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Chapter 241: Weak, Pitiful, and Heart-Wrenching III

These people must die!

Killing his men was like punching him in the face; he would not stand for it!

At first, the snow wolf was pleased. However, its heart skipped a beat when it saw Tang Shan furiously charging at it.

'We're finished, this guy is really pissed off now!'

In actual fact, it was still afraid of death...

The snow wolf, therefore, straightened its back with a carp-like motion without even looking at the middle-aged man behind.

"Awoo! Awoo! Awoo!"

'Catch me if you can, you bastard!'

"The damned snow wolf, stay if you dare!" Tang Shan angrily shouted.

But his men were almost wiped off by Tang Zi. He was not able to pursue the snow wolf and soon gave up his chase. He decided to kill Tang Zi first. There will be time for the snow wolf later.

Although the snow wolf had just reached Tier-4, its speed had somehow increased tremendously. It would take a few minutes to catch up to it.

A few minutes was enough for Tang Zi to eliminate all his men.

Tang Shan gave chase to Tang Zi without hesitation.

Who would have known that Tang Zi would start running as well?

'She had ran away? Leaving her Iron-Blooded Troop behind?'

After all, Tang Zi was the only one who could escape. The rest of the Iron-Blooded Troop was not strong enough to break through their encirclement.

Tang Shan did not even stop to ponder and immediately went to chase Tang Zi.

As he was fast approaching Tang Zi, an agonizing shriek came from behind him.

Tang Shan hastily turned his head and saw a snow-colored wolf licking bloodstain off of its body. It was standing on top of the corpse of a Tang family member looking at him with a sneer.

Those eyes looked at him like he was the fool.

The snow wolf was now a Tier-4 wolf. If it were before, Tang Zi and the snow wolf could never play Tang Shan around this way.

Some of Tang Shan's men were of True Warrior tier as well. He could only kill them effortlessly after reaching Tier 4.

While Tang Shan was startled, Tang Zi managed to escape a few more yards away.

His anger turned into a fit of rage. He was now pursuing the snow wolf heedlessly.

The snow wolf, after biting some members of the Tang family to death offhandedly turned in front to flee.

This time around, Tang Shan did not stop and were persistently giving chase to the snow wolf.

Compared to Tang Zi, the one he wanted to kill more was this Snow Wolf that dared to look down at him!

"Awoo! Awoo! Awoo!"

The snow wolf looked back and was terrified out of his wits.

'What the hell is this guy? Didn't he see Tang Zi turn around? Didn't he see Tang Zi killing the Tang family members?'

That was not what it had expected.

'Holy Mother I'm scared! Somebody save me!'

It wasn't sure if the gods had heeded the snow wolf's plea, or that the gods took pity on the snow wolf, which was more of a dog...

As the snow wolf was about to be caught, and as Tang Shan's palm was about to reach him, a surge of energy suddenly shot out from a near distance. A thunderous boom exploded, and Tang Shan was directly hit. The powerful strike caused a shock wave to be emanated from around his body.

As Tang Shan stumbled a few steps back after being hit, the snow wolf was finally saved. It saw the green-robed young man in the breeze.

There was a striking scar on the young man's face.

But standing next to the young man, was a figure it had always been dreaming of...

It howled as its snow-white body swooped toward Feng Ruqing.

In a rare moment, Feng Ruqing did not kick the snow wolf away and instead opened her arms up for an embrace...

Of course, the consequences were severe.

Feng Ruqing had forgotten about her reduced weight. Her frame was not wide enough to accommodate the snow wolf like she used to. She was knocked a few steps backward before falling to the ground on her butt. Her bones were almost knocked out of place.

But the snow wolf had no self-awareness. It licked Feng Ruqing's face with its tongue. Tears were rolling in its eyes.

Weak, pitiful, and heart-wrenching.

Chapter 242: Shut His Mouth I

At first, Feng Ruqing took pity on the snow wolf. However, that knock had made her mad.

“No Divine-Spirit Fruit for a day!”

Like a bolt from the blue, the snow wolf was dumbfounded.

It did not understand what wrong it had done to have master deducting its Divine-Spirit Fruit.

Fortunately, it had kept away some Divine-Spirit Fruits for times like this.

“Who are you people?” Tang Shan’s face turned cold. He set his eyes upon Qin Chen’s face.

To him, amongst the crowd, that young man made him feel most threatened.

Feng Ruqing blinked at the snow wolf and signaled it to stand aside.

The snow wolf obediently rolled to the side. It found a tree stump and sat down like a house dog. Its wolf tail wagged, so cute and fluffy.

Tang Shan was speechless.

‘Where has your dignity gone? Where was the savagery in your plans just now? How did this snow wolf, brimming with pride, turn into a dog in the blink of an eye?’

And acting all cute?

‘Don’t you feel ashamed?’

“Who are you guys really?” Tang Shan asked this with gritted teeth and anger in his eyes as nobody replied to him.

Feng Ruqing’s eyes fell upon Tang Zi’s pale face.

There were still fresh bloodstains at the corners of her mouth. The blood was still wet, and it made Feng Ruqing’s eyes red.

She still didn’t answer Tang Shan’s question. She streaked to land in front of Tang Zi in her red gown.

Tang Zi was confused by the unknown but familiar face. For a moment there, her brains crashed.

“Who are you?”

She could only utter these few words after getting a hold of herself.

She could not recognize Feng Ruqing as she had changed drastically within these couple of months...

Those features, that breath; they felt strangely familiar to her.

After looking at how the snow wolf reacted toward her, she had an intuition. But she felt that it was too incredible; she could not believe it.

“Don’t talk if you’re wounded.” Feng Ruqing furrowed her brows and there was a hint of sadness in her eyes. She asked Fu Chen to take out a blood-red fruit from the medium and passed it to Tang Zi. “Eat this.”

Boom!

The familiar voice was like a lightning bolt exploding in Tang Zi’s mind.

Her mind went blank. She stared blankly at the young girl in front.

She probably could not have recognized Feng Ruqing by face alone. But her voice had been deeply engraved in her mind. She could never forget it.

Thus, when Feng Ruqing opened her mouth, her intuition was proven.

“Princess!”

Princess!

The young girl shining brilliantly in front of their eyes was their master, Feng Ruqing!

None of the Iron-Blooded Troop could believe it. How did the princess become so skinny in just two months?

No, she was still a bit chubby by normal standards. But compared to how she was before, she was astonishingly skinny!

Tang Zi was still in shock. She had yet to regain her composure.

Feng Ruqing did not want to delay any further. She gently placed the red fruit near Tang Zi’s lips.

The fruit was very small; almost like a grape. It was easily pushed into Tang Zi’s mouth.

She took a bite subconsciously. The sweet nectar filled her mouth and carried a thick scent of spirit flavor. The pain in her chest greatly subsided.

That was... a spirit herb?

Only spirit herbs could produce such great results.

Tang Shan appeared disdained at first. But after he saw Feng Ruqing taking out the fruit, he was astounded, even his breath grew rapid. “Is that... a Grade-3 herbal fruit?”

Chapter 243: Shut His Mouth II

Moreover, the herbal fruit could even heal Spirit Warrior-tier injuries?

Tang Shan took a few quick glances. There was darkness underneath his eyes.

It seemed that Feng Ruqing did not see his eyes. Her eyes turned toward the members of the Iron-Blooded Troop.

“Those who are injured may take an herbal fruit from me.”

If the herbal fruit could heal the injuries of Tang Zi’s caliber, it would work even better on the others.

But they too knew the value of an herbal fruit. The master could have kept them for her own future use, wouldn’t it be a waste to give it to them?

As such, the members of Iron-Blooded Troop were a bit hesitant. No one dared to take the fruit.

Feng Ruqing gently closed her eyes. “You are all my girls. Our number shall never change from the day you girls pledged your allegiance to me, not one less. As valuable as herbal fruits are to me, they don’t even come close to your lives!”

She did not dawdle any longer. She knew that they would not take the fruits. Therefore, she took out more fruits and placed them in Tang Zi’s hands.

“Take these and feed them. Give priority to the wounded. Today, everyone must leave here without a single scratch! Don’t even bring a single scar back to the city!”

The crowd trembled. The young girl’s crisp but unshakable voice was like a hand tugging at the strings in their hearts.

She said that the value of herbal fruits didn’t come close to their lives!

Even in those days when the empress brought them down to the battlefield and stuck by their side, she had never said such things before.

Ling Yun looked blankly at the young girl. Only then she realized that she had undergone a major transformation in the short period of six months.

She had become so brilliant that it was hard to look her in the eyes.

“What is your relationship with Tang Zi?” Tang Shan’s eyes fell on the herbal fruits in Feng Ruqing’s hands. Wickedness filled his eyes.

Feng Ruqing looked back at Tang Shan, smiling coldly. “She’s mine.”

“Don’t you know that Tang Zi was a traitor?! She had betrayed the Tang family before, she will betray you in the future as well!”

Tang Shan’s voice was like a sledgehammer pounding on Tang Zi’s heart.

She anxiously lifted her head to look at Feng Ruqing.

Her eyes were filled with tension, sorrow, and despair.

At first, everyone in the Tang family did not trust her just because of a person’s words.

Those who had promised to protect her too did not trust her at all.

Everyone treated her like a traitor.

If it weren't because the elder wanted to spare her life, those people would have never let her leave the Tang family.

But still, those people laid their hands on her during her exile from the Tang family and injured her. That had taken a toll on her cultivation.

She was afraid... afraid that Feng Ruqing too would abandon her.

That she would treat her as a traitor and throw her out of the imperial city.

She knew very well the spits and nails that came with being accused as the traitor. If she could not prove her innocence, she would be a traitor in everyone's eyes.

Feng Ruqing calmly looked at Tang Shan.

Her eyes were serene, but deep inside, she was burning with anger.

Traitor...

So that was what Tang Zi had to go through all these while.

Even now, those who did not believe her and accused her, still dared to find her?

"I do not know what happened to Tang Zi last time, but..." Feng Ruqing smiled cynically—ridicule in her smile. "If I condemned her just by listening to your few words, wouldn't that be too pitiful on her part?"

Chapter 244: Shut His Mouth III

Feng Ruqing trusted Tang Zi.

"Since she is my subordinate, I trust her."

When Feng Ruqing trusted someone, she would trust her wholeheartedly. Moreover, if the person she trusted failed her, no one was capable of handling her revenge.

If Tang Zi truly thought of betraying Feng Ruqing, she would have left the princess who had always been breaking her heart. However, not only did she continue to stay at the palace, she did not bow her head to the Noble Consort Rong. She was waiting for the day the princess came to her senses.

Tang Zi's dream had come true. The princess was fully awake and would never break their hearts again.

'She trusts me! Her Highness trusts me!' Tang Zi glanced at Feng Ruqing. All of a sudden, her eyes were flooded with tears as old memories flashed through her mind. It was truly ridiculous that she was upset with the things the Tang family did to her previously.

She should just let go of the people who had wronged her by just hearing a few words from the others. Now, she was fully awake and stared at Tang Shan resolutely.

"It is true that I had betrayed the Tang family! However, it did not happen twenty years ago. It's happening today!" The Tang family was the pain that she had held onto for years. However, she would never feel bad for them anymore.

“Pfft! Lady, regardless of whether Tang Zi was shoved out of the Tang family, she still carries the bloodline of the Tang family. If you want her to work for you, give me one hundred pieces of Grade-3 spirit herbs—spirit fruits,” Tang Shan sneered.

“Tang Shan! You are no different from a robber!” Slightly startled, Tang Zi snarled.

With the Tang family’s strength, they were only capable of getting forty to fifty pieces of Grade-3 spirit herbs each year. Spirit herbs with Grade-4 and above were much lesser. Tang Shan had actually requested for a hundred pieces of spirit fruits?

“I will let all of you go with a hundred pieces of spirit fruits. From here onward, you must give me a hundred pieces of spirit herbs every month. Otherwise, don’t blame me for being merciless.” Tang Shan’s eyes filled with disdain.

‘Since this lady has so many spirit fruits, she must have an easier way to get them. It would be useful if I spare her life. As for the young master with a scar on his face, even if he is a threat, he dares not mess with the Tang family.’

As everyone in the Tang family was aware that Tang Yin was Nan Xian’s fiancé, even in the reclusive realm, if anyone messed with the Tang family, he was actually messing with the people in that realm. Naturally, Tang Shan feared for no one.

Howl!

A gust of wind swept past Tang Shan from his back.

Stunned, Tang Shan turned his head only to see the young master with a beautiful countenance standing before his eyes. His eyes were cold and nonchalant. Strangely, the young master was only a human, but Tang Shan felt the young master gave out a cold aura. He never had such a feeling before.

The young master’s strength was not inferior to his. He was in the same tier as Tang Shan—Spirit Warrior tier. However, the domineering demeanor from the young master was so overwhelming.

Stunned, this was the first time Feng Ruqing witnessed Qin Chen’s battle skill. He was really something.

Feng Ruqing could vaguely remember that Fu Chen had told her before. Qin Chen did not manage to cultivate for a long while, and he could only do so when he stayed with Feng Ruqing. This could hardly be changed.

However, Qin Chen was only at the tender age of sixteen, but he had actually attained Spirit Warrior tier a few years ago. He truly was an unrivaled talent. After all, a human could never start cultivating as soon as he was born. He could only do so when he had attained a certain age.

Chapter 245: Shut His Mouth IV

Feng Ruqing had attained her current strength because of the spirit herbs. However, Qin Chen was really something as he had attained such immense power at a tender age. Why did he suffer such a miserable situation?

Whoosh!

Qin Chen swiftly unsheathed his sword. A blood curdling sword aura emitted from the sword, stirring up a gust of wind in the still air.

Tang Shan turned his body sideways and the sword slid through his arm. Blood oozed from the wound and his sleeve was drenched in blood.

“Little chap, you dare to mess with the Tang family?” Tang Shan asked as he gritted his teeth.

Qin Chen did not utter a word. He did not want to talk to anyone except Feng Ruqing. He merely thrust his sword forward, as his attack crashed into Tang Shan like pouring rain. Even though both of them were of Spirit Warrior tier, Tang Shan could hardly dodge Qin Chen’s attack.

Tang Shan’s forehead was covered in beads of cold sweat.

‘Damn! Where did these two bastards come from? Do they truly pay no regard to the Tang family? Since when did Tang Zi got with these powerful masters?’

“Tang Zi, stop him! Don’t you ever forget the Tang family’s strength! If he hurts me, the Tang family would never let you off easily!” Tang Shan’s eyes reddened with rage as he turned around and snarled at Tang Zi.

“If we let go of you, would you stop targeting at my master’s spirit herbs? Even if my master had run out of spirit herbs, the Snow Wolf and I had killed so many people of the Tang family, would the Tang family let us off the hook?” Tang Zi gritted her teeth.

There was no difference in killing one more people since the ending would be the same. Moreover, if Tang Shan died here, the Tang family would never know what had happened in the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

“Tang Zi, Lady Qian Qian was right. You are a traitor! You have betrayed the Tang family!”

Previously, there were many young masters of the Tang family who fell for Tang Zi. Not only did she turn them down without batting an eye, but she had also worked together with the outsiders, wanting to seize the Tang family’s treasures.

Had it not been for the old master of the Tang family—the late Elder Tang Yi who had to plead for mercy on behalf of her, the Tang family would never have spared her life.

Tang Zi was such an awful betrayer. She was not worthy being a part of the Tang family.

Previously, Tang Shan had pursued her for years and had given her his heart. But she had actually turned her back on him.

“Tang Zi, do you remember Chang Li—the young master of the Chang family. You worked together with him in an attempt to take over the Tang family. It was a pity that Lady Qian Qian had unmasked your conspiracy. Chang Li had admitted that it was you who forced him into your plot. Chang Li had regretted his wrongdoings and had compensated the Tang family with plenty of treasures. The Tang family has since then forgiven him.”

“Oh yeah, Chang Li had married Lady Qian Qian.”

Tang Zi did not utter a word. She clenched her fists tightly, her breathing became rapid and shallow.

Feng Ruqing turned her head around to look at Tang Zi.

She could not find a hint of sorrow on Tang Zi’s face. Instead, her face was filled with anger and a hint of mockery.

After pondering for a while, Feng Ruqing quickly understood. She turned and glanced at Qin Chen.

“Qin Chen, shut his mouth. I don’t want to hear his voice.”

Qin Chen’s gaze was icy cold. At this time, various sword aura erupted like countless of dragons thrusting toward Tang Shan.

As Tang Zi had killed the rest of the people from the Tang family, out there in the battlefield, Tang Shan was the only one left standing in the battlefield.

Beads of cold sweat streamed down Tang Shan’s forehead. His face was contorted with anxiety. If he still did not manage to think of a way to escape, he could never escape.

Roar!

At this time, an earth-shattering roar sounded from deep inside the forest.

Chapter 246: The Tiger Has Taken Feng Ruqing Away I

The earth shook violently.

Standing rooted to the ground before everyone could react, a giant tiger rushed over from deep inside the forest.

The tiger with three colored stripes was extremely ferocious. The domineering demeanor from it could frighten one to death. Seeing the tiger, Tang Shan’s body shook violently as fear filled his face.

“It’s Tier-5 spirit beast—the Three-Striped Tiger.”

It was a Tier-5 spirit beast? Why would there be a Tier-5 spirit beast in the Forest of Spirit Beasts?

The three-striped tiger paid no regard to Tang Shan. Before anyone could react, its giant body darted toward Feng Ruqing, bit into her robe, and dashed toward the deep forest.

“Qing Qing!”

Qin Chen’s face contorted in shock, he disregarded Tang Shan and rushed after the three-striped tiger.

Howl!

The Snow Wolf was burning with anger. It got up quickly and dashed after the tiger at lightning speed.

‘Divine-Spirit Fruits...Oh no! She is our master! This spirit beast has actually taken my master away? Even though you are a Tier-5 spirit beast, I am not afraid of you! Give my master back to me!’

Although the rest of the spirit beasts were frightened of the Tier-5 spirit beast, Tang Shan was more horrifying. Hence, all of them quickly rushed after the Snow Wolf.

“Let’s go get them!” In a somber mood, Tang Zi gritted her teeth as she shouted.

As soon as Tang Zi finished her words, the Iron-Blooded Troop darted in the direction where the three-striped tiger had vanished from sight.

At this time, Tang Shan was the only one who remained standing on the spot. He wiped off the blood at the corner of his lips and looked at the surroundings where everyone had vanished in a flash.

“Tang Zi, you have actually run after a Tier-5 spirit beast? You are no doubt seeking your own demise! It is a pity that I haven’t gotten the spirit herbs and spirit beasts. However, everything is fine so long as the Tier-5 spirit beast could wipe out the whole Iron-Blooded Troop on my behalf,” Tang Shan sneered. His words were full of resentment.

The Tier-5 spirit beast had appeared just in time. Otherwise, Tang Shan would have lost his life.

Tang Shan glanced coldly in Tang Zi’s direction, and the rest vanished from sight before he turned to walk out of the Forest of Spirit Beasts. He did not even spare a glance at the remains of the Tang family’s member.

These people could still be his slave if they were alive. Currently, they were simply worthless as they were dead. Naturally, Tang Shan would do nothing for them.

In the Forest of Spirit Beasts, Feng Ruqing’s head was swimming from being tossed back and forth by the three-striped tiger. Had it not been for her strength being stronger than an ordinary human, she would have fainted. However, she still had a sick feeling in her stomach.

This three-striped tiger did not hurt her. It was only taking her to a place, but simply no one knew where it was heading.

This Tier-5 spirit beast was really something. Even if Qin Chen were here, he might not be able to handle the three-striped tiger.

Soon after, the three-striped tiger stopped in front of a cave.

A pungent smell of blood came out of the cave. Feng Ruqing did not move and merely raised her brows. The three-striped tiger strode forward and took her into the cave.

In the cave, the three-striped tiger walked carefully as if it were afraid that its steps could create a stir in the cave.

Not long after, Feng Ruqing had finally realized the three-striped tiger’s purpose. There were a few little newborn three-striped cubs deep inside the cave. However, simply no one knew what they have gone through. One of the cubs had died while the rest of them were hurt and on the verge of death.

Roar!

The three-striped tiger threw Feng Ruqing on the ground and stuck out its tongue and licked one of the cubs. Its eyes were full of love and tenderness.

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However, when the three-striped tiger turned to look at Feng Ruqing, gentleness left its eyes. Its face turned wary as it roared ferociously at Feng Ruqing.

“You want me to save them?” Slightly startled, Feng Ruqing asked.

Spirit beasts were capable of perceiving human emotions. Although they were wary of humans, they were extremely intelligent.

This three-striped tiger knew that it was incapable of healing its cubs on its own. Hence, it resorted to human’s medical skill to cure its cubs. However, why did it choose Feng Ruqing?

As Feng Ruqing had always immersed herself in the spirit herbs, her body naturally carried a more potent herbs scent. Hence, the three-striped tiger had chosen her.

Feng Ruqing’s eyes swept over the cubs. One of them could hardly breathe and was more severely hurt than the others.

It was a mutated three-striped cub! Even though it was just a cub, it was actually a Tier-3 spirit beast! This mutated three-striped cub could definitely dominate the Forest of Spirit Beasts when it is fully grown.

It was fortunate that Feng Ruqing had bumped into a mutated spirit beast.

“I can save these cubs, but I need some tools...”

As Feng Ruqing had always brought writing brush and paper with her wherever she went, she wrote down all the tools that she needed before passing the paper to the three-striped tiger.

Although spirit herbs had a significant healing effect, they were doped with too many impurities. If Feng Ruqing could get rid of these impurities, she could double the results with half the effort.

A herbal dish was one of the methods to eliminate impurities while enhancing the healing effect of the spirit herbs.

The three-striped tiger glanced warily at Feng Ruqing before it turned to walk out the cave.

Bang! The door of the cave slammed shut.

Feng Ruqing was dumbfounded. This three-striped tiger was actually afraid that Feng Ruqing would escape?

In fact, Feng Ruqing had never thought of escaping. As soon as the three-striped tiger left the cave, she squatted down and took out all her spirit herbs.

Although the Forest of Spirit Beasts was huge, the three-striped tiger was really something as it managed to get all the tools that Feng Ruqing requested within the time it took for half an incense stick 1 to burn.

“Where did you get all of these from?” Stunned, Feng Ruqing glanced through the tools laid neatly before her eyes as she asked.

‘Spirit beasts can cook?’

The three-striped tiger did not answer Feng Ruqing and merely snorted. In fact, this three-striped tiger could get all these things outside the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

Feng Ruqing did not ask further but took the woods and lit a fire. She even instructed the three-striped tiger to get her a pot of water.

As the three-striped tiger cared for its cubs, it fetched a pail of water from the stream and put it before Feng Ruqing obediently.

Feng Ruqing stroked her chin as she glanced at the three-striped tiger. A glimmer of light flashed through her eyes.

‘This three-striped tiger is such a good helper. I need it in my manor.’

However, she quickly regained her focus as the cubs were crying in pain, waiting for her to save their lives.

When the water had finally boiled, Feng Ruqing took out a handful of spirit herbs and put them into the pot.

“This is spirit herbal soup. You feed the cubs with this when it’s fully boiled and they will recover very soon.”

Feng Ruqing used Grade-3 spirit herbs and these spirit herbs were a boost to the cubs’ recovery.

In fact, the spirit fruit could heal the spirit beasts. However, these cubs were severely hurt and the spirit fruit could not be taken continuously. It took them at least ten days to half a month to fully recover.

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Apparently, Feng Ruqing did not want to waste so much time in the cave.

Feng Ruqing’s eyes swept past the spirit herb soup and she sank into deep thought.

“I should give some spirit herb soup to my father, grandpa, and the Iron-Blooded Troop as well. Spirit herbs are no match for herbal dish when they are severely hurt. It would be too late to cook it when they really need it.”

‘Who has the luxury of time to cook in the battlefield? I must make some spirit herb soup when I return to the city.’

When the spirit herb soup was ready, knowing that the cubs were not capable of taking it on their own, Feng Ruqing took a bowl of soup and walked toward the cubs.

Roar!

Seeing this, the three-striped tiger kept its guard up and roared ferociously at Feng Ruqing.

'If you dare hurt my cubs, I will not let you off easily!'

Disregarding the three-striped tiger, Feng Ruqing squatted down and put the bowl before the cubs. Perhaps, the cubs had not been taking food for a long while, they could not help sticking out their tongue to drink the soup. They looked extremely adorable, like puppies.

Feng Ruqing fed the most severely hurt mutated cub. Initially, it was not capable of moving. After drinking a bowl of spirit herb soup, it had quickly revived its energy, crawling on the ground, and growled as if it wanted to show its gratitude to Feng Ruqing.

Sticking out its tongue, the mutated three-striped cub licked its arm and wagged its tail. Its eyes were bright and clear.

The three-striped tiger could not help but roar. Its eyes glistened with tears as it stared joyfully at its cub.

In response to its mother, the mutated three-striped cub growled.

Originally, Feng Ruqing was infuriated that the three-striped tiger had taken her to this place without saying a word. She thought of taking revenge after healing the cubs. However, the heartwarming moment between the three-striped tiger and its cubs had touched Feng Ruqing's heart. The anger burning in her heart slowly faded.

Perhaps, it was because the three-striped tiger did not hurt her and everything it did was for the sake of saving its own cubs, Feng Ruqing decided to let it go,

Feng Ruqing squatted down again to feed the rest of the cubs.

As the rest of them were not as severely hurt as the mutated three-striped cub, they quickly walked toward the bowl and drank the spirit herb soup as soon as they smelled the spirit herb soup.

When the cubs could no longer feel the pain, they moved near Feng Ruqing and licked her to show their gratitude.

Roar!

The three-striped tiger stared at Feng Ruqing with its eyes filled with gentleness. After pondering for a while, it took the mutated three-striped cub with its jaw and put it before Feng Ruqing.

"You want to give it to me?" Stunned, Feng Ruqing asked.

The three-striped tiger was reluctant to part with its cub, but it nodded resolutely.

It was true that Feng Ruqing was very fond of the mutated three-striped cub. However, seeing the way this three-striped tiger stared at its cub, she felt bad for taking the cub away from its mother.

"I can't take it." Feng Ruqing sighed softly as she smiled wryly. She had never felt so bad for all the spirit beasts that she took in previously. However, this time, she truly felt bad for taking the cub away.

Roar!

Seeing the mutated three-striped cub crawling back its way, the three-striped tiger roared again, and its face turned ferocious.

Growl!

The mutated three-striped cub glanced at its mother wistfully and crawled near Feng Ruqing with its claws held onto her feet. Its eyes were flooded with tears.

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"Well..." Just as Feng Ruqing was still hesitating, the three-striped tiger took the mutated three-striped cub with its jaw and threw it out of the cave.

It was actually telling Feng Ruqing that if she did not take the cub with her, the three-striped tiger would not take it back either.

If Feng Ruqing did not behold the whole incident and how the three-striped tiger cared for its own cubs, she would definitely think that this three-striped tiger wanted to get its cub a nanny. However, she knew that the three-striped tiger actually wanted to force Feng Ruqing to take its cub with her.

Perhaps, the three-striped tiger knew that Feng Ruqing was fond of its mutated cub. Since the three-striped tiger could not pay its debt of gratitude, it gave her the mutated three-striped cub instead.

At this time, all the things that the old princess did flash through Feng Ruqing's mind. The old princess had treated both Noble Consort Rong and Feng Rushuang wholeheartedly, but they had actually returned her kindness with enmity. Now even this three-striped tiger acknowledged other people's kindness and felt grateful for it. Spirit beasts were purer hearted compared to humans. There were only two types of humans in their mind—those who were good to them and those who hurt them.

"If that is what you wish, I will take this cub with me. Don't worry about your cub. There are many spirit beasts in my manor that could keep it company. I will take care of it."

Since Feng Ruqing had decided to take the cub with her, she would take care of the cub for the rest of her life. Spirit beasts were not just spirit beasts but her kin.

In her previous life, when her brother took her out of her family, Feng Ruqing did not bring anything with her but just a cloth and a stray dog that she had adopted. She never left the dog behind, although they suffered a lot of struggles and hardships in life. Since she had decided to adopt the stray dog, she would take care of it for her whole life.

Roar!

Feeling touched by Feng Ruqing's words. The three-striped tiger bowed its head at Feng Ruqing. The three-striped tiger trusted her. The three-striped tiger gave her its own cub to show its gratitude to her, and at the same time, it knew that its cub would have a better life staying with Feng Ruqing.

"Qing Qing..." An anxious voice sounded behind her.

Feng Ruqing turned her head around only to see Qin Chen standing anxiously at the cave entrance. Then, the snow wolf, the Iron-Blooded Troop and all the spirit beasts came into sight.

As the three-striped tiger ran extremely fast, they could hardly keep up with it. Hence, they had spent a long time searching in the forest and had finally found the cave.

Qin Chen's heart skipped a beat when he saw Feng Ruqing standing so near to the three-striped tiger.

However, Feng Ruqing did not understand Qin Chen's anxiety and greeted everyone with a bright smile on her face.

"Why are all of you here?"

Qin Chen flew into a great panic and rushed toward Feng Ruqing, standing before her.

The Three three-striped tiger growled as it kept its guard up. It trusted no other humans but Feng Ruqing.

"Tiger Mama, don't frighten off my friends." Feng Ruqing tapped the three-striped tiger on its head as she frowned.

Tiger Mama? Feng Ruqing had actually called the Tier-5 three-striped tiger—Tiger Mama?

The three-striped tiger let its guard down with a dark face.

"Qing Qing, are you alright? Seeing this, Qin Chen felt a great relief.

"I am fine. This three-striped tiger is such a dear. It didn't hurt me."

The Tier-5 three-striped tiger was such a dear?

Howl!

'Who are you to take my master away from me?'

The snow wolf stomped out of the crowd only to see an adorable cub clinging onto Feng Ruqing's leg. The snow wolf howled before it rushed toward the cub.

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Roar!

As the three-striped tiger truly cared for its cub, seeing the snow wolf rush toward its own cub made the three-striped tiger roar ferociously. Its eyes were filled with murderous intent.

Initially, the snow wolf wanted to pounce on the cub. However, it had quickly lost its courage seeing the Tier-5 three-striped tiger. Naturally, it dared not mess with a Tier-5 spirit beast.

‘Pffft! I would certainly take my master back when I have attained Tier 5!’

Feng Ruqing lowered her eyes only to see the snow wolf staring at the cub with its eyes filled with resentment and reluctance, not far from her.

Had it not been for the three-striped tiger, the snow wolf could have given the cub a hard blow.

“snow wolf, this little tiger is our new friend. Don’t hurt it!”

The mutated three-striped cub would stay in the princess manor. If Feng Ruqing could not control the snow wolf, it would definitely bully the cub.

The snow wolf was struck dumb by Feng Ruqing’s words.

‘This fella who wants to take my master away from me will stay with us? It has a name?’

Although the name that Feng Ruqing assigned was not impressive, it was still a name. The snow wolf had been the butler of the princess manor for such a long while but did not even have a name.

The snow wolf was upset with Feng Ruqing who would discard the old as soon as she had something new. However, it could not bear to turn its back on her. Hence, the snow wolf stared at Feng Ruqing with its eyes filled with unutterable grief.

Seeing this, Feng Ruqing patted the snow wolf on its head to soothe its emotion.

Then, Feng Ruring raised her head to look at the three-striped tiger.

“Do you want to leave with me?”

Slightly startled, the three-striped tiger shook its head after a while as it was in the middle of something, it could not leave the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

“Alright.” Feng Ruqing heaved a sigh of disappointment as she looked at the snow wolf.

“Snow wolf, this little tiger has to part with its mum at such a tender age. You will be its daddy nanny from now onward.”

The snow wolf’s eyes widened in shock. It had actually become a father before getting a wife? Moreover, this three-striped cub was different as the rest of the spirit beasts were obedient and well behaved. This three-striped cub was truly vicious and had won Feng Ruqing’s heart.

“Snow wolf, I understand that you don’t want to be a father yet. However, don’t you think this little tiger is so adorable? Don’t you want such a lovely child?”

‘This little rascal is adorable? It’s no match for me! Master, what’s wrong with your eyes?’ The snow wolf sulked.

“Don’t you think it looks like a cat? It looks so gentle and lovely.” Feng Ruqing took the mutated three-striped cub in her arms as she asked with smiling eyes.

'You had taken me as a dog previously. Now you think that this cub looks like a cat? There must be something wrong with your eyes.'

The snow wolf merely snorted.

The three-striped cub lay comfortably in Feng Ruqing's warm embrace and licked gently at her face.

Mew!

Everyone on the spot was rendered speechless. This three-striped cub was truly shameless. The three-striped tiger could not help but take a few steps backward.

Howl!

'This three-striped cub truly has no sense of shame! You actually did this to win the master's heart!' The snow wolf's eyes reddened in rage.