, it felt so great just sleeping on her bed. The thought of sleeping together with her...

It looks like he'll have to speed up the process, to hit the iron when it's hot.

As a man, he should turn his goddess into a MILF as quickly as possible!

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For the next few days, it felt like the others on the team were extremely busy. They were away most of the time.

On the other hand, Mo Fan and Mu Ningxue seemed to be the freest. At their current level, cultivating or not would not make any difference at all, especially for Mu Ningxue. Even if she spent all her time meditating, she had no chance of breaking through the sturdy barrier surrounding her Nebula. Being hardworking alone was not enough to solve the problem she was facing.

Since everyone was busy on their own, Mo Fan continued to go on dates with Mu Ningxue. They went to Tokyo after they had tried everything in the East Maritime Fortress. The developed city had endless places and attractions to visit, and unlimited food to try out.

Mu Ningxue was having a pleasant time too. She basically forgot all about her cultivating.

"If only we came during the spring blossom season," she sighed.

The spring blossoms in Japan was stunning indeed. It went without saying that every girl would imagine themselves wearing a dress under the spring blossom trees while attracting the attention of the pedestrians passing by...

After placing the burden of cultivation and competition aside, Mu Ningxue only wanted to experience the things that she had missed out on for many years, be it the people or the things around her.

Cultivating was extremely monotonous. She completely forgot when she had given up on the beautiful bracelets, dolls, hairpins, and necklaces. All her attention was on the Stars, Star Orbits, and Star Patterns instead. The vast Nebula did have its own charm, making it hard for someone to stop pursuing the next level. However, the life she was currently living was very different than the one she had imagined initially. She had lived like a robot. She always thought she would only need to endure it for another year, and everything would be fine. She always thought the difficulties she was facing implied that she was very close to being successful. However, when she calmed down, she realized that she had not gained anything... but had lost many things in the process.

She had lost her innocence, her romance, and the color in her life.

“Your mood seems to be changing these days,” said Mo Fan.

“Everything will eventually come to an end,” replied Mu Ningxue.

“So you’re saying that it’s time for you to come out from the ice after spending ten years cultivating diligently in it?” added Mo Fan, totally aware of Mu Ningxue’s thoughts.

“Even I need a rest at times,” said Mu Ningxue.

“Let me help you,” Mo Fan knew what the girl was troubled with.

The teenage girl who had been enjoying herself to the fullest for the past few days was not the real her, either. She was only feeling extremely helpless against the barrier entrapping her. Therefore, she decided to forget about it and enjoy the time she had left, hoping she could find a way to solve the problem when the time came.

However, Mo Fan knew she would not give up just like that.

In a few days, she would return to cultivating diligently. No matter how thick the barrier was, she would try relentlessly to break through it, despite the uncertainties. She would not be Mu Ningxue if she was satisfied with her current state, and simply enjoyed the spring blossoms and pleasant food just like an ordinary girl.

Mo Fan was not naive enough to believe that she had actually thought it through and decided to enjoy some intimate time with him. She was only trying to liven her mood, before preparing herself for the final attempt!

“You have so many Elements to look after. You need more resources than I do; you don’t need to help me,” said Mu Ningxue.

“I can get the resources later, but the chance is gone if you miss it. Here, take this,” said Mo Fan, taking a crystalline object out from his pocket.

Mu Ningxue was stunned. The thing in Mo Fan’s hand was the same Galaxy Vein she had seen at Tokyo’s marketplace recently without a doubt. She clearly remembered the lines on it!

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Chapter 839: The Factions on the Team

The Galaxy Vein was the size of a goose egg in the shape of a diamond, but more crystalline than one. Its surface was densely covered in dots of light. On a closer look, it was as shiny and elegant as a galaxy.

It was the Galaxy Vein that many Magicians had dreamt of, the thing that every Magician needed when they reached the bottleneck due to the barrier around their Nebula. It was an important resource to help Magicians expand their Nebula into a Galaxy!

The difference between a Nebula and Galaxy was incredibly huge. It was extremely difficult for a Magician to break through the barrier by themselves. However, the abundant supply of energy from a Galaxy Vein could produce a strong pulse of energy, helping them break through the barrier!

Expanding a Nebula into a Galaxy was the symbol of achieving the Advanced Level. The energy provided by a Galaxy was incomparable to that provided by a little Nebula.

That being said, a Galaxy Vein did not have a hundred percent success rate. Only those with solid foundations, and who had reached the limit of the Intermediate Level, had a chance to break through.

The Galaxy Vein was basically the only option for an Intermediate Magician to rank up to the Advanced Level. Even though there were people who managed to rank up on their own, the odds were extremely low. There was hardly anyone would be able to do so among tens of thousands of Intermediate Magicians.

Mu Ningxue desperately needed a Galaxy Vein. The others on the team had been busy lately. It was obvious that they had received the Galaxy Veins provided by the factions supporting them, and were spending their time trying to rank up to the Advanced Level!

In no time, everyone on the team would be Advanced Magicians. This was the true talent of the national team!

Everyone on the team had basically reached their limit in the Intermediate Level. They only needed Galaxy Veins to rank up to the Advanced Level. However, to further increase the success rate, they would only proceed with their attempts prior to the day when someone was going to be disqualified from the team.

That day was now approaching, so they could not afford to wait any further.

“When did you buy it?” Mu Ningxue stared at the glowing object on Mo Fan’s hand. She would be lying to herself if she said she was not touched by Mo Fan’s action.

The feeling was like a man had placed a giant diamond ring right in front of her when she needed it the most.

Even the formidable family bound to her by blood had abandoned her when she was in need of a Galaxy Vein, but this man was willing to give one to her just like that... Mu Ningxue did not expect him to be the one that would know what she actually wanted.

“The night you slept in my room, I was having trouble falling asleep in your room, so I went to the city,” said Mo Fan.

If Mo Fan could pause time temporarily, his pounding heart simply had the urge to take out his phone and asked the intelligent people on the Internet whether he should take hold of the chance and fall down on his knee. Waiting for suggestions online, it’s extremely urgent!

Unfortunately, there was no way he would act so retardedly. He looked at Mu Ningxue, hoping that she would understand he had never given up on having her as his wife. Since eloping was not an option, he had decided to marry her legally instead. It did not matter if she was the same little princess who

enjoyed taking care of flowers and plants, and loved little cats and rabbits, or an icy goddess who was passionate at pursuing higher levels of Magic and freezing the world...

Mo Fan wanted to thank the Mu Family. Without their cruelty, he would not have such a great chance. He wanted to thank the Scarlet Rending Demon. Without its Commander-level Soul Essence, the man who spent all his savings on raising his daughter would never be able to afford a Galaxy Vein. He wanted to thank his country, too. The national team had such a great disqualifying system, forcing Mu Ningxue into a corner that he could take advantage of. Mo Fan initially thought he was still a long way away from fulfilling his dream, yet the cruelty of the world had placed him within reach of his ambition!

"I've made up my mind, but Mo Fan, thank you so much," Mu Ningxue's eyes were glittering.

She was relieved, relieved that someone was still being so sincere to her, but she had no intention of taking Mo Fan's Galaxy Vein.

As she mentioned, Mo Fan had six Elements in total. He needed a lot more resources than everyone else. There was no such thing as enough resources for him. It would definitely make him stronger. The truth was, Mo Fan was already surprisingly strong, but Mu Ningxue knew he still had lots of room for improvement...

"Don't be like that; the chance of being on the national team is extremely precious! If you aren't thinking of giving up, you should at least rank up to the Advanced Level first. You don't have to be so modest with me. You'll realize how meaningless it was when you remember it in the future. What I have is all yours," blurted out Mo Fan.

Saying this, Mo Fan could feel his heart pounding heavily, as if he was back in the Ancient Capital surrounded by endless undead, facing the Mountain Zombie...

Somehow, it was not really what Mo Fan was trying to say, but now that he had said it, he was hoping that Mu Ningxue would understand his feelings and accept the Galaxy Vein.

Mo Fan actually wished that it was the spring blossom season. The spring blossoms drifting in the wind under the spring blossom trees would definitely liven the mood further, unlike the spacious, deserted park with dried trees. The only thing that suited the scene was the water fountain with sculptures of some northern Europe mythologies behind them.

The water was flowing, but for some reason, it had started to freeze.

As soon as it turned into ice, it melted again after a heat wave swept by it.

Mo Fan was never this serious in his whole life. He was nervous like a kid in high school handing a love letter to his crush.

"I didn't really mean that, how about this; you can take the Galaxy Vein first. Just assume that you're borrowing it. You can pay me back later. Either way, just stay on the team for now. We'll worry about other things later," Mo Fan had no idea what Mu Ningxue was thinking. He suddenly felt like Mu Ningxue would think he was using the Galaxy Vein to kidnap her heart. That would be a no-no. Therefore, he quickly explained it before Mu Ningxue could speak.

Mu Ningxue looked at Mo Fan. Somehow, he was not giving her any chance to say anything.

Mu Ningxue quickly interrupted when she saw Mo Fan trying to say something again.

“Err, I’ll keep quiet, go on... either way, (sigh), whatever you say,” Mo Fan finished awkwardly.

It was rare for Mu Ningxue to see the thick-skinned Mo Fan acting so nervously. The truth was, she was panicking a little too.

“I have my own plan, I’m serious. Even if you’re only lending me the Galaxy Vein, I won’t take it, either. You have to understand that the national team isn’t just a competition between the members on the team, but a competition between the factions, financial groups, and families supporting the members too. If a Galaxy Vein can bring me to Venice, I won’t hesitate to take it, but it’s nowhere enough. There’s still a long journey ahead, and I’m going to need more resources. I’m still going to be disqualified regardless, and lending me the Galaxy Vein is only going to slow down your own progress. The others will soon rank up to the Advanced Level, and all their Elements will reach the Advanced Level, too. You will soon lose your advantages,” Mu Ningxue tried to explain calmly.

Chapter 840: The Factions Behind the Members

Mu Ningxue was hoping that Mo Fan would not waste his resources on her. She was clearly aware that the competition within the members on the national team had only just begun. The factions behind the members had yet to show their true colors. As the team continued on with their training and moved closer to Venice, the factions would go crazy and spend lots of resources on their respective candidates. These Galaxy Veins were only the beginning!

If she could not overcome such a little problem on her own, she would have no chance of competing with the others in the future!

“You must be the most unique person on the team. No one knows who is supporting you, and no one knows how are you so strong, and yet you’ve come this far on your own, so you don’t really care if the others are relying on their own or the factions behind them... anyway... I just hope you understand why I won’t accept your gift,” said Mu Ningxue.

She finished expressing her thoughts. She hoped Mo Fan understood that a single Galaxy Vein was not enough to solve her problem. On the other hand, she did not want to be a burden to others. She wanted to plan her own path.

Mo Fan let out a long sigh.

He wondered which asshole mentioned that any woman would be willing to dive into a man’s hug after spending a hundred million on her.

What a blatant lie!

It was useless for a man to spend a hundred million on a woman who already had a hundred million. He would need a thousand million, tens of thousands of millions!

“Your Lightning Element must have reached the limit too, so...” said Mu Ningxue.

“Fine, what are you going to do next?” asked Mo Fan.

Mo Fan did not force it. He was glad that Mu Ningxue had said so much to him. The number of words she has said today equaled the number of words she had spoken to him in the past month.

Mo Fan was excited, but he was not dumb. Judging from Mu Ningxue's reaction, he believed he still had a great chance of winning her affections.

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As Mo Fan returned to the East Maritime Fortress, he kicked Zhao Manyan's door open.

Zhao Manyan was meditating. He was given a great scare when Mo Fan kicked the door and barged in.

"Bro, what the hell are you doing?" Zhao Manyan had a bad feeling when he saw the aggressive Mo Fan.

"Huh, you asshole...you broke through?" Mo Fan raised his brows when he sensed the change to Zhao Manyan's aura.

"Yeah, it took me three Galaxy Veins just to broke through. Close the door first, I want to ask you something," replied Zhao Manyan, after he suddenly recalled something.

Mo Fan was confused. He shut the door and wondered why Zhao Manyan was being so mysterious.

"I lied to my dad that I only managed to break through the barrier with the three Galaxy Veins, hoping that he would get me another one... I was planning to give it to you in case of an emergency, but the person supervising me found out the truth. In the end, my dad scolded the shit out of me!" said Zhao Manyan with a troubled look.

"Three...three Galaxy Veins, your Zhao Financial Group has surely lost a fortune just to get you on the national team," said Mo Fan, his lips twitching.

"I actually asked for four, but the shareholders have already requested to get rid of me during a meeting, they said that I've wasted too many resources. Hey, can you pay attention? I was trying my best to help you. Aren't you going to help Mu Ningxue, considering the situation she is currently in? I still have some savings, how much money do you have now? Hurry up and buy a Galaxy Vein and give it to her! She will definitely leap into your hug out of gratitude. We can earn the money back, but a woman's heart is harder to earn. Besides, you can easily earn a hundred million back yourself," said Zhao Manyan.

Mo Fan's lips twitched even stronger.

Did Zhao Manyan seriously have to mention it now? He had just been rejected!

Mo Fan took out a Galaxy Vein, implying that he had already tried the method.

Zhao Manyan's eyes widened. He immediately raised his thumb at Mo Fan.

How manly was Mo Fan, to be willing to give something so expensive as a gift...

"I have come to ask you about it too; was Mu Ningxue telling me the truth, that every member on the team has a formidable faction supporting them, and the journey ahead is simply a competition between the factions, families, and financial groups?" asked Mo Fan.

“Seriously, how retarded can you be? It’s something that every human knows, yet you’re still asking me! Do you really think a bunch of young Magicians alone can attract the attention of the entire world? Many families are already trying desperately to make a name for themselves in the colleges and institutes. As for the World College Tournament, it’s the final goal of every faction!” He sighed. “A grassroots Magician like you should be more aware. It’s like you’re not living in the same world as us!” said Zhao Manyan disdainfully.

Mo Fan felt his balls hurting too. How would he know it was such a hideous mess? He was not involved with any formidable faction, since he had always been a lone wolf. As a result, he was totally unaware of the infighting on the national team...

“Don’t be tricked by Jiang Yu’s modest appearance; do you know who’s supporting him?” Zhao Manyan asked when he saw Mo Fan having trouble understanding the situation.

“Who?” wondered Mo Fan.

“The Royal Guards! He is the disciple of the capital’s Royal Guards’ chief, Pang Lai, a sacred Magician ranked in the top ten in our country!” said Zhao Manyan.

The capital’s Royal Guards was one of the most symbolic organizations in China. They were the highest authority Enforcement Union of the Magic Association. Most Councilmen of the country were members of the Royal Guards. Mo Fan did know something basic like that.

Also, Zhu Meng was also a member of the Royal Guards!

The Imperial Magicians in the Ancient Capital was under the command of the Royal Guards. They were basically a branch of the Royal Guards. The selection for the Imperial Magicians was incredibly strict, let alone the selection for the Royal Guards!

“I can’t even tell, is that Jiang Yu really that impressive?” Mo Fan was shocked.

“Behind Li Kaifeng is the Education Union. Simply speaking, if he is somehow disqualified from the team for no reason, all Magic high schools south of the Yangtze River will stop operating, and I mean all of them!” said Zhao Manyan.

“Why is that now?”

“Do you remember the Stardust Magic Tools that your school provided you when you’re still in high school? It provides talented students without a nice background some resources to cultivate... all supplies of Magic Tools to the magic schools to the south of Yangtze River are handled by two or three elder generations before Li Kaifeng. His family basically has pupils everywhere. The family is regarded as a living Bodhisattva that the country can’t afford to offend. His family was the benefactor for many reputable Magicians who were once grassroots Magicians,” said Zhao Manyan.

“Err... guess I’m one of them too,” Mo Fan did remember how his Little Loach had eaten the school’s Stardust Magic Tool.

“I believe I won’t need to explain Mu Tingying’s case to you. The Mu Clan... our Zhao Family isn’t usually afraid of factions who name themselves with their surname, but the Mu Clan is one of them. They are

incredibly massive, with people in the huge cities like Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou, and the smaller cities, owning half of the properties in the cities,” explained Zhao Manyan.

Zhao Manyan’s words reminded Mo Fan. Mu Zhuoyun was once a wealthy landlord in Bo City, and it sounded like Mu Zhuoyun was just a little branch in the whole Mu Family, meaning that there were many branches like Mu Zhuoyun’s in it.

Now that Mo Fan thought about it, it was pretty shocking. After all, back when he was only sixteen, Bo City was pretty much the whole world for him!