Chapter 301: Papaya and Crucian Carp Soup?

Bai Luo did not intend to stay on Watatsumi Island for long.

He returned only to further study the matter regarding Teppei's Vision.

And… to check how his ornamental fish were doing.

But Teppei's Dendro Vision seriously annoyed him.

Combined with the unpleasant conversation earlier, Scaramouche—upon seeing Bai Luo slack off and refuse tasks—also lay flat and stopped working.

As a result, the Fatui in Inazuma City were now effectively leaderless.

Well… not that they weren't used to it. Their Harbinger went "missing" for about seven days every week anyway.

But when something major happened, they still needed their Harbinger to handle it.

Before leaving, Bai Luo did not forget to give instructions to the highest-ranking Fatui stationed on Watatsumi Island.

"Recently, try to feed the Divine Priestess some nutritious food, let her recover. And for anything troublesome, try to handle it on her behalf."

Bai Luo had witnessed Kokomi's condition with his own eyes.

It seemed the blow he'd given her before was indeed quite severe—she still hadn't fully recovered.

“Rest assured, my lord. We have prepared plenty of papaya and fish. We are fully stocked.”

Sveta bowed slightly, speaking with elegant composure.

This was based on her assessment of both Bai Luo’s condition and the Divine Priestess’s situation, after which she ordered her subordinates to make preparations.

“Fish… forget it. Try not to prepare any. She doesn’t like fish.”

Fish he understood.

But papaya? What was that about?

As far as he knew… papaya only “supplemented” one particular thing.

But compared to Hu Tao, Sangonomiya Kokomi was already superior in that regard. She shouldn’t need *that* kind of supplement, right?

“Understood. We will try to create suitable nutritional meals without using fish.”

There were plenty of options—no need for crucian carp soup specifically.

When the time came, they could ask that village doctor Lingling. According to their investigation, she’d recently been studying various medicinal diets.

“And also, keep an eye on the research division.”

When he said this, Bai Luo’s voice dropped low.

As a mature schemer, Bai Luo was someone who only allowed himself to manipulate himself—no one else was allowed to manipulate him.

The research team sent by the Doctor claimed on the surface to help him operate precision equipment, but in reality, they were secretly monitoring him.

Though they hid it well, they were still far too inexperienced compared to someone like Bai Luo, who specialized in intelligence.

He wasn't sure whether they were acting on the Doctor's direct orders, but their behavior was enough to put him on guard.

He couldn't afford to break ties with the Doctor now, so all he could do was have Sveta watch those ill-intentioned people carefully.

"Speaking of which, how is Teppei?"

"His condition is stable. He is currently learning medical knowledge under Miss Lingling."

Although Teppei seemed to be living freely, he had actually been monitored by the Fatui ever since he left Bai Luo's side.

This too was arranged in advance by Bai Luo.

"He hasn't told anyone that I'm the Battousai, right?"

Right now, besides Teppei and Sangonomiya Kokomi, only a few shrine maidens knew this secret.

Kokomi and her maids definitely wouldn't reveal it carelessly.

But Teppei…

“He seems to understand the importance of this matter, so he hasn’t revealed anything—not even to the people closest to him. But he wants to work hard and become the new hope of Watatsumi Island in place of the Battousai. In my opinion, this is utterly ridiculous.”

Relying on his personal influence to shake the position of the Battousai?

One had to admit—this indeed *was* one potential solution to the current problem.

But in Sveta’s view, it was absolutely impossible.

She knew very well how much her Harbinger had gone through to become Watatsumi Island’s hope.

He had even confronted gods, unhesitatingly.

For a small village doctor to reach the same level of influence as her Harbinger… the possibility was bleak.

“My dear Sveta, you must understand—a tiny spark can set the prairie ablaze. What matters isn’t whether he can burn down the whole field, but whether he’s willing to ignite himself and create even the faintest spark in such a situation.”

“……”

Listening to Bai Luo’s strange, dramatic tone, Sveta very much wanted to complain.

Aren't I the one who was defending you just now?

"If possible, try to help him."

"By your command."

No matter how unreasonable Bai Luo's orders sounded, Sveta would never question them.

Never question the Ausbilder's decisions.

When you think he's the clown, you'll eventually realize—the clown is actually you.

This was a lesson she had learned after following Bai Luo for a long time.

"Then… I leave Watatsumi Island in your care."

"I will not fail your expectations, my lord!"

Watching the ship carrying Bai Luo drift farther away, Sveta bowed once more before turning toward Bourou Village.

Bai Luo's quantum teleportation was indeed a powerful skill—but unfortunately, it wasn't something he could use arbitrarily.

First, the target had to be within his perception.

Meaning that even if he *knew* Raiden Shogun was inside Tenshukaku, if he hadn't marked her, he couldn't teleport directly to her.

Second, his teleportation range had limits.

It expanded as he completed more achievements, but it was still not enough to take him straight from Watatsumi Island to Inazuma City.

Only once he reached Kannazuka did Narukami Island—and Inazuma City—enter his teleportation range.

After spreading his perceptive senses, he detected multiple auras across Inazuma City.

Even Scaramouche—slacking off and loafing in Chinju Forest—had nowhere to hide before his senses.

But when he sensed Yae Miko's location, Bai Luo's expression became complicated.

She was in Tenshukaku?

Then the question arose—what scene appeared in Bai Luo's mind the moment he realized she was there?

Naturally—the Hot Springs of the Mitake Gumi.

He hadn't forgotten what that pink fox was doing the last time they met at Tenshukaku.

Could she be bathing there *again*?

His expression grew increasingly strange.

Bai Luo was quite looking forward to her reaction when she saw him descend from the sky.

As for whether Raiden Shogun would sense his presence and smite him…

Bai Luo didn’t think he’d be so unlucky as to get caught the moment he arrived.

Besides, he didn’t believe the lofty Raiden Shogun would sneakily watch some pink fox bathing.

And so—

A faint blue quantum glow appeared over his body, and Yae Miko—possibly soaking in the Tenshukaku hot springs—became the target of his teleportation.