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"Meow." <Miss, we should have stayed outside instead of staying in this broken apartment.>

Xiao Mao looked like she was about to gloat when she saw Yu Shi Lan couldn't fill the bathtub with water. The base was really stingy and it was basically impossible for them to prepare enough resources for these two people.

"Forget it," Yu Shi Lan replied. "After I have gathered enough resources, I can leave."

"Meow." <Uh huh>

Xiao Mao didn't care anymore and jumped onto the table where the dried fish have been placed. She just wanted to eat enough and find a place where she could sleep for a long time. This way, she could recover as soon as possible.

Yu Shi Lan ended up using her spell to create water for the bathtub and then took out the medicinal materials. She used spell to create fire and heated up the water.

Turning her head, she could see Xiao Mao was sleeping on the table.

She looked so cute and harmless.

Seeing her like this, Yu Shi Lan sighed. No one would be able to think that this harmless looking cat is actually a very powerful demonic beast. Yet at the same time, Yu Shi Lan knew that it was because of sending her to the past that Xiao Mao was in this situation.

So she had to get stronger faster.

That way, she would be able to protect Xiao Mao better.

Yu Shi Lan then proceeded to have the medicinal bath and specifically set up a timer to wake herself up.

So when Xiao Mao was woken up by the timer, she looked at Yu Shi Lan in the bathtub expressionlessly.

"Meow! Meow! Meow!" <Can't you be more reliable and stop falling asleep in the bathtub? If it's not because of the timer, you will end up cooking yourself to death!>

Xiao Mao didn't understand why Yu Shi Lan could fall asleep when she was having a medicinal bath. Isn't the medicinal bath supposed to be very painful because it was basically forcing Yu Shi Lan's body to get stronger or something?

A demonic beast didn't need any medicinal bath, so Xiao Mao didn't know how it felt to have one.

But she had watched other people experiencing it.

And she had never seen anyone else falling asleep when having a medicinal bath like Yu Shi Lan.

Xiao Mao felt that her master is outrageous.

"For people who experienced medicinal bath for the first time, it's indeed quite painful. After all, you're reshaping your body and let it absorb the medicinal materials... But if you have used it so much, you wouldn't really feel anything," Yu Shi Lan explained.

Because of her qualification, which was actually quite low among cultivators, it was difficult for Yu Shi Lan to get ahead of others. There were indeed some practices for five element spiritual roots, but the best one will be something that they customized for themselves.

Unfortunately, Yu Shi Lan didn't have the qualification to customize her own cultivation method in the beginning.

When she reached Golden Core stage, she did have some insight and modified her cultivation practice a bit. But since she didn't really need it that much at that time, it remained unused.

Now that she was back to square one, Yu Shi Lan was basically practicing her own practice.

This allowed her speed to be faster even in such an environment like the Green Planet. Yet at the same time, she also knew that her practice would have been faster had she been in the cultivation world.

It will be more dangerous too since she's an 'outsider.'

And showing such fast cultivation speed as an outsider of the cultivation world would only make her attract more attention.

Some people might target her because of this.

After all, she was previously not very eye catching and her speed of improvement had clear trajectory. It was some luck and also countless bet between the life and death.

But if she directly used the techniques that she had made herself...

There would be many people's eyes moving in her direction because they were curious what kind of technique she used.

Without suitable 'adventure,' possessing a heaven defying treasure was bound to make her be targeted by many people. There was no shortage of old immortals who would want to kill her and extract information.

So even if it was a bit slower on the Green Planet, it's safer.

Even if a cultivator was said to be someone who went against the Heaven to practice... it didn't mean that they have to purposely seek death.

After all, their goal was either longevity, power, or even knowledge.

For this reason alone, they would definitely try their best to keep their lives as much as possible.

Yu Shi Lan might be a bit reckless at times, but she still knew the sense of proportion and would not provoke other people unnecessarily. But if it was inevitable, then she's not afraid and will face the challenge head on.

It's that simple.

Thanks to this new exercise that she made... the medicinal bath has become extremely comfortable. Coupled with the temperature difference between outside and inside the bathtub, Yu Shi Lan felt really sleepy and ended up falling asleep midway.

Xiao Mao: "..."

She looked at her master and covered her face with her cat paws.

Having such a master is really embarrassing.

"Meow!" <Don't you ever call me if you ever die in the bathtub in the future!>

She will refuse to acknowledge knowing such a master!

Yu Shi Lan: "..." She's not that careless... right?

Looking at the timer that she had specifically set, Yu Shi Lan nodded to herself.

She still knew how to prepare precaution for herself.

It was not that bad.

Anyway, after cleaning up, the two of them went to rest and Xiao Mao lose the chance to continue giving lecture to Yu Shi Lan.

The next day, the two of them headed out of the base once again.

Chapter 132: Disgust

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"Meow." <Miss, you're really brazen to go out so blatantly like this>

Xiao Mao felt that having such a master was truly a challenge on its own.

"I didn't do anything wrong, so why should I be so secretive?" Yu Shi Lan rolled her eyes. "Besides, if they dared to attack me inside the base, I'll dare to fight back. And if they attack me outside the base..."

Her eyes flashed with killing intent.

She will dare to kill them and let the demonic beasts eat their corpses, erasing all traces of her involvement.

Sensing the killing intent from Yu Shi Lan, Xiao Mao shut her mouth. She felt that her Miss has always been like this, very murderous. Yet she didn't dislike it in the slightest bit and instead felt that it was good.

Rather than being kindhearted and allowed her enemies to grow, it would be better to kill them in the cradle and saving the long never ending drama in the bud.

"Meow." <So, what are your plans for today?>

Xiao Mao felt that she needed to quickly change the conversation and stopped Yu Shi Lan from thinking about those people and leaked the killing intent all the time. After all, her body hadn't fully recovered to her peak period.

It wouldn't be good if she got injured because her movements were too strong.

"Hunt a few demonic beasts," Yu Shi Lan replied, her eyes flashed with killing intent.

"Meow?" <A few?>

Xiao Mao thought that Yu Shi Lan would only get one or two demonic beasts at most to exchange for resources with Mu Ting Ye or something. But she actually wanted to hunt a few more?

"It's better to hurry and finish the trade with Mu Ting Ye and the others," Yu Shi Lan replied.

It would be more cost effective to directly trade a few demonic beasts with the other party.

"Meow..." <I see...>

Xiao Mao nodded in understanding.

She seemed to understand what Yu Shi Lan was planning. Since she didn't have any plan to stay in the base for a long time, it would be better for them to conclude the deal with each other as fast as possible.

Once they left, they would not have anything to worry about anymore.

This is good.

Xiao Mao's tail moved happily.

Seeing Xiao Mao's movement, Yu Shi Lan chuckled and rubbed the cat's head as she made her way out.

Of course, her plan today was not only to hunt a few demonic beasts to trade with Mu Ting Ye. But she was also planning to try something.

Since she had reached Qi Refining Rank 3 and her physique had increased, Yu Shi Lan felt that she could start trying to do something different from before.

For example... the few skills that she originally couldn't use before.

So after walking out of the base for some time and seeing a demonic mantis in the distance, Yu Shi Lan stopped. She could see that the demonic mantis has its head lowered towards pile of corpses in front of it.

The scene was terrifying, yet her emotions remained stable.

"Meow." <How disgusting>

Xiao Mao snorted.

Because of her contract with Yu Shi Lan, Xiao Mao disliked other demonic beasts that feast on humans. She herself had never eaten any human being even before making the contract with Yu Shi Lan.

It could be said that most demonic beasts that eats humans were usually the lower ranked magic beasts without much intelligence.

"Indeed," Yu Shi Lan replied calmly.

"Meow." <But your heartbeat didn't change at all, Miss. You're very calm.>

Xiao Mao blinked her eyes and looked up from Yu Shi Lan's pocket. She could clearly sense her master's indifference towards this scene.

There was not even any disgust or repulsion.

It was strange in her opinion since she knew that Yu Shi Lan was not such a coldhearted person.

"Perhaps it's because I have seen too much," Yu Shi Lan said quietly.

She could still remember the scene from her previous life. When she was following the military, she had watched them kill those demonic beasts, especially when their number increased after more than a year or two had passed.

At that time, she was nothing more than a weak girl who had no strength to protect herself.

She was looking at the pile of bodies and felt sick.

While these people might have seen this kind of scene before at military or something, it was new for her. She did see the news and heard about it from other survivors, but seeing it with her own eyes made her unable to think properly.

She's confused.

She's sad.

She's aggrieved.

But she couldn't do anything.

The world is changing and they were not qualified to be the one to stand at the front and had a say in this change. All they could do was to adapt to the change and do whatever possible in order to survive.

It was vexing.

But there was nothing that they could do.

Yu Shi Lan could still remember the deep feeling of powerlessness when she watched her unable to do anything but watch from the back. Without the soldiers' protection, she would have long died at that time.

It was her past that she had long buried.

Her fear towards these demonic beasts were slowly disappeared when she finally decided to take her weapon up.

In order to live, she had to face her fear.

That was how she started her journey as a cultivator...

Now relieving her life, it was impossible for Yu Shi Lan to feel the same way as she used to be. Even if there was some disgust in her heart when she saw these demonic beasts' action, she had already gotten used to it.

Her heart could remains table.

"Don't move, Xiao Mao."

Chapter 133: Killing Intent

"Meow?" <What are you planning to do?>

Xiao Mao was startled by Yu Shi Lan's sudden change of conversation, but she still followed her master's instruction and remained silent on her place, only looking at Yu Shi Lan's direction with curiosity and confusion.

But Yu Shi Lan clearly didn't have any plan to explain things to her.

Instead, Yu Shi Lan was walking closer towards the demonic mantis that was still busy eating. Blood splattered on the demonic mantis' face, making it looked even more horrible and ugly.

Many people would definitely scream in fear when they saw this scene.

The usually herbivore animals had turned into such a terrifying creature under the effect of the demonic Qi.

Oh, ordinary people wouldn't even know that it's demonic Qi.

After all, only cultivator could sense the demonic Qi's existence and most of them didn't even exist on the Green Planet.

Yu Shi Lan was staring at the demonic mantis and silently calculated in her mind how far would it take for it to notice.

'Miss, you couldn't be...'

Xiao Mao was stunned and was about to stop Yu Shi Lan when the other party had already stared at the demonic mantis and the atmosphere seemed to change. From the ordinary day to cold and ruthless with thick depressive atmosphere all around them.

Under this pressure, even Xiao Mao felt that it was hard to breath.

She knew that Yu Shi Lan definitely didn't aim it in her direction, but the aftermath alone was more than enough to put strong sense of oppression on her.

The cat's face turned pale.

It was obvious that whatever Yu Shi Lan was doing, it directly affect the air around them.

This sense of oppressions only lasted for a moment and Xiao Mao saw a shadow appearing from Yu Shi Lan's direction. Her pupil constricted and she really wanted to yell no to Yu Shi Lan.

But it was obvious that her master will never listen to her.

Swish! Slash!

The demonic mantis in the distance felt a sudden sense of oppression and the next moment, its breath disappeared and it fell down to the ground with a thud. The corpse under it was unrecognizable and the meat and blood paste were flattened by the demonic mantis' fall.

It was a gory and disgusting sight.

But neither Yu Shi Lan or Xiao Mao bothered to pay attention to it.

Yu Shi Lan was smiling.

Even though her face was a shade paler than before, but she could clearly sense that her killing intent worked and managed to kill that demonic mantis from this distance.

It was terrifying.

Still, she could sense that her mental state was not very good and it would be better for her to meditate and recover.

'This will be my trump card for the time being.' Yu Shi Lan was happy.

For an ordinary attack, the cost was indeed too high for the current her. But being able to launch an attack with strength far beyond her current realm was already a good thing for Yu Shi Lan.

She's delighted.

"Meow! Meow! Meow!" <Miss, are you crazy? You're only a Qi Refining Rank 3 and you're launching an attack through pure killing intent? Are you not afraid that the backlash and burden will cause you to die?>

Xiao Mao was terrified.

At the same time, she wanted to pull Yu Shi Lan and scold her endlessly.

Killing intent that cultivators used and the killing intent that ordinary people could give was different.

A martial artist will learn some kind of technique and the technique contained some kind of meaning of its creator. When they were at Qi Refining Stage, cultivators would never be able to understand.

They had only stepped on the path of immortality and this thing was too far away from them.

The first step was a simple imitation.

They would imitate the movement of these martial arts to get stronger.

But once they had been able to fully replicate the movements, they would start to ponder the deep meaning of these martial arts.

Not all cultivators were able to do this.

Understanding a martial art required great talent and understanding. Without both of them, they would never be able to step on it.

Some geniuses could understand the deep meaning of these martial arts, thus displaying what they called as artistic conception. The moment they showed off their martial arts, the artistic conception will also show if they had mastered it.

It's beautiful.

And it contained deep mystery for the onlookers.

Every cultivators who could learn martial arts until reaching the artistic conception was worthy of the name genius.

Xiao Mao knew that Yu Shi Lan was among them.

Because this woman somehow managed to understand the artistic conception of a sword art that she learned. Thus, whenever she made a move, there would be pictures moving around her in the sky.

It was very high profile.

And it was also because of this that Yu Shi Lan was targeted for a long time.

Such a lone genius....

Who didn't want to recruit her?

But there were also many people who coveted Yu Shi Lan for various other reasons. Either it was because of her martial arts or it was because they suspected she had some treasure that allowed her to get stronger quickly.

After all, her qualification was the five element spiritual roots.

It was already strange enough for her to advance so quickly and if her understanding was also monstrous... some people couldn't help but make a move.

And above these artistic conception is the intent.

Various weapon intent such as the sword intent, saber intent, spear intent, and so on existed.

And then there were also pure emotional intent such as killing intent.

Many cultivators might spend their entire life never understanding any of these.

But Yu Shi Lan was different.

She managed to understand two different kind of intents and applied them into her moves: the sword intent and the killing intent.

Chapter 134: Killing Intent (2)

The combination of these two intents are what allowed her to dominate and survive.

But no matter how great Yu Shi Lan's comprehension is, she didn't really learn these intents until she reached the Foundation Establishment stage. After all, she was also learning various martial arts for the first time when she entered the cultivation world.

Yu Shi Lan in the Qi Refining Stage was still relatively weaker.

But she had already practiced some martial arts until it reached the artistic conception stage.

Even if those martial arts were nothing more than low ranked martial arts...

It was still considered a remarkable achievement.

After all, no one would ever imagine that a young Qi Refining Stage cultivators could learn basic martial arts until it reached the artistic conception stage.

Well... it was mostly because Yu Shi Lan didn't have money to learn other more powerful martial arts skill.

So she could only learn the available martial arts to the peak.

This will increase her survival capabilities in the dangerous cultivation world. Besides, it didn't really take that much time for Yu Shi Lan to learn those things.

These were something that Xiao Mao found out from the fragmented memories she saw after she had a contract with Yu Shi Lan.

But this is not the point.

The point is, how dare Yu Shi Lan used these things when she knew that she couldn't have learned it at such low cultivation?!

Xiao Mao is about to go crazy.

She knew that Yu Shi Lan is sometimes a bit crazy or something, but she didn't expect the other party would directly use such skill when dealing with these weak demonic beasts.

It's overkill!

And she knew very well that Yu Shi Lan's killing intent was no longer on the early stage like when she first learned it, but it had been nourished with her killing her enemies over the years, turning into thick killing intent.

Even a small leak of killing intent would be able to kill ordinary people from the sheer pressure.

Because it had reached the point where it could form a domain.

The good thing is that Yu Shi Lan was still rational enough not to really unleash that domain or she will definitely kill herself.

But it was still bad enough that she used her killing intent just to kill that damn demonic mantis!

"Calm down, Xiao Mao." Yu Shi Lan patted the cat helplessly, trying to soothe its turbulent mood. It was obvious that Xiao Mao didn't trust Yu Shi Lan that much and was sulking.

"Meow!" <Don't give me that! Why are you using your killing intent?>

"I'm testing," Yu Shi Lan replied as she sat down, not caring about the dirty ground or anything like that. "I want to know whether it's possible to use killing intent so that if I were to encounter a powerful enemy, I'm not without a means to protect myself."

If she were to meet a powerful cultivators on the Green Planet, Yu Shi Lan would definitely unleash her killing intent and sword intents together.

Even if it meant putting her own life at risk, she would not let herself be at the mercy of others again.

Such a life is too suffocating.

She had enough in her first life.

"Meow." <It's too dangerous>

Xiao Mao frowned as she looked at Yu Shi Lan worriedly. The girl's pale face made Xiao Mao distressed.

Yu Shi Lan's physical body is that of a 17 years old teenager while her soul was over a decade older.

Still... it didn't change the fact that she's still very young.

Cultivators could live for hundreds or even thousands of years.

Compared to them, the short life of Yu Shi Lan was nothing more than a small fraction that was not worth mentioning.

"I have to test it or I wouldn't know how I'll fare in front of others. Alright, stop fussing around. I'm perfectly fine and I'll recover quickly after a short meditation," Yu Shi Lan said and took Xiao Mao out to let her stop pestering her.

Xiao Mao wanted to argue more.

But seeing Yu Shi Lan was meditating, she could only close down her cat's mouth unwillingly and sighed.

Sitting on the side and watched Yu Shi Lan meditate peacefully, Xiao Mao turned her head to look at the demonic mantis' corpse. It was a clean blow, cutting off the demonic mantis' head without letting it react in the slightest bit.

A real powerful killing intent could even trap cultivators of the golden core stage.

This demonic mantis was nothing compared to it.

The consumption to deal with powerful enemy would definitely be higher and Yu Shi Lan's current cultivation was far from enough to deal with Foundation Establishment and above cultivators.

'But this move will definitely stop those powerful cultivator from hurting Yu Shi Lan, giving her enough time to run away.'

Xiao Mao thought to herself.

When cultivators were still weak, it's best if they could run away as fast as possible if they couldn't defeat their opponents. Even if some cultivators were chivalrous, kind, and so on, Xiao Mao knew very well that those words definitely had no relationship whatsoever with her master.

Yu Shi Lan is the complete opposite.

While she was definitely not as despicable as those people who slaughtered and followed the demonic way, she was definitely not on the righteous part either.

"Fuuu..."

Before long, Yu Shi Lan had already opened her eyes and she patted Xiao Mao, who was waiting patiently.

"Let's get a few more and then find something to carry it back."

"Meow?" <A car? I see that it's a transportation in your world.> though Xiao Mao didn't know how to operate one.

Yu Shi Lan's smile froze.

She looked at her cat with resentment.

"Xiao Mao, when you take a look at my memory, have you ever seen me driving a car even once?"

The world changed when she was 17 years old and after that, only the rich could possibly drive a car.

With her poor and miserable situation, how could she learn how to drive?

Xiao Mao froze.

Seeing the resentment seeping out of Yu Shi Lan's back, she screamed and ran away without hesitation.

"Meow! Meow! Meow!"

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"Meow..."

Xiao Mao felt that she had lost hope in live.

Sprawling on Yu Shi Lan's shoulder, she looked at the sky helplessly.

Not long ago, Yu Shi Lan basically rubbed and kneaded her... she had to say that a kitten's body was really flexible. Then again, she has Qi to protect her, so she could only surrender after being tickled around by Yu Shi Lan.

Still...

Xiao Mao felt that her majesty as the demonic beast was completely gone in front of Yu Shi Lan.

She felt hopeless.

"You don't have to act so exaggeratedly, Xiao Mao." Yu Shi Lan's lips twitched when she saw Xiao Mao's performance.

She felt that this cat is simply the drama queen.

There was nothing wrong with her, right?

Yu Shi Lan was doubtful.

"Meow!" <I'm no longer majestic! Even a weak human can bully..."

Swish!

Yu Shi Lan had already held the back of Xiao Mao's neck and the latter felt cold on his spine. Seeing the smile on Yu Shi Lan's face yet there was a black aura behind her, she realized that she had misspoke again.

"What did you say, Xiao Mao?"

"Meow!" <I'm just saying that I'm now too weak to do anything!>

Xiao Mao almost cried.

Her master is so scary!

She swore that if she dared to say that Yu Shi Lan is weak, her master will definitely teach her a lesson.

Considering that her current state is even weaker than Yu Shi Lan, Xiao Mao knew that she was definitely not her master's opponent.

Xiao Mao wanted to cry.

She wanted to run away too!

Ahhh!

Her master is too terrifying.

Yu Shi Lan snorted at Xiao Mao's deliberate attempt to conceal things. She knew that Xiao Mao definitely talked bad about her again.

This was not the first time.

"Let's get a few other demonic beasts first."

Yu Shi Lan dragged the demonic mantis away from the pile of corpses. She didn't even bother to look at the pieces of meat and bones on the ground, not caring whether it came from humans or other animals.

There were simply too many people who died in the early stage after the earthquake.

Later on, more people died because they couldn't adapt to the change.

Before she left the Green Planet, many more people died because of these demonic beasts that increased rapidly.

Some insects were able to multiply very quickly.

And this train was somehow inherited by the demonic beasts of that specific species, making it difficult for the soldiers to eliminate them.

Right now, it was fine.

But later on...

Haha, it would be hell on earth.

Yu Shi Lan could still remember very clearly the day when those demonic beasts fly in the air and covered the sun. The soldiers were fighting bitterly and many of them died to protect the people.

She was staying at the back, the weak who couldn't do anything.

Her step brother used her as a shield, nearly killing her and it was at that time that Yu Shi Lan snapped and dragged him back. She didn't know where the strength in her weak body came from when she tossed him out to be eaten by those demonic beasts.

What she remembered was the disbelief and fear in her step brother's eyes.

And after that incident, she ran away.

The moment the soldiers cleared out the demonic beasts, Yu Shi Lan ran out and didn't plan to come back.

Because she knew very well that her foster parents will never let her go for what she had done to their son. They loved their son more than anything, but he was nothing more than a selfish b*stard who nearly killed her.

She had no regret for what she did.

And then Yu Shi Lan fell down the cliff, entering the cultivation world one way or another and survived there.

Yu Shi Lan's eyes flashed with a hint of hatred before she calmed herself down and walked down the road.

When she saw another demonic beast in the distance, she took out her knife, ready to attack.

Xiao Mao also obediently entered Yu Shi Lan's pocket. She knew very well that when Yu Shi Lan started fighting, she would be nothing more than a burden. If she didn't want to put Yu Shi Lan in danger, she should stay inside the pocket quietly and not disturb the other party.

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Yu Shi Lan dragged a large carriage that she found in a mall to the location agreed with Mu Ting Ye and Lin Yuan.

Xiao Mao had already come out and she looked at the pile of demonic beasts on the carriage in silence. Aside from the fact that their demonic beasts' cores have been taken out by Yu Shi Lan, there was no other difference of these demonic beasts with ordinary animals.

Well.... The main difference is in their size.

"Meow." <With so many demonic beasts, are you not afraid of scaring them, Miss?>

Xiao Mao felt that Yu Shi Lan was basically showing the skills that ordinary people would never be able to do in their entire life. If she were to bring these in front of Mu Ting Ye and Lin Yuan, would those two even dare to accept it?

She felt that Yu Shi Lan's image in their eyes would become even more mysterious.

"...What are you talking about?" Yu Shi Lan was speechless. "Those two are also martial artist and I believe that they could also do the same."

Do the same?

Xiao Mao looked at the pile of demonic beasts on the carriage and had some hesitation. She wanted to tell Yu Shi Lan that it would be impossible, yet at the same time, she felt that Yu Shi Lan wouldn't listen to her.

Even if they were martial artist, they were unable to use the Qi and thus, their strength will be weaker than Yu Shi Lan when she used the Qi.

Chapter 136: Trap

Last time, she could already beat those two people.

And fighting these demonic beasts were actually easy for Yu Shi Lan because she had a lot of fighting experience.

In the cultivation world, there were many other powerful demonic beasts that was stranger compared to these demonic beasts. Compared to them, these demonic beasts with clear weak point and obvious body shape was nothing.

Yu Shi Lan could easily kill them.

So for her, these demonic beasts were barely an exercise.

At most, it would help her to maintain her familiarity in fighting and instinct that had been honed over the years.

If it was to test her real strength... it was far from enough.

Tep.

Yu Shi Lan suddenly stopped and she looked at the distance. Her instinct was warning her that following through this road would be dangerous. Even if she's a cultivator, she was by no means immune to injuries and pain.

There were still many things on the Green Planet that could harm her.

Bullets, bombs, even swords could still cut through her.

If she really wanted to become stronger, she would have to practice hard and reached the realm where these things would never be able to hurt her anymore.

But it'll definitely take a long time.

Time that Yu Shi Lan didn't have.

"Meow." <There are something buried underground.>

Xiao Mao peeked out of Yu Shi Lan's pocket and looked at the ground. While the city has indeed turned into ruins, the sign of something being recently turned over was still very clear.

After all, dust had accumulated quite a lot in the past two months and for areas that were not usually passed by, the sign would be different.

Yu Shi Lan might be a bit careless at times, but she had survived in the cultivation world for a long time. There was a period of time where she had to live in the wilderness and naturally also paid attention to some things.

This way, she would be able to make sure she would not fall into a trap and died unexpectedly.

"Hmm." Yu Shi Lan nodded as she looked at the markings on the ground.

They tried to mask it as the usual people who passed by the areas, but Yu Shi Lan could remember that when she passed by this place earlier, the areas were not disturbed much.

The people who set up the traps were not professional.

Yu Shi Lan silently criticized these people in her mind, feeling that these people should have changed their job and not make the professional ashamed.

Xiao Mao: "..." listening to Yu Shi Lan's complaint, she was utterly speechless.

Did Yu Shi Lan never think that this is not a matter of professionalism?

"Meow!" <Miss, can't you focus on who might want to set up traps for you? There's no need to criticize their skills so much, right?>

Sometimes, Xiao Mao wondered why she hadn't gone crazy all these years when Yu Shi Lan sometimes showed this strange behavior.

"Ah... Aside from the Ping Family and the Lian Family, are there anyone else?" Yu Shi Lan said slowly. "It's not like in the cultivation world where my enemies are as numerous as the number of stars."

Xiao Mao: "..." So she knew that the number of enemies she has were insane, right?

Sometimes, Xiao Mao sincerely hoped that her master could have more self knowledge and stopped provoking people. But at the same time, she also knew that sometimes, even when Yu Shi Lan did nothing, it was those people who came to provoke her.

"Meow?" <Do they want to catch you or kill you, Miss?>

"Probably killing." Yu Shi Lan secretly casted a spell and looked through the surroundings areas. The kind of traps that can be used in the cultivation world and on the Green Planet were different, but it should be similar.

In the cultivation world, she had seen the explosion talisman, trapping formation, killing formation, and the likes.

On the Green Planet, it should be bomb, nuclear weapon, and guns, right?

Considering that her knowledge of military based weapons were extremely lacking, Yu Shi Lan was not entirely sure what she would face.

But if it was a trap...

Then a bomb is more likely.

"Meow." <How do you want to deal with them, Miss?>

"Naturally to face them in my home ground."

Home ground?

Xiao Mao was confused.

But after a few minutes, she was silent as she watched Yu Shi Lan left the carriage and then sneaked through the building. Jumping off the rooftop and moved from one building to another through the window or the rooftop, Xiao Mao could see how Yu Shi Lan moved agilely.

Even though Yu Shi Lan was actually wearing a dress, she moved extremely quickly and soon reached the area where a person was hiding. Looking at the gun in his hand, Yu Shi Lan knew that he was planning to shoot her when she appeared.

Swish!

The knife in her hand swiftly slashed through the man's throat.

Before he could realize what had happened, his vision darkened and all he felt was a faint pain on his neck before he completely lost consciousness.

The gun in his hand was taken by Yu Shi Lan and she grabbed a few grenades from the man's side. She didn't know how to use these, but she could ask Mu Ting Ye when she met him later.

The Mu Family was a military family.

He should be able to know some things, right?

Yu Shi Lan was not entirely sure.

But no matter what, she would not let her spoil be taken away by others.

"One down," Yu Shi Lan muttered and swiftly moved to another room and found another man in similar position. These people should be planning to shoot her should she managed to escape from the explosion.

Tsk, what a dirty tactic.

Yu Shi Lan expressed her disdain.

But she still honestly killed these people.

Xiao Mao stayed in Yu Shi Lan's pocket honestly, watching Yu Shi Lan killing these people as easy as killing chickens.

Chapter 137: Trap (2)

"Have you seen her?" The men sent by the Ping Family asked through the intercom.

After Old Master Ping reported this matter to the Lian Family, they felt disdainful of this matter and simply send them away. Because in their opinion, it was nothing more than a small scuffle between Yu Shi Lan and Lian Lei Xu.

The two of them were of the younger generation and it was not the business of the older generation.

Besides, Lian Lei Xu's position in the Lian Family was not that high.

They didn't think highly of that young man.

Old Master Ping was unconvinced after he found out that the Lian Family was not willing to participate in this matter. They just regarded it as the younger generation squabble and would not interfere.

But Old Master Ping couldn't do it!

His son had died because of Lian Lei Xu's order to deal with Yu Shi Lan and now the Lian Family didn't even want to acknowledge this matter, treating it as nothing more than a small incident.

He didn't even get any compensation.

They felt that Old Master Ping son's death has nothing to do with them, so why should they care about this matter?

It was already good enough that they didn't kick him out directly for making a fuss out of nothing.

When Old Master Ping heard them treating his son's death as an accident unrelated to them, he was filled with utmost resentment. He had been working hard for such a long time for the Lian Family and relying on them, the Ping Family managed to grow up so big.

A lot of money and convenience in business.

That was why Old Master Ping remained loyal to the Ping Family and didn't try to overstep his bounds.

Even his own son was close to the Lian Family.

But now...

Heh.

Old Master Ping felt that it would be stupid to hope for these people to have any conscience. They were nothing more than businessmen who cared for profit more than anything else.

Once someone was no longer of use to them, they would discard them without hesitation.

Clearly, the Ping Family that he had was included among them.

It was already useless, so the Lian Family would not even bother trying to keep up the facade and treated him rudely. Many families under the Lian Family had already been broken up in the past two months.

The earthquake caused such a huge change.

The ambitious and capable rises up.

Those who were unable to keep up with the changes were swept away and become the loser in the battle.

It was tragic.

But Old Master Ping felt nothing. He had always known that the business world was extremely cruel. Someone could be extremely rich at one moment and the next second, he became a pauper who had nothing in his hand.

And the competition in the recent time was even more ruthless.

The resources that were scattered around were being contended over by people of various forces. Aside from avoiding the military who have the complete weapon and advantage, they would easily attack other forces.

The Ping Family naturally has enough men on their own too.

But compared to the Lian Family... it was nothing more than a small faction.

Old Master Ping was resentful, but he didn't dare to attack the Lian Family, so he could only turn his head towards Yu Shi Lan.

It was fine for the Lian Family to despise him.

But who is this Yu Shi Lan?

She's nothing more than an orphan who could be easily bullied by others.

Even if she had learned some martial arts to protect herself, Old Master Ping didn't think too highly about it. He believed that under the suppression of weapons and the elites of the Ping Family, Yu Shi Lan will definitely die!

So Old Master Ping sent his men to set up traps on the road that Yu Shi Lan picked.

She went out of the base on her own because she's confident in her strength, but Old Master Ping felt that she was nothing.

The Lian Family didn't want to help him, then he would send his own people.

It was not like he couldn't do anything.

Now, Old Master Ping was listening to the report of his subordinates. One of them said that they spotted Yu Shi Lan in the distance, pushing a carriage that contained a few mutated animals.

Mutated animals?

"Is she so powerful that she can deal with these mutated animals?" Old Master Ping felt that something was strange.

He had seen Yu Shi Lan showed off her martial arts and dealt with those bodyguards once. But her movements were not very good in his eyes and only a bit faster, which is why she can deal with them.

Now the people he sent were all elites of his men.

Moreover, he also equipped them with the weapons that he obtained from the Lian Family and some other things.

These things were actually banned weapons.

The weapon control in their country was extremely strict, so one had to rely on some gray channel to obtain it. The Lian Family was able to grow so big partially because they controlled some channels to obtain weapons.

What they used it for, Old Master Ping didn't know.

But it was good that he was able to equip himself with enough weapons or it would be difficult to deal with that Yu Shi Lan.

"Dealing with a few mutated animals are nothing."

Old Master Ping frowned and simply waited for his men to send him news.

But even after more than an hour had passed, no one send him anything.

Old Master Ping fidgeted and took the intercom.

"What's the current situation now? Have you dealt with that b*tch Yu Shi Lan?" He asked but there was no answer.

The communication channel was quiet.

So quiet that it's eerie.

Old Master Ping frowned in confusion.

Chapter 138: Trap (3)

Thud!

Yu Shi Lan looked at the intercom that was yelling beside the man's fallen body and her expression turned a bit strange.

This was not the first time she was being cursed by others, so Yu Shi Lan didn't feel anything.

Many people had cursed her to die miserably and so on.

Well, her 'death' could be considered to be quite miserable since she failed in her breakthrough. It was quite embarrassing for a cultivator to fail... though it was not that rare for this to happen.

Many cultivators had died during their breakthrough either because they have no ability or they were not prepared enough.

In her case, perhaps she was not prepared enough.

Yu Shi Lan was not entirely sure.

And she wasn't about to think too much about it. It's better to focus on her current life than to dwell on her past.

"Meow." <Someone else is giving them the instruction, Miss. Do you plan to deal with the other party?>

Xiao Mao asked knowingly.

Yu Shi Lan was not the type to leave things to chance and if there's an opportunity presented in front of her, she will naturally take it.

"I'll wait until he's out of the base," Yu Shi Lan said calmly.

She didn't want to kill indiscriminately inside the base for the time being. After all, her goal was to kill her foster parents and step brother.

Taking the weapon from these guys, Yu Shi Lan then left without hesitation.

As for the person on the other side of the communication device?

Yu Shi Lan knew that it was Old Master Ping. The voice was still the same and that old man didn't bother trying to mask it. It seemed as if he thought that everyone else in this world is stupid and couldn't see through it.

Or perhaps he simply didn't care.

Even if Yu Shi Lan were to know that he was the one who wanted her life, Old Master Ping would think that she couldn't do anything.

Heh.

How stupid.

"Meow." <Yes, Miss~.>

Seeing Xiao Mao being so leisurely, Yu Shi Lan rolled her eyes. "When can you recover your strength?"

Xiao Mao paused and tilted her head. "Meow." <I'll recover naturally when you reach the Foundation Establishment, Miss. At that time, I should have recovered part of my strength and wouldn't be so weak like this.>

She noticed that whenever Yu Shi Lan made a move, she would pay attention to the fact that Xiao Mao was staying in her pocket. Because Xiao Mao's current strength was too weak!

So weak that even an ordinary attack could easily kill her.

Yu Shi Lan didn't want to lose Xiao Mao, so she will naturally restrain her movements when attacking, making sure that she didn't hurt Xiao Mao in the slightest bit.

"Let's go."

She didn't bother cleaning up the corpses.

The demonic beasts around the area would be able to do such a job.

Even if they didn't, it was also fine as Yu Shi Lan didn't care too much. In this cold weather, the corpse will take longer to rot, so it shouldn't stink too much. And she knew that the military might send people to clean up in the future.

After all, she remembered that the road was relatively clean in her previous life.

Since someone else will clean up the corpses in the future, Yu Shi Lan didn't want to do this thankless job.

The presence of these corpses didn't bother her anyway.

Yu Shi Lan came to her carriage and started pushing the carriage through a different road. She was not familiar with bombs placement and so on, so she chose not to touch the traps that these people set up.

As for whether other people will fall for it...

Why should she care?

It's not her fault but the Ping Family for doing such an immoral thing.

With that in mind, Yu Shi Lan left without hesitation.

Old Master Ping was naturally anxious and will send people to check the area. When his men came to the location, they found that all people that Old Master Ping sent died and one of them unfortunately triggered the trap.

A loud explosion came from this direction.

Many people turned to look when they heard it, but no one dared to truly step forward and see what had happened there. They all knew that it would be better to stay away from this kind of thing.

Only the military send people to the scene.

And when they saw the explosion that took place, the general was angry that someone dared to use banned weapons.

"Do a strict review! Don't think that these people can do anything they want just because they have some money and influence!" The general gave direct order to the people who followed behind him.

The world was already in turmoil because of the earthquake, the cold temperature, and the appearance of those demonic beasts.

They wouldn't be able to stand it if there were more things.

So it's better to nip this problem in the bud and warn those people who thought that they were above the laws.

Among the soldiers, Mu Ting Yu and Lu Han Yu were present.

They looked at the scene and then at the corpses of the people who died with a strange expression.

Because they could guess very well that the person who did it definitely knew martial arts and the level shouldn't be low. Otherwise, it would be unreasonable for them to be able to kill so cleanly like this.

Old Master Ping's men failed to clean up in time because they triggered the bomb.

This left behind a lot of evidences.

And through the way these people died, Mu Ting Yu and Lu Han Yu had some guesses.

"They died from a slash, so the weapon is more likely a knife or a sword... based on the angle, knife is more likely," Lu Han Yu whispered in a low voice to Mu Ting Yu.

Chapter 139: Knife

A knife.

Mu Ting Yu's expression was not very good.

He knew very well that this was definitely not the work of his younger brother, Mu Ting Ye. Because his younger brother's favorite weapon was spear and if he was truly threatened, he would definitely charge forward instead of assassinating quietly like this.

It was not like his brother couldn't do it...

But Mu Ting Yu knew that Mu Ting Ye wouldn't do something like this.

His younger brother is not a murderer.

The problem is... the same couldn't be said to Mu Ting Ye's senior and junior brother and sisters. The people under his master came from all walks of life, each of them have their own set of three views.

When the world was peaceful, they would never do anything outrageous as they were still bound by laws.

Besides, no one wanted to challenge the country and act arbitrarily.

But now the country was in chaos and various areas couldn't be reached. In the early stage after the earthquake, many people were still restrained as they thought that help would come soon and lives would return to normal.

As time passed, many people will slowly realize that it was wrong.

The world was no longer the same as it used to be.

Without the laws to restrain these people outside the bases... would they be willing to follow it?

Mu Ting Yu highly doubt it.

"I know," Mu Ting Yu said in a low voice, clearly not feeling too delighted by the news brought by Lu Han Yu.

Seeing Mu Ting Yu like that, Lu Han Yu shrugged and said, "Try to ask your little brother. He might know something."

Mu Ting Yu was silent.

He knew very well how protective Mu Ting Ye is to his senior and juniors of the same master. Even if they were in the wrong, Mu Ting Ye will figure out a way to justify their actions and protected them.

Some of them came from ordinary backgrounds.

But those who came from similar backgrounds like Mu Ting Ye would behave the same way.

It was really difficult to divide these people.

So if the person who did it was really related to Mu Ting Ye, Mu Ting Yu felt that he would never be able to gain anything from his younger brother.

It was troublesome.

Lu Han Yu saw Mu Ting Yu's expression and said nothing else to persuade the latter. Because he knew very well that even if Mu Ting Yu and Mu Ting Ye were brothers, there were some things that the two of them disagreed with each other.

Otherwise, the two of them would not have fought a lot.

He had already seen the siblings fight with each other in the past because of various matters.

But Mu Ting Ye was still somewhat respectful to his older brother.

At the very least, he would not do anything that could possibly harm his family members even if he disagreed with their decision.

"Come on, the general is waiting for us," Lu Han Yu said and then walked in the direction where the general was going.

Mu Ting Yu looked at his friend's back and sighed.

When he came back, he will try to ask Mu Ting Ye about this matter. Even if it might not yield him any result, he still had to show the stance in front of his younger brother.

He pinched his forehead tiredly.

He hoped that Mu Ting Ye will not turn hostile directly after he mentioned this matter later.

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At this time, Mu Ting Ye still didn't know about this incident.

He was practicing on his own outside of the base, recalling what his master told him about his future practice.

Bang! Bang!

A lot of rubles were destroyed in Mu Ting Ye's hand.

'But it still feels not enough to defeat her.' Mu Ting Ye rubbed his hand together, thinking about how he had somehow become a bit obsessed to defeat Yu Shi Lan. Clearly he still has senior brother and sisters who were stronger than him, but his mind was filled with Yu Shi Lan's action yesterday.

And the more he thought about it, the more excited he became.

He even used the medicinal bath at night, testing out the recipe that Yu Shi Lan gave to him. While it did improve his physical strength, he felt that it had more effect on the inside rather than outside.

And it seemed to complement him well.

Mu Ting Ye felt that when he met with Yu Shi Lan, he also had to thank her for exchanging the recipe with him.

It worked extremely well.

'Hmm?'

Feeling his phone vibrate, Mu Ting Ye took it out and saw a message from Yu Shi Lan. The two of them had basically exchanged contact information a long time ago, but the signal tower was broken and only the few around the bases were repaired to allow communication.

He used some tricks some time ago to be able to send the videos of Lian Lei Xu's embarrassment to the Lian Family.

But if he wanted to contact the others, not all of them were available.

Yu Shi Lan was included among them.

Mu Ting Ye had already seen the model that she used and it would be pipe dream to contact him before the signal tower was restored. Afterwards, Mu Ting Ye didn't know where Yu Shi Lan is.

Only after seeing her in the base did they start contacting each other again.

But since they could meet directly, why should he use his phone?

It's not cost effective.

Their last message before this was the videos that they sent to each other. Now Yu Shi Lan sent him a message, telling him that she wanted to exchange a few mutated animals' corpses.

'So fast?'

Mu Ting Ye looked at the sky and saw that it was only slightly after the afternoon.

If Yu Shi Lan had already found some mutated animals and even deal with them... she's really strong.

Chapter 140: Trade

But Mu Ting Ye didn't think too much about this and simply made his way to the agreed location, an abandoned gym. It was relatively closed and the door was big, so even if they brought the demonic beasts' corpses inside, they could still transport it back easily.

He made his way to the gym while contacting Lin Yuan.

After all, the one who managed the trade personally was Lin Yuan and Mu Ting Ye didn't have that much knowledge over all areas.

He only participated occasionally.

Because it was fun to see Lin Yuan managed to secure a deal that was far higher than their expectation. From time to time, Mu Ting Ye would also give his own suggestion to Lin Yuan and then they would split the profit.

Naturally Lin Yuan took the bulk since he was the one who did more.

Mu Ting Ye didn't care that he got less since he's just joining in for the sake of the fun and all.

Swish!

When Mu Ting Ye arrived at the gym, he saw that Yu Shi Lan was already there. In front of her was a large carriage containing a few mutated animals' corpses. Judging from the condition of these mutated animals, they should have been killed in less than a few hours.

It seemed that Yu Shi Lan's fighting efficiency was really high.

"You're here..." Yu Shi Lan paused after greeting Mu Ting Ye.

She looked at the man in front of her and blinked her eyes in surprise.

Because she could sense the Qi was attracted into Mu Ting Ye's body. And it was the pure Qi and not the demonic Qi that affected these animals and transformed them. Natural Qi existed even before the earthquake but the amount was too small for people to notice and use them.

Yu Shi Lan herself had to look around to find a place to meditate when she first came back because the Qi concentration was simply too thin.

And the scene like Mu Ting Ye where the Qi would be attracted to a cultivator without them doing anything was incredibly rare.

Moreover...

She could see that Mu Ting Ye didn't realize it at all. The Qi entered his body and helped to strengthen his body slowly but surely. If he had a spiritual root, it would slowly let him become a Qi Refining Cultivator even without him doing anything.

Yu Shi Lan: "..." she suddenly became envious.

If she could have such a physique, she would have long become a Qi Refining Rank 4 cultivator!

Unfortunately, such physique was rare and even in the cultivation world, Yu Shi Lan didn't remember meeting many of them.

Most of them were people with ordinary physique.

What they have was spiritual root that would allow them to become cultivator and their own determination to practice. Because the path of cultivators are extremely long and thorny.

Without enough willpower, they will never be able to walk until the very end.

"Did you wait for long?" Mu Ting Ye saw that Yu Shi Lan suddenly paused and gave a sheepish grin. "I was training for a bit before coming here. I come here as fast as possible after receiving your message."

Mu Ting Ye looked like he was about to swear that he was not trying to delaying time and was extremely sincere, so Yu Shi Lan quickly stopped him.

"No, it's not because of that. I'm just wondering whether you will come earlier or Lin Yuan," Yu Shi Lan quickly said.

No, this is also a lie.

She just couldn't tell Mu Ting Ye about the existence of Qi unless he already knew about it. If she were to reveal to him that she knew about this matter... she might end up attracting the attention of other cultivators who are also present on the Green Planet.

Yu Shi Lan didn't want that.

"Oh." Mu Ting Ye breathed a sigh of relief and then frowned.

Why did he not want Yu Shi Lan to misunderstand him?

It was not like he was late for a long time?

"Anyway, can I take a look at the mutated animals first?" Mu Ting Ye suppressed the strange thoughts in his brain and pointed at the carriage containing those mutated animals' corpses.

"Sure." Yu Shi Lan nodded and moved away, allowing Mu Ting Ye to come forward and check the content.

These demonic beasts were all killed in clean blows and Yu Shi Lan had already taken out their beast cores. These beast cores were not that useful for her but Yu Shi Lan had no plan to let others took advantage of her.

Mu Ting Ye checked the corpses for a moment and his eyes flickered slightly. "Hmm, the price might not be as high as usual, Yu Shi Lan."

"Oh, why?"

"Hmm, these mutated animals had some kind of core that seemed to be the source of their mutation." Mu Ting Ye held his hand to form the shape of a ball and then added, "The cores are what the researchers mainly try to research. From what I know, they didn't seem to be able to do anything to it yet."

Yu Shi Lan blinked her eyes.

It seemed that the people on the Green Planet were not so stupid.

They could still notice that these demonic beasts' cores were the spruce of these demonic beasts' power. But it was wrong to say that these beast cores were the source of the demonic beasts' mutation.

The demonic beasts' cores were formed just like how cultivators formed their golden core, but much earlier and much weaker.

It was the place where the demonic beasts store their energy.

Humans also have dantian where they stored their energy, but it would remain relatively fragile until they reached Golden Core Stage.

...Well, a Golden Core Cultivator could still have their dantian shattered if the blows are too big, though.

For demonic beasts, their beast cores are the place where they stored their demonic Qi and it would replenish as time passed, especially in places with thick concentration of demonic Qi.