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"You have just told me not to train too hard and the next moment, you told me to train harder." Yu Shi Lan was amused and poked the cat's forehead tenderly.

The only one who would care for her is this little cat...a Soul Spirit Cat who had been accompanying her for such a long time.

Even though she never thought about provoking others...

She had a lot of enemies.

Be it in this world or in the cultivation world, Yu Shi Lan has so many enemies that it was difficult to face them. It took her a long time to climb up to a high position and basically stepped on their corpses to do so.

Because her battle with them gave her a lot of experience that she needed in order to survive.

"Meow." <I can't help it. You need both of it.>

"I know."

Yu Shi Lan quickly cleaned up and walked out of the building without hesitation. The temperature outside had dropped and there were a lot of people who had died because of the rain some time ago.

Being exposed to the rain and the viruses, it would make them sick.

Even though the viruses didn't have much effect on humans and affected the animals and plants more, it still disturbed their immune system. What followed was nothing more than the devastation.

How many people died in the past few days, Yu Shi Lan didn't know.

'There are people.'

Before Yu Shi Lan could climb down the office building, she sensed that there were some people approaching and her footsteps stopped. She narrowed her eyes and ducked away behind the cabinet.

"Meow?" <Miss, you can just bypass them, right?>

Even if some people have evil intention, there were also many people who would not bother with strangers.

So when they passed by each other, they would only take a glance and then left without hesitation.

Xiao Mao didn't understand why Yu Shi Lan had to avoid everyone.

"No," Yu Shi Lan said without hesitation.

She looked at these people who were carrying metal bats and knife with her eyes narrowed. Even though they were not directly exuding any killing intent or anything like that, her instinct was telling her that she should not come into contact with them.

Her luck hadn't been good and she ended up being injured over and over again.

But Yu Shi Lan didn't want to fight.

Her body was still weaker than ordinary people.

The Qi could only nourish and protect her body to a certain degree. If she overdid it, she will still die.

Perhaps sensing that her Master was extremely nervous, Xiao Mao was also quiet and rested in her pocket quietly.

She didn't dare to come out.

"Boss, there are no one here."

"Continue to collect resources," the man called the boss said without hesitation. There were a lot of small stores here and food would become scarce.

Those who wanted to rise up had to obtain enough resources if they wanted to survive and made a name for themselves.

"Yes, Boss!"

"What do you think of these things, Boss?"

Yu Shi Lan was looking from the side and watched as they took the resources in methodical manner. It was the store right beside this building and she looked to the back.

Is there any back door?

It would be safer for her to leave from that route instead of bumping onto these people.

"Collect them all." The boss was satisfied when he saw a large number of rice bags. Before the military could take them all, he wanted to collect enough resources and possibly traded them for something else.

Only by having enough food would it be possible for him to build his power.

"Yes, Boss!"

"Hmph!"

The man looked in Yu Shi Lan's hiding location and there was ferociousness in his eyes.

At this moment, Yu Shi Lan knew that it was not good and quickly jumped back.

She was cursing in her heart because she had the feeling that her breath hiding skills or it could be called presence reduction skill was not very good. Her Qi was not enough to support it.

Damn it!

She really need to train hard and advance as fast as possible or she would end up being chased every 100 meters.

Bang!

The power that exploded from the man made Yu Shi Lan's eyes widened in disbelief. Even Xiao Mao looked like her cat eyes were about to pop out in shock.

"Meow?" <There are cultivators in this world? How come they're so strong like this?>

This is unscientific!

Wait, the existence of cultivators themselves are not scientific and it was impossible to explain about them with the theory of science.

But Xiao Mao still think that it was outrageous.

Chapter 52: Run Away

"Tsk." The man looked at Yu Shi Lan and sneered. "It seems that there are still some wild cats outside."

"Boss, do you want to kill her?"

The people who followed him were staring in Yu Shi Lan's direction unkindly. It was obvious that as long as the man agreed, they would start to make a move.

Yu Shi Lan also held a knife on her hand tightly.

This man is strong.

Though that one blow, she could gauge that he was as strong as rank 2 cultivators but she could not detect any traces of Qi from his body.

This meant that this is his own innate talent.

Yu Shi Lan: "..." what an outrageous and enviable talent.

Who didn't want to have strong body that didn't have to fear anything?

The weak chicken Yu Shi Lan definitely wanted it!

Unfortunately, it was nothing more than a pipe dream.

"No." The Boss looked at Yu Shi Lan in the distance who had been running away and didn't want to chase after the other party. Her reaction speed was not ordinary and they didn't come out here to offend people.

"Focus on collecting the resources."

"Yes!"

Swish!

Yu Shi Lan kept on running away and panted after a while. She cursed in a low voice and then sat down on top of a rock, breathing heavily.

"Meow?" <Miss, are you alright?>

Xiao Mao was really worried and she stretched out her cute paw to check on Yu Shi Lan. She felt that it would be better for Yu Shi Lan to pick a place to stay instead of coming out at all times.

Because if she kept on bumping on dangerous people, it would be impossible for her to train quietly.

But in this place... where can they find such a safe place?

Everywhere is dangerous.

Should Yu Shi Lan dig underground and stay there for a long period of time?

That would be ridiculous.

"Don't worry, I'm fine." Yu Shi Lan took a deep breath.

To be honest, she did think that the man will definitely attack her and was prepared to retaliate. After all, Yu Shi Lan didn't want to die without fighting, so she forced herself to fight.

But seeing his gaze, she seemed to understand something.

She's not his target.

In a way, Yu Shi Lan was actually relieved.

The world is changing.

And in this changing world, human's true nature would come out easier than before. At that time, it would be clear that some of them could possibly be 180 degrees different than what they used to show outside.

When those animals started to mutate...

They have already started mutation, but it would not be prominent for a while.

Soon, the world will fall into further chaos.

"Meow." <Miss, the Qi fluctuation is getting stronger>

Xiao Mao looked down and frowned.

She could sense that the Qi fluctuation on the Green Planet was getting worse than before. This made her wonder whether it would be realistic for them to stay here any longer.

"Huh?" Yu Shi Lan was stunned and then said, "Isn't there still one or two days before those things appear?"

"Meow?" <I don't know, Miss. All I can say is that the Qi fluctuation is getting stronger and you have to find a safe place.>

Safe place?

Yu Shi Lan's lips twitched as she almost cursed.

Where can she find a safe place?

Forget it.

"Will they come out right this instant?"

Xiao Mao closed her eyes for a while before shaking her small body. "Meow." <It seems... not yet?>

With this, Yu Shi Lan breathed a sigh of relief. "Let's get some supplies before going back to that office."

Since the areas around the office would be looted, Yu Shi Lan believed that the office itself should be relatively safe.

At least, not many people would be willing to go there.

When they saw that the entire place has been looted, they would not think that there were anything there and would pass by.

So for Yu Shi Lan, it was the best place.

But before coming back, she had to gather other resources, so she slowly made her way to the factory that she had planned before.

This is the meat factory.

Her body is weak and Yu Shi Lan thought to herself that if she ate more meat, she would be able to strengthen herself better. Fresh meat would be better, but most animals would have mutated by now.

She didn't remember which one is safe to eat and which one is not anymore.

The days when she was on the Green Planet has been slowly forgotten.

Before long, Yu Shi Lan arrived at the slaughterhouse and quickly entered the place, but then she stopped in place.

Because she saw a tiger standing in front of her.

Yu Shi Lan: "..." Her luck still hadn't improved.

Chapter 53: Tiger

Yu Shi Lan didn't know whether to curse or yell when she saw the tiger in front of her, showing its claw menacingly when it sensed her presence.

She didn't dare to move.

"Meow!" <Don't you dare to come closer!>

Xiao Mao looked at the tiger and wanted to wave her claw when she remembered that she was now just a small and weak kitten.

Xiao Mao: "..."

It was really hard to adapt and depressing to think.

She didn't want to stay in this kind of body, ah!

Xiao Mao was annoyed.

But her short 'meow' had already attracted the tiger's attention and it roared as it pounced on the two of them.

"Xiao Mao!" Yu Shi Lan yelled in anger.

She didn't need her cat to provoke enemies for her!

"Meow!" <I'm sorry!>

Because seeing the tiger reminded her of her past subordinates, Xiao Mao couldn't help but meow loudly as if she was giving order to the other party.

Unfortunately, this tiger treated her words provocation.

And then the two of them were being chased by the tiger around.

Swish!

The tiger used its paw and tried to claw on Yu Shi Lan's direction. She avoided it narrowly and felt that the Qi in her body would be exhausted very quickly.

Even though she had already recovered her Qi after running...

But she's still a weak cultivator at Qi Refinement Rank 1.

Ahhhh!

While screaming internally, Yu Shi Lan took out the knife and looked at the tiger in front of her. She knew very well that it would be impossible for her to run away with her speed, so her only option was to kill this tiger.

"Roar!"

The tiger looked at Yu Shi Lan with blood on its mouth. It was just feasting on another piece of meat in this slaughterhouse.

She didn't know whether it was chicken, cow, or something else.

But she could guess that the tiger would not let go of its prey so easily.

Swish!

The tiger pounced forward and Yu Shi Lan avoided to the side. She frowned when she saw the tiger's movement and kept on avoiding it to the back. The Qi helped her to move her body and the medicinal bath had already strengthened her body slightly.

But it's far from enough.

'I have to figure out to break the deadlock as soon as possible.'

Looking at the tiger in front of her, Yu Shi Lan looked around and finally saw the table nearby.

She didn't hesitate and after dodging another attack, she jumped onto the table and looked at the tiger from up above.

"Provoke him, Xiao Mao."

"Meow!" <hell yeah! You're just some stupid tiger who can't even caught my Master!>

Xiao Mao snorted and looked at the tiger from Yu Shi Lan's pocket with contempt. Even though she knew that it would be dangerous to provoke the already angry tiger, but she will do whatever her master ordered her to do.

Anyway, in the worst case scenario, she will use her ability to knock the tiger away...

Is it possible

She's now more like an ordinary cat.

"Roar!"

The tiger roared angrily and then stood on the two legs and pounced on Yu Shi Lan's direction.

She saw the tiger's movement and swiftly crouched down on the table and swung the knife in her hand.

Slash!

Blood splattered and she rolled out to the side, falling from the table to the floor. Her movements were clearly practiced, but Yu Shi Lan still felt some pain from her legs.

She knew that she had accidentally bumped onto something not long ago.

Her eyes narrowed slightly.

"Meow!" <Yes, you're the best, Miss!>

The cat cheered up happily, her small paw was raised high. Coupled with her adorable appearance, she looked exceptionally cute.

The coldness in Yu Shi Lan's eyes dissipated slightly as she patted the cat's head tenderly with her free hand while moving to the back of the tiger and stabbed her knife once more.

Stab! Stab!

She moved quickly and when the tiger twisted its body to counterattack, she decisively took a step back and narrowly avoided it.

"Roar!"

The tiger was roaring angrily and unwillingly.

But Yu Shi Lan made sure that she attacked the tiger's heart. When she stabbed him, she was even more ruthless and aimed at the veins on his neck, giving it fatal injuries.

Only in this way would it be possible for the tiger to die quickly.

Drip! Drip! Drip!

Blood dripped onto the ground as the tiger died, half of its body was still on the table while the other half was on the floor.

Yu Shi Lan watched the tiger breathed its last before she slumped on the ground.

It's so damn tiring.

"Meow, meow, meow?!" <Miss, are you alright? Miss?>

Chapter 54: I'm Sorry

Hearing Xiao Mao's panicked voice, Yu Shi Lan took a deep breathe and poked the cat's head. "Don't try to provoke any other animals."

She wouldn't have the energy to deal with them.

"Meow." <I'm sorry.>

Xiao Mao lowered her head guiltily and Yu Shi Lan only sighed.

While a cultivator did fight against the fate and all... it didn't mean that she wanted to seek her own death!

Provoking powerful opponent one after another, Yu Shi Lan suddenly felt that it would have been better for her to stay in the temporary camp. Even though her improvement would be slowed down, but it's safer, right?

Uh, no.

Thinking about her classmates that she met there, Yu Shi Lan's lips curled up in a mocking smile.

If she stayed in the temporary camp, who could say for sure whether she would meet with other people from the same school?

Just thinking about the dramas that those people enacted, Yu Shi Lan felt immense disgust.

She didn't want to stay close to them in the slightest bit.

"Forget it. Just be careful next time." Yu Shi Lan patted Xiao Mao's head. Even though this cat only knew how to make troubles because of their changes, but it was also thanks to Xiao Mao that she could come here.

Besides, she couldn't possibly abandon Xiao Mao.

"Meow." <I will>

"The Green Planet is different from the cultivation world. There are still the so called laws restraining us and some surveillance cameras might be working. If my action of killing are captured, I might not be able to enter the base in the future..."

Yu Shi Lan was trying to explain the common sense of the Green Planet to Xiao Mao while she checked the tiger.

She didn't immediately approach it after it stopped moving.

Who knows whether the tiger was faking its death?

Only when the blood pool had become so big did Yu Shi Lan come forward and started to skin the tiger and cut off the meat.

But she only cut off the leg parts.

Because Yu Shi Lan didn't know whether this tiger had eaten human beings or not and she didn't want to practice cannibalism by eating the stomach part or something close to it.

Besides, she was not that eager to eat meat.

There were still other types of meat nearby, so the four legs would be more than enough.

"Meow." <Are you going to leave this here?>

Xiao Mao was trying to digest the knowledge that Yu Shi Lan taught it while looking at the tiger that was cut down by Yu Shi Lan. The smell of blood didn't affect her in the slightest bit.

Both of them were used to an even more cruel scenes when they were still in the cultivation world.

After all, many creatures were trying hard to survive and become stronger, so fighting has become commonplace.

Killing was also extremely common.

Even Yu Shi Lan didn't know how they managed to maintain their high population with so many people dying every single day.

Then again, cultivators could live for hundreds of years. By the time they fully grown up, there would be new generation ready to inherit their mantle or something like that.

Yu Shi Lan didn't know for sure.

She hadn't lived in the cultivation world for long because she managed to improve rather quickly.

But perhaps, it was a bit too fast.

That's why she failed her tribulation to advance to become a nascent stage cultivator.

"Ah, I can't carry so much." Yu Shi Lan shrugged.

The space storage jade that she made was not big enough to fit all of the tiger's corpses inside. She didn't want to spend hours to make another one again.

Anyway, she didn't need it.

"Meow." <Such a waste.>

Yu Shi Lan rolled her eyes and then went to the other room. She saw that there was a large number of chickens that were still alive. It seemed that the owner left them behind and this place has been empty for quite some time.

Some of the chicken looked listless, so Yu Shi Lan started to check them one by one and picked a few that was still pretty good, killing it and then tossed it into the space storage space.

Xiao Mao watched Yu Shi Lan picking up things.

After it was done, Yu Shi Lan went to the freezer and took some of the beef stored there. The supposedly cold storage room has turned warm.

It was obvious that the electricity has been cut down.

"Meow." <It's so hot.>

Xiao Mao frowned and looked at the row of meat hanging in front of them. If it was left behind like this, the meat will turn bad soon and would no longer be edible.

Truly a waste.

Chapter 55: Beef

"The electricity lines have some problem after the earthquake. Some of them have emergency electricity supplies, but it wouldn't last long," Yu Shi Lan replied as she checked the meat.

It was truly a pity that she couldn't take all of them and only some of them.

After all, her space storage jade was not that big.

Pushing all thoughts to the back, Yu Shi Lan packed a large amount of meat into her space storage jade and then cut off a large chunk of meat for her consumption.

"Let's make beef porridge later," Yu Shi Lan said with a smile.

"Meow~." <I want a share!>

"Can a cat eat beef?"

"Meow!" <I definitely can! Don't underestimate the stomach of a soul spirit cat!>

Seeing the cat hopping in anger, Yu Shi Lan laughed lightly and nodded.

She picked a relatively close area, climbed to the roof, and then took out the portable kitchen and a large pot to start cooking the meat. She added some rice and cut the meat into small pieces.

Xiao Mao watched Yu Shi Lan cooking and waited patiently on the side.

At times like this, Xiao Mao didn't want to stay in Yu Shi Lan's pocket.

It felt hot!

She didn't like it.

Especially after someone nearly cooked herself to death...

Tsk.

Remembering it made Xiao Mao extremely annoyed.

Yu Shi Lan didn't pay attention to Xiao Mao's anger and was busy stuffing herself with the food in front of her. The stewed beef was really delicious, but with so much meat... would her stomach be fine?

While Yu Shi Lan knew that the Qi could help her digest, but she was still somewhat worried for herself.

After all, her body was basically malnourished.

Eating too much at once was not that good either.

"Meow." <Miss, if you're worried, why not use the swallowing secret technique or something?>

Xiao Mao didn't remember the name, but she knew that Yu Shi Lan had learned a special technique to help her digest quickly. This technique was developed in order to make sure that the cultivator who started at poor place would be able to survive.

Well, the soul spirit cat couldn't remember the details anymore.

"...If I use that technique, I might not be able to walk later." Yu Shi Lan was hesitant, but in the end she stood up. This was one of the earliest technique that she learned upon her arrival in that world.

Though... she used to feel it was useless until she accidentally ate resources that was far higher than her rank.

It was then she realized that this technique still has that use.

"Meow." <Give me more beef.>

Yu Shi Lan pointed at the bag that she carried on the side. There was still a large amount of beef there because it couldn't fit her space anymore.

She had taken too much meat.

Splash!

Xiao Mao tossed the beef meat into the pot that had been emptied by the two of them not long ago and put as much meat as possible. The rest of the meat were put aside and would be cooked later.

After that, she watched Yu Shi Lan.

Yu Shi Lan was moving on the rooftop. Her movement seemed like dancing, but Xiao Mao knew that Yu Shi Lan was actually regulating the Qi inside her body to help her body digest the food that she ate quickly.

'Her movements are slower than usual.'

Xiao Mao understood that Yu Shi Lan's current body doesn't support her launching any proper techniques for the time being.

This made Xiao Mao a bit depressed.

Even though this time period has the highest survival rate... bringing Yu Shi Lan back to the time when she hadn't even started cultivation didn't seem to be a good idea.

Yu Shi Lan is too weak.

And this world is...

Forget it.

Since they have already chosen to stay in this world, then Xiao Mao will do her best to help Yu Shi Lan.

Swish! Swish!

Once the movement was over, Yu Shi Lan took a deep breath.

Because she had to slow down her procession, the technique was not as effective as when she was still in the cultivation world.

Still...

Yu Shi Lan immediately felt her stomach was emptied and she looked at Xiao Mao resentfully.

As she had thought, this technique was too much if it was only to digest a pot of meat.

"Meow!" <Eat more, Miss>

Xiao Mao pushed the pot that had already cooked a large amount of beef.

Yu Shi Lan made her way to the pot and started eating without any care of the world. Once the entire pot was over, she simply cooked the rest of the meat that she carried with her and couldn't put into the jade space.

Because she still felt hungry.

But at the same time, Yu Shi Lan could feel that her body was getting stronger.

Chapter 56: Qi Concentration

"Meow." <Miss, if you keep eating, you can get stronger faster!>

Xiao Mao noticed Yu Shi Lan's change the most due to the contract and she immediately felt excited.

If Yu Shi Lan could recover her strength, then they would be invincible in this world!

Hahaha!

As for whether Yu Shi Lan would return to the cultivation world or chose to stay in this world, that was not something Xiao Mao needed to concern herself about.

The most important thing is that Yu Shi Lan is getting stronger.

"... And I'll become a veritable rice bucket." Yu Shi Lan had already finished the third pot and only now did she feel a bit better. The meat was rich in protein and various other vitamins.

Since her foster parents didn't like her and only wanted the pension from her father, they would not let her eat a lot of delicious food.

She was basically malnourished.

And meat was even more rare for Yu Shi Lan.

"Meow." <There are still a lot of meat in that place and if you use this technique while eating... you can make sure that the meat is not wasted.>

Xiao Mao licked her mouth when she said this.

Yu Shi Lan: "..."

She was absolutely sure that Xiao Mao just wanted to eat when she made this proposal. Considering that her cooking skill has been honed in the wilderness for a long time, Yu Shi Lan has great ability in roasting and stewing most meat.

At least, it suited Xiao Mao's taste buds very much.

"Alright..." Yu Shi Lan sighed and then made the trip to go down and picked more meat from the slaughterhouse.

With Xiao Mao helping her to cook, Yu Shi Lan ended up wasting almost the entire day doing nothing but to cook and eat the beef.

She didn't know how many kg of meat that she had eaten.

But by the time it was dark, Yu Shi Lan felt that her stomach was completely full and she couldn't eat anything anymore. After all, her body still has a limit to how much nutrient it could actually absorb at once.

This was already the limit.

"Meow~" <It's really satisfying.>

"You greedy little cat." Yu Shi Lan patted Xiao Mao's round stomach after eating so much.

"Meow!" <Don't touch me!>

Yu Shi Lan rolled her eyes and then put the pot away.

With her eating so much meat, she could sense that her body was getting stronger.

But...

"Xiao Mao, the food here didn't contain much Qi, so even if I eat a lot of food, it's going to be useless to truly recover my strength," Yu Shi Lan said bitterly.

She really wanted to become stronger faster too, but she knew that the difference in world meant that most food on the Green Planet would definitely not contain any Qi. Because of this, she wouldn't be able to recover quickly with just eating.

Doing this once would only help her to get the nutrient that she used to lack because of malnutrition for years.

But to let her advance to rank 2 and strengthen her body further... it would not work.

"Meow." <As long as it's still useful, it's good enough, Miss. For next time, we can think of other things.>

Anyway, Xiao Mao didn't expect Yu Shi Lan to become strong overnight either.

Cultivators are profession that required patience the most.

If they couldn't be patient enough when meditating, they would never be able to advance to the next rank.

Many times, they have to spend their time meditating.

People who lacked patience would never be able to advance through ranks.

"Hmm." Yu Shi Lan nodded and made her way back to the office from before. At least, that place was still relatively intact and could shield her from wind and rain.

If she slept outside, who knows if there were other wild animals coming out.

That tiger from before should have run away from Zoo.

Thankfully, it hadn't mutated yet or Yu Shi Lan felt that she would have to run as far away as possible.

'Come to think about it... the animals will mutate, right?'

Yu Shi Lan knew that the animals on the Green Planet will mutate soon. The expert claimed that it was caused by the red rain that happened some time ago.

But by the time people realized that something is wrong with the rain, it was too late.

Countless animals were drenched and even humans were also drenched.

Many people fell sick but they would not gain any strange abilities whatsoever as if they were blocked from having it.

Instead, it was the animals that became stronger and mutated.

"Xiao Mao, can you detect whether the Qi concentration in this world is high or not?" Yu Shi Lan turned to look at Xiao Mao.

"Meow?" <Qi concentration? It's always low in this world, Miss>

Chapter 57: Meow???

Xiao Mao looked at Yu Shi Lan in confusion.

As a cat, Xiao Mao definitely couldn't think as fast as Yu Shi Lan and didn't even notice if there was anything odd with this matter.

She never actively practice.

A soul spirit cat will get stronger with time and Xiao Mao didn't actually need to do anything actively.

While it was enviable, but their growth progress could be slow or fast depending on their talent.

So if their talent was bad...

They might need hundreds of years to truly grow up.

Xiao Mao herself has amazing talent, which was why she was being targeted by many cultivators back then. In the end, it was a mistake that caused her to form a contract with Yu Shi Lan.

Though, Xiao Mao never regretted it.

"Did the earthquake increase the Qi concentration or something?" Yu Shi Lan asked.

With her current rank, she couldn't accurately sense the Qi concentration of the world. At most, she could sense her surroundings but it was limited in range.

Xiao Mao tilted her head and then propped her chin with one of her limbs, looking like she was thinking. This posture was really challenging, but it looked rather cute, making Yu Shi Lan almost wanted to rub Xiao Mao again.

Her hobby when she was in that world was to rub Xiao Mao again and again.

"Meow." <I don't know for sure, Miss. But the demonic Qi is spreading fast and it's one of the causes for the changes in many other animals. This amount of Qi is harmless for humans but as the amount increase in one's body, they might become crazy.>

Demonic Qi...

Yu Shi Lan frowned and thought about the days before she entered the cultivation world. At that time, there were a lot of stories of people becoming crazy to the point of attacking their own family members.

People were screaming and yelling, saying that the world is ending.

It was really chaotic.

Since Yu Shi Lan was still struggling to live at that time, she didn't pay much attention to it.

But it seemed that there were a lot of people who died because their family members suddenly acting crazy.

They were bloodthirsty, violent, and had red eyes.

'It's indeed similar to the symptoms of people with Demonic Qi.'

Even though there were methods to cultivate with Demonic Qi, but Yu Shi Lan knew very well that this path was still taboo for many people in the cultivation world. Because they felt that someone who had fallen for Demonic Qi could only do evil.

But Yu Shi Lan knew that there were also many Demonic Cultivators who were actually an ordinary cultivators pursuing the truth.

They were no different from other cultivators.

But...

Yu Shi Lan's eyes narrowed.

The problem is, Demonic Qi was violent in nature and people who cultivated in this path had to follow a set of practice. Rashly absorbing the Demonic Qi will only result in them turning crazy and might even die.

It was precisely because it was really dangerous that not many people dared to walk on this path.

Yu Shi Lan looked at the distance.

The animals and plants were mutating.

If they were to contain the Demonic Qi... she could guess that humanity will eventually be destroyed.

'Even if the world is destroyed, what does it have anything to do with me?'

Yu Shi Lan snorted.

Having experienced so much pain on the Green Planet, she didn't really want to care too much about others and all. All of her experiences so far only made her want to stay far away from the conflict as much as possible.

And...

Yu Shi Lan didn't want to stay here if possible.

She just wanted to take revenge and then left.

The other experts should be able to figure out something on their own.

It's not her business.

"Xiao Mao, let's rest first."

"Meow~." <Yes, Miss~.>

The human and cat went back to the office and she took out a mattress to let them rest for the night.

Even though today was only eating... it was still tiring.

The night passed by quietly.

Xiao Mao opened her eyes once in the middle of the night and looked at one direction. Her claws were raised for a moment before she restrained herself.

These animals were mutating.

And she didn't want to disturb Yu Shi Lan.

Moreover, her own strength was still too weak with this body, so she should not take any risk until she could fully recover.

With that in thought, Xiao Mao closed her eyes once again and fell into deep sleep.

The next day, Yu Shi Lan carried Xiao Mao and went to other places. The place she chose was... a resort area.

"Meow???" <Why do we come here?>

Chapter 58: The Plan

Xiao Mao looked at Yu Shi Lan in confusion.

While the resort looked good and all, but the earthquake some time ago had already destroyed most of them.

Right now, half of this place was already in ruins.

Well, the other half was barely standing.

There were not many people in this place either as they had long escaped from the crumbling buildings. The electricity and water was cut because this resort was located quite far away from the sources.

It was unknown how many things were destroyed due to the earthquake.

Some people were still here and Yu Shi Lan could sense it, but she didn't have the intention of meeting them.

After all, her goal was simply to find a place to stay temporarily.

"This place is quite remote and there might not be many people here," Yu Shi Lan said slowly. "Most importantly, this place is high and there's a direct route to the beach where the docks are located."

Xiao Mao didn't understand.

"...That meant I can take advantage of the cargo over there if necessary," Yu Shi Lan said speechlessly.

Xiao Mao blinked her eyes. "Meow?" <Do you plan to get more resources, Miss? But you need to prepare more jade space if you want to carry a lot of things and with your current Qi, it might take a long time.>

Xiao Mao was right.

The space jade that Yu Shi Lan had in her hand was far from enough to carry a lot of resources. There would not be any problem to bring resources for herself, but if she planned to salvage a lot of resources, then it would be far from enough.

"I don't have any plan to take so many resources." Yu Shi Lan shook her head.

She's not that capable.

Her space is limited and Yu Shi Lan herself also knew that her abilities were limited. As much as she wanted to bring more resources for herself, she knew that it would be impossible.

"Meow?" <Then...?>

"I'm planning to find some relatively special resources that might be hard to find later," Yu Shi Lan admitted.

"Meow." <But you have already taken a lot of medicine from that store and left all of your money behind.>

While the money that Yu Shi Lan left behind definitely couldn't cover up the cost, it did look like she was buying things.

But when Yu Shi Lan took the meat from the slaughterhouse, she didn't leave anything.

After all, it was impossible for her to leave money when she had already run out of it.

It could be said that Yu Shi Lan is basically penniless right now.

"No, not medicine but jade," Yu Shi Lan replied helplessly. "Since you said that the Demonic Qi is increasing, I will need to find more jade and carry them around with me..."

"Meow." <Ah...>

Xiao Mao forgot about this.

For demonic beasts or even mutated beasts like her, they never paid too much attention to the demonic Qi in the air.

Because there were many places that have more Demonic Qi in the cultivation world.

But in this world, it was indeed rare.

And humans clearly hadn't adapted to the existence of these Demonic Qi and if they were not careful enough, their spirit will be eroded until there was nothing left.

Jade was one of the few things that could help them.

Because if they were carrying jade, the Demonic Qi would be attracted to the jade more than their bodies.

In this way, they could protect themselves.

"Meow!" <But you're already a cultivator, Miss! Why do you still have to carry these things?>

At this moment, Xiao Mao was glad that she made Yu Shi Lan brought those jade accessories when they were at the mall. Even though her original intention was to let Yu Shi Lan made space storage jade with it, but it seemed that this will definitely help Yu Shi Lan more in the future.

Xiao Mao is pleased with herself.

"...Because my body is weaker than ordinary cultivator." Yu Shi Lan was smiling, but Xiao Mao meowed dumbly.

Well, it was obvious that Yu Shi Lan was still resentful about the fact that she's a bit too weak, so Xiao Mao could only stay silent.

She couldn't do anything about it.

Yu Shi Lan also didn't mean to blame Xiao Mao. She just wanted to practice more and become stronger so that she didn't have to worry about being bullied all the time.

Her emotion hadn't been that good ever since she came back to the Green Planet.

Only by gaining more strength would she feel more secure and relieved.

"Meow." Xiao Mao looked at the building that was still relatively intact and pointed with her paw. <This seems to be pretty good, Miss.>

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Yu Shi Lan naturally knew that Xiao Mao was trying to change the conversation, but she chose to listen.

Because she also noticed that this building was still in good condition.

"Let's check inside."

Naturally, Yu Shi Lan would not choose any place that was still inhabited with people. Even though her senses were limited, her past experience could help her judge whether a place had people living or not.

First of all, just take a look at the sign of people living inside.

Such as the traces of movement, food, and many others that could indicate that someone was here some time ago.

"Meow." <There's no smell of other humans... even if there is, it's very faint.>

It has been some time since the earthquake happened.

Even though many people had chosen to go to the official shelters, there were still many of them who chose to stay outside and rely on themselves. The people in this areas might be among them.

Xiao Mao looked around but she didn't move from Yu Shi Lan's pocket.

After all, her small body was really inconvenient to move.

It was really tragic to go back being a baby and Xiao Mao wanted to cry many times but held back.

A dignified soul spirit cat will never cry!

Hmph!

"Then it's here." Yu Shi Lan looked at the broken roof on the second floor and somewhat understood why this building was abandoned. The person who used it might have feel that it was really inconvenient.

She sighed in her heart.

Thankfully, there was one unused empty room with the roof intact on the side. This should be the second bedroom and whoever rented this resort house didn't use it.

There was not even any bedding here.

"Meow." <It's so clean.>

So clean that no resources could be found.

Xiao Mao wanted to jump out, but Yu Shi Lan held her back and said, "There's no need to check any further. You wouldn't be able to find anything."

"Meow." <Ok, ok.>

"Since we have decided on this place, let's check the port and see if there's any container that brought jade over," Yu Shi Lan said and walked out.

Xiao Mao didn't understand. "Meow?" <Aren't jade very common in this country? You can easily find them in the jewelries store like before.>

There was no need to go to the sea, right?

"While it's indeed common, but the mines are not in this city. It's usually transported through the water or in other words, the port. If I want to find a batch of raw materials, the port is the best place."

Yu Shi Lan didn't know the location of these factories and she definitely couldn't bother to look up.

Many people would not realize the importance of jade right now, but Yu Shi Lan knew very well that if they knew the jade could help protect themselves from having their mind eroded by the Demonic Qi, it would become the most popular thing after food.

The food's importance could never be replaced because it's the most essential resources for them to survive.

But without jade, they would not be able to last long.

And how much jade are there in the whole world?

Would it be enough to supply people from the entire Green Planet?

Yu Shi Lan didn't know and didn't have time to care.

Anyway, she didn't plan to go to the base during the extreme cold temperature period. Because she knew very well that living in the base during this period of time would be the same as looking for troubles.

Many people were still unable to adapt to the changes.

And the laws in the base would still change again and again in order to accommodate the people there.

Yu Shi Lan didn't want to experience the grievances by coming over and suffer.

It would be better for her to find a place and practice quietly for a period of time.

But before that, she had to find some jade.

"Meow." <Let's go.>

The human and cat went out again after determining the place to stay in the near future. Walking out, Yu Shi Lan could clearly feel that the temperature had dropped even further and her expression was not very good.

The cold temperature coupled with the outbreak of the mutated animals was what forced human beings to suffer so greatly.

Countless people died in this time period.

"Meow." <There are people here, Miss>

Yu Shi Lan saw the trucks outside and the people wearing military uniform walking around. She looked at the large boxes and understood that the military should be securing the resources before the content spoiled.

But with them around, how could she sneak in and find some jade?

"Who's there?" A voice came from the side and Yu Shi Lan quickly raised her head and saw a soldier pointing his gun in her direction while standing on top of a large box.

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Yu Shi Lan raised her hand to indicate that she meant no harm.

At the same time, she cursed herself for being so careless. It seemed that her keen senses that she was proud of was nothing much in front of these people who had practiced martial arts.

'Is it really that common for people on the Green Planet to practice martial arts?'

Her mind couldn't help but wander around.

Because while this soldier was pointing his gun in her direction, she couldn't sense any intent to kill from him.

After all, people were still respectful to laws during the early stage of the changes.

The soldiers were not allowed to hurt civilians, so he didn't really have any intention to shoot her. But the threat was still necessary and if she did something bad, they would definitely take action.

"...You're that girl who's with Ting Ye before," the soldier said after looking at Yu Shi Lan's appearance.

"You know Mu Ting Ye?" Yu Shi Lan blurted out.

After speaking, Yu Shi Lan frowned and admonished herself in her heart. Why did her mouth speak so quickly?

There were many cunning people in the cultivation world but many of them were also very straightforward. Yu Shi Lan was definitely not someone who was suited to sophistry and often dealt with things in a very direct and violent method.

In her words, if it could be solved with forces, why not just use it?

So when the other party mentioned the name Mu Ting Ye, she ended up blurting out his name.

And Yu Shi Lan reflected on herself.

Did she completely forgot about caution?

It seemed that she lived too comfortably after her cultivation reached high enough rank that she could even be tricked like this.

"Huh? Who called me?"

The voice from the side attracted Yu Shi Lan who saw Mu Ting Ye trotted over. He was wearing the soldiers' uniform but his temperament could easily tell others that he was not really a real soldier.

It was more like...

He was dressed similarly for the sake of protection.

"Ah, Yu Shi Lan!" Mu Ting Ye saw Yu Shi Lan and smiled brightly. "I thought you're gone when I can't find you in the camp anymore."

He tried to look for Yu Shi Lan because he wanted to know if she still has some other recordings about Lian Lei Xu. After all, it was a rare occasion where he could find some black materials about his long life rival.

Mu Ting Ye didn't want to miss any chance.

Unfortunately, Yu Shi Lan disappeared.

"...I don't have any plan to stay in the temporary base," Yu Shi Lan said carefully and then glanced at the soldier on top of the box.

At some unknown point of time, he had already put on the safety of his gun and jumped down.

Yu Shi Lan's eyes flickered slightly.

And Xiao Mao was clearly trying her best to reduce her existence, pretending as an ordinary cat that was sleeping and didn't know anything.

'The previous tough guy can compare to a rank 2 Qi Refining cultivator and this man's strength might be even higher... how did they do this in the first place?' Yu Shi Lan couldn't understand how there were so many strong people but she never knew about it.

Does martial arts really existed on the Green Planet before?

If it did exist, it might not be something someone like her could possibly touch.

Her previous self was too weak.

...Not that she has become strong, though.

She's still very weak right now.

"But it's really dangerous outside." Mu Ting Ye's eyes were filled with disapproval.
"Going out on your own will be very dangerous."

"Mu Ting Ye."

"Brother, I'm telling the truth!"

Brother?

Yu Shi Lan's brain turned and then remembered that she had indeed met with Mu Ting Yu before. He's Mu Ting Ye's brother and seemed to have high rank among the soldiers given by how other soldiers were listening to his order.

Unfortunately, Yu Shi Lan didn't know much.

"Miss Yu should have her own way of protecting herself." Mu Ting Yu glanced at Yu Shi Lan lightly and then left.

He had seen that when Yu Shi Lan walked in, her footsteps didn't cause any sound at all. If it was not because he was alert enough and his abilities were higher than Yu Shi Lan, he would have been caught off guard and no one would realize her existence.

But at the same time, Mu Ting Yu felt that Yu Shi Lan was not here to cause trouble.

There was no evidence and only his instinct was telling him so.

Still...

Mu Ting Yu preferred to listen to his instinct and stopped bothering with Yu Shi Lan.