

Cultivator in the Last Days

Chapter 16: Cultivator

"Huh?" Yu Shi Lan frowned. "Isn't there the understanding of time over there?"

If she was not wrong, once they reached nascent stage, they would have to start studying laws of the world, including the law of time, casual, space, various elements, and so on. Normally, a cultivator will pick a certain topic to choose and time was known to be the most difficult one.

Even the greatest genius couldn't guarantee that they have talent in understanding time.

"Meow." <Yes, but you fail to become a nascent soul cultivator during the tribulation. Normally, your soul should have shattered due to your failure and you wouldn't even be able to return, but because of our contract, I managed to save your life at critical moment.>

It was just that Xiao Mao knew that she would be weak for a long period of time.

In other words: Xiao Mao is an ordinary cat now.

Xiao Mao is sad.

Thankfully, this is temporary, but Yu Shi Lan would have to protect herself carefully during this period of time.

So after Xiao Mao explained to Yu Shi Lan, she saw the other party froze and looked over at Xiao Mao with a complicated expression.

"Meow?" <Yu Shi Lan?>

"You want me, who's not even a Qi Refinement Rank 1 to protect an ordinary cat when there will be mutated animals out there?" Yu Shi Lan asked while gritting her teeth.

She had already thought that her life will be difficult after she came back to this time point, but she didn't expect that it would be this difficult!

Her body was weaker than ordinary human and even becoming a cultivator at Qi Refinement Rank 1 wouldn't help her much. In the early stage, people might still be polite to each other, but when they were desperate and there was a fight for resources, Yu Shi Lan couldn't guarantee that she would be able to protect herself.

She was already ready to live a life of danger.

Now, she was told that the already hell level mission had added another difficulty.

How could Yu Shi Lan calm down?

"Meow, meow, meow!" <Yu Shi Lan, Yu Shi Lan, don't faint! You still have to survive!>

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It took only a few seconds for Yu Shi Lan to calm down. After being tempered in the cultivation world, she naturally has greater psychological quality.

Isn't it just to keep the cat safe?

"You better stay in my pocket and don't come out." Yu Shi Lan looked at the naughty cat coldly.

Thankfully, Xiao Mao had become a small cat. Otherwise, Yu Shi Lan couldn't imagine how it would be for her to protect such a big cat.

"Meow" <I know, I know, you're so nagging>

Yu Shi Lan rolled her eyes and ignored this naughty cat.

While she was thankful for the cat, but thinking about the fact that she had to protect the cat in the future, Yu Shi Lan felt that her future would be bleak. She sighed deeply when she thought about this and simply started meditating.

It wouldn't take long for her to reach Qi Refinement Rank 1.

Xiao Mao saw this and leapt to the fallen racks behind Yu Shi Lan while pulling the blanket to cover up the other party. There were other people in this mall and it would be better to let them think that Yu Shi Lan was still sleeping or resting.

<The Qi is turbulent in this world.>

Even though Xiao Mao couldn't use her ability for the time being, but her sensitivity was higher than Yu Shi Lan.

She could clearly feel that the natural disaster seemed to be caused by the Qi imbalance or perhaps because of some laws that were disturbed.

This disturbance was subtle and erupted yesterday.

The eruption came in the form of earthquake and then followed by the rain that contained the terrible virus. These viruses almost had no effect on humans but the same couldn't be said to other creatures on the Green Planet.

Thanks to the rise of the Qi, she was also able to appear beside Yu Shi Lan.

Otherwise, Xiao Mao might have stayed in Yu Shi Lan's consciousness in the soul form for a much longer time.

While it might be a good thing because this meant Yu Shi Lan didn't need to protect her, but Xiao Mao would grow weaker day by day if she stayed in the soul form until eventually disappearing.

So, this was actually the best arrangement.

Xiao Mao was still thinking when she sensed the Qi fluctuation from Yu Shi Lan in front of her and her fluffy tail swayed lightly in happiness.

Qi Refinement Rank 1.

From now on, Yu Shi Lan is a cultivator.

Even though this cultivator's body was weaker than normal cultivators of the same age...

Chapter 17: There's no Point in Being Anxious

"Can't we get out?" The female customer from last night looked haggard. She was not used to sleep in unfamiliar place and the earthquake last night made her unable to sleep well.

Now that it was already morning and she couldn't bear to sleep again, she simply asked the two people who were also trapped here.

Oh wrong, there were three people.

But the last one was a young girl and she didn't think the other party would be able to help her get out of this place. It would be better to rely on these two strong men if she truly wanted to get out.

"We can try to move the table away by working together, but there's no guarantee," the employee said calmly, not that bothered with the fact that they couldn't get out of this supermarket.

"Let's try to move it slightly to this side. As long as we can open up a path enough for one to two people, it would be enough." The security guard pointed in one direction.

"Oh."

The two people worked hard together and Yu Shi Lan came after she had finished her cultivation and took Xiao Mao to take a large amount of dried fish. This cat was really greedy, but thankfully she didn't ask Yu Shi Lan to hunt demonic beast like before.

Otherwise, Yu Shi Lan would have to give up.

Because she couldn't find any in the current world.

When she came closer, the two people had already stopped moving the things around and was currently resting.

"I want to get out!" The female customer almost yelled in anger as she watched the two people worked for hours but the path was not enough to let the men passed and only she could possibly come out.

"Miss, if you're in such a hurry, you can try to get out first. We'll come out later," the supermarket employee said in laidback manner.

"You're so easy going."

"There's no point in being so anxious." The supermarket employee shrugged. "If I'm being so impatient, I'll not get anything and even possibly hurt myself. It's better to enjoy my life and being stuck in the supermarket is not a bad thing."

He glanced at the large amount of resources there and felt that even if he were to stay here for a month, it would be nothing much.

"Hmm, right." The security guard also nodded and then went to take some food to eat.

Anyway, they didn't have to pay right now, so he better take the advantage to bring some resources.

The female customer originally wanted to leave right away. But after she heard their words, she quickly packed some food and other resources away in a backpack before she went out.

While these three people were busy selecting resources, Yu Shi Lan had already slipped out through the path that has been opened.

"Meow?" <Do you want to get out of here now? The place outside might not be any better than the supermarket>

Xiao Mao glanced out and saw that there were actually a lot of corpses crushed in this mall. They failed to come out at the last moment and then got crushed to their death.

"Huh... the situation here is worse than what I thought before." Yu Shi Lan saw the inside and then looked out.

The outer wall was intact but the inside was not that well preserved.

No wonder she thought that she would be safe if she stayed here...

Well, she still has some luck because the exit path was still there.

"Meow?" <Yu Shi Lan? You haven't answered my question.>

"No." Yu Shi Lan shook her head. "I'll stay here for a while until the soldiers come to pick up the survivors. Going out now is the same as inviting troubles."

Her weak body definitely couldn't survive if she has to fight against others. And there were some things in her hand that she couldn't hand over to others.

It would be better to be save than sorry.

So Yu Shi Lan will stay in this supermarket temporarily until she was strong enough to go out on her own or the soldiers came to pick up people to the temporary base.

The temporary base was the location where most people gathered and it was built by the officials. It could also be said to be safest place in the entire area, especially if Yu Shi Lan considered what would happen later in the future.

Chapter 18: Wait

After answering Xiao Mao, Yu Shi Lan continued to walk forward and then stopped in front of a ruined jewelry store. She was grateful that there were jewelry stores in the mall and this will definitely allow her to find some valuable items.

"Meow?" <What are you trying to find? These metals are useless to make weapon and you can't eat them.>

Xiao Mao looked at these things on the ground with disdain. Her cute cat face was slightly raised, making her look even more adorable with her arrogant gesture.

Yu Shi Lan chuckled. "I don't need the gold either. What I want to find is jade."

"Meow?" <Jade?> Xiao Mao looked confused for a moment before she seemed to remember something. <Are you thinking about making those talismans? But you're only Qi Refinement Rank 1 and normally one need to be above Qi Refinement Rank 6 to make useful talisman.>

Because the amount of Qi needed and the precise control needed to make the talisman was extremely difficult.

"I know, so I only make the simplified one." Yu Shi Lan then showed the jade pendant that she wore to Xiao Mao while crouching down to find any valuable jade among them.

To be honest, she planned to buy it herself at first.

But her foster parents were simply too wasteful and the amount of money left was not that much. Considering that she still has to buy enough warm takeout food, Yu Shi Lan could only restrain herself and only bought one.

The jade hairpin lost its pendant, but Yu Shi Lan still kept it for the time being.

"Meow." <Space storage talisman... your talent in space is still as high as ever>

Xiao Mao's tail swayed slightly after she checked the talisman that Yu Shi Lan made. She had long known that Yu Shi Lan has great talent for space, which might be the reason why the two of them had such a high compatibility to the point of directly signing a soul contract.

After all, her own ability was related to time and space, a very rare cat breed in the cultivation world.

"Of course." Yu Shi Lan smiled proudly.

"Meow." <But your elemental control is a mess.>

Yu Shi Lan's smile paused and she looked at the cat resentfully. After messing around with Xiao Mao's fur until the cat was about to explode, she took out the jade that she had finally found.

Most jewelries were using gold and silver with only some occasionally sold jade pendants.

So it was more difficult for Yu Shi Lan to find it.

"Meow?" <Miss, there are also jade bracelets and jade accessory. Why don't you take them together?>

"It's harder to carve on a bracelet and a necklace," Yu Shi Lan answered truthfully. With her little amount of Qi, the fastest one would be a pendant, but there were not many of them here.

"Meow!" <Just take them first! It's not like you will take that long to reach a few stages of Qi Refinement!>

Xiao Mao looked at Yu Shi Lan with one of its claw raised, ready to fight Yu Shi Lan if she disagreed. In her opinion, Yu Shi Lan just needed to have enough time to recover her strength.

Even if Yu Shi Lan couldn't advance to nascent stage because of the heart tribulation that she has to pass through, reaching golden core stage again shouldn't be that difficult.

But Yu Shi Lan's current body is indeed very weak.

It might take a few years for Yu Shi Lan to reach golden core stage if she has to nourish her body first.

Sigh

Xiao Mao felt that her owner was really unlucky.

"Alright, alright."

Yu Shi Lan could only take the rest of the jade materials and then walked away. She planned to make the second space storage talisman and carried a few more supplies from the supermarket before leaving.

While she might not use them all in the end, she could exchange it with some things that she needed.

So... rice, flour, and eggs should be the most important thing.

Hmm, the supermarket's electricity has been cut for some time, hopefully those things were still good.

rustle

"Who is it?" Yu Shi Lan turned to the side and saw a young teenager walking out. He looked at Yu Shi Lan with some hesitation and then asked, "Big Sister, do you have any food?"

Chapter 19: Weakened State

"Kid, take a look at where you are and you can know the answer to that question," Yu Shi Lan said bluntly and then ignored the kid.

She knew very well that this kind of people only wanted to tricks others when they saw other people, so Yu Shi Lan didn't want to play with the other party.

"But, big sister, I'm hungry." The child looked at Yu Shi Lan with pleading look.

Unfortunately, Yu Shi Lan didn't bother to pay attention and simply walked to the escalator where she came from and slipped inside once again. She planned to stay in the supermarket for the time being.

When the soldiers came back, they would definitely make a lot of noises and at that time, she could come out and join the group.

"Where have you been?" The female customer looked at Yu Shi Lan with suspicion. She had just finished selecting a large amount of resources and put them into the backpack. If it was not because she couldn't carry more, she would have added more things.

"Outside," Yu Shi Lan replied and then said, "There are a lot of people out there grabbing resources. It's a bit messy."

There were still a lot of resources right now, so people would not directly trick each other. But some people had already started to do so, targeting the weak women and children so that they could have more resources.

In a way, they were really disgusting.

"Uh..." the female customer, who planned to go out, immediately shrink back.

If she came out and then got robbed, what would she do?

It's really troublesome.

"It's not that surprising." The male employee yawned and then picked some canned meat and milk to eat. "It's hard to find a place to stay and this building looks relatively sturdy. I don't know where to sleep if I come out now."

The security guard also nodded when he heard that.

It seemed to be true.

While the female customer still wanted to go out instead of staying in this place without any electricity and so on, she knew that it would be unrealistic for her to come out on her own, so she also picked a place and sat down.

The four of them were maintaining their distance.

It was obvious that they didn't want to be accidentally hurt by others or be framed.

"Well, let's just wait."

Yu Shi Lan didn't pay attention to the others. For the rest of the day, she simply spent her day making another space storage talisman. Since she's already a Qi Refinement Rank 1, she made it faster than yesterday, but it still took a few hours.

"Meow." <so slow>

Xiao Mao looked at Yu Shi Lan with suspicion.

"Not enough Qi," Yu Shi Lan whispered.

She also knew some low level spell that Qi Refinement Rank 1 could use, but it could barely protect herself. Most of the spells learned by Qi Refinement Rank 1 cultivators were nothing more than auxiliary kind of spells.

Those were mostly useless in a battle.

Besides, why would two Qi Refinement Rank 1 cultivator fight?

They would rather spend their time meditating and cultivating so that they could become an Immortal as soon as possible.

"Meow..." <The Green Planet has more Qi than before, so it didn't seem to be that difficult for people to cultivate to become a cultivator. But it's unlikely for them to reach the Golden Core stage without special resources.>

"Mhm..." Yu Shi Lan frowned.

Back in the cultivation world, she had also eaten some rare resources that she managed to find. It was really bad and Yu Shi Lan felt that her luck was not particularly good.

Perhaps her own luck has been exhausted before.

After all, her own life was far from the word 'lucky' in every sense.

"Meow." <You already have experience of becoming a cultivator, but because I brought you back, your soul is weaker, Master. There's a chance that you might not even be able to become a Golden Core Stage Cultivator anymore too without sufficient resource to repair your soul.>

"Ah, I know."

Yu Shi Lan guessed as much.

She felt that her body was weaker than in her first life, which made her realize that turning back time should have cost her something.

Even if she couldn't really see it herself, something should have been taken away from her or something has changed quietly without her realizing it.

Still, having the chance to relive her life again is actually a very great opportunity.

Chapter 20: Regrets

People have a lot of regrets in their life.

In Yu Shi Lan's life, the things that she regretted could be used to make extremely long list. Even though there were many outrageous things that she did when she was younger, her greatest regret was indeed to let her foster parents took advantage of her identity and bullied a lot of people.

Now that she had taken herself out of the family registration, they couldn't do it again.

The problem is, Yu Shi Lan was only 17 years old.

If she hadn't told the person in charge that she will be 18 this year, they would not have agreed to let her separate her household residence. After all, a minor needed to have guardian to take care of them.

Yu Shi Lan played pity and said that she wanted to live by herself because she felt that her family was too poor. She barely ate enough and so on.

Well, she didn't really say that much.

But she could guess that the staff and the person in charge might end up thinking too much.

After all, her performance at that time was indeed quite convincing even for them.

Seeing such a child being bullied might have tugged their heartstring.

'I should have taken drama course if the world hadn't changed.' Yu Shi Lan chuckled to herself when she thought about this.

Because she knew very well that most of her acting could look genuine because she had seen and experienced so many things.

Ah...

Forget it.

"Let's get enough resources."

Yu Shi Lan glanced to the side and saw that more and more people were coming in. They have opened up the path in the escalator but instead of leaving, they chose to stay here.

Since Yu Shi Lan had finished making the second space storage talisman, she used it to get a lot of other resources that she hadn't taken before, including some spare quilts and mattress.

What if she needed to camp outside?

Yu Shi Lan silently took camping equipments too.

"Meow." <You really need these strange things?> Xiao Mao was pressing her soft paw on a thick mattress and felt confused.

"Yes, don't you like sleeping on top of the mattress?" Yu Shi Lan asked and rubbed Xiao Mao's head.

Now, most of her space has been filled and Yu Shi Lan felt a bit awkward for wearing two necklace at the same time. But this is also the safest place because most people would not reach out to look at her necklace when it's right in front of her chest.

And Yu Shi Lan also made sure to keep it hidden beneath her clothes.

"That's my food!"

"No, it's mine."

With more people crowding the supermarket, it was getting harder to sleep peacefully.

Yu Shi Lan also realized this and didn't hesitate to bring her blanket and a backpack out of the supermarket. Since there were still many resources on the ground, no one paid attention to her.

After all, they would not steep so low that they would rob other people just because they have some resources.

The resources in the supermarket was still plenty.

"Meow?" <Miss, are you not planning to stay in the supermarket and then get more resources before leaving?> Xiao Mao felt that it would be a waste to leave now. There were still a lot of resources left in the supermarket.

Due to the limitation of her Qi and materials, the space storage talisman was not that big in space, but it was enough to keep a lot of things for her.

Yu Shi Lan looked at Xiao Mao speechlessly. "Do you really think that you can escape if you leave later?"

When the amount of resources in the mall become scarce, that was when human's heart would be challenged the most.

While it would probably not escalate so much, but it would be troublesome.

Yu Shi Lan had already experienced a lot of drama and she has no interest to experience more right now. It would be better for her to go out and find a place to rest.

After looking around, she finally picked a relatively intact bookstore and spread out the mattress before sleeping with the blanket.

"Hmm, there's someone here," the male employee from before was standing not far from Yu Shi Lan and then finally picked the store opposite of her.

Yu Shi Lan glanced at him and realized that even though this man looked laid back and lazy, he was actually very smart.