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Chapter 591: The Princess Elopes with the Palace Maid I

Daylight appeared all of a sudden.

At the back hill, Feng Ruqing walked out again from another cultivation session. She could feel the strength increase in her body. There was a soft smile in her eyes.

"I'm finally making a breakthrough to intermediate Spirit Warrior tier."

She did not make any breakthrough since the day she left the Forest of Spirit Beasts. Luckily, she had broken the barrier and reached a whole new level.

She walked down the back hill and she could see that Feng Ying was waiting for her in the manor.

There was a row of girls standing behind Feng Ying.

The girls' eyes were bright and they had cute freckles on their faces—seemingly eager.

A girl in green clothes stood at the far front of the row. Her face was much exquisite compared to the other girls. She lightly bit her lip and seemed withdrawn. One thing about her that was the same as the others was that there were freckles on her face too.

Her coldness disappeared the moment she saw Feng Ruqing. Nervousness and even a tinge of shyness replaced the coldness in the depth of her eyes.

Feng Ruqing was suspicious. "What happened recently? I saw many men and women with freckles when I go out. Now, even the servants of Fengyun Manor look like that too. Although freckles are cute, it seems that there are just too many people with freckles."

Feng Ying said respectfully, "Manor Lady, this is the order from Great Elder Lei Yun. I don't understand it too. That's right. This is a guardian from the Feng Yun clan, Hong Yu. The great elder has sent her to protect you. If you have anyone you want to beat up in the future, you can ask Hong Yu to do so for you to prevent your hands from getting dirty."

Feng Ruqing did not know how to respond to that.

'They found me a fighter instead of a servant?'

"Yes, that's right. The other girls are Spirit Warriors too. Regular people cannot beat them."

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

'They're really sent here to be my guards!'

In fact, Lei Yun would never send ordinary girls to protect Feng Ruqing.

Those girls were also elites among the disciples in Fengyun Manor. Their talents were exceptional even if they were in the reclusive world.

“Guardian Feng Ying...” Feng Ruqing coughed twice. “I don’t need any protection from anybody.”

Aside from the two Tier-5 spirit beasts in her manor, they were also Qing Han and Fu Chen. Nobody could beat them.

Feng Ying replied seriously, “Manor Lady. They’re not here to protect you. They’re here to beat up somebody on your behalf.”

Feng Ruqing remained quiet.

“Moreover, they have come voluntarily to take care of you. They’re not forced by Fengyun Manor. If you’re unwilling to accept them, they would be heartbroken and sad. You’re always so nice to the girls. You wouldn’t want that, right...” Feng Ying smiled.

Great Elder Lei Yun had mentioned it before. The Manor Lady did not favor the men but she had always treated the girls nicely. If they wanted her to keep the girls, they must make her feel compassionate toward them.

Surely, if Tang Yin had heard what they said, she would cry devastatingly in Nalan Jing’s embrace.

Feng Ruqing did care about girls. The two servants who were serving her were the best examples. Moreover, they were women, just like her. So, she would be gentle toward them.

But, there were two exceptions.

One, those who were her enemies.

Another was... Tang Yin...

Tang Yin would never forget how Feng Ruqing threw her out of the princess’s manor several times.

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She was never that cruel toward the other girls. But, it seemed like she had never treated Tang Yin nicely.

Was it because of Tang Yin’s lack of height and her small breasts?

Feng Ruqing turned her head slowly. Her gaze fell on those girls’ freckled faces. She was quiet for a while. Finally, she nodded her head slightly. “Fine. All of you can stay here. There’re a lot of things we’re lacking here but the one thing we have in abundance is money. It’s not a problem to have more people here.”

“Yes, Manor Lady.”

The palace maids were excited. They peeked at Feng Ruqing from the corner of their eyes.

Great Elder told them before that the manor lady was very beautiful. It seemed to be the truth.

She was captivating.

The most important thing was that they heard that... the manor lady was extremely talented. They could make a breakthrough during their cultivation quickly simply because they had used numerous spirit herbs from Fengyun Manor and they did their cultivation in the sacred land of cultivation in Fengyun Manor.

However, the manor lady grew up in the reclusive world. From what they had heard, she had made a breakthrough to intermediate Spirit Warrior tier in only one year.

They would surely attain great achievements if they stayed with the manor lady.

"Manor Lady..." Hong Yu was shy. She was not withdrawn and distant like how she was, with Tang Yu a few months ago. She seemed shy. "At last, you're back."

On that day, Tang Yu had forced herself into a position which she had no right to claim in the first place. Hong Yu was even demoted to be a servant.

She never left Fengyun Manor no matter how difficult her life had become. She believed that both the manor master and manor lady would return to Fengyun Manor.

So, she did not leave Fengyun Manor.

Luckily, she did not give up there and then. At last, the manor lady did return to the manor.

Hence, she did not feel like she had wasted her time no matter how hard it was before. She could be somebody as long as they were back to the manor.

Surely, Feng Ying knew of Hong Yu's hardships. He looked at her sadly.

'What's fake will always be fake. They will never be real.'

Tang Yu deserved what she got now. He would never forget how Tang Yu had humiliated Hong Yu before.

"Manor Lady, there's one more thing that I need to inform you about." Feng Ying turned and looked at Feng Ruqing. "Tang Yu is dead."

Feng Ruqing raised her eyebrows. 'Did she die so easily?'

"She died because of the great pain." Feng Ying smiled grimly. "However, the white phoenix came yesterday. He had locked Tang Yu's soul inside her corpse. He wanted her to suffer eternal pain."

"Alright."

'The white phoenix...

'Is he the state preceptor's white phoenix?'

"What about Tang Luo?"

'Both Tang Yu and her father had caused so much pain to my mother. They deserve to die horribly!'

"Tang Luo has gone mad."

Tang Luo had indeed gone mad.

He had not gone mad only because of how he was tortured in Fengyun Manor. But, there were some existing signs of insanity in him after he knew of the truth that day.

He had completely lost his sanity after the tortures he received in Fengyun Manor.

“He said that he loves the manor master but he chose to believe his own daughter. He did not even trust the manor master. That kind of person... has no right to love our manor master.” Feng Ying sneered sarcastically.

Tang Luo was the reason behind the manor master’s great sufferings.

He took the manor master away and erased her memory. But, he could not even protect her well...

Even when the manor master had recovered her senses and told him how she was being treated, Tang Luo still did not believe her.

This kind of man... had no right to talk about love.

“It’s a blessing for him given that he has gone mad.” Feng Ruqing sneered.

She had only anger and hatred toward both Gu Zhenyang and Tang Luo.

But, the person she hated the most was Tang Luo.

Gu Zhenyang’s love was paranoid while Tang Luo’s love was maniacal. ‘Both of them deserve to die! They’re unforgivable!’

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“Feng Ying.” Feng Ruqing’s hard stare softened. Then, she asked, “Do you know of any Qin family in the reclusive world?”

“Qin?” Feng Ying looked on blankly. “The reclusive world is big. The influence and power of the Qin family are strong. I’m not sure which one you’re talking about...”

“Then, go and investigate someone for me. He is called Qin Chen.”

Unknowingly, Feng Ruqing could not stop thinking about Qin Chen after he had left.

She was unsure if he was still safe. She was worried about him.

“Alright, Manor Lady,” Feng Ying replied.

“If there’s nothing more, you can take your leave now.” Feng Ruqing’s eyes darkened. She did not know whether she would be able to find out more about Qin Chen just by relying on the Fengyun Clan. It seemed that she needed to get help from Paramount.

“Alright.” Feng Ying paid his respect and left the manor obediently.

Feng Ruqing stretched her body lazily. Then, she lay on the chair comfortably. Her eyes curved into a crescent. She smiled and looked at the young girls in front of her. “By the way, what can you do?”

The girls looked at each other and they did not say anything in response.

“Do you know how to play any musical instrument?”

“No.”

“Do you know how to sing or draw?”

“We don’t know how to do that, either.”

Feng Ruqing was stunned. “Then, what do you know?”

Hong Yu was silent for a short while. “Does it count... that we know how to beat people up?”

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

It seemed that the palace maids from Fengyun Manor were only warriors.

Feng Ruqing thought for a short while. “Then, do you know how to take care of children?”

‘Take care of children?’

Hong Yu was shocked. ‘Is Manor Lady... pregnant?’

‘Whose child is that? Does the manor master know about that?’

“Mother!”

A soft voice came from the entrance of the manor.

Feng Ruqing turned and looked at the source of the voice. She soon saw that Fu Chen was holding Qing Han’s hand. They were entering the manor through the entrance of the manor.

At last, Fu Chen was willing to stroll around the place while she was having her cultivation session. But, he was being naughty only in front of Feng Ruqing and Qing Han. He always acted like an adult in front of others. He always wore a serious face.

“Mother, are these cute elder sisters new here?” Qing Han let go of Fu Chen’s hand and threw herself into Feng Ruqing’s embrace. “Why do they have the same small freckles as the girl outside? Are they sick?”

The girl who sold osmanthus jelly had no freckles. But, there were freckles on her face now.

The same also happened to the girl who sold the beancurd jelly on the next street.

“Maybe.” Feng Ruqing patted Qing Han’s small head. Then, she looked at Hong Yu. “Do you know how to look after kids?”

Hong Yu seemed awkward and helpless. ‘Manor Lady does have children!

‘But, these two kids are so cute and likable.’

“Maybe... I can...”

“Mother.” Fu Chen walked toward Feng Ruqing and stood beside her. He pouted. “I can take good care of Qing Han.”

Feng Ruqing rubbed her own temples.

“I heard that you burnt down Liu Manor again when you went out with Suyi yesterday.”

Liu Manor was burnt down by Feng Ruqing’s cousin and Tang Yin before. They had rebuilt it again not long ago. But, Xiao Qing burnt that down too. Now, they had rebuilt their manor for only half a month. But, it was burnt down again...

It seemed that the Liu family could never rebuild their manor again in this lifetime.

Fu Chen was stunned. “Qing Han persuaded Suyi to do that.”

“Did you beat Liu Yuchen up the day before yesterday?” Feng Ruqing continued her interrogation.

Fu Chen was quiet for a short while. “Qing Han saw that Liu Yuchen was sneaking around the princess’s manor again. Thus, she persuaded Suyi to do that too.”

“You pushed Lady Liu into the pond and made her drink the water there the day before yesterday, didn’t you?”

“It was Qing Han who told me that Liu Yuchen’s mother scolded her before. So, we asked Suyi...”

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“When did she scold Qing Han?”

Fu Chen was quiet again. Then, he replied, “Qing Han said that Lady Liu scolded her in her own heart...”

“So, now do you understand why I need to arrange for somebody to take care of you?” Feng Ruqing rubbed at her temples. She felt a headache coming.

She thought that Suyi would take good care of those two children. But, who knew that the imperial city would become so chaotic these past few days.

She was afraid that Suyi would behave like Qing Han one day. Suyi would treat the villains as snacks and she would end up with a stomachache. Then, who else would suffer other than Suyi herself?

“Princess, Princess!”

Just at that moment...

Qing Ling ran toward Feng Ruqing excitedly. There was a happy glow on her face. There were bright smiles on her face. “Lady Liu and Tan Shuangshuang got into a fight. Tan Shuangshuang was seriously beaten and now the local authorities have gone to resolve the fight.”

Feng Ruqing was stunned. Her body was frozen upright because of the shock. She was confused. “They got into a fight? Doesn’t Liu Yuchen’s mother favor Tan Shuangshuang?”

"They did get into a fight." Qing Ling was excited. "I heard that Liu Fuyong sided with Tan Shuangshuang and slapped Lady Liu when Lady Liu was teaching Tan Shuangshuang a lesson the other day. So, Lady Liu was jealous of her. Then, she got into a fight with Tan Shuangshuang when Liu Fuyong was not around in the manor."

Feng Ruqing was even more surprised now.

"Doesn't the previous chancellor dislike Tan Shuangshuang?"

"Princess, Liu Fuyong disliked Tan Shuangshuang before because he did not want her to marry Liu Yuchen." Qing Ling smiled happily. "He always loves influence and power. He looked down on Tan Shuangshuang before because she had no status and influence. But, now that the Liu family has lost its power and influence now. So, they are the same as Tan Shuangshuang. Moreover, Tan Shuangshuang is beautiful. It's possible that they have feelings for each other after much time spent together in the manor..."

Tan Shuangshuang was never married to Liu Yuchen and she had no relation with the Liu family.

So, Liu Fuyong was technically not falling for his son's woman.

Feng Ruqing's eyes narrowed. "It seems that there are quite a lot of incidents in the Liu family recently that I have no clue about that."

"That's for sure." Qing Ling seems proud. "I always keep a close eye on the Liu family. I just want to see when they will get their retribution."

In fact, Feng Ruqing never liked the Liu family. But, she also did not have much hatred toward them.

She could not be bothered about them as long as they did not offend her first.

She was not soft-hearted. She would not bother about them because she never took notice of them.

It was fine to her if the Liu family never liked her. She just wanted to be loved and liked by the state preceptor. She was not bothered by others' perceptions of her.

She only disliked Tan Shuangshuang but it was nothing like her hatred toward Feng Rushuang.

After all, it was the previous owner who had interfered with the relationship between Liu Yuchen and Tan Shuangshuang first. So, it was understandable that Tan Shuangshuang hated her.

So, she gave several opportunities to Tan Shuangshuang after she came here. She had even ignored them for several times. She would never have given her two hundred beatings if Tan Shuangshuang had not offended her so much.

Unfortunately...

The Tan family would never have lost its power and influence if Tan Shuangshuang had not offended her so much.

"I have nothing to do with the Liu family anymore after I have divorced Liu Yuchen the other day. I don't care much about whatever happens to them in the future." Feng Ruqing laughed unimpressively.

She did not care about the Liu family. But, they deserved what had happened to them now.

“But...” Feng Ruqing tapped her chin and she smiled happily. “I never thought that Liu Fuyong and Tan Shuangshuang would come down to this point. Did Lady Liu not bring this upon herself?”

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Lady Liu had favored Tan Shuangshuang very much in the beginning. She always invited Tan Shuangshuang to be a guest at the manor.

In short, Liu Yuchen liked Tan Shuangshuang because of Lady Liu’s efforts in bringing them together.

So, she was the one who had brought this upon herself.

“She deserves that.”

Lady Liu had always brought Tan Shuangshuang to the Liu family to annoy the princess when she was still married to Liu Yuchen. Qing Ling did not understand the reason why the princess never got angry at the Liu family given that she was always so arrogant and pompous. Everybody was afraid of her. But, she did not act that way in the Liu family.

At last, the princess recovered her senses and gave up on Liu Yuchen when she was forced to commit suicide.

“That’s enough. You don’t have to inform me of the incidents that have happened in the Liu family. Let them reap what they have sown.”

Liu Fuyong could not endure the pain of losing the power and influence given that he had always enjoyed the privilege of having a high status and great influence.

Moreover...

Liu Yuchen had always been a filial son no matter what.

Liu Yuchen would surely blame Tan Shuangshuang for what had happened to the Liu family.

So, their endings were quite apparent and clear.

“Actually, Tan Shuangshuang and the Liu family could enjoy good lives. Tan Shuangshuang’s talent is not bad. Liu Fuyong is still powerful. He has just lost his job as a prime minister. They don’t appreciate what they have and that’s the reason why they do not have a peaceful life.”

“Alright, Princess.” Qing Ling secretly kept Feng Ruqing’s words in mind.

‘The princess doesn’t want to listen to the news about the Liu family. So, I’ll not speak of it again.’

“But...” Qing Ling stopped talking for a while. She must tell Feng Ruqing about something. “I heard from the people from Paramount that... the King of the Spirit Beasts is having a fit in the Forest of Spirit Beasts. The different influences in the reclusive world nearby are recruiting people to tame that King of the Spirit Beasts.”

Feng Ruqing suddenly stood upright. "The King of the Spirit Beasts in the Forest of Spirit Beasts? Is it deep in the forest?"

There were quite a lot of kings of spirit beasts in the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

For instance, Beary was the King of Spirit Beasts in the outer circle of the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

It was because no spirit beasts could beat Beary in the outer circle. But, Beary was not powerful enough when you walked deeper into the forest.

But...

'It's a spirit beast that could force the people from the reclusive world to take actions. It must be the King of the Spirit Beasts from the deepest part of the forest.'

"That's right. The people from Paramount told me about that. A few families have joined forces. Recently, a few spirit beasts are in trouble too. They are picked and captured by the families."

Numerous families from the reclusive world joining forces were bad news for the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

But, Feng Ruqing did not understand why the families joined forces in order to capture the spirit beasts all of a sudden.

It did not affect Feng Ruqing if they were only interested in the King of the Spirit Beasts. But, there were too many spirit beasts that she had hired from the Forest of Spirit Beasts. There were even spirit herbs that she had cultivated there.

Although she used hidden tactical formation for every spirit herb there and those spirit herbs looked just like normal herbs, she could not sit there and do nothing because all the other spirit beasts in the Forest of Spirit Beasts were being hunted.

"Which are the clans that have joined forces? Are the Divine Herbs Sect, Shen Yao Manor, and Deities Gate¹ involved in this?"

Qing Ling shook her head.

Qing Ling and Liu Li knew more about the reclusive world since they often went to Paramount to run some errands for the princess.

"I'm not sure. The people of Paramount did not mention that. They might not be involved."

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If those three clans joined forces, the other clans might not be daring enough to compete with them.

"But, I heard from the people of Paramount that the king of spirit beasts, which they want to capture is a black dragon."

'A black dragon?'

Fu Chen suddenly raised his small head. He clenched his fists.

'Black Dragon? Little Black?

'It's impossible.'

The Divine Herbs Sect was destroyed.

Little Black protected them and ensured that they had escaped safely. 'It's dead...'

Fu Chen's eyes darkened slightly.

The only other creature closest to them other than the Ninth Emperor in the Divine Herbs Sect a thousand years ago was Little Black.

But, the Ninth Emperor had gone missing and Little Black was dead.

"Black?" Qing Han turned her head to the side and asked with uncertainty, "Is it Big Doggie?"

Fu Chen endured the pain in his heart. He patted Qing Han's head. "It's not Big Doggie."

"Fine." Qing Han pouted in disappointment.

'I thought that Big Doggie is back.'

Feng Ruqing blinked and there was a sneer on her face. "It seems like I need to go to the Forest of Spirit Beasts this time. Qing Han, you and Liu Li need to stay here. Hong Yu, go and prepare yourself. Later, we'll head to the Forest of Spirit Beasts."

Qing Han threw herself at Feng Ruqing and hugged Feng Ruqing's leg. "Mother, I want to go too."

Fu Chen did not say anything but looked at Feng Ruqing eagerly.

"Fine."

'It's better if I bring along these two mischievous fellows with me. If not, they'll surely make trouble everywhere they go.'

'Moreover, there's Suyi who pampers Qing Han to the point where she allows Qing Han to create trouble everywhere she goes. I'm worried about that.'

'I don't want the imperial city to be burned down when I return.'

"Also..." Feng Ruqing was quiet for a short while. "Don't allow Liu Yuchen to get near the princess's manor when I'm not home. If he dares to burn down the princess's manor, go ahead and beat him up."

Qing Ling's eyes brightened. "Alright, Princess. I can see through Liu Yuchen's evil thoughts. His eyes are wicked. I think that he not only wants to burn the princess's manor down but he also wants to steal your spirit herbs in the back hill."

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

She felt that Liu Yuchen was unknowingly quite dangerous.

"Then, don't allow him to be within twenty zhangs of the princess's manor. If he dares to take even one step closer, just throw him out. If you cannot beat him, get some spirit beasts to bite him for you."

“Alright, Princess.”

Qing Ling smiled happily after listening to the princess’s order.

She had hated Liu Yuchen since a long time ago.

‘The princess has just divorced him. He doesn’t have to plan evil plots against the princess’s manor all the time. He’s quite vengeful. It’s dreadful.’

“Hong Yu, let’s go. I want to see which person it is who dares to capture my spirit beasts in the Forest of Spirit Beasts. Call Beary and Beary II. Let Snow Wolf stay here and guard the manor.”

Snow Wolf howled in protest.

‘Why do you ask me to guard the manor? Why? I’m not a dog!

‘My son’s mother is still in the Forest of Spirit Beasts. Why do I have to stay here and guard the house?’

Feng Ruqing was not bothered by the snow wolf.

She not only had to worry about the danger of being crushed and also the danger of incoming swords from the sky which would cut off the snow wolf’s head if she brought it along.

She had no choice. The snow wolf was unlucky. It would be attacked even if it walked on the road without doing anything. So, she had to make it stay at the manor.

At the Southern Bamboo Grove.

The azure snake slithered toward the man. It raised its head and looked at the man who was sitting with his back against the snake itself.

The man seemed calm and handsome. It looked like he would not react even if the sky fell down.

“Master...” Xiao Qing was hesitant for a short while. “The palace maids are sent to the princess’s manor. Is it okay if we don’t stop it?”

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Nan Xian said calmly, “No need.”

“Why? Didn’t Master say that you won’t allow palace maids to enter the princess’s manor anymore?”

Xiao Qing did not understand the situation.

‘At first, Master made a fuss after Fengyun Manor had sent palace maids to Liu Yun Kingdom. He wanted to force them back to Fengyun Manor.

‘But, Master did nothing when he saw the palace maids.’

“Yes.” Nan Xian smiled calmly. “I saw their faces.”

“And?”

“Qing’er only likes beautiful people.”

Qing Zhu was quiet.

Male snakes had the ability to identify the beauty of female snakes. For them, the humans looked just the same.

“But...” Qing Zhu replied weakly, “I saw that the princess eloping with the palace maids just now. The princess has abandoned you.”

At that moment, the air around them froze. Although Qing Zhu was a cold-blooded animal, it still felt cold and it started to tremble. It looked at the man in front of it, fearfully.

“What did you say?”

Qing Zhu trembled vigorously. But, it was still brave and stubborn. It finished its report stoically. “The princess has eloped with the palace maids. They have left the imperial city. The princess has abandoned you, Master.”

Nan Xian was no longer calm. His mood had changed.

A white figure moved very quickly. He grabbed the tail of the snake with one hand and disappeared into the quiet and serene Southern Bamboo Grove.

At the Divine Herbs Sect.

The master gazed steadily at the elder below him in the Divine Herbs Sect.

“Sect Master, the beastmaster of the Forest of Spirit Beasts seems to have made a breakthrough. It has even started a riot there. It looks like it’s searching for somebody. Don’t we have to do something? We can still capture it and bring it back to keep it even if we don’t kill it.”

Dragons and phoenixes were considered rare spirit beasts in this land.

“Did Shen Yue Manor and Deities Gate do anything about this?” Master asked calmly.

The elder was quiet for a moment. “Both of them did nothing.”

“Then, we don’t have to do anything. The black dragon is of the lowest tier among the dragon species. Its potential is low but its strength is quite attractive for the other families. But, it’s useless for us.” The master said with a smile.

The elder was stunned. “But, there’s a record in the ancient book of the Divine Herbs Sect. It mentions that the black dragon was the guardian spirit beast of the Divine Herbs Sect a thousand years ago.”

“It’s different.” The master shook his head. “The previous guardian spirit beast of the Divine Herbs Sect was not a black dragon but a spirit dragon.”

“A spirit... dragon?”

“Yes. It was not a true spirit beast but it was formed with the surrounding spiritual qi. It was not a dragon but it was the only one in this world. It had disappeared and there are no more spirit dragons.”

‘How could a black dragon be compared to a spirit dragon?’

‘The black dragon is the weakest kind in the dragon family. It’s too worthless to be my spirit beast.’

“You can leave now. Those two families are not even bothered about it. So, we don’t have to do anything for the black dragon.” The master smiled softly. “Moreover, there will be a war soon at the Forest of Spirit Beasts. We don’t have to join their fight. We will just sit here and watch their fight.”

“Furthermore...” The master’s eyes narrowed. “The other families went there not only to capture the black dragon. Although the black dragon is the most worthless kind of dragon, it won’t bow down to the humans because of the arrogance of the dragon.”

“But, I heard that the other families had captured quite a lot of spirit beasts in the Forest of Spirit Beasts.”

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“There’s a possibility of taming ordinary spirit beasts. But, it’s impossible to tame the dragons and phoenixes. You need to understand that. However, they were unable to slaughter or capture the spirit beasts in the Forest of Spirit Beasts these past few years because of the existence of the beastmaster. They could only capture some spirit beasts at the outer circle of the Forest of Spirit Beasts.”

The master stopped talking for a while. Then, he continued, “We don’t know what happened there when the black dragon made a breakthrough. It is weak but it still dares to start a riot there to the point where all the other clans intend to join forces to kill it. If the black dragon is dead, the fate of the Forest of Spirit Beasts will be in the hands of humans. The spirit beasts will become pets and machines for humans.”

So, the Divine Herbs Sect did not have to join in the fight.

“I understand now.”

The elder greeted the master and said respectfully, “But, is it true that we don’t have to avenge Gu Zhenyang?”

The master’s facial expression changed at Gu Zhenyang’s name. “That goddamn bastard! I have punished him once and he is so daring as to attack the secular world! Let’s not talk about avenging him yet! Who should we even get revenge from? If you’re able to kill Nan Xian, why don’t you go? I definitely won’t go.”

The master would never allow anybody to humiliate the Divine Herbs Sect if the offender was an ordinary person.

But, the master was afraid of Nan Xian’s strength and power.

‘Much less go and look for trouble! Is life too easy now?’

The elder's lips twitched. Eventually, he did not say anything more.

The Forest of Spirit Beasts was different from the humans' kingdoms. It was a world that belonged to the spirit beasts only.

There were rarely any humans entering the Forest of Spirit Beasts in the past. There was not even a person who destroyed its peace.

But, the Forest of Spirit Beasts was different now. It was no longer peaceful.

The unwelcome intruders from the humans' kingdoms came, intruding the spirit beasts' peaceful lives. They brought wars into the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

A loud roar was heard.

A few pairs of angry eyes glared at those eager humans. Their skin and fur were stained with fresh blood. Their skins were torn open. The spirit beasts were whipped heavily and their blood gushed out with every beating.

They did not understand what they had done wrong.

They had always obeyed the rules of the world and had never left the Forest of Spirit Beasts.

So, why did the humans never let them go?

"This silver leopard king is powerful. It's a Tier-5 spirit beast. We can slaughter and eat the other spirit beast. But, we'll bring this silver leopard king back. We'll tame it."

"That's right. This Forest of Spirit Beasts should never exist in the first place. The spirit beasts should become our pets. We can destroy the Forest of Spirit Beasts this time! It'll never exist from now on!"

Their waves of laughter were manic and arrogant. Their facial expressions were twisted.

A young silver leopard howled sadly. It watched its family members being slaughtered. Its heart was filled with deep pain and grief.

'We will correct our mistakes if we have done anything wrong.

'We'll never leave the Forest of Spirit Beasts or our home in this lifetime.

'But, tell us what we've done wrong! Why did you slaughter our family? Why do you look down on us?'

Pain! Hatred! Numerous emotions filled the hearts of the silver leopards. The seeds of hatred grew deeply in their hearts when they saw their family members being slaughtered.

But, the silver leopard king was the only powerful spirit beast there. The other silver leopards were useless in the eyes of the powerful humans.

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Night fell.

It seemed like the whole of the Forest of Spirit Beasts was stained with blood and the air was filled with the scent of blood.

The silver leopards fell into a deep pit of despair.

They resisted vigorously but still, they could not escape the fate of being slaughtered.

The humans did not kill the silver leopards immediately. They used their thorny whips to whip the silver leopards. Their skins were torn. The humans even laughed happily at that.

The silver leopard king could not endure the attacks of numerous humans. It trembled and it fell down onto the ground.

Fresh blood rushed into its eyes and its vision was blurred. But, it still turned its head and looked at its remaining family members with determination.

The silver leopards howled, hoarsely. It was loud and clear in the windy forest. The howl lingered in the air.

“Elder, it seems that this silver leopard king is almost done. I’ve prepared the cage. Let’s put it in the cage and tame it when we’re back.”

A youth brought along a cage and some money. He looked at the silver leopard coldly. The silver leopard seemed worthless to him. It was only a pet to humans.

After all, those spirit beasts were the same as ordinary humans.

They were used only for entertainment purposes.

But, there was a rule in the reclusive world. They could not attack the secular world. So, they had never done so.

A loud howl was heard.

The youngest silver leopard suddenly rushed forward and bit the youth.

Its eyes were deadly and those eyes were filled with deep hatred.

The silver leopard was a type of leopard that did not like to fight. So, they never thought of attacking humans.

They still wanted to live a peaceful life even though the humans harmed them first.

But, humans’ hearts were more frightening than hell.

The silver leopards loved peace but they were forced to attack the humans and resist their attacks.

But, the youngest silver leopard did not understand the situation. ‘Why? Why do humans still want to harm us given that we’re forced to live here in the Forest of Spirit Beasts?’

‘We just want to survive. We just want to live on. Is that too much to ask for?’

Boom!

The youth waved his hand and the youngest silver leopard was thrown away like a soccer ball. It hit a tree and soon stopped moving.

Its body fell onto the ground slowly, leaving a trail of fresh blood on the ancient tree.

“Why did you attack the youngest silver leopard?” Their leader, a middle-aged man sneered at the youth. “That youngest silver leopard looked cute and it could have been a pet for my daughter. That’s why I didn’t order anybody to kill it. How could it survive your blow?”

The youngest silver leopard’s body twitched. There was a trail of blood on the corner of its lips. It had a vacant stare. The young leopard had barely enjoyed the beauty of the world.

The silver leopard king roared loudly. It forced itself to stand upright.

But, its steps were faltering. It looked like an aged elder and was no longer fast and quick.

At that moment, its body seemed strong and powerful. It used its large body to shield and guard the silver leopards behind it.

It was guarding the remaining silver leopards.

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“Ehh?” The youth was surprised. “It can still move? If so, you go on and kill the other silver leopards first. Their fur is valuable. We can take it down. Their flesh is delicious and nutritious. It should not be wasted.”

The spirit beasts were valuable. Their entire body could be made for good use.

Their sharp teeth were the sharpest weapons in the world.

Their furs were adored by numerous girls.

Their flesh and meat were delicious and nutritious.

Their hearts were valuable too. They could be sold at a good price.

So, there was a time when many humans slaughtered the spirit beasts because of their value. The spirit beasts were forced to live in the Forest of Spirit Beasts for survival.

A group of beasts could never beat humans. But, humans did not dare to make any reckless actions when the beasts joined forces.

It was the reason why the spirit beasts could survive until today.

The spirit beasts obeyed the rules obediently. They had never left the Forest of Spirit Beasts to go and harm humans. Similarly, humans had never stepped into the Forest of Spirit Beasts for no reason.

They lived in harmony all this while. They had never made a mistake and the only thing they did wrong was placing their trust in humans.

Sometimes, humans' hearts were more frightening than hell.

The silver leopard king closed its eyes and it could no longer fight anymore.

It still wanted to use its body to endure all the attacks for its family members even though it could no longer hold on.

Boom!

Suddenly, a strong force came from not far away.

The youth's heart was speared with a sharp knife when he came to stand in front of the silver leopard king.

The fresh blood gushed out and stained his clothes. His eyes were wide open. He fell backward slowly.

He fell down with a muffled noise and the dirt was thrown up.

The silver leopard king raised its head weakly. It looked in the direction of where the attack had come from and it saw a girl rushing toward them.

There was no word to describe the girl who led the incoming group.

There were two strong bears next to the girl. The bears acted as guardians to the girl. They stayed on each of her sides closely.

The facial expression of the middle-aged man changed. He turned slowly and his gaze fell on the girl's face. She was a captivating beauty.

He was supposed to be angry but his frustration disappeared the minute he saw the beauty of the girl. He was smiling. "May I know which family are you from? I'm Xiao Ying. Are you here to capture the spirit beasts? If you want, I will let you have the silver leopard king. If you're willing, can we be friends?"

Hong Yu was infuriated. She attacked Xiao Ying. Then, she scolded, "How dare you! Be polite toward Manor Lady!"

The middle-aged man leaned to the side and dodged the attack. He narrowed his eyes and seemed to give off a sense of danger.

"You're at intermediate Dark Warrior tier?"

'This girl with freckles is a Dark Warrior.

'She has a Dark Warrior as her guardian. Her family's status might be the same as my Xiao family.'

Feng Ruqing was not bothered about the middle-aged man. She walked slowly toward the silver leopard king.

The silver leopard king raised its head weakly and stared at Feng Ruqing with extreme difficulty. It seemed to be guarded. 'Who knows what this girl's intention is?'

"Can you still fight?"

The young girl's voice was extremely gentle. It was like a stream of love entering its heart.

The previous silver leopard king would surely put down its guard when it was faced with this kind of friendly and gentle human.