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Chapter 1031: Saving the Rabbit III

Later on, it had drifted to the beast forest and the spirit beasts here treated it very well and they would pick mushrooms for it to eat. Even if the mushrooms were unpalatable, it still felt very blessed.

It had been a long time since it had the blessing of receiving love and care.

Slowly, it started to follow the spirit beasts in cultivating.

Its talent was good and it quickly surpassed its teachers who had taught it.

Back then it had thought, if its owner knew that it was no longer an ordinary watchdog but was a strong spirit beast, would he... regret it one day?

However, before it had managed to find its owner, the beast forest had met with danger. It was also then that it understood why the beast forest had always been peaceful—the number of spirit beasts was declining.

To fight against the humankind that was bullying them, they no longer fought and kill amongst themselves. On the contrary, they worked together—everyone became vegetarians!

Furthermore, all the former pets who had strayed into the beast forest were adopted by the spirit beasts and taught to cultivate. All this was to add to the forces of the spirit beasts.

The hunting dog's eyes turned red.

It was not like the other spirit beasts. It had feelings toward mankind even though it had been abandoned. But to it, its friends in the beast forest were more important. It would not allow anybody to simply hurt its friends in the beast forest.

“Woof!”

The dog growled angrily as it rushed toward Feng Ruqing once again.

The moment when it rushed to Feng Ruqing, Feng Ruqing had already scooped a ladle of soup and brought it before the dog.

“Your leg is slightly wounded, drink up.”

The dog froze and looked at the soup as Feng Ruqing brought it before its eyes.

It remembered back when it was still at its master's house, it once fell sick and its master had boiled medicine for it.

That was why it never forgot him all these years!

It understood that its owner had his own difficulties and it was not that he had intentionally disregarded it! It wanted to become stronger and return proudly.

The dog moved toward the ladle of soup and licked the soup. Spiritual qi gathered in its leg, reducing the pain in its leg quite substantially.

It was so pleasant that the dog gobbled up the rest of the spirit herb soup.

Feng Ruqing saw that the spirit beasts were no longer hostile toward her, so she turned toward Little Qing Han and said, "Let them go."

"Alright, Mother."

Little Qing Han loosened the vines and let all the spirit beasts go.

Originally, these spirit beasts were too badly harmed and thus their vigilance toward humans was also very high.

The moment they saw that Feng Ruqing was not intending to cook the rabbit but was actually boiling spirit herb soup, their hearts felt at ease. However, their eyes were still alert and vigilant but without the previous ferociousness.

Feng Ruqing scooped another ladle of the spirit herb soup and brought it to the side of the big rabbit's mouth. She used force to pry open the mouth of the rabbit and poured in the medicine.

Half of the soup entered the rabbit's mouth, but the other half flowed out, soaking its fur.

The rabbit burped, belched, and slowly opened its eyes.

What it saw was a familiar and stunning face.

The big rabbit's heart beat fast. If it was not because of the pain coming from its abdomen that was causing it to suppress its impulse, it would have run toward Feng Ruqing.

It was her again, the kind-hearted person!

"Your wound will be fine, but the babies could not be saved. I will help you to remove those babies in a while, but it will hurt a little. You'll have to endure for a bit."

The big rabbit was stunned. Its eyes dimmed and tears began to flow. Its eyes reflected pain.

The buck had died from falling off a cliff when searching for spirit herbs. The babies that were in its stomach were the sole bloodline the buck had left behind. But now, even they could no longer live...

Chapter 1032: Saving the Rabbit IV

"If you don't take them out, the babies inside your abdomen will affect your body."

Feng Ruqing knew the big rabbit was unwilling to take out its babies, but there was no way out.

The babies in its abdomen had obviously lost their vitals.

The big rabbit's eyes looked dull. But when it heard Feng Ruqing's words, it regained consciousness and nodded slightly.

It understood that there was no use keeping these babies because they would not survive.

A group of rabbits crowded around the big rabbit. They rubbed their heads against it and seemed anxious.

The big rabbit turned its head and stared at the group of rabbits with a gentle gaze.

Even if it had lost its children, the rest of the rabbits were also its children.

It would protect them for the rest of its life!

“Later, I’ll boil some spirit herbs that will give you the strength to deliver the dead babies. The process will be as painful as labor. Do let me know if you can’t endure the pain.”

The big rabbit nodded.

A group of rabbits mumbled around the big rabbit and the big rabbit responded with a few words.

Feng Ruqing lifted her head and looked at Qing Han. She asked, “Little Qing Han, what are they talking about?”

Qing Han stayed silent.

She wanted to tell her mother that these rabbits were swearing at her.

But that would make her a liar and at the same time, wrongly frame the rabbit.

‘Mother once said a good child would not tell any lies.’

“Those rabbits are asking the big rabbit whether it recognizes you or not. The big rabbit said that you once gave Divine-Spirit Fruits to it, even though the Divine-Spirit Fruits did not please those people.”

It was no wonder when the big rabbit was done speaking, the spirit beasts around it looked at her without hostility anymore.

“Mother,” Little Qing Han asked blankly. “Just now those spirit beasts were so hostile. They wanted to attack you, but why are you still willing to help them?”

Why?

Feng Ruqing chuckled in a low voice. “These spirit beasts come from a different tribe, including tigers, wolves, leopards, and eagles. But all of them are protecting this rabbit.”

The spirit beasts in the Forest of Spirit Beasts would not recklessly attack humans. But competition still existed among the different tribes. They hunted or be hunted.

This kind of phenomenon was no more after she kept some of these spirit beasts. But before that, it had always been like this.

The beast forest was different.

No matter what tribes they were in, all of them were defending this rabbit.

Perhaps it was because of this that had made her willing to save these spirit beasts.

Little Qing Han was dumbfounded.

She did not understand what her mother was talking about, but it always made sense to her.

‘Either way, Mother is always right, no matter what she says.’

Feng Ruqing poured the spirit herbs soup and gave it to the spirit beasts. She then took out other ingredients and started cooking.

Over the years, these spirit beasts had eaten not only vegetables but also raw food.

They had not enjoyed such extreme flavors for a long time.

More importantly, the spirit herbs dishes prepared by Feng Ruqing were more able to attract these spirit beasts.

Their hostility toward Feng Ruqing had diminished a lot and they did not portray any hint of vigilance since.

Spirit beasts were not wild animals that only knew how to kill each other. Those who became spirit beasts must have been spiritually wise. Hence, they did understand a lot of principles, and they knew gratitude.

Even if they were detested by humans, they were still grateful once they helped them.

This was the spirit beast.

Simple and persistent!

They never had a single complicated thought.

After the big rabbit consumed the spirit herbs soup boiled by Feng Ruqing, it felt severe pain in its lower abdomen. It was more painful than labor.

But there was no other way out. Feng Ruqing could not cut it open and remove the dead babies inside the big rabbit’s abdomen. It was not Hua Xia here. There were no complete utensils here. Even if they did, Feng Ruqing had never studied medicine when she was in Hua Xia before. She would not dare to do so.

This was the only way to help it.

Chapter 1033: She Became the King of Spirit Beasts I

Some time passed.

The big rabbit under the setting sun had finally calmed down. It looked weak, but it stared at Feng Ruqing with a grateful gaze.

“Well, if you’re doing fine, then I should leave now.”

Feng Ruqing glanced at the big rabbit and saw that it was already doing fine. She held Little Qing Han’s hand and turned around, prepared to leave.

The group of spirit beasts came and surrounded her.

Feng Ruqing frowned. "What? Do you still want to fight me?"

A pack of black wolves kneeled first.

They moved synchronously like well-trained wolves.

When the black wolves kneeled, the other spirit beasts immediately followed them and kneeled in front of Feng Ruqing.

Their eyes were filled with respect.

"Mother," Little Qing Han tugged at Feng Ruqing's sleeve. "These spirit beasts are treating you as their king."

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

She was just a passerby. How did she become the king of the spirit beasts?

Feng Ruqing hesitated for a while. "I won't stay here longer. You don't need to serve me. There is no way I can bring you along with me."

The little rabbits of the tribe were all anxious. They made an imploring whimper and pathetically stared at Feng Ruqing.

"Mother, these little rabbits said that only you could save the beasts forest. They like you and only you can be their king."

Feng Ruqing held her forehead. "There is nothing you can do to subjugate me. I really can't stay here."

If only she could take away the spirit beasts from the secret realm. What was the point of being their king if she could not take them with her?

There was a disappointment in the rabbits' eyes. They knew that Feng Ruqing was unwilling to stay. Even if they forced her, there was no way they could stop her from leaving. They could only retract the outstretched claws.

"Chee-chee."

The big rabbit crawled up weakly. It rubbed its head against Feng Ruqing. Deep in its azure eyes showed the heaviness in its heart in parting with her. It did not know what she was talking about.

Feng Ruqing turned to Little Qing Han.

This time, Little Qing Han instantly understood. She continued saying, "The big rabbit told me that she wants to send you off. There is a shortcut to leave the beasts forest."

"Good."

Feng Ruqing lowered her gaze. She raised one of her hands and rubbed the big rabbit's head. "After this, you can't run around anymore. You must find a place to hide so that the people will not hurt you again. Maybe one day I will come back to you."

She had more important things to do.

It was impossible to stay in the beast forest.

And because of that, she was unable to guard these spirit beasts.

The big rabbit smiled, satisfied, and rubbed its fuzzy head against Feng Ruqing. It squeaked and headed off in a certain direction.

Feng Ruqing held Little Qing Han's hand and walked behind the big rabbit.

Behind her was a large group of spirit beasts seeming as if they were guarding her, slowly following her steps.

The number of spirit beasts in the beast forest was no longer large, but the beast forest's territory was quite big.

They walked from dusk to midnight and from night till dawn to leave the beast forest.

All the spirit beasts stood in a row. They watched Feng Ruqing's departing figure until her figure disappeared and they did not turn back...

On the mountain road, Little Qing Han turned her head and looked at the spirit beasts that were left behind them. She bit her finger and her eyes were filled with regret.

"These spirit beasts were all good. It's too bad. If they were evil spirit beasts, they could have become my snacks."

Chapter 1034: She Became the King of Spirit Beasts II

Feng Ruqing laughed. "Do you hate to leave these spirit beasts?"

"No, I don't. I only like big doggie. But Brother Fu Chen once taught me that we must know how to differentiate between love and hate. Those who bullied me, I can bully them back. But if... they didn't bully me, I can't hurt them."

As much as she wanted to eat some meat...

Feng Ruqing sighed. "Sometimes, the human heart is more complicated than the spirit beasts'."

Little Qing Han smiled. "Mother, just now when the spirit beasts were talking, I heard that they wanted you to stay because you are the only one who won't hurt them and the only one who can protect them. So, they want you to be the king and refuse to let you go."

Who said spirit beasts were foolish?

They were very clear and understood who could be their benefactor.

"So, why did they relent?"

"Oh, it was the big rabbit that said that you were not the opponent of that Lord. If you stayed, it would only increase the casualties, so the spirit beasts were willing to let you go."

Feng Ruqing fluttered and stopped.

Little Qing Han did not stop quick enough so her little nose bumped against Feng Ruqing's back. Her eyes started brimming with tears of pain as she stared at Feng Ruqing with her innocent eyes.

Feng Ruqing suddenly smiled. "I forgot, I don't know how long I will stay in this secret realm and I don't even know how to leave this place. So there is nothing wrong with being the king of spirit beasts. At least... Those spirit beasts can help me find my way back."

Perhaps they could also find whatever that had summoned Little Qing Han.

She always felt that these spirit beasts could not be taken out of the secret realm. But she forgot that even in the secret realm, she needed a force.

Since the spirit beast and humans were equivalent, she would instead choose the forest beasts' side.

"Come on, Qing Han. Let's go back."

Feng Ruqing smiled and held Qing Han's hand. They slowly turned around and walked in the direction of the beast forest again.

Little Qing Han blinked, staring blankly at the young girl beside her.

She did not understand. 'That was the reason why Mother wants to go back?'

But Little Qing Han always felt there was another reason that she did not know...

In the beast forest.

The spirit beasts' eyes were red with anger as they stared at the men in black standing in front of them.

Their hairs bristled and all of them were ready to fight.

"I accidentally sent a signal when at death's door, that the spirit beasts have revolted. Looks like it really happened. As my lord's slaves, how dare you do so. Are you tired of living?"

The leader, who was a middle-aged man, laughed scornfully. He gave them a sneering and contemptuous glance.

He took a barbed hook in his hand and stabbed it viciously into a black wolf's abdomen. With one hard yank, the wolf's intestines were pulled out of its body.

The black wolf did not react but simply collapsed to the ground.

Blood gushed out of its body and splashed all over the place. The scene was gory in everyone's eyes.

"Howl!"

"Roar!"

"Chee-chee!"

"Woof!"

All the spirit beasts were burning with anger as they rushed toward the group of black-dressed men without any scruple. The cruel and bloody light sparked in their fierce eyes.

This time, they would rather be wiped out in a battle than being oppressed by any threats!

The big rabbit had not yet recovered, but the king of the rabbit clan was dead. As the queen, it must rise and fight all the dangers and tribulations.

The only thing that made the big rabbit relieved was that the kind human was gone.

Chapter 1035: She Became the King of Spirit Beasts III

Thud!

A hunting dog's body was suddenly flung away by one of the men's punch. It fell from the air and onto the big rabbit.

The big rabbit could have moved away, but instead, it chose to become a meat-pad for the dog by catching its body.

The dog did not suffer any injury, but its heart grieved in pain. Its teary eyes were filled with burning anger and a feeling of deep sorrow.

It once lived in the human world and loved them deeply. Even though it had suffered from pain, it still loved them as always.

But it did not understand... why as a spirit beast, it could not coexist with humans?

These people had taken them as slaves and made them lose their freedom of life.

Of course, in this continent where the strong were revered, many people would never care about the weak. But in the country called Hua Xia, a place where Feng Ruqing lived, there would always be people that were affable and kind-hearted.

The dog fell to the ground again.

Blood was flowing from the corner of its mouth and the pain in its eyes was even more profound.

Seeing its fellow beasts collapse one by one, it forced its frail body to crawl up from the ground.

It was a hunting dog.

When one saved it once, it would pay him back with its life!

"Howl!"

The hunting dog howled in despair. With a determined stance, it stepped toward the middle-aged man who was the leader of that group.

Its stride was fragile that it could hardly stand up, but it did not let itself fall. Its pair of eyes exuded firmness.

Seeing the middle-aged man's sword stabbed into the wolf, it opened its mouth and bit down on his blade.

Blood dripped from its mouth. It bit it tightly, refusing to let it go.

"Get out of here!"

The middle-aged man gathered spiritual energy on his fist and punched the dog's body fiercely.

The moment the dog flew out, a vision of its childhood emerged in its mind.

The dog ran around playfully with its young master.

That was the happiest moment in its memory in its life...

It was just a short moment, but too precious to forget.

Tears poured down. The dog fell from the air to the ground, landing in front of a pair of feet.

It froze and looked up. In a moment, it was looking at a stunning face.

The young girl was expressionless, making it impossible to read her emotions.

Her red dress was more extravagant than the dazzling sun, yet not indecent.

The bloody carcasses on the ground made Feng Ruqing raise her head. Her gaze was fixed upon the group of men in black who were fighting and killing the spirit beasts.

She did not expect it. She had only just left not long ago and the beast forest was already in the throes of extinction!

The single man before this group of men was not very powerful so that the spirit beasts could kill him easily. But the men here now were different. The spirit beasts were unable to resist. They could only be abused and murdered by them.

But these spirit beasts...

Just a moment ago, they were following behind, full of life.

The big rabbit whimpered, it did not understand why she had come back!

They had let her go!

Why did she come back?

"Little girl," The middle-aged man chuckled. "These spirit beasts all have a master. If you want to torture them, you can go elsewhere."

Feng Ruqing seemed expressionless. "Indeed, these spirit beasts all have a master."

The middle-aged man raised his eyebrows. This girl was sensible. If she dared to snatch these spirit beasts, he would make her blood spill to the ground.

“Because...” Feng Ruqing’s lip curved into a mocking smile. “All of these spirit beasts are mine!”

The middle-aged man froze for a moment and became furious. “Little girl, these spirit beasts have been with my master for many years. Do you think that just because you claim them to be yours that they would become yours?”

Chapter 1036: One Year I

In the light breeze.

A young girl crouched down. She took out a spirit herb from the medium.

In the center of this spirit herb was a green bloom surrounded by purple leaves.

She plucked a leaf and fed it to the hunting dog.

The Grade-5 Violet-Milvus Bloom.

It could stabilize the condition of the wound and relieve the pain.

The spirit beasts’ injuries were too severe to be cured. The only way to heal the wounds was to consume a spirit herbs dish. However, she had no spare spirit herbs dishes because she had no time to prepare. She could only use Violet-Milvus Bloom to stabilize the injuries of these beasts.

The middle-aged man squinted.

The spirit herbs in this place were extremely scarce. Otherwise, they would not have commanded these spirit beasts to seek it.

And here, this girl had Grade-5 spirit herbs in her hands.

“Big Rabbit, pluck off the Violet-Milvus Bloom’s leaves and give it to these spirit beasts who have been seriously injured.”

Feng Ruqing stood up. She took out a few more Violet-Milvus Blooms and handed them to the big rabbit.

She raised her eyes and stared at the group of men with an impassive gaze. Her eyes seemed to have a dim light in them.

“You see, these spirit beasts have eaten my spirit herbs so they now belong to me.”

Her voice was calm, yet beneath the calmness hid a terrifying storm.

Just like a calm sea concealing stormy waves that were unknown to the world.

At any given moment, it could sweep people away.

“Little girl, why would you waste your spirit herbs on these spirit beasts?” The middle-aged man got even angrier. A cold smile was playing at the corners of his mouth. “How can lowly beasts be qualified to enjoy an expensive spirit herb?”

Feng Ruqing’s voice was as light as the breeze. “Oh, I have a lot of spirit herbs. I can give them to whomever I like. Besides, in my observation, these spirit beasts are nobler than you!”.

Boom!

The middle-aged man fiercely raged like a lion and pounced violently on Feng Ruqing. His eyes filled with the intention to kill. The sword in his hand slashed at Feng Ruqing.

Feng Ruqing stood still in the light breeze.

The moment when the middle-aged man’s sword was about to make contact with Feng Ruqing, countless vines instantly broke from the ground around him, like ropes, firmly circling the long blade in the middle-aged man’s hand, making him unable to move.

The men were so startled that their faces turned pale.

He turned his head slightly as his gaze fell upon the little girl’s sweet face.

Her pinkish fair’s face lit up with a grin and her big eyes were as bright as stars.

Such a little girl would make the heart rejoice at first glance, but somehow, a cold-icy chill bubbled up in the middle-aged man’s heart.

The little girl’s smile grew brighter. “Just now, Mother refused to harm those spirit beasts, so I have left them alone. But now Mother doesn’t like you.”

Initially, with Qing Han’s strength, she would not have let those spirit beasts any chance to break free from the vines, but because she did not use much power, the hunting dog could still escape from her grip.

But for these people in front of her, she showed no mercy.

The group of men started to move.

All the figures were like a whirlwind. In an instant, they were already in front of Feng Ruqing.

Feng Ruqing calmly raised her eyes. She moved with the wind and in the blink of an eye, she was already behind one of them.

The sharp sword beheaded the man in a flash of sword ray, forcing its way through the man’s flesh from the man’s back.

The young girl’s speed was too fast. He did not react in time before the sword ray had already sliced across his back. The red blood that gushed out stained his black coat.

Chapter 1037: One Year II

The group of men in black finally reacted. Their anger rose in three waves, and they once again leaned toward Feng Ruqing.

Even though Feng Ruqing had already broken through to Intermediate Dark Warrior tier, she was not facing just one Dark Warrior but a large number of them.

Even without the middle-aged man's lead, these black-dressed men could still win by numbers.

Otherwise, there would not have been so many spirit beasts dead at their hands.

"Howl!"

Even the hunting dog and other beasts, which had recovered just a bit, could not just stand idly by. With determination in their eyes, they entered the battlefield again.

Time passed by slowly.

The setting sun set the sky ablaze with fiery red.

The devastatingly beautiful young girl holding her sword dripping with blood, making her red dress more garish than ever, stood in the evening breeze with unrivaled grace and elegance.

Little Qing Han rubbed her chin and silently watched the scene unfold.

As for the middle-aged man she had just tied up with vines...

Oops! She was a little too excited earlier. She failed to control her strength and had strangled him to death.

Without the middle-aged man, many of the spirit beasts could recover from their injuries. The group of men had lost their numerical advantage and was gradually defeated.

They lost their lives in the mountains.

But the beasts could never forget the gloom brought by this battle.

They could never understand what they had done wrong.

Maybe, it was a mistake for the spirit beasts... to be alive!

"Howl..."

The hunting dog whimpered; its voice tinged with grief and despair.

It looked at its companions who had fallen in a pool of blood and could no longer be saved. After all this, it did not know whether it still trust and love the humankind.

Suddenly, the dog recalled something and stared at the young girl who was standing under the setting sun.

The young girl's figure was tall and thin, but somehow it had grown taller in its heart.

It also ignited all the hope within it.

See, not all human beings were vicious and insidious. There were always those who would not bully the weak, or trample on someone's life. There were those who would not... humiliate them!

It chose to trust the human again, even if it had bruises all over!

“Bury the bodies of your companions.” Feng Ruqing’s eyes fell on those carcasses on the ground. “As for the enemy’s corpses, it is up to you to do whatever you want. In the meantime, I will stay in the beast forest.”

“Howl!”

“Woof!”

“Chee chee!”

Hearing that Feng Ruqing would not be leaving, all the spirit beasts cried out in joy.

It was just a short stay, but it made them grow to rely on her.

They were unwilling to let her leave.

“It’s getting late, Big Rabbit, take me somewhere to rest.”

She glanced at the fallen spirit beasts in the pool of blood for the last time and allowed the big rabbit to lead her to the nearest cave.

Through some inquiries along their way, Feng Ruqing finally understood the situation in the beast forest.

It was remarkably similar to Cang Yue Mainland.

The spirit beasts in this secret realm were mighty back then that they were able to divide the territory with the humans.

The spirit beasts were divided into various tribes, and each of them had its beast king.

Later, when humans claimed to live in harmony with the spirit beasts, they had invited all the beast kings to a feast.

The beast kings were always simple-minded. Their senses were not sharp enough to think that it was a trap.

Since then, all the beast kings had disappeared.

Chapter 1038: One Year III

The spirit beasts that had lost their beast king were like a swarm of dragons without a leader, and soon all the territories were invaded by humans.

The worst thing was the human emperor back then was determined to annihilate the spirit beasts. But he was also afraid that the spirit beasts would regain equal privileged strength as humans. So, he had poisoned the water sources of the spirit beasts and prohibited them from leaving their territory.

In that case, there were only two options, the beasts would either die of thirst or drink the water and limit the speed of their cultivation.

In other words... the spirit beasts that could break through the first level in one year would need ten years to achieve that after drinking the water!

The emperor also knew that spirit beasts generally have a long lifespan. The spirit beasts also have certain strengths that could be utilized by humans. They were growing slowly and would not threaten humans.

Feng Ruqing, by coincidence, came upon a lake and walked to the edge of it.

She crouched down and gently cupped her hand in the lake water. She sniffed it and frowned.

“The Grade-6 Saffron Bloom powder!”

The poison in the water source was easy to cure.

But the spirit beasts had no idea about the spirit herbs. Over the years, the spirit herbs had been contributed to someone called ‘the Lord’, so there were even fewer spirit herbs to cure the poison.

In spite of that...

They needed to wait until Feng Ruqing had made a breakthrough to Immortal Warrior tier before she could cultivate Grade-6 spirit herbs and cure the poison!

“Let’s go. While I am here, no spirit beast will be allowed to drink this water. As long as you don’t drink it, after seven days, the toxicity of the Saffron Bloom will disappear.”

The effects of Saffron Bloom’s toxic were not continuous. Otherwise, it would have been unnecessary to put the poison in the water source. They could have just forced them to eat the poison.

The toxic attrition would take seven days to process.

If one did not drink this water for seven days, one would inevitably die of thirst.

But once he drank it, the toxicity would remain.

“Chee-chee?”

The big rabbit tilted its head and stared at Feng Ruqing with a puzzled look.

Feng Ruqing laughed. “Have the spirit beasts dig up a water lake but don’t link any water sources with it. I will give you new water.”

Within the medium, there was not only ordinary water but also the eye of the spirit spring.

To avoid wasting the spirit water flowing out of the eye of the spirit spring, she had dug out a lake in the medium earlier and filled with spirit water.

If she mixed ordinary water with spirit water, these spirit beasts would not only solve the water source dilemma but would also be able to increase their strength faster.

Of course, as long as...

“Oh yes, by the way, ask the spirit beasts to queue up and sign a contract with me one by one. I can’t take you away, but in this place, I am your lord.”

“Chee-chee.”

The big rabbit responded cheerfully.

In the future, would they have a new water source? Do they never have to drink that poisoned water again?

“One more thing...” Feng Ruqing thought for a moment. “If you have nothing to do, go and take more baths. You can also cultivate in the lake, don’t waste it.”

When spirit water was put into the lake, even bathing in the water lake could enhance the strength, so it must not be wasted.

After saying this, Feng Ruqing took Qing Han’s small hand and continued to walk forward.

Her brows furrowed, but she held onto the hand. Wondering what she was thinking about...

“Mother, what’s wrong?”

Little Qing Han tilted her head in confusion and looked at Feng Ruqing.

Feng Ruqing loosened her brow. “It’s nothing. I think... The beast forest still lacks a formation.”

“Mother, I remember that Brother Fu Chen once had a book that was filled with martial arts. Back then, Brother Fu Chen was obsessed with martial arts and had ignored me, so I hid the book.” Little Qing Han smiled. “If Mother wants it, I’ll go to the medium and find it for you.”

Chapter 1039: One Year IV

Feng Ruqing was dumbstruck by Qing Han’s words.

It was natural that Fu Chen was well-versed in formations.

“By the way, don’t let Brother Fu Chen know that I hid his book. Otherwise, he would beat me.” Qing Han tugged at Feng Ruqing’s sleeve as she said innocently.

“Alright, if you could get the book for me, I will not tell Fu Chen.”

“Uhm. Mother, you can find all the formations you want in that book. I will get it for you later.” Qing Han smiled brightly, she looked so pure and innocent.

Feng Ruqing stroked her chin as she narrowed her eyes.

By doing this, the Forest of Spirit Beasts could regain its peace for an amount of time. At least, no one would disturb them for a while.

In Marquis City.

A young master in a richly intricate brocade forcefully smashed the cup in his hand. He stared coldly at the people kneeling not far below him. His face darkened a few shades.

“What’s wrong with you? You lost your way in the Forest of Spirit Beasts for one whole year and you could not even see a spirit beast? Where are all the rebellious spirit beasts? Where are the people that I have sent into the forest back then? None of them came back?”

Not far below the young master, the guard lowered his head and did not dare look up at the young master.

“Marquis, this subordinate has no idea. The people that we have sent to the Forest of Spirit Beasts were stuck in the same place for quite some time, taking the same path over and over again. This subordinate thinks that someone must have set up a formation in the Forest of Spirit Beasts to stop anyone from entering.”

Hearing this, the young master’s face took on a ghastly expression.

“Formation? Those foolish spirit beasts are capable of setting up a formation? There must be a daredevil who has helped the spirit beast to do that.”

A beautiful lady was lying bashfully in the young master’s embrace. A dusky blush rose to her cheek, her smiling eyes were full of affection.

“Marquis, who dares to invade and commandeer the Forest of Spirit Beasts? Who in Tianyue Kingdom doesn’t know that the Forest of Spirit Beasts belongs to you? Perhaps, this is just an excuse from these insolent subordinates who have gone out to enjoy themselves and have paid no heed to their tasks.”

The young master’s face darkened. He slammed his hand on the table.

“How dare you lie to me! Take this idiot out and beat him to death! You reap what you sow!”

The guard went pale. He frantically kowtowed to the young master, blood started to run down his forehead.

“Marquis, please spare my life! I am telling the truth. There is formation in the Forest of Spirit Beasts!”

Initially, the butler of the marquis manor had merely stood quietly on the side. Seeing this, he could not help but kneel down as he pleaded.

“Marquis, these subordinates are the subordinates of the old marquis. They are infinitely loyal. They would never lie to you.”

Seeing this, the beauty’s eyes reddened and broke into tears. Her rosy cheek turned pale, her once smiling face turned gloomy.

“Marquis, the butler is saying that this concubine is stirring up trouble. If that is the case, I don’t want to live anymore. Please grant me death.”

The beauty left Zheng Tianwu’s arms, bent her legs and wanted to kneel down. Her body was so soft as if it was boneless.

Naturally, Zheng Tianwu could not bear seeing such a gorgeous lady crying. He quickly helped the gorgeous lady got up. His eyes were full of affection, but his heart was boiling with rage.

“Yuan’er, this has nothing to do with you. How dare this old coot make you a scapegoat! Take him out and beat him to death!”

The butler was dumbstruck by the young master’s remark. He only regained his senses when two people were holding up his body.

His heart was broken, he shouted until his face turned blue, "You tyrant! You will ruin the kingdom and bring calamity to the people! You have actually trusted this lady! There will be a day of reckoning for the things you have done!"

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The butler had been working so diligently and was infinitely loyal to the marquis all these years, but now, the marquis wanted to take the butler's life just because of the crocodile tears shed by a gorgeous lady.

'Haha! The marquis manor's number is up.'

Seeing how the marquis treated the butler, the guard was no longer begging for mercy. He merely got up and walked out the door on his own after kowtowing to Zheng Tianwu like a martyr rushing to the place of execution in boundless grief and pain.

"Yuan'er is my dearest concubine. If anyone dares to treat her rudely in the future, this is the price you pay!" Zheng Tianwu helped Yuan'er to get up, his piercing eyes swept past everyone on the spot, his tone was cold and domineering.

Yuan'er's stunning face was covered in tears. She looked extremely pathetic just like a tiny little flower that was not capable of standing against the wind and rain so it must be protected.

"Yes, Marquis." Everyone on the spot kneeled down and answered respectfully.

"What happened to the young princess and Gong'er?"

"Marquis, Young Marquis wanted to look for the young princess, but..." The guard hesitated for a while before he continued, "It seems that the young princess has a new playmate and has not been spending time with the young marquis for quite some time."

Hearing this, Zheng Tianwu's face darkened, a glimmer of vicious light flashed in his eyes.

Zheng Tianwu was granted the title marquis as his father had saved the late emperor back then. Hence, the title was granted even if Zheng Tianwu did not share the same bloodline with the emperor. The title could even be inherited by descendants from Marquis Zheng's Manor.

Apparently, the emperor was annoyed with the people of Marquis Zheng's Manor lately. Zheng Tianwu was left with no choice but to arrange a marriage between Zheng Gong and the young princess. By doing this, he could keep the foothold of Marquis Zheng's Manor as the emperor was Zheng Tianwu's in-law.

However...

The young princess had always been playing with Zheng Gong. Simply no one knew why Zheng Gong was kept out of the palace lately.

What could Zheng Tianwu do if this continued?

"Marquis, why don't you pay a visit to the young princess so you can check out her new playmate. If her playmate is a man, you could secretly kill him. It will not stir up any conflict with His Majesty. If her

playmate is a lady, there is nothing to worry about." Yuan'er's voice was soft and delicate, her fingers drawing circles on Zheng Tianwu's chest.

Hearing this, Zheng Tianwu's face softened. He reached out to stroke Yuan'er's face as he laughed.

"You are right, let me check this out. I want to know who on earth is capable of making the young princess turn her back on Gong'er."

At the inner court of the palace.

A luxuriously dressed young lady was sitting on a rock, staring hard at the vast azure sky. She looked irresistibly adorable.

A few servants were standing quietly behind the young lady like statues.

"Your Highness!" A hurried voice broke the silence.

The young lady could not help frowning as she looked at the servant who rushed behind her, annoyed.

"Why are you shouting?"

"Your Highness, Young Marquis Zheng is here again."

The young lady's calm face changed after hearing the name.

"Why is he here again? Get him out of here! I hate him!"

Had it not been for the emperor not allowing the princess to treat Zheng Gong rudely, she would have thrown Zheng Gong out each time he stepped into the palace.

It seemed that the more the princess held herself back, the more intense things went.

'This bastard treats me so flippantly, but ironically, I am supposed to marry him? I will never marry that bastard!'

"At your command, Your Highness." The servant paid her respect to the princess and walked out.

The princess got up and stretched her body lazily. Seeing a lady coming her way from afar, her eyes lit up. She walked over with a bright smile on her face.