

Overbearing 1041

Chapter 1041: One Year VI

"Gu Yiyi, you are late this time."

Gu Yiyi raised her eyes only to see Young Princess You Lan running up to her.

The young princess's eyes were glistening with light. They were even more dazzling than the stars sparkling in the sky.

Nevertheless, Gu Yiyi loved Feng Ruqing's deep eyes.

The young princess smiled radiantly, two little dimples could be seen plastered on her fair and delicate face. She looked irresistibly lovely.

Still, Gu Yiyi loved Feng Ruqing's eyes that curved into crescent moons when she smiled.

The young princess was full of life, she was so delicate, just like a tiny little flower.

However, Gu Yiyi loved Feng Ruqing's formidable and domineering demeanor.

Both You Lan and Feng Ruqing were princesses, but they were so different.

'When will I leave this annoying place? I want to bury my head in Xiao Qing's warm embrace...' Gu Yiyi felt a sudden urge to cry and heaved a soft sigh.

"I truly have no idea when I will leave this place."

'The people here are crazy, they have lost their minds!'

Here, the spirit beasts were no different than sitting ducks. The people here had made the spirit beasts a living target and shot arrows at them just for fun.

Startled, You Lan went pale and stared dazedly at Gu Yiyi. She hesitated for a while, but soon she took Gu Yiyi's hand and pulled her aside.

The servants were quite far from Gu Yiyi and You Lan. Hence, no one had heard Gu Yiyi's words.

"Do you really want to leave?" You Lan raised her head and stared solemnly at Gu Yiyi.

The eldest prince had always been vicious. You Lan was more afraid of the eldest prince than the emperor.

Gu Yiyi was brought into the palace by the eldest prince. It just so happened that You Lan had met Gu Yiyi in the eldest prince's chamber and they had hit it off right from the first time they met. However, if You Lan helped Gu Yiyi leave the palace, the eldest prince would surely kill You Lan.

"I am not here on my own will. I was seized and brought into this place. This place is like a prison. I can hardly breathe. Moreover, I can't see Xiao Qing."

Gu Yiyi had escaped a few times, but all in vain. Although that person did not punish her, she was being monitored even more closely now. She was not even allowed to step out of the back garden. Gu Yiyi simply had no idea if she could see Feng Ruqing for the rest of her life.

"You Lan, please don't tell your brother that I want to leave. Although he knows this, whenever I grab the chance, I will leave. I don't belong here."

"I will help you." You Lan bit her lower lip.

Stunned, Gu Yiyi smiled wryly and shook her head.

Whenever Gu Yiyi thought of Feng Ruqing, she could not help grumbling. She had never thought of getting any help from the people of Tianyue Kingdom.

After all, this kingdom belonged to the eldest prince.

"There is no need. If my father and Xiao Qing know this, they will come to my rescue. I am waiting for them."

You Lan held onto Gu Yiyi's hand tightly.

"No, if you don't want to marry him, you must leave as soon as possible. Yesterday, I heard my eldest brother told my father that he wants to make you his consort and my father has agreed!"

"Are you sure?" Hearing this, Gu Yiyi's heart trembled and her voice quivered.

"Yes!" You Lan said resolutely.

Gu Yiyi burst into tears like a dull booby.

"No way! I want to marry Xiao Qing. If worse comes to worst, I would rather be Xiao Qing's second aunt than marrying this bastard!"

"I know how painful it is to marry someone you don't love." You Lan shook her head with a wry smile.

"Even if you haven't told me this, I am going to tell you something. My mother was my father's dearest consort. However, my mother did not love my father. She was forced to leave the man she loved to be married to my father. My mother... ended up collapsing into a dreary depression before she eventually died. It is so heartbreaking to get married to someone you don't love. Gu Yiyi, I want to help you!"

Chapter 1042: Gu Yiyi is Snappy I

Hearing this, Gu Yiyi's heart sank. Sure enough, Gu Yiyi wanted to leave this place, but she did not want to put You Lan into trouble.

After pondering for a while, Gu Yiyi shook her head.

"You Lan, I will find my own way out. Don't tell him about this, although he already knows this."

"Yiyi, I told you that I will help you. I will keep my words! I am his sister, he can't do anything to me. You are my friend, I can't bear to see you suffer," You Lan said with smiling eyes.

Gu Yiyi's heart skipped a beat, she looked up at the young lady before her as she said earnestly, "You Lan, honestly, I have never considered you to be my good friend before this."

You Lan was rendered speechless. The truth in Gu Yiyi's words stung.

"I got close to you because you are a princess. The person I love is also a princess. Now, I have found the similarity between both of you—fierce loyalty." Gu Yiyi patted You Lan's shoulder and continued saying.

You Lan's hand stroked her chest. Gu Yiyi's words pricked even deeper into You Lan's heart. You Lan had always been treating Gu Yiyi her good friend, but it turned out that You Lan was merely a backup.

"Don't worry. If there is a chance, I will come back together with her. I know you don't like this place and have always wanted to get out of here. Xiao Qing is really something. She can get you out of here."

Hearing this, You Lan's eyes lit up, curving into a crescent moon as she broke into a bright smile.

"Alright, I will wait for you to come back. However, my eldest brother has been around in the palace a lot lately. When he goes out, I will get a chance to take you out of here."

"Okay." Gu Yiyi nodded solemnly. At this moment, she really saw You Lan as her friend, not a backup.

Just as You Lan wanted to say something, Gu Yiyi tugged at You Lan's hand.

Stunned, You Lan raised her head only to see Zheng Tuanwu walking toward them from not far away.

With a smiling face, he walked toward them with both hands on his back. He was so different from his domineering and vicious look in the marquis manor. Currently, he looked like a wolf in sheep's clothing, irritating!

"Your Highness, I heard that you have had some conflicts with Gong'er recently. Has Gong'er done anything wrong and offended you?"

"Marquis Zheng must have misunderstood me. I am not feeling well. Hence, I didn't want to see anyone these few days." You Lan's face changed as she said blandly.

A glimmer of light flashed in Zheng Tuanwu's eyes. He subconsciously glanced at Gu Yiyi who was standing aside.

"Your Highness looks ruddy and healthy. You don't seem to have any health issues. Moreover, you said that you don't want to meet anyone. You are meeting this lady, aren't you?"

Hearing this, a burning rage swept over Gu Yiyi. How dare this bastard humiliate her! When Gu Yiyi was still in Tian Shen Manor, simply no one dared to say that she was not a human.

"Marquis Zheng, Yiyi is an honorable guest that my eldest brother has brought back to the palace. She is one of us. I believe that you are in no position to say anything about her," You Lan said nonchalantly before Gu Yiyi could explode in anger.

Currently, vigor and delicate trickled out of You Lan, calm and elegance took its place.

"Your Highness, I didn't mean to do that. Gong'er misses you so badly. So, please..." Zheng Tianwu's face darkened, the corner of his lips curved into a smile.

You Lan laughed in exasperation.

“Zheng Tianwu, do you think I am a prostitute from the brothel and would meet whoever comes into the brothel? Why must I meet Young Marquis Zheng just because he misses me? Why don’t you ask him what he has done to me?”

Chapter 1043: Gu Yiyi is Snappy II

Zheng Tianwu was annoyed, but he did not show any emotion on his face.

“Your Highness, please calm down. I apologize to you on Gong’er’s behalf. No matter what Gong’er did, he is still young and insensible. Could you please forgive him this time?” Zheng Tianwu smiled brightly.

“I am one year younger than him, you want me to forgive him because he is young and ignorant? Marquis Zheng, you have actually thought that Young Marquis Zheng is younger than me!

“Yiyi, let’s go, don’t be bothered about him.” You Lan sneered sarcastically.

Gu Yiyi turned her head sideways to glance at Zheng Tianwu, her lips curved into a disdainful sneer.

Seeing the disdain in her eyes, Zheng Tianwu exploded with anger. He narrowed his eyes that were full of murderous intent.

“This lady must be the Her Highness’s new playmate that the guard has mentioned. Pfft! She is nothing. She looks stunning but both her strength and talent are inferior. The young princess is a lady. Hence, this lady’s stunning face is useless. All I want to know is why the young princess turned her back on Gong’er.”

After leaving together with You Lan, Gu Yiyi did not go back to her chamber. Instead, she took a stroll in the back garden. She had never felt so constrained before this. This palace was like a cage and she was like a canary that was not capable of getting out of the cage.

“Maiden Gu.” Gu Yiyi’s face darkened. Someone blocked Gu Yiyi’s way. She looked up at the man who stood before her.

‘How does this fellow know my name?’

“What?” Gu Yiyi asked indignantly.

“Maiden Gu, Her Highness, Princess You Lan is still young and gullible. Hence, I must give you some advice—the sower of discord will face calamity.” Zheng Tianwu forced a smile.

Stunned, Gu Yiyi did not get Zheng Tianwu. He had actually said that Gu Yiyi was the sower of discord? What had she done?

Well, did Zheng Tianwu mean that Gu Yiyi had sown discord between the eldest prince and You Lan? All she wanted was to leave the palace. She had never done anything to both of them.

“You...what do you mean?”

“Maiden Gu knows it very well. I have no idea what my son—Zheng Gong has done to offend you so much so that you want to separate Gong’er and You Lan.” Zheng Tianwu’s smile faded slightly.

“Zheng Gong? Who is that?” Dumbfounded, Gu Yiyi had not regained her senses.

Hearing this, Zheng Tianwu could no longer hold back his anger.

“Maiden Gu, there is no one in Tianyue Kingdom who does not know who my son is. This is such a witless lie. Don’t you ever think that you could do whatever you want with the eldest prince behind my back! You can never be the eldest princess consort. You would only be an insignificant concubine. After some time, he will get bored of you. Do you really want to go against me now? Have you ever thought of your future?”

Gu Yiyi stared at Zheng Tianwu, disdain trickling out of her eyes as empathy took its place.

‘It turns out that Zheng Tianwu has a screw loose.’ Gu Yiyi would not blame him for the things that he had done as her father told her not to reason with a fool.

Naturally, if Gu Shi knew what Gu Yiyi was thinking right now, he would have cried his heart out—what Gu Shi said did not fit in the current situation.

Gu Yiyi merely heaved a sigh and shook her head. Then, she turned to walk past Zheng Tianwu.

“Maiden Gu, I will give you a piece of Grade-5 spirit herb, please stay away from Her Highness, Princess You Lan.” Zheng Tianwu reached out in an attempt to stop Gu Yiyi.

Chapter 1044: Gu Yiyi is Snappy III

Nevertheless, Zheng Tianwu firmly believed that there must be some misunderstandings between Zheng Gong and Gu Yiyi. Hence, Gu Yiyi had sown discord between You Lan and Zheng Gong. Subsequently, You Lan distanced herself from Zheng Gong.

Gu Yiyi could not help but stop in her tracks. She could recall the things that had happened the day she left Tian Shen Manor—a noble lady had thrown money at a modestly dressed young lady. The noble lady looked down at the young lady condescendingly as she said with a flamboyant and exaggerated tone, “Take this one thousand dollars worth of notes and stay away from my son.”

They were one thousand dollars worth of notes!

Gu Yiyi had never thought that this would happen to her. After all, her father was Gu Shi.

However, Gu Yiyi did not burst with anger. Instead, she was amused. She could not help but laugh.

“A piece of Grade-5 spirit herb is nothing. Back then, when Xiao Qing helped me to lose weight, Grade-6 spirit herb was a part of the token of gratitude that I have given her in return. However, if you truly want me to leave, I will tell the eldest prince later that you want me to leave and that it was not my intention.”

Zheng Tianwu’s face darkened a little, but he paid no heed to Gu Yiyi’s words.

“Grade-6 spirit herb? You have overestimated yourself.”

“Unfortunately, the Grade-6 spirit herb is not good enough for me. I regret what I have said. I will tell the eldest prince that you want me to leave, but I will never do so unless you give me one thousand pieces of Grade-8 spirit herbs. I would immediately leave without looking back then.”

‘Grade-8 spirit herb! You slut! You are no different than a robber!’

Although Gu Yiyi was a gorgeous lady, she was feminine at all. Her overbearing demeanor was annoyed.

“Maiden Gu, you seem to prefer rough treatment, don’t you?”

“No, I don’t.”

Zheng Tianwu could not stay any longer. He was afraid that he could no longer hold back his anger and might just kill Gu Yiyi. Hence, he took a deep breath. His murderous briefly scanned Gu Yiyi’s face before he turned to leave.

Zheng Tianwu stumbled away. His body was trembling. Apparently, he was extremely indignant.

“He is a marquis, but his emotional intelligence is too low. I have only just said a few words, but he had exploded with anger. If he continued talking to me, he would have died from anger.” Gu Yiyi pouted disdainfully.

It was something great indeed. At least Zheng Tianwu would never look for Gu Yiyi anymore.

Thinking of this, Gu Yiyi broke into tears. She missed Feng Ruqing, Gu Shi, Xiao Yin, and her second uncle so badly.

It had been a year. Had they tasked anyone to look for Gu Yiyi? Were they doing well?

In the depth of the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

A young lady was sitting with her legs crossed by the pool. A faint beam of sunlight poured over her face. She opened her eyes, she looked calm and serene.

“It’s been a year...”

Initially, she had wanted to make a breakthrough to Advanced Dark Warrior tier. However, she had not made it even after a year of cultivation.

It seemed that she was stuck in a cultivation bottleneck where she just could not make a breakthrough.

On the contrary, ever since the spirit beasts had stopped drinking the contaminated water and with the help of the sacred water, their strength had improved by leaps and bounds.

Even Feng Ruqing was shocked at the speed of the spirit beasts’ improvement.

The most talented wolfhound had even attained Tier-6 strength. Perhaps, it could even attain Tier-7 strength if it was given a chance.

Chapter 1045: Gu Yiyi is Snappy IV

Spirit beasts that had attained Tier-7 strength were similar to a human who had attained Spirit Warrior tier.

Hence, the wolfhound was an Advanced Spirit Warrior. More importantly, it was actually a female wolfhound!

“It’s such a pity...”

If Feng Ruqing could take this wolfhound out of the Forest of Spirit Beasts, this wolfhound might be a perfect match for the snow wolf.

After all, dogs and wolves shared a common ancestor a long time ago.

The wolfhound threw itself at Feng Ruqing, sticking out its tongue to lick Feng Ruqing’s face.

Perhaps the wolfhound had been abandoned for years and it had finally met a master who was treating it so well and with such gentleness.

The wolfhound stared at Feng Ruqing with watchful and gentle eyes.

“Sit down,” Feng Ruqing said calmly.

The wolfhound sat upright and wagged its tail like a well-trained dog. It was so cordial and handsome.

“Hmm, this dog behaved more like a dog than Little Wolfie.”

The snow wolf was a wolf after all. If not for Feng Ruqing luring it with the Divine-Spirit Fruit, it never would have listened to her command like the wolfhound.

However, the snow wolf had a special place in Feng Ruqing’s heart.

The snow wolf was not as smart as the rest of the spirit beasts. Neither was it good at fighting nor escaping. It had always looked so miserable. Hence, Feng Ruqing had always been taking special care of the snow wolf.

Moreover, the snow wolf was the first spirit beast that Feng Ruqing owned. She had even blown a hole in Feng Rushuang’s wallet because of the snow wolf. Naturally, the snow wolf had a special place in Feng Ruqing’s heart and no other spirit beast could replace it.

No matter how sensible and smart the other spirit beasts were, the snow wolf was Feng Ruqing’s dearest spirit beast.

“Have the people out there retreat?” Feng Ruqing raised her brow.

The people out there had always wanted to take these spirit beasts away. In order to make the spirit beasts cultivate peacefully, Feng Ruqing and the spirit beasts had been hiding in the Forest of Spirit Beast for one whole year.

Squeak! Squeak! The rabbit squeaked.

“Mother, the rabbit said that there are still some people wandering out there. However, the eagle that was tasked to send the letter has brought back the news of the other spirit beasts... Someone saw Aunt

Gu in Marquis City.” Qing Han, who stood next to Feng Ruqing conveyed the rabbit’s message to Feng Ruqing.

As Feng Ruqing could not go out to look for Gu Yiyi, she had tasked the big rabbit to send the eagle to deliver letters to the birds in all the cities of the realm.

The eagle was too big and eye-catching. On the contrary, the birds were small and had yet to ascend to spirit beasts. Hence, they could hardly be noticed. That was the reason Feng Ruqing had tasked these birds to look for someone.

“Eagle, send a piece of spirit herb to all the birds that helped me. This spirit herb could help them in cultivation and they could ascend to spirit beast sooner.”

In the ancient Hua Xia, there were both ordinary snakes and spirit snakes. Similarly, in Cang Yue Mainland, there was no lack of spirit beasts, but there were more animals that were not capable of ascending to spirit beasts.

The eagle was overjoyed. It screamed and circled around Feng Ruqing for a while.

“Later on, will you all leave the Forest of Spirit Beasts together with me?” Feng Ruqing stroked her head with a smile on her face.

All the spirit beasts were dumbstruck by Feng Ruqing’s remark. Even the eagle stopped in its track.

The whole Forest of Spirit Beasts sank into silence.

These spirit beasts had never left the Forest of Spirit Beasts before. This was their home. Even if their home was full of danger, it was far safer than the world out there.

However, as of now...

The spirit beasts raised their heads to look at Feng Ruqing’s face. A look of absolute determination settled upon their faces.

Chapter 1046: Leaving the Beast Forest I

Naturally, the spirit beasts were willing to leave their home if Feng Ruqing was their master and would never leave her after that.

“Mother, when will Brother Fu Chen wake up?” Qing Han bit her lower lip. She looked a little dejected.

Back then, Qing Han had always felt that Fu Chen was annoying when he was around. However, Fu Chen had been sleeping for so long. As of now, Qing Han missed him so badly.

Feng Ruqing lowered her eyes, the corner of her lips curved into a faint smile.

“He will wake up soon. I could feel it. I wonder how strong Fu Chen will be when he wakes up.”

Qing Han’s strength had greatly improved and was as strong as an Immortal Warrior’s even though she had only slept for a short while. Simply no one knew how strong Fu Chen could be when he was awake.

“Really? Mother, I think Brother Fu Chen is getting taller. When he is awake, will he be a dwarf no more, unlike me?” Qing Han broke into laughter, her eyes curved into crescent moons. She looked extremely adorable.

“Well... I am not sure. You are still young. When you grow up, you will surely be taller.”

“Oh.” Qing Han raised her head and stared dazedly at Feng Ruqing’s face. She did not seem to understand Feng Ruqing’s words.

‘When will I be as tall as Mother?’

Arf! Arf!

The wolfhound barked as it wagged its tail and circled around Qing Han.

“Ah Wang, let’s go!” Qing Han smiled as she waved her hand.

Feng Ruqing was the one who had set up the formation in the Forest of Spirit Beasts. Naturally, she knew how to break it.

Hence, they walk smoothly through the forest.

Outside the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

There was a group of guards wandering dejectedly outside the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

An ordinary-looking middle-aged man with sallow skin and a black mole on his forehead could be seen leading the group. He looked like someone who had overindulged in sexual intercourse.

Indeed, he looked extremely imposing wearing the armor. However, at the same time, he looked like someone who sought power by riding on the back of the tiger.

“You are a bunch of fools! You can’t even get into the forest until now. Go and find a way to get into the forest now. I don’t believe that I can’t get in!” The man waved the long whip in his hand and cracked it forcefully at the guard who stood near him.

The whip made contact with and ripped off the skin of the guard’s back, leaving traces of blood. It was a brutal whip strike. However, simply no one dared to make a sound seeing the guard being tortured.

The guards had no choice. The man’s sister was Zheng Tianwu’s dearest consort. This man was highly influential and powerful. Hence, the guard did not dare to mess with him.

“Hurry up! If you all can’t find it, I will skin you all alive!”

Mu Yu waved the whip once again as he snarled.

The guards left immediately. They were too afraid to stay there any longer. Currently, there was only a squad of guards left on the spot to protect him.

Mu Yu got off the horse and sat down on the ground nearby, feeling carefree. He then took out a pot of wine and drank from it.

It was a pity that he only had a pot of wine. Without a gorgeous lady by his side, it was such a waste.

Just as Mu Yu was about to put down the wine pot, a gorgeous silhouette came into sight from the hills of the Forest of the Spirit Beasts.

As he did not hold onto the wine pot tightly, the wine pot slid through his fingers and fell to the ground. His eyes were fixed upon the beautiful lady who was slowly walking out of the forest. He could not help but gulp—he was smitten with the lady.

‘She is so stunning! There is actually such a beautiful lady in the Forest of the Spirit Beasts!’

The lady was way too gorgeous. She looked even more stunning than his pretty sister.

Chapter 1047: Leaving the Beast Forest II

Even the little maiden next to her was exquisitely beautiful. When the little maiden had grown up, her beauty could bring the whole city to their knees.

“What are you doing here? Don’t you see the beauty ahead of you? Go and get her.” Mu Yu slapped the guard across his head.

‘It must be wonderful to be with such a gorgeous lady.’

Rubbing his palms together, Mu Yu stared at the lady with a lecherous gaze, a lustful smile could be seen plastered on his face. He could even foresee the lady moaning exaggeratedly, being pinned down under his body...

Just as the guard wanted to make a move, his body suddenly stiffened as he stood rooted to the ground.

The sun was burning like fire.

The lady in the red robe was even more dazzling than the sun. Her face was indescribably stunning. One could hardly forget her even with just a glance.

A little maiden could be seen riding on the wolfhound that walked next to the lady. It was such a warm and harmonious sight.

Suddenly, countless spirit beasts strode out of the forest, walked after the lady—wolves, tigers, leopards...and a big rabbit.

It was a wide variety of spirit beasts behind the lady, as if a huge group of bodyguards. Each of them was bigger and stronger than the petite lady who walked before them. The lady was as if a tiny little fish leading a big group of giant sharks.

Stunned, all the guards stood rooted on the spot, their faces stiffened.

Mu Yu too was startled. He looked blankly at the lady before him. He could not help glancing at the spirit beasts behind her.

‘Wait... why do these spirit beasts look so familiar?’

Standing dazed for a while, Mu Yu had finally regained his focus. A glimmer of vicious light flashed in his eyes.

‘Those spirit beasts belonged to the marquis manor. However, they are out here following a lady?’

“Stop them!” Mu Yu snarled.

The guard nearly burst into tears.

‘You have just sent so many people out of here and there are only a few of us left. Do you really think we can defeat so many spirit beasts? These spirit beasts will bite us to death.’

Seeing the guard was still standing unmovingly, Mu Yu gave the guard a kick and sent him forward.

“Go now!”

The guard walked fearfully toward Feng Ruqing, his face was ghastly pale.

Under the tree, just as Feng Ruqing walked out of the Forest of Spirit Beasts, a guard in armor stopped her.

“Back off!” The lady’s face was nonchalant.

Bang!

Before the guard could say a word, he was dealt a blow on his chest, sending him flying away and crashing pathetically to the ground.

The guard spat out a mouthful of blood and did not manage to get up after that.

Mu Yu’s face darkened. He got up and sized Feng Ruqing up with a lecherous gaze. The corner of his lips curved into a sinister sneer.

“Maiden, these spirit beasts belong to the marquis manor. Where are you taking them to?”

Feng Ruqing glanced at Mu Yu who was walking up to her from not far away and then turned to look at the spirit beasts.

“Is that so?”

All the spirit beasts shook their heads simultaneously as if they were trained to do this before.

“Maiden, the Forest of the Spirit Beasts belongs to the marquis manor. Naturally, the same goes for the spirit beasts within the forest. However...” Mu Yu stroked his chin as he sneered.

“If you are willing to be my concubine, I could give you one of them. However, you must not take all of them away. These are the marquis’s spirit beasts. He would never give them to anyone!”

Chapter 1048: Leaving the Beast Forest III

The marquis was so enthralled by Yuan’er. Even though this lady looked beautiful, with her character, the marquis would never like her.

The prince would never be generous toward the people he disliked. Naturally, he would not give her the spirit beasts.

“Mother.”

Little Qing Han puffed her cheeks, her eyes innocent and without evil, looking absolutely harmless.

“Who is he, why he is coming to snatch away Ah Wang and the rest? Ah Wang is obviously our family’s dog.”

The hunting dog nodded vigorously.

Exactly! It was already its new owner’s dog, it was no longer related to other people.

Mu Yu looked at Little Qing Han and licked the corner of his lips. “Of course, if you are willing to give your daughter to me too, I can let you choose and bring away one spirit beast.”

Boom!

Suddenly, a kick conjuring a hurricane hit Mu Yu’s body causing him to fly away.

He coughed and fell to the ground utterly wretched. Immediately, another gust of wind blew and by the time he had lifted his head, he found that the maiden’s figure was already floating before him like a ghost.

She rested her leg on Mu Yu’s chest and smiled cordially. But when Mu Yu saw her smile, it looked devilish, causing his whole body to go cold and tremble uncontrollably.

All the guards pulled out their swords, but before they could rush forward, the spirit beasts were already pouncing on them, pinning them down to the ground and growling threateningly.

“What did you say earlier on? I didn’t hear it.” Feng Ruqing lowered her head whilst smiling.

The smile did not quite reach her eyes causing people to tremble.

“Oh, that’s right. You wanted me to... sell my daughter?”

Not knowing why Mu Yu’s face paled and his gaze flustered when he saw Feng Ruqing’s expression.

He personally did not have high-level cultivation but had always been relying on Marquis’ Manor’s strength to throw his weight around. On this land, nobody who dared to cross his path indeed.

This time, he had come to the beast forest for his personal gain. He just wanted to have a taste of what it was like to kill a spirit beast. That was why he had offered to bring people to this place.

He had never thought that not only was he unable to kill a spirit beast, but he had also attracted a devil.

“What do you want to do? I am Marquis Zheng’s brother-in-law. Our Marquis’ Manor’s skilled masters are all nearby. If you dare to touch me, Marquis Zheng will not let you off so easily! He will cut your body into a thousand pieces and destroy your whole family!”

Feng Ruqing’s lips lifted into a smile and she slowly retracted her leg.

Mu Yu sighed a breath of relief. It seemed like the name of the prince was pretty useful. At least, it had caused this woman to be afraid.

However, in the next moment, the maiden's ruthless voice thundered.

"If all of you want to take revenge, come and do it yourselves. The harm these people have brought you should be personally returned to them!"

Under the sun.

A light breeze gently blew at the maiden's sleeves. Her face warm and kind under the gentle light of the sun.

Her words were like a light, lighting up the hearts of the spirit beasts.

The eyes of the spirit beasts were bright. Under the influence of Feng Ruqing's words, all the spirit beasts pounced forward, overwhelming the screaming Mu Yu. One could no longer see his face that was filled with fear and panic...

Just a stone throw away, the skilled masters from Marquis' Manor who had just arrived personally witnessed Mu Yu losing his breath under the claws and fangs of the spirit beasts. Their faces turned pale, trembling in shock.

Earlier on, Mu Yu had ordered them to search for an entrance into the beast forest. So, many people had left, leaving behind only a few skilled masters to protect him.

However, those skilled masters were simply not the opponents of the spirit beasts.

Chapter 1049: Leaving the Beast Forest IV

"This... What should we do? Lord Mu is dead, should we go back and report it?"

"Report what? We have failed to protect Lord Mu. The marquis loves Lady Yuan so much, for sure we will pay with our lives! So, we better quickly run away. Managing to escape for one day more is an additional day to stay alive! Once we go back, we will have no way of coming back out again!"

"Ever since Lady Yuan has entered the manor, all the loyal ministers in the marquis' manor have been sentenced to death due to slander. Even the marchioness has died just because she had given Lady Yuan a slap. Do you think we still have any reason to stay in this kind of place?"

Everyone looked at each other and came to a conclusion in their hearts. They left in a rush without being bothered about Mu Yu.

Marquis City.

In Marquis Zheng's Manor, a young butler rushed in with his forehead covered in sweat and eyes darting around in anxiousness.

"Lady Yuan, Lady Yuan! This is bad. Something has happened to Lord Mu Yu!"

In the eastern courtyard.

Lady Yuan was lounging on her side, with the warm sun shining on her body. Two servants holding fans stood on each of her sides, gently fanning her.

When she heard the commotion coming from nearby, Lady Yuan looked up and saw the little butler running in, causing her to frown.

Her personal servant immediately saw that she was annoyed so, she stood up and shouted, "Can't you see that the lady is resting? How huge is that matter that you are kicking up such a fuss?"

The little butler was panting and covered in sweat. "Lady Yuan, Lord Mu has passed away!"

Lady Yuan was holding a cup of water that a servant had brought to her. Hearing that after taking a sip from the cup, her hand trembled from shock, causing the cup to slip and fall to the floor.

Her face paled, her eyes contained surprise and sorrow. Her body swayed and it was a good thing that the servant behind her had caught her. It was only then that she had managed to stabilize her body.

"You... What did you say just now?"

"Lady Yuan, Lord Mu was hurt in the beast forest!"

Lady Yuan's face turned white. She lightly rubbed her forehead, shaking her head in disbelief.

"No. I don't believe it. How could Elder Brother be dead? Absolutely impossible. You are all lying to me. It must be!"

Her face was covered in tears.

The servants held her body up, afraid that she would not be able to take it and collapse.

"Madam, Lord Mu has disappeared in the beast forest some time back. The marquis sent men to look for him, but they ended up bringing back a body... my Lady... Do you want to take a last look?"

Lady Yuan closed her eyes in agony, her body swaying as if she would fall any moment. "There is no need for that. I do not wish to take a look. All of you should just leave. I want to rest properly for a bit."

Obedying her order, the servants and little butler left.

Only Lady Yuan was left in the whole eastern courtyard.

After all the people had left, her tears vanished too. Her lips curled into a sneer.

"Dead. He's finally dead!"

Hahaha!

'Sir Ye, I have avenged you!'

Sunlight shone upon Lady Yuan's beautiful face, yet her smile was desolate.

'Sir Ye, I have betrayed you and given up on our relationship. Now, all I can do is to let those who have harmed you accompany you in hell! Mu Yu is finally dead and he died from his own doing! From now on, the only place I want to overturn would be Marquis Zheng's Manor!

'I will make him lose everything he has, betrayed by all and left behind by his loved ones!'

"Yuan'er!"

A familiar voice called out from nearby...

Lady Yuan put away all her anger and hatred. Her tears, once again, flowed down her face, making her look pitiful and seemingly bearing great pain.

"Marquis..."

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"Yuan'er, this marquis is aware of everything." Zheng Tianwu stopped and looked at Lady Yuan's pitiful figure. Fury quickly filled his heart and as he spoke with a sharp glare. "Guards! Go and investigate immediately, who was it that has caused Mu Yu's death! No matter who it is, you absolutely cannot let him off!"

Lady Yuan sniffled and leaned against Zheng Tianwu's chest. Her charming face was like a vixen's, but because of the tears that covered her face, she looked even more endearing.

"Marquis, this matter was obviously supposed to be handled by Housekeeper Tian Qi. Why did he make Elder Brother go? Housekeeper Tian Qi was the one who has approached Elder Brother. Elder Brother had willingly gone to the beast forest. I don't know what had happened exactly, but I have no parents and only an elder brother. Without him, how am I going to survive?"

Lady Yuan's breathing seemed erratic and her hand was placed on her chest. She was panting after every sentence and she was sobbing. Her face pale.

Zheng Tianwu's face was cold as he shouted, "Guards! Put Tian Qi into the prison!"

"Marquis!"

Everyone's face paled in surprise and they quickly knelt down and cried out hoarsely, "Marquis, Housekeeper Tian Qi has always been loyal to Marquis. He would never plot against Lord Mu. Please investigate clearly!"

"I do not care whether or not he has had intentions to plot against Mu Yu. If killing him would make Yuan'er happy, then his life is worth it!"

These people in the marquis' manor had always been loyal to a fault toward Zheng Tianwu. But now, seeing that he had been ensnared by a woman, their eyes subconsciously turned red as they glared at Lady Yuan fiercely in anger.

First was the marchioness, then the marchioness' elder brother. After that was the housekeeper and now even Housekeeper Tian Qi...

It was unknown how many loyal subjects of the marquis' manor were lost because of this woman!

This woman was a vixen who had destroyed countries and brought harm to the citizens! She had charmed the marquis into a mess and was now causing the death of the marquis' manor's loyal subjects without a qualm.

"Marquis, this servant knows that anything I say will be useless, but I hope that you will listen to my last words of advice. Don't listen to this vixen's lies anymore. Otherwise, the marquis' manor will surely perish. Hahaha!"

Saying this bit, the man stood up and determinedly committed suicide by smashing his own head against a rock nearby.

Fresh blood oozed from his brain, spilling onto the floor.

Zheng Tianwu did not even glance at him. He simply waved his hand and complained, "Drag him out to the mass grave post. Yuan'er is so beautiful and gentle, how would it be possible for her to possess a venomous and murderous heart? All who slander her deserve to die!"

Lady Yuan buried her head in Zheng Tianwu's embrace, her body trembling. Her hand tightly clenched into a fist, fingers digging into the palm of her hands.

These few people's death was no big deal.

Sir Ye's family of over five hundred people, all dead!

In a single night, the luxurious manor had turned into ashes, burnt to the ground.

Therefore, it did not matter how many people died in the marquis' manor. She would never feel guilty.

Because these people—they all deserved death!

In jail.

A man's hands were nailed to the wall. His lips cracked most likely because he had not had water in a long time.

Creak.

The jail door was pushed open and a beauty dressed in a long green dress entered.

This beauty was extremely beautiful. There was a beauty mark on her forehead, making her look even more beautiful—enough to destroy countries and devastate citizens.

The man saw the beauty entering with the help of the little light that spilled in through the open door. His heart leaped with joy as he spoke with a dry voice, "Lady Yuan, I did not harm Lord Mu. I really didn't harm him!"

The door of the jail then locked again.