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Chapter 1021: A Regular Customer of the Ji Feng Travel Group!

“Alright, have the Angel Chief bring over the Sequential Rank Sleep Moss!”

“No matter how valuable this Angel Chief is, I will make sure she cooperates with you as previously discussed, with all actions still led by you!”

Wang Xu’s tense heart finally relaxed upon hearing this.

When Wang Xu spoke of He Wen’s abilities, he noticed a flicker of interest cross Fang Mu’s face.

This caused Wang Xu to feel a sudden bout of anxiety.

Wang Xu feared that after having several Angel Chiefs join Fang Mu’s ranks, Fang Mu might start favoring other Angel Chiefs instead.

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If that were the case, it would be like shooting himself in the foot!

Fang Mu’s commitment meant that Wang Xu no longer had to fear such an issue arising.

Fang Mu had already planned to leave Lu City in three days.

Before leaving Lu City, Fang Mu would have Mr. Zi or Beast Witch Mengsha, both controlled by Liu Xi, head to Tide Bay to transport the initial developmental resources.

She Wan had already delivered the message to the Ji Feng Travel Group, and Fang Mu believed they would soon come to seek him out.

After Zhang Renbin prepared the gifts, he did not immediately set off for the address She Wan had reserved but instead turned to Zhang Yi and said,

“Xiao Yi, to show the Ji Feng Travel Group’s regard for this matter and our sincerity, come with me when I go!”

“However, before that, I need you to investigate in Lu City, to see if there’s any news about that so-called young master behind She Wan.”

The Ji Feng Travel Group, having arrived in Lu City, would inevitably hear some of the local news, even if they didn’t show much concern for the city’s affairs.

For some reason, Lu City had previously come into conflict with the Sea Clan.

In the end, the Sea Clan bore the cost of rebuilding Lu City.

Zhang Renbin was quite surprised when he first heard this news.

The Sea Clan always acted overbearingly, and the Lu City officials had no leverage in dealings with them.

Even if the Dragon Rising Federation, a large federation, intervened, it still wouldn't be enough to make the Sea Clan flinch.

Unless the Dragon Rising Federation sought help from the Ten-thousand Nations Federation, and the Federation of Ten Thousand Nations put pressure on the Sea Clan, there could be a prospect of negotiation between Lu City officials and the Sea Clan.

There must be some underlying reason for this.

The She Family rose rapidly after this incident!

Zhang Renbin felt he had reason to suspect that the rise of the She Family was associated with a key figure involved in the turmoil.

It was very likely that this person was the "young master" mentioned by She Wan!

Since his arrival in Lu City, Zhang Yi had always been tasked with negotiating with the major powers of the city.

After some inquiries, Zhang Yi learned that She Wan had recently been following a Grandmaster Disciple of Master Creators, acting as his guard.

The actual person dealing with the Ji Feng Travel Group was most likely the teacher of this little owner, She Wan.

Otherwise, how could a Grandmaster Disciple grant the right to settle accounts with resources allocated by Grandmaster Creators?

The Ji Feng Travel Group had dealt with numerous Grandmaster Creators, and many of these Grandmasters had disciples.

Grandmaster Creators treated their disciples only a little more affectionately than their assistants.

Until their disciples became Master Creators themselves, they rarely received much practical care.

Zhang Yi reported his findings to Zhang Renbin.

Upon hearing this, Zhang Renbin was overjoyed, as meeting the young master mentioned by She Wan would mean actually making a deal with this “young master’s” teacher.

Zhang Renbin and Zhang Yi, like everyone else, regarded Fang Mu as just a messenger.

“Big brother, over the years, our Ji Feng Travel Group has accumulated a lot of resources. Should we take this opportunity to offload more of them?” Zhang Yi suggested.

Upon hearing this, Zhang Renbin laughed and reached for the coat hanging on the coat rack.

“I would indeed like to offer more resources, but the key is whether they want to take them!”

“Are we supposed to force a deal upon a Grandmaster Creator in a strong-armed fashion?”

After saying this, Zhang Renbin checked the time, then left with Zhang Yi to go to the address provided by She Wan.

Fang Mu and Shu Liangjun were dining, and She Wan had never been accustomed to eating with Fang Mu.

Whether it was Lu Xiaoyin or She Wan, both chose to stand by and serve while Fang Mu dined.

Fang Mu had once invited She Wan to dine together.

After sensing She Wan's reluctance, Fang Mu did not continue to extend the invitation.

She Wan was born into the Lu Dushe clan, where the hierarchical gap between master and servant was immense.

If a servant dined at the same table as the master, it was regarded as disrespectful to the master.

Initially, Fang Mu found this situation awkward.

But gradually, after becoming a Beast Master, Fang Mu had successfully integrated into this world.

Shu Liangjun was always particular about food.

Shu Liangjun didn't mind the method of cooking, always adhering to the belief that good ingredients made a delicious meal, regardless of how they were cooked.

Ever since Shu Liangjun became Fang Mu's Dao Protector, Fang Mu's meals became considerably more lavish.

Fang Mu was curious as to where Shu Liangjun sourced the ingredients that came from Sequential Guardian Beasts.

Regularly consuming such energy and nutrient-rich food increased the blood production rate in Fang Mu's body compared to before.

She Wan stood at the entrance of the dining room and, hearing the report from a servant, quickly approached Fang Mu.

"Young master, the people from the Ji Feng Travel Group have arrived!"

"It seems to be the travel group's leader and one of the vice-leaders."

"Should I bring them up to the guest room upstairs, or have them wait at the entrance for a while?"

Fang Mu responded immediately,

"It's just a deal we're discussing, not anything pressing, just bring them over."

"If they haven't dined yet, they might as well join us for dinner."

Having said that, Fang Mu winked at Shu Liangjun.

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Shu Liangjun couldn't help but give a wry smile at the words.

Fang Mu wanted her to intimidate the leader of the Ji Feng Travel Group, facilitating subsequent dealings.

It was clear that Fang Mu merely wanted to exchange resources with the Ji Feng Travel Group and had no intention of forging ties.

Indeed, according to Shu Liangjun's understanding of Fang Mu, he could use special means to control powers like the Truth Hall.

There was really no need to curry favor with a travel group.

Even if the Ji Feng Travel Group wished to proactively seek ties with Fang Mu, only if they could bring actual benefits.

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Otherwise, after the trade, Fang Mu could completely act as if he didn't recognize the Ji Feng Travel Group.

A single trade would be enough for Fang Mu to empty out the Ji Feng Travel Group's collection of years, even decades.

Upon receiving instruction from Fang Mu, She Wan personally went to the doorway.

If She Wan were to meet Zhang Renbin and Zhang Yi in the capacity of the She Family's Noble Girl, she would need to greet them with all due courtesy.

But now She Wan was meeting Zhang Renbin and Zhang Yi as a servant of Fang Mu, and she carried herself with great haughtiness.

"My young master invites you to dine at the restaurant, please follow me," she said.

Having said that, She Wan didn't bother with Zhang Renbin and Zhang Yi and took the lead to show the way.

Spying the situation, Zhang Renbin's eyes flashed slightly.

Zhang Renbin had long heard that She Wan was a very intelligent person, and such a posture indicated only one possibility.

It was that in She Wan's heart, he himself was not seen as equal to the "young master" she mentioned.

Far from being displeased, Zhang Renbin was quite pleased in his heart.

He preferred making acquaintance with real figures of importance over just being treated with respect.

Sharing a meal was a way to quickly bring two parties closer together.

Zhang Renbin had initially planned to offer a gift and then share dinner with Fang Mu.

But upon entering the restaurant and seeing the food on the table, Zhang Renbin immediately abandoned the idea of dining.

The ingredients from Sequential Guardian Beasts do not lose their unique traits due to cooking.

The lobsters of the Purple Charm Lobster were turned into a lobster salad, and the back meat of the Ice Soul Dragon Bass was stewed with winter bamboo shoots.

The Purple Charm Lobster and Ice Soul Dragon Bass were genuine Sequential Rank Guardian Beasts.

The Purple Charm Lobster only reproduces offspring at the Sequential Rank.

And only the back meat of a Sequential Rank Ice Soul Dragon Bass would present that kind of transparent, jelly-like texture.

These were the ingredients Zhang Renbin could recognize on the table.

The others, unrecognizable to Zhang Renbin, were surely no less extraordinary.

Zhang Renbin felt rather pressured to partake in such a meal.

He looked at Fang Mu with a somewhat astonished gaze.

The disciples of other Grandmaster Creators were always cautious and prudent in their actions.

How could Fang Mu, a disciple of a Grandmaster Creator, indulge in such luxury?

Was he not afraid that the Grandmaster Creator behind him would take umbrage?

As Zhang Renbin was pondering how to greet Fang Mu, he suddenly felt a powerful presence enveloping him.

Instinctively, Zhang Renbin lifted his gaze towards the direction of the presence, meeting Shu Liangjun's unfathomable eyes.

This presence completely overwhelmed his own, Zhang Renbin thought to himself.

This elder was most likely an Order-level expert!

Order-level, that represented the pinnacle of power in this world!

It was clear that the elder was not Fang Mu's master, otherwise Fang Mu would not dine with the elder so untroubled.

At this moment, Fang Mu's image and status were elevated once more in Zhang Renbin's mind.

Zhang Renbin quickly bowed to Fang Mu.

"I assume you are the young master She Wan referred to?"

“My name is Zhang Renbin, the leader of the Ji Feng Travel Group.”

“The deputy leader beside me, named Zhang Yi, is like the other deputy leader, my assistant on ordinary days.”

Zhang Renbin had come to know the name “Jianmu” from Zhang Yi after inquiring about the situation.

But Zhang Renbin did not directly call it out because it would reveal to Fang Mu that he had investigated information about him.

Great figures often dislike being scrutinized.

Without understanding Fang Mu’s personality, Zhang Renbin didn’t want to risk offending Fang Mu right from the start.

In introducing himself, Zhang Renbin emphasized that the two deputy leaders of the Ji Feng Travel Group were merely his assistants.

This was Zhang Renbin displaying his power within the Ji Feng Travel Group in front of Fang Mu.

Fang Mu could trade with ease of mind.

After all, not all leaders of travel groups could completely control their own groups.

Fang Mu discerned the implication in Zhang Renbin's words and set down his chopsticks.

"I am called Jianmu, the timing of your Ji Feng Travel Group's trade fair is too late, and by then, I will no longer be in Lu City."

"Therefore, I propose to trade with your Ji Feng Travel Group ahead of time."

"All supplies will be settled through resources from Grandmaster Creators and it's not just empty talk."

"I think your willingness to come indicates that the Ji Feng Travel Group is willing to trade with me in advance."

Fang Mu didn't engage in much further communication with Zhang Renbin and went straight to discussing the details of the trade.

Zhang Renbin was not expecting the young man in front of him to be so decisive.

Zhang Renbin had only prepared gifts for Fang Mu upon arrival and had not prearranged the goods for trade.

Zhang Renbin hurriedly handed over a Space Spirit Tool to Fang Mu.

“Sir Jianmu, this is a small token I prepared for our first meeting, and I hope you will like it!”

“Our Ji Feng Travel Group has already prepared the supplies for sale at the Lu City trade fair in advance.”

“But I believe what you wish to trade for involves more than just the supplies displayed by the Ji Feng Travel Group.”

“My Ji Feng Travel Group is willing to offer up our real treasures for trade with you!”

“May I ask for three hours of your time to get prepared?”

“If you’re not in a hurry to rest, I will bring the items over around ten o’clock tonight for you to choose!”

Fang Mu was quite satisfied with Zhang Renbin’s attitude.

Fang Mu would stay in Lu City for three days and was not in a rush to trade with the Ji Feng Travel Group.

Three hours for Zhang Renbin to sift through the inventory and decide on the goods for trade was somewhat pressured.

“There’s no rush for tonight; I will be staying at the guesthouse tomorrow as well.”

“You can pick any time tomorrow to bring the goods to me!”

“If tomorrow’s trade yields me some gains, I wouldn’t mind becoming a regular customer of the Ji Feng Travel Group when you come across good merchandise in your sanctuary explorations!”

Fang Mu’s words eased Zhang Renbin’s mind.

Zhang Renbin was afraid Fang Mu was in a hurry and had purposely shortened the time to three hours.

However, three hours might not even be sufficient to go through the inventory once.

With ten or so hours in one night, Zhang Renbin, along with Zhang Yi and several other members of the Ji Feng Travel Group, could thoroughly review their accumulated resources.

Then they would set a psychological price for these resources.

Since it was a trade, the Ji Feng Travel Group certainly did not wish to be at a disadvantage.

Even though they were using resources from Grandmaster Creators to trade for these supplies, if the price of each item was pressed too low,

Zhang Renbin would find this unacceptable!

The latter half of Fang Mu's statement excited Zhang Renbin.

The meaning behind Fang Mu's words was clear to Zhang Renbin, indicating Fang Mu's intention to continue trading with the Ji Feng Travel Group in the future.

The Ji Feng Travel Group traveled far and wide, exploring every sanctuary they encountered.

For this, the Ji Feng Travel Group had paid a hefty price.

One of Zhang Renbin's Main Battle Mystic Beasts was still recovering from fundamental injuries.

Zhang Renbin had kept these rare sanctuary resources, which could definitely compare to Grandmaster-level Elixirs.

Only by trading them for Grandmaster-level Elixirs would it be worth the cost.

As long as Fang Mu was sincere in wanting to trade, the supplies hoarded by the Ji Feng Travel Group would surely pique Fang Mu's interest.

"Sir Jianmu, our Ji Feng Travel Group is very willing to trade with you."

"We will prepare diligently, striving to make you a regular customer of our Ji Feng Travel Group!"

"I will bring these goods to your guesthouse before noon tomorrow!"

Having said that, Zhang Renbin didn't stay any longer, leaving at once with Zhang Yi.

Zhang Yi was utterly confused, not understanding why his elder brother suddenly became reserved after meeting Fang Mu.

The dishes on the dining table were colorful, fragrant, and looked very appetizing.

Zhang Yi's stomach had started growling at the sight of the food.

If Zhang Renbin had not declined Fang Mu's invitation, Zhang Yi would have insisted on eating at least five large bowls of rice!

Meanwhile, Fang Mu started examining the gift Zhang Renbin had prepared for him.

Upon inspection, a slight smile curled the corners of Fang Mu's mouth.

Chapter 1023: Backtracking Clock Sparrow!

Within this seal-like spatial equipment, there were three items.

Fang Mu didn't know whether to call it a coincidence or to say that Zhang Renbin, the leader of the Ji Feng Travel Group, was very good at giving gifts.

All three items were of use to Fang Mu.

She Wan had told Fang Mu about the Ji Feng Travel Group's arrival in Lu City for trade, thinking that Fang Mu would be preparing a Guardian Beast for Hu Tao.

The Ji Feng Travel Group had just finished exploring the Mechanical Spirit Secret Realm, and they were very likely to possess precious Mechanical Beasts.

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Among the welcome gifts that Zhang Renbin had prepared for Fang Mu, there was a Bird/Mechanical dual-element Guardian Beast.

This Guardian Beast was perfect for Hu Tao to contract.

Fang Mu immediately summoned the Guardian Beast.

A huge clock appeared in front of Fang Mu.

The top of the clock suddenly opened, and a mechanical bird creature sprang out from the top of the clock.

After appearing, the bird cheeped twice.

Then it retracted its body back inside the large clock.

Fang Mu used the Innate Divine Ability of the Fool's Shadow, "Eye of Omniscience," to investigate this Guardian Beast, which was highly compatible with Hu Tao.

[Beast Name]: Backtracking Bell Sparrow

[Beast Species]: Short-winged/Feathered Sparrow Type

[Beast Level]: Silver (3/10)

[Beast Element]: Metal

[Beast Potential]: Golden Stage

[Beast Quality]: Epic Quality

Skill:

“Sparrow’s Call”: Motivates other bird and mechanical beasts with its chirping, enhancing the energy recovery speed of bird and mechanical beasts.

“Retrace Focus”: Forms a special shield by staring at the target with its eyes. This shield has no defensive capability, but after a certain period, the shielded being will revert to the state it was in when the shield was applied.

Exclusive feature:

[Instrumentalization]: Transforms itself into a unique weapon for the Contractor to wield.

“Rewind Assassination”: Absorbs the damage taken by the target during the reversion process and then deals that damage as a mental blast to a designated target, impacting the target’s spiritual power.

Evolutionary Path:

①: Retrace Sparrow Demon, ②: Flow Retrace Clock Sparrow, ③: Trace Origin Clock Sparrow.

After this investigation, Fang Mu couldn’t help but slap his left thigh forcefully.

It was as if he found what he was looking for without even searching!

Not only did the Backtracking Bell Sparrow fit Hu Tao’s requirements in terms of Beast Element, but its abilities also matched Hu Tao’s combat system perfectly.

This Bird/Mechanical dual-element Backtracking Bell Sparrow could support both Hu Tao’s Destiny Guardian Beast, Bird Armor Puppet, and City Protecting Magpie with its skill “Sparrow’s Call,” speeding up the energy recovery of both.

This essentially improved their combat endurance!

A Defensive Beastmaster heavily relies on allies' support.

The skill "Sparrow's Call" was like equipping Hu Tao with a Supportive Beast Controller, enhancing Hu Tao's ability for sustained combat.

This type of capability is not common for a Defensive Guardian Beast but is not unheard of.

What truly made Fang Mu value the Backtracking Bell Sparrow was its Silver Grade Skill "Retrace Focus."

"Retrace Focus" could apply an extremely special shield to the target.

Although this shield offered no actual defensive benefits, clever use of it effectively equated to a temporary invincibility effect.

As long as the target protected by "Retrace Focus" did not die during the backtracking period,

no matter how severe the injuries suffered during that time, they could be healed!

This skill allowed Hu Tao's allies to adopt a strategy of trading blows in combat, fighting with genuine abandon.

The Exclusive feature [Instrumentalization], acquired upon reaching Perfect Quality, left Fang Mu somewhat conflicted.

Fang Mu wasn't sure if the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, after instrumentalization, could become a useful weapon.

If the weapon formed after the Backtracking Bell Sparrow's instrumentalization proved useless in battle, contracting the Backtracking Bell Sparrow would mean missing out on an exclusive feature for Hu Tao.

The Exclusive feature “Rewind Assassination,” gained upon reaching Epic Quality, provided Hu Tao with a means of offense.

Targets subjected to “Retrace Focus” did not fear injury.

Mounting an assault while “Retrace Focus” was being applied often resulted in severe damage.

This damage, instead of being wasted after the trigger of “Retrace Focus,” would be stored by the Backtracking Bell Sparrow,

and then returned as mental damage to the opponent.

An unexpected mental blast could leave an opponent disoriented, even if not incapacitated, creating opportunities for Fang Mu’s side.

Regardless of whether the object formed by the Backtracking Bell Sparrow’s instrumentalization could be used as a weapon,

Fang Mu still planned to let Hu Tao contract the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.

Once Hu Tao had two Guardian Beasts, even as a Defensive Beast Conqueror, she would be able to stand out in the ranking division’s individual competitions!

Upon seeing the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, Shu Liangjun couldn’t help but speak.

“The Ji Feng Travel Group really seems set on establishing a relationship with you, Ah Mu,” she said.

“To think they’d be willing to part with a Guardian Beast that possesses time abilities to give to you!”

“Such a Guardian Beast, if nurtured properly, could have a high chance of developing time-related skills and exclusive features in the future.”

“Most likely, the higher-ups of the Ji Feng Travel Group are unable to contract this Guardian Beast.”

“Since Mechanical Beasts are somewhat niche and not easy to trade,

“I really can’t think of any other reason why the Ji Feng Travel Group would give away such a treasure!”

Hearing this, Fang Mu nodded in agreement, finding much sense in her words.

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For Fang Mu believed the same.

This Backtracking Bell Sparrow still had a trace of Fairy Bloodline within it, giving it the chance to evolve into a Retrace Sparrow Demon.

Fang Mu wasn’t sure whether Zhang Renbin, the leader of the Ji Feng Travel Group, had failed to discover this.

Or whether Zhang Renbin thought that awakening and stimulating the Fairy Bloodline within the Backtracking Bell Sparrow would require too many resources, and thus he was unwilling to make such an investment.

Regardless of the reason, Fang Mu had stumbled upon a treasure.

Hu Tao had also encountered her opportunity.

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After Fang Mu finished examining the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, he put it away.

Then he began to examine the other two Spiritual Materials in his spatial equipment.

One of the materials was pitch-black, its surface displaying a multicolored luster.

Under the scrutiny of the “Eye of Omniscience”, Fang Mu discovered that it was in fact a Sequential Rank Metal Spiritual Material called Absolute Shock Black Gold.

Absolute Shock Black Gold was not easy to shape. If one were to extend it,

even the most powerful attack upon the Absolute Shock Black Gold would not transmit so much as a hairbreadth of shock to anything behind it.

Such Sequential Rank metal as Absolute Shock Black Gold was most suitable for crafting defensive Ghost Devices.

Zhang Renbin’s willingness to offer Absolute Shock Black Gold as a gift confirmed to Fang Mu that there was no Forging Spirit Grandmaster present in the Ji Feng Travel Group.

If there had been even one Forging Spirit Grandmaster, they would never have allowed Zhang Renbin to trade the Absolute Shock Black Gold.

Fang Mu planned to ask Shui Miao and Jiang Weng, as both were jointly researching the crafting of a Ghost Device for him.

If the Absolute Shock Black Gold could be combined with the remains of the Ghost System Beastmaster Zhige Luo Sha, then the groundwork for Fang Mu’s Ghost Device would essentially be ready to begin!

The third Spiritual Material did not seem very useful to Fang Mu, as he had no contract with any Space-based Beasts.

He had never heard of a creature like the Void Nest Spider before.

The embryo of the Void Nest Spider had already fossilized, suggesting the beast was likely from before The Seventh Era.

From the fossil's quality, it was clear the Void Nest Spider had possessed considerable power in its lifetime, positioned well within a higher sequence.

Shu Liangjun and She Wan's Main Battle Mystic Beasts were both from the Space Series.

The fossilized embryo of the Void Nest Spider should be useful for both of them.

Fang Mu did not store away the fossilized embryo of the Void Nest Spider but instead turned to She Wan and Shu Liangjun to say,

"Sister Wan, Elder Shu, both of you could surely make use of this Void Nest Spider embryo fossil."

"Take it to strengthen your own Beasts!"

"The fossil contains a portion of the Void Nest Spider's Bloodline, and it would be a bit of a waste to merely use it in an elixir."

She Wan and Shu Liangjun were quite astonished that Fang Mu could immediately recognize what Beast the embryo fossil was from.

In the eyes of She Wan and Shu Liangjun, even a highly capable Creator would need to investigate for a long time to determine the origin of such an undistinguished-looking embryo.

Fang Mu being able to name it outright suggested only two possibilities.

Either Fang Mu possessed an extraordinary ability as a Creator, or he had seen a fossil of a Void Nest Spider embryo before,

allowing him to identify it at a glance.

Being a Creator is a profession built through a combination of talent, knowledge, and experience.

One cannot do without any of the three!

Fang Mu's talent was unquestionable, or else he would not have been taken as a disciple by a Grandmaster Creator.

But Fang Mu was quite young and simply had not had the time to accumulate knowledge and experience.

Therefore, Fang Mu's ability to recognize the Void Nest Spider embryo was most likely due to the latter.

After a moment of surprise, She Wan's gaze upon the fossilized embryo of the Void Nest Spider became one of intense longing and fascination.

With Fang Mu's resources poured into it, She Wan's Main Battle Beast, the Silver Void Purple Spider, had attained Sequence Six.

An advancement from its previous level.

Such a rate of advancement was something She Wan wouldn't have dared to dream of before.

However, beside Fang Mu, this pace of advancement seemed too slow.

Theoretically, with Fang Mu's limitless supply of Space Potions, the Silver Void Purple Spider's rank should have increased much sooner.

But what truly limited the Silver Void Purple Spider was not the intake of energy but its Bloodline.

The Silver Void Purple Spider possessed a part of the bloodline of the Void Cluster Spider,

which was a minor branch of the Void Nest Spider.

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She Wan knew if she could obtain the fossil of the Void Nest Spider embryo, there was a high possibility that in the process of devouring the fossil, the bloodline of the Silver Void Purple Spider could be enhanced.

However, with Shu Liangjun present, She Wan had neither the ability nor the qualification to compete for the embryo of the Void Nest Spider.

Therefore, She Wan gently pursed her lips without speaking.

Seeing this, Shu Liangjun said with a smile,

“Sister Wan, we’ve been together for such a long time, and you’ve often taken care of this old man.”

“I naturally won’t snatch this opportunity from you!”

“I remember your Main Battle Mystic Beast and the Void Nest Spider belong to the same spider category. Why not take it to enhance its strength?”

“You should enhance your strength as quickly as possible so you can better share Ah Mu’s worries by his side.”

Having lived for so many years, Shu Liangjun had seen through all life’s intricacies.

The fossil of the Void Nest Spider embryo certainly would help his own beast, but not as much as it would help She Wan!

If he were to claim the embryo outright, it would not only cause She Wan to feel disappointed,

but it might also provoke Fang Mu's displeasure.

Fang Mu was the kind of young man who didn't express much, but he was very perceptive!

She Wan quickly bowed to Shu Liangjun and expressed her gratitude,

"Thank you, Elder Shu. I will definitely strive to increase my strength as quickly as possible!"

Upon hearing her words, Shu Liangjun laughed heartily and said no more.

After Fang Mu passed the Void Nest Spider embryo fossil to She Wan, he started to look forward to the next day's trade with the Ji Feng Travel Group.

If the supplies that the Ji Feng Travel Group presented as gifts were already so outstanding, then the supplies for the trade tomorrow would likely be far better!

Fang Mu was comfortably waiting on his side.

Zhang Renbin, together with Zhang Yi, returned to the Ji Feng Travel Group and immediately convened a meeting.

As the leader of the group, Zhang Renbin held a lot of power, but he still couldn't use the supplies without informing the other members.

Having access to a Grandmaster Creator was extraordinarily important for the Ji Feng Travel Group, and Zhang Renbin could completely use this achievement to boast about his contributions as the leader.

Frankly, it was She Wan who came to visit the Ji Feng Travel Group on her own initiative.

This opportunity came looking for him, but Zhang Renbin certainly wouldn't say it that way.

Since Zhang Yi personally received She Wan, the other members of the group were unaware.

Therefore, at the meeting, Zhang Renbin took all the credit for himself.

Zhang Yi wouldn't mind this situation.

Zhang Yi didn't have the ability to lead the Ji Feng Travel Group,

Only if Zhang Renbin became the leader could he secure Zhang Yi's interests to the greatest extent.

The meeting of the Ji Feng Travel Group went very smoothly.

Upon hearing that Zhang Renbin had found access to a Grandmaster Creator, the other members of the group were extremely joyful.

This meant that the Ji Feng Travel Group could obtain more Grandmaster Creator resources.

The Ji Feng Travel Group was effectively Zhang Renbin's one-man show.

In the group, there wasn't a single person who opposed Zhang Renbin.

Of course, no one minded that as a result of this incident, Zhang Renbin's power within the group grew even stronger.

Zhang Renbin reveled in the adoration and pursuit of the other members, taking full responsibility for the trade.

After some consideration, Zhang Renbin decided not to take Zhang Yi to Jianmu's other courtyard tomorrow,

but to bring another deputy leader, Du Yong.

Many members of the group were aware of the relationship between Zhang Yi and Zhang Renbin.

If he were to bring Zhang Yi along for such an occasion, it could give rise to gossip.

It was also a good opportunity to single-handedly mentor Du Yong and set him straight.

Let Du Yong know to follow his lead in everything!

The last time Zhang Renbin reprimanded Du Yong, it had been quite effective.

Not being someone who could handle pressure, Du Yong would surely learn to listen obediently after a few such lessons.

Zhang Renbin didn't wish to waste too much time in the meeting; preparing for the trade was the most pressing matter.

"This time I've decided to take out all of our Ji Feng Travel Group's stock to exchange collectively for Grandmaster Creator resources."

"I know the resources of our group belong to everyone. After exchanging them, I will reduce the exchange rate for these Grandmaster-level resources."

“You all can use points to exchange for these Grandmaster Creator resources and enhance your own strength!”

Chapter 1025: Testing Elixirs!

Zhang Renbin had just finished speaking when Zhang Yi’s expression changed.

Zhang Yi, looking anxious, kept making eyes at Zhang Renbin, seemingly about to speak up any moment.

Zhang Yi had just used all the points he had hoarded over the past year to exchange for a Grandmaster-level potion.

Now, Zhang Yi didn’t have a single point left in his hands.

During this past year, while hoarding points, Zhang Yi truly made sacrifices.

He even chose not to repair two of his damaged spiritual instruments.

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Now that Zhang Renbin proposed lowering the points needed to exchange for Grandmaster-level elixirs, Zhang Yi’s interests were greatly affected.

Zhang Renbin glared fiercely at Zhang Yi, stopping him from whatever he was about to do.

Zhang Renbin cursed inwardly.

Zhang Yi had been following him for so long, yet he hadn't made any progress!

How could he possibly disregard Zhang Yi's personal interests?

Those who had recently exchanged for Grandmaster Creator resources were not limited to just Zhang Yi.

After he proposed this motion, the interests of these people, just like Zhang Yi's, were compromised.

Members of the Ji Feng Travel Group were all aware of the relationship between him and Zhang Yi.

Zhang Yi had been especially high-profile while recently exchanging for Grandmaster Creator resources to enhance his strength.

Zhang Renbin couldn't let everyone feel he was excessively protecting Zhang Yi, using his power for personal gain.

Therefore, after throwing out this proposal, Zhang Renbin needed to wait for other members who had recently spent a great deal of points to express their dissatisfaction, and then he would offer a solution in response.

Zhang Renbin's prestige was built up in this exact way.

The reality was exactly as Zhang Renbin had anticipated.

Several members who had spent a significant amount of points recently voiced their discontent.

For members of the Ji Feng Travel Group, earning points wasn't as simple as it was for Scavenger members, who earned points by incinerating Alien Beast Corpses in the incinerator.

A formal Scavenger, as long as they didn't overreach, would be one hundred percent safe from any threat.

But for Ji Feng Travel Group members, their points were accumulated through one life-threatening experience after another.

Every accumulation of points was extremely perilous.

Many members still had numerous old injuries on their bodies to this day.

Therefore, even the most generous person wouldn't allow the points they'd earned to be wasted in vain.

After hearing the clamor of protests from these members, Zhang Renbin knocked heavily on the table with his hand twice.

"The situation you've mentioned is indeed something I should consider."

"How about this!"

"After I set a new price for those Grandmaster-level elixirs, I'll proportionally reduce the points you've all spent within this year based on the original price."

"Then, I'll return these points to you."

"I think that should settle any objections, am I right!?"

Zhang Renbin knew as he spoke these words that there would certainly be objections.

Because members who had spent a massive amount of points on Grandmaster-level potions more than a year ago would still feel a sense of injustice.

As expected, as soon as Zhang Renbin finished speaking, a burly man with a prominent scar on his head said in brusque tones.

“Big Brother, I spent all my points fourteen months ago.”

“I went all-in with those points to exchange for elixirs to enhance my Shield Armored Rhinoceros.”

“You have no idea how many people my Shield Armored Rhinoceros has protected in this past year!”

“Are my points going to be wasted just like that, without even a sliver of compensation?”

In the Ji Feng Travel Group, Zhang Yi called Zhang Renbin ‘Big Brother’ because of their actual blood relation.

Others calling Zhang Renbin ‘Big Brother’ was purely out of respect for him.

Pang Feng was an old-timer in the Ji Feng Travel Group, but Zhang Renbin had never had a high opinion of him.

Pang Feng always made requests that put Zhang Renbin in a tough spot.

However, fortunately, Pang Feng was a blunt man; even if Zhang Renbin reprimanded him harshly, Pang Feng would not hold a grudge.

These traits often allowed Zhang Renbin to use Pang Feng as a scapegoat when dealing with issues.

Pang Feng's personality also provided Zhang Renbin with ample opportunities to do so.

Zhang Renbin said sternly.

"Old Pang, I also spent all my points a year ago, exchanging points for Founding Sect resources and spiritual instruments."

"The spiritual instruments I exchanged for are now all worn and required extra money to get a Spirit-smithing Master to repair them."

"Why didn't I take my own expenses into account when making considerations?"

"Over the past year or so, you, Old Pang, have also hoarded quite a few points, enough for you to exchange for elixirs again!"

“If everyone counted this way, we might as well calculate the points back to when the travel group was established!”

Zhang Renbin spoke these words with an air of stern righteousness.

Having made clear that he too had forgone benefits, Pang Feng stopped pursuing the matter.

But Zhang Renbin’s performance was far from over.

Zhang Renbin was adept at using other members to build up his own authority.

“Old Pang, your words just now made me think a lot.”

“You said you spent your points on your Shield Armored Rhinoceros.”

“The Shield Armored Rhinoceros has protected many of our team members this year.”

“Remember, you are a Defensive Beast Master, and your duty is to ensure the safety of the team members!”

“You can be proud of yourself for successfully protecting other members.”

“Have you ever felt remorse when some members died under your protection?”

“Everyone here has spent the points earned through the team ultimately on the team itself.”

“Otherwise, how could our Ji Feng Travel Group have developed to where it is now!?”

With these convincing words from Zhang Renbin, many travel group members looked at him with expressions of respect and conviction on their faces.

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Zhang Yi led the applauding motion when he saw the situation.

Zhang Yi was never one to easily submit to others, yet he greatly respected his cousin.

No one knew where Zhang Renbin spent his Points, but Zhang Yi was well aware.

The resource Zhang Renbin had exchanged from the Grandmaster Creator was not an elixir, but a Guardian Beast that was obtained at a high cost from Master Minghui after much effort.

This time, Zhang Renbin traded only Grandmaster Creation Elixirs with Jianmu, and the Points spent to obtain the Guardian Beast could naturally not be discounted.

Otherwise, with how well Zhang Yi knew Zhang Renbin, Zhang Renbin would set the time within two years!

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Following Zhang Yi's applause, many band members also spontaneously began to applaud.

The other vice-commander, Du Yong, didn't say much upon seeing this, but he frowned slightly.

Du Yong was well aware of Zhang Renbin's actions over the years and how he had been subtly suppressing him.

But Zhang Renbin was in a position of power and tended to look after the team's interests despite some selfishness.

This had always made Du Yong choose to forbear.

Du Yong knew very well that if he ever conflicted with Zhang Renbin, he would definitely be kicked out of the team.

Indeed, there were a few people steadfastly on his side.

However, those on his side were incomparable in number to those on Zhang Renbin's side.

Pang Feng was one of his supporters, but Du Yong felt powerless to help Pang Feng when he faced disadvantages.

Zhang Renbin spread his hands out.

"Everyone, there's no need to continue clapping; I always prioritize the team in my actions," he said.

"This time, being able to secure a channel with a Grandmaster Creator was truly me using every effort to fight for the team's welfare."

"Du Yong, you come with me shortly to prepare the Supplies."

"Once the preparation is complete, tomorrow before noon, you and I will go together for the transaction!"

"The rest of you, take good care of yourselves within Run Tide Pavilion."

“Once we’ve strengthened our own capabilities with this batch of Grandmaster Creator resources, we’ll head east towards Star Moon Canyon for exploration!”

“Let’s see if we can find some undiscovered relics from the Ancient Battlefield!”

“Previously, each time we traded with a Grandmaster Creator, it was a one-time deal,” he explained.

“This time, I feel that we need to make a breakthrough and try to form a friendship and a long-term cooperation with a Grandmaster Creator!”

“This way, if any team member needs some Grandmaster-level Elixirs in the future, we won’t have to wait specifically.”

“Instead, they can be fully preordered!”

“So, moving forward, we need to go the extra mile, gathering more precious Supplies to secure trading opportunities!”

Zhang Renbin had always had the idea of increasing the risk level of the team’s expeditions.

Increasing the risk level of the team’s explorations made it easier for Zhang Renbin to acquire resources.

However, Du Yong had always disagreed with this idea.

Zhang Renbin didn't want to have disagreements with Du Yong over this issue.

Du Yong represented the opinions of a part of the Ji Feng Travel Group's members.

Some members were tired of risks, but risks often came with rewards.

If the Ji Feng Travel Group feared risk, then the whole team would only continue to decline!

This time, under the banner of Grandmaster Creator resources, if Du Yong objected, it would be tantamount to him not wanting the team to progress.

From a personal standpoint, the higher the risk in team explorations, the more precious the private resources Zhang Renbin could secure.

Moreover, as the strongest in the whole travel group, Zhang Renbin didn't have to worry even if they encountered danger!

Upon hearing Zhang Renbin's words, Du Yong sighed and ultimately did not voice any objection.

Instead, he bowed to Zhang Renbin.

“Since time is pressing, let’s get ready now!” he said.

Zhang Renbin pressed his hand down, signaling Du Yong to be patient.

He continued the meeting for an additional ten minutes before actively proposing to adjourn.

Zhang Renbin acted this way still as a means to suppress Du Yong.

Doing so would let the members of the Ji Feng Travel Group subconsciously feel that the words of Du Yong, this vice-commander, were ineffectual, and only what their commander said mattered!

Zhang Renbin not only suppressed Du Yong himself but sometimes also helped Zhang Yi suppress Du Yong.

Three years ago, when Zhang Yi had just become vice-commander, his words carried no weight compared to Du Yong’s.

But now, Zhang Yi was able to compete on equal footing with Du Yong, and sometimes his words even carried more weight than Du Yong’s!

Du Yong followed closely by Zhang Renbin's side, watching the smile on Zhang Renbin's face with great conviction in his heart.

This Grandmaster Creator channel Zhang Renbin had must have just been acquired!

Otherwise, with Zhang Renbin's personality, he would have shown off this channel long ago!

Although he understood this, Du Yong had no thoughts of snatching Zhang Renbin's channel.

Firstly, Zhang Renbin would not give him the opportunity.

Secondly, if he did so, Zhang Renbin would definitely turn against him completely.

Du Yong didn't want to reach that point with Zhang Renbin just yet.

Du Yong was ambitious, but he preferred to survive well within the Ji Feng Travel Group.

While Du Yong was contemplating this, he heard Zhang Renbin say in a low voice,

“Ah Yong, you are the vice leader of the Ji Feng Travel Group, the second-in-command.”

“Ah Yi joined the group later than you and lacks your seniority!”

“Although we hold no grudges, we always seem to lack closeness.”

“If you have any opinions about me, feel free to tell me!”

Zhang Renbin’s words seemed to have no issues, yet they made Du Yong’s heart tighten.

He and Zhang Renbin had always had disagreements, and these disagreements were not just recent.

Zhang Renbin had also been suppressing him, striving to limit his survival space within the Ji Feng Travel Group.

Now, Zhang Renbin seemed to be showing weakness, but in reality, it was the signal for a total offensive against him.

If he did not submit to Zhang Renbin today, Zhang Renbin would definitely find a way to kick him out of the Ji Feng Travel Group!

Zhang Renbin had anticipated that Du Yong would not respond immediately.

This time, Zhang Renbin didn't give Du Yong much time to think and continued,

'A wise man submits to circumstances.'

'Ah Yong, you are the perfect candidate for a wise man in my heart!'"

'In any team, a wise man can gain more benefits than others.'

'And I don't want to spend effort to nurture another wise man!'

While speaking, Zhang Renbin took out a bottle of Dark Element Potion and handed it to Du Yong.

His face expressionless as he watched Du Yong.

Du Yong's heart chilled, 'A wise man indeed submits to circumstances!'

Zhang Renbin calling him a "wise man" was to make him act sensibly and listen to Zhang Renbin.

That a “wise man” could gain more benefits was Zhang Renbin’s promise to him.

Du Yong looked up at Zhang Renbin, not doubting for a moment about Zhang Renbin’s earlier threat to kick him out of the Ji Feng Travel Group and then train another wise man.

Given Zhang Renbin’s current influence within the Ji Feng Travel Group, he indeed had the power to do so.

Especially after Zhang Renbin had secured a stable Grandmaster Creator channel!

Previously, when cooperating with a Master Creator, the Ji Feng Travel Group had offered substantial resources to trade with the Master Creator.

In the end, Zhang Renbin said they only obtained fifteen Dark Element Potions.

But by Du Yong’s calculations, even twenty Dark Element Potions would have been too few!

The Ji Feng Travel Group coded every resource collected for inventory.

The codes on those fifteen Dark Element Potions were personally marked by Du Yong’s confidants.

At the master level, Creators like to make special Potion Bottles.

They would then imprint their names at the mouth of the bottle.

The Potion Bottle handed to him by Zhang Renbin indeed belonged to that Master Creator, yet the mouth of the bottle had no code.

Clearly, Zhang Renbin considered him the “wise man,” and the potion he gave him was both a show of sincerity and a sharing of spoils.

By accepting this bottle of Dark Element Potion, it meant he would henceforth collude with Zhang Renbin, becoming his accomplice!

Together, during the resource inventory, part of the resources would be quietly kept in their own pockets.

At that moment, Du Yong’s mind was in turmoil.

Zhang Renbin waited nearly a minute for Du Yong, seeing that Du Yong did not reach out his hand.

Zhang Renbin coughed heavily and shook the Dark Element Potion in his hand as if about to retract it.

At this final moment, Du Yong extended his hand and grasped Zhang Renbin's wrist.

Then he took the bottle of Dark Element Potion into his own hands.

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Zhang Renbin saw this and immediately his normally expressionless face lit up with a smile.

He warmly reached out and patted Du Yong's shoulder.

"Old Du, ever since we started working together, I've felt we were quite compatible," he said.

"From now on, let's become sworn brothers and develop Ji Feng Travel Group together!"

Zhang Renbin's words were insincere to the extreme, making Du Yong feel nauseated.

Having worked with Zhang Renbin for so long, Du Yong certainly didn't take his words to heart.

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Zhang Renbin would even scheme against his own blood brothers, let alone sworn brothers formed later!

Now, to put it bluntly, Du Yong had gone from being the vice leader of Ji Feng Travel Group, who could restrain Zhang Renbin, to becoming Zhang Renbin's true right-hand man.

Zhang Yi was Zhang Renbin's man, and after becoming another of Zhang Renbin's men as well,

Ji Feng Travel Group would be effectively Zhang Renbin's empire!

Du Yong had a conscience.

Many in Ji Feng Travel Group had issues with Zhang Renbin, yet they trusted Du Yong a great deal.

They had always supported him from behind.

Otherwise, Zhang Renbin wouldn't have considered him a rival, or rather, a problem.

But it was precisely these people who kept Du Yong in Zhang Renbin's sights at all times.

For a moment, Du Yong found it difficult to decide to betray his brothers.

But once he truly made up his mind, the pressure in his heart lessened notably.

After choosing to side with Zhang Renbin, rather than saying he and Zhang Renbin were sinking together in the mire, it was more that he had let Zhang Renbin take full control of Ji Feng Travel Group.

He might seem like the loser in this power struggle, but he would gain far more benefits than ever before!

Improving his own strength as much as possible was the most important thing at the moment.

Zhang Renbin, seeking to placate him, would surely treat him better than Zhang Yi.

Otherwise, Zhang Renbin would be too bad at dealing with people!

Moreover, Zhang Renbin also had to worry that Du Yong might retaliate over uneven distribution of benefits.

Du Yong sighed and then said to Zhang Renbin very seriously,

“From now on, I will cooperate with you in managing Ji Feng Travel Group; everything within the group will be centered on your will.”

“But I have one request.”

Zhang Renbin’s smile deepened upon hearing this. He was extremely pleased with Du Yong’s response.

Du Yong answering this way showed he had come to terms with reality.

In such a case, Du Yong was bound to ask for more benefits for himself!

After all, it is said that if one does not look out for oneself, one will be doomed.

As long as Du Yong’s demands were not too excessive, Zhang Renbin would agree to them.

Bringing Du Yong under his command would greatly aid Zhang Renbin in managing Ji Feng Travel Group.

Zhang Renbin and Du Yong were not the actual founders of Ji Feng Travel Group; both had always been trusted deputies to the old leader of the group.

The old leader of Ji Feng Travel Group died suddenly during the exploration of a Sanctuary.

Zhang Renbin indeed had a higher reputation in Ji Feng Travel Group than Du Yong at that time.

Therefore, Zhang Renbin naturally became the leader of Ji Feng Travel Group.

Du Yong was always very responsible and more willing than Zhang Renbin to sacrifice his own interests for the sake of the team's members.

This meant that no matter how hard Zhang Renbin tried, he could not completely marginalize Du Yong.

If Du Yong was unwilling to attach himself to Zhang Renbin and get involved in his dirty business,

Zhang Renbin even thought of teaming up with Zhang Yi to act against Du Yong during a Sanctuary exploration!

A person like Du Yong, if only given a chance to fall from grace, would then be corrupted.

And would no longer have any right to monitor himself from a moral high ground.

After dealing with Jianmu for Grandmaster Creator resources, Du Yong would realize how many benefits he could gain by following Zhang Renbin!

Then, he could also stash away more of the Grandmaster-level Potions he traded from Jianmu for himself!

And then use Points to exchange for his share in the public treasury.

If even such advantages could not be obtained, then what was the point of putting so much effort into becoming the vice leader of Ji Feng Travel Group?

As Zhang Renbin sifted through the stockpile of resources, Du Yong's face showed his reluctance to speak.

In Du Yong's view, many of the supplies that Zhang Renbin selected represented the foundation that Ji Feng Travel Group had built up over the years.

There was no need to trade these resources in this deal as they could have been sold to any Grandmaster Creator.

After all, they had yet to try this channel before!

If Ji Feng Travel Group was willing to trade these supplies, there were several Grandmaster Creator channels that could be pursued.

But after taking that bottle of Dark Element Potion from Zhang Renbin, Du Yong had become his subordinate.

He no longer had the right to offer Zhang Renbin any suggestions.

Let's just hope the trade goes smoothly; otherwise, Ji Feng Travel Group will struggle for a long time!

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Fang Mu was preparing to rest when he suddenly received a call from He Deen.

Fang Mu had not given He Deen a Communication Beast such as the Legend Butterfly; thus, He Deen could only contact Fang Mu by phone.

Fang Mu answered the call, thinking He Deen must have something important to say,

but it turned out that He Deen was merely making small talk with him.

Fang Mu remembered He Deen as someone who could keep his cool,

someone who wouldn't bother him without a good reason.

After a moment's thought, Fang Mu felt he had roughly guessed the reason.

"Old He, is there some issue with Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo?" he asked.

"If there's any problem, you don't have to beat around the bush, just tell me straight!"

He Deen worked diligently every day, besides cultivating his three new contracted Guardian Beasts, he tutored Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo's lessons.

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The remaining time was also spent helping Fang Mu concoct Soul Potions, filling each day with meaningful activities.

There was hardly any spare time at all!

It had been a while since Fang Mu had returned to the Mountain Manor, both Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo were very concerned about his situation.

The two urged He Deen to get in touch with Fang Mu.

With no other options due to their persistence, He Deen finally made the call.

He also took the opportunity to update Fang Mu about Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo's recent progress in their studies.

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Now that Fang Mu had initiated the inquiry, He Deen didn't withhold any information and spoke directly.

"Young master, Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo are very worried about you and have been asking about your condition continuously," he said.

"Both of them have been particularly diligent during this period, and Hu Tao's level is now basically sufficient to qualify for enrollment at Jinghai Tianyu University!"

"Next, I'll be teaching her mainly about knowledge related to practical applications."

It seemed somewhat extravagant for a Senior Creator to coach a high school student, like using a cannon to shoot mosquitoes.

Even those wealthy and influential families wouldn't allocate such educational resources for their children.

He Deen taught earnestly, and Hu Tao studied earnestly as well.

After continuing to teach Hu Tao for a few more days, He Deen could then mainly focus on Jiang Tuo!

Fang Mu felt a warmth in his heart upon hearing these words.

He still had to stay in Lu City for a few days.

Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo studying at home all day could muddle their minds over time.

Fang Mu felt that it was appropriate to let them go out when the opportunity arose.

Just then, he had also found a suitable Guardian Beast for Hu Tao to contract.

Letting Hu Tao contract with the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, he would then train the beast extensively.

We could then see Hu Tao entering the ranking divisions for solo duels!

The Backtracking Bell Sparrow would allow Hu Tao, a Defensive Beastmaster, to harness the enemy's attack for counterattacks during combat.

As long as the opponent couldn't break through Hu Tao's defenses, she could generally secure a victory.

"Mr. He, ask Ah Tao and Xiao Tuo to prepare, I will have Sister Wan pick them up shortly to stay in Lu City for a few days," he instructed.

He Deen turned to look at Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo, who were eagerly standing by his side, looking at him.

Their concern for Fang Mu was not unreciprocated!

While they were concerned about Fang Mu, Fang Mu likewise held them dear in his heart.

This was a mutual commitment!

"Young master, I will inform Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo to get ready right away," he said.

"It happens that I also plan to go to Lu City to visit some old friends!"

Fang Mu promptly responded,

“Mr. He, then it would be great for you to come along with Ah Tao and Xiao Tuo.”

“Using the Beastmaster Alliance’s Teleportation Array is much more convenient than any other means of travel.”

He Deen quickly thanked Fang Mu,

“That would be very helpful, young master, thank you for arranging that!”

The Teleportation Array of the Beastmaster Alliance was typically only accessible to internal members of the Alliance.

Otherwise, only those who reached the status of a Master Creator could apply for a favor from the Beastmaster Alliance.

He Deen had not yet reached that level.

His use of the Beastmaster Alliance’s Teleportation Array entirely depended on Fang Mu’s influence.

After hanging up the phone, Fang Mu notified She Wan to head to Lu City to pick up Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo.

She Wan, upon receiving Fang Mu’s instruction, didn’t dare to delay.

She Wan had increasingly become aware of Hu Tao’s significant place in Fang Mu’s heart.

If it weren’t for Hu Tao, Fang Mu would probably not have chosen to stay in Lu City to deal with the Ji Feng Travel Group.

No sooner had he found a Guardian Beast for Hu Tao than Fang Mu planned to have her brought to Lu City!

Jiang Tuo was not merely a team member of Fang Mu's team.

Members of Fang Mu's team could replace each other unless someone rose strongly in rank; there was no need for She Wan to pay them too much attention.

However, Jiang Tuo was different, as he had a grandfather who was a Forging Spirit Grandmaster.

Jiang Weng had now taken charge of all business related to the Spirit-smithing Master under Fang Mu.

He even provided Jiang Tuo with several Catastrophe Class Ice-attribute Ghost System Guardian Beasts, investing substantial resources in Jiang Tuo's training.

If one were to talk about it, the resources that Fang Mu spent on cultivating Jiang Tuo were not any less than those spent on Hu Tao!

Give these two little fellows a decade or more to grow.

They will inevitably become Fang Mu's right-hand men!

They're simply in a different league from Lu Xiaoyin and myself.

When She Wan brought Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo over, it was already deep into the night.

Ever since she no longer had to attend school, Hu Tao had become a night owl.

As for Jiang Tuo, he had always been accustomed to going to sleep at around four or five in the morning.

This was the time when these two little fellows were most spirited!

Fang Mu simply took Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo out for a late-night snack that was a specialty of Lu City.

Upon arriving in Lu City, He Deen went straight to see his old friend and didn't stick around Fang Mu to get on his good side.

He planned to join Fang Mu when he returned to JA City.

After eating the late-night snack, Hu Tao returned to the separate courtyard without an ounce of sleepiness, eager to drag Fang Mu into a duel.

Since Fang Mu had traveled to Lu City, Hu Tao hadn't had a duel in several days!

Hu Tao was now a famous broadcaster, receiving daily private messages from numerous fans asking when she would stream.

With a large fan base, not streaming for a long duration would mean losing popularity!

This popularity was hard-earned by both Hu Tao and Fang Mu, and Hu Tao didn't want it to dwindle.

Hearing this, Fang Mu smiled and said to Hu Tao,

"Tonight I really can't join you for a duel."

Upon hearing this, a faint look of disappointment appeared on Hu Tao's face.

But soon enough, Hu Tao's expression returned to normal.

Hu Tao was well aware that Fang Mu had been busy with something in Lu City lately.

At that moment, Hu Tao only heard Fang Mu continue,

“Your second Guardian Beast has finally been found. Tonight, you need to make a contract with the second Guardian Beast.”

“Once the contract with this second Guardian Beast is complete, you can freely go on the Battle Network for single duels!”

“In single duels, you can also make a name for yourself!”

Having said that, Fang Mu summoned the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.

Hu Tao, not being a Creator, couldn’t see the special traits of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.

But Hu Tao was clear that the Guardian Beast Fang Mu had prepared for her wouldn’t be subpar!

And this Guardian Beast also had the capability to allow her to engage in single duels!

Immediately, Hu Tao channeled her spiritual power to envelop the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, beginning the contract process.

In just a while, Hu Tao had completed the contract.

The Backtracking Bell Sparrow had become Hu Tao’s Guardian Beast.

At this moment, Hu Tao understood why Fang Mu had said she could fight in the single match area and also achieve impressive results.

In the single rankings, she could use the Barrier Silver Phoenix for defense, and then let the Backtracking Bell Sparrow return the damage received by the Barrier Silver Phoenix back to the opponent as a spiritual attack.

Spiritual attacks, being intangible and hard to detect and resist,

allowed Hu Tao to directly let the Backtracking Bell Sparrow use the exclusive feature “Rewind Assassination” to attack the matched Beastmasters.

Defeating Beastmasters was the simplest way to secure a victory.

While Hu Tao was making the contract with the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, Fang Mu further investigated it.

The Backtracking Bell Sparrow had reached Epic Quality at Silver Rank Three.

Fang Mu could attempt to elevate its quality to Legendary during its ascension to the Golden Stage.

Not only that, but Fang Mu could also use the Blood Aged Wine to see if the Backtracking Bell Sparrow could transform into a Backtracking Sparrow Demon during its ascension to the Golden Stage.

“Ah Tao, I’ve already prepared the resources for enhancing the Backtracking Bell Sparrow,”

“You go outside and wait for me for a while, I’ll handle the enhancement of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.”

“Once you contract the Infinite Silver Silkworm, you can control a Guardian Beast at Gold Rank One.”

“I will elevate the Backtracking Bell Sparrow to Gold Rank One.”

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao hastily left Fang Mu’s beast cultivation room.

When a Creator is cultivating beasts, they cannot be disturbed.

If Fang Mu were just using a Grandmaster-level Potion to cultivate the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, it wouldn't be necessary to use Sleep Moss to put the Backtracking Bell Sparrow to sleep.

But this time, for cultivating the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, Fang Mu needed to use the Blood Aged Wine.

To stimulate the Fairy Bloodline within the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, a significant amount of Blood Aged Wine would be used.

This meant that even though the Backtracking Bell Sparrow was Hu Tao's Guardian Beast, Fang Mu still had to take precautions.

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Feeding two pieces of Golden Rank Sleep Moss to the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, even though it was a Mechanical Beast with a Mechanical Heart, would still paralyze it.

Fortunately, the effect of Sleep Moss on Mechanical Beasts was shallow, and it would be able to wake up after an hour or two.

If a bird-type controlled creature made of flesh and blood were fed two pieces of Golden Rank Sleep Moss at the Silver Stage, it would likely sleep until tomorrow morning.

Hu Tao had no way of participating in the solo duels of the Battle Network Ranking tonight!

Hu Tao had been streaming duo battles within the Ranking, but in reality, Hu Tao didn't need to restrict the content to only what was in the streaming room.

Hu Tao could conduct her own solo duels within the Ranking in the streaming room.

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As long as Hu Tao performed well enough, the audience in Hu Tao's streaming room wouldn't always bring up Fang Mu during each stream!

The Mechanical Heart of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, paralyzed by the energy of Sleep Moss, showed no change in its clock-like body.

However, the mechanical bird hidden inside the clock poked out, hanging limply.

The large clock was merely the shell of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.

The bird hidden inside the clock was the true entity of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.

The Mechanical Heart existed inside this bird.

Fang Mu measured the size of this bird with his hand, which was no bigger than a clenched fist.

Fang Mu took out a wide-mouthed Crystal Bottle, and into this wide-mouthed Crystal Bottle, he poured five hundred milliliters of Blood Aged Wine.

Following that, Fang Mu soaked the true entity of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow in the Blood Aged Wine.

The Blood Aged Wine immediately stimulated the Mechanical Heart inside the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.

Under the fast operation of the Mechanical Heart, Mechanical Gears whirled through the air.

Fang Mu took out a huge amount of spiritual instrument fragments, allowing the Blood Aged Wine-soaked Mechanical Heart to absorb as many of the spiritual instrument fragments as possible.

The spiritual instrument fragments, forged from various rare Metal Spiritual Materials, contained multiple energy circuits.

These energy circuits activated the metal attribute of these Metal Spiritual Materials.

Sufficient to meet the energy needs of Mechanical Beasts.

The ranking of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow continuously increased, and in less than half an hour, it had risen from Silver Rank Three to Silver Rank Ten.

Next came the suppression grade, which was the stage of elevating the bloodline.

The Backtracking Bell Sparrow absorbed the Blood Aged Wine very slowly, and up to now, half of it had not yet been absorbed.

However, the spiritual instrument fragments had been absorbed by the Backtracking Bell Sparrow to at least seven or eight hundred pounds.

Another hour passed, and Fang Mu sensed a special aura emanating from the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.

This aura was not unfamiliar to Fang Mu.

Fang Mu had felt it in many places before.

In the Ancient Battlefield, Fang Mu had sensed it from the Fairy Type Beast belonging to Qian Ying, the Guardian of the Spring Hall of Beast-binding Hall.

When taking action against the Blood Race on the Soaring Dragon Plains, the same scent was on Su Qing's Fairy Type Beast.

The appearance of this scent meant that the bloodline of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow was transforming towards the bloodline of the Retrace Sparrow Demon.

After the Backtracking Bell Sparrow absorbed a whole ton of spiritual instrument fragments, Fang Mu took out another ton of spiritual instrument fragments.

The fragments of the Bronze spiritual instruments Fang Mu had were almost completely depleted.

Most of these spiritual instrument fragments were primarily silver spiritual instrument fragments.

If it weren't for the channels associated with Spirit-smithing Masters, even a few pounds of silver spiritual instrument fragments would be difficult to obtain.

Let alone the tons that Fang Mu had on hand!

Cultivating the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, allowing it to elevate its ranking and undergo a bloodline transformation, seemed like a very simple task for Fang Mu.

But in reality, even for heirs of powerful, prominent families who cultivated their main battle Mystic Beasts, it was hard to bring out so many resources at once.

Suddenly, two chirps rang out, produced by the friction of gears.

The previous chirps of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, caused by the friction of Mechanical Gears, had a distinct mechanical feel.

But now, they were filled with a lively quality.

In front of the bird, a short-haired girl slowly materialized, with wings like those of a sparrow and a pocket watch hanging on her chest, even smaller than the bird that was barely the size of Fang Mu's fist, sleeping soundly on the back of the mechanical bird.

During the bloodline transformation of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow, Fang Mu could clearly sense that both the ranking and quality of the Backtracking Bell Sparrow had been elevated.

Fang Mu immediately used real data to look into the Backtracking Bell Sparrow.

[Beast Name]: Retrace Sparrow Demon

[Beast Species]: Fairy Spirit/Sparrow Demon

[Beast Level]: Gold (1/10)

[Beast Element]: Metal

[Beast Potential]: Platinum

[Beast Quality]: Legendary

Skills:

[Sparrow's Call]: Inspires other birds and Mechanical Beasts through its own call, enhancing the energy recovery rate of bird and mechanical beasts.

[Backtracking Focus]: Uses its eyes to gaze at the target, forming a special shield on the target that lacks any defensive capability, but will revert the contents within the shield to the state they were in when the shield was applied.

[Backtracking Double]: Doubles the backtracking effect during the process of backtracking. When the life energy of friendly units is at full capacity, the overflowing energy will form a damage-resisting shield on the target. The impact on the enemy is doubled based on the original effect.

Exclusive traits:

[Instrumentalization]: Transforms itself into a special weapon to be wielded by the Contractor.

[Backtracking Assassination]: During the backtracking process, absorbs the damage sustained by the backtracking target and then administers the damage in the form of a spiritual shock to a designated target, colliding with the target's spiritual power.

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[Possession]: Merges with the Contractor, allowing the Contractor to inherit its abilities and gain the same defensive effects and energy as itself.

Evolutionary Path:

①: Retrace Sparrow Demon (Four Winged), ②: Origin-Trace Sparrow, ③: Flow Retrospection Sparrow Demon (Two Winged).

The previous Backtracking Bell Sparrow was a Short-winged/Feathered Sparrow Type Guardian Beast.

After ascending to a spirit, the Retrace Sparrow Demon's bloodline turned into that of the spirit branch/bird demon type.

Fang Mu was not at all surprised that the Retrace Sparrow Demon was a two-winged spirit.

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That the Backtracking Bell Sparrow could ascend to a two-winged spirit at the Golden Stage was already the limit of its potential improvement.

Without the aid of Blood Aged Wine, it would have been impossible to achieve!

In the Battle Network's solo battles, Hu Tao summoned this two-winged spirit of a mere Golden Stage and it was also a rare one that had transformed from a Mechanical Beast.

It was bound to stir intense discussions!

The foundation of this Retrace Sparrow Demon could already be compared to Fang Mu's carefully cultivated Lake Flame Gemini.

The best direction on the evolutionary path is to let the Retrace Sparrow Demon aim for four wings with its current bloodline.

The second evolutionary path, Origin-Trace Sparrow, involves completely abandoning the Fairy Bloodline and becoming a purely Mechanical Beast.

From its name, the control over time by Origin-Trace Sparrow should be somewhat stronger.

But from a long-term perspective, the tier of a Fairy Bloodline is higher than the upper limit of a pure Mechanical Beast Bloodline!

The third evolutionary path also continues the Fairy Bloodline, only evolving from a Retrace Sparrow Demon (Two Winged) into a Flow Retrospection Sparrow Demon (Two Winged).

There was no improvement in the tier of the Fairy Bloodline.

This was tantamount to wasting the potential of the Retrace Sparrow Demon's bloodline.

The skill that Retrace Sparrow Demon acquired when it ascended to the Golden Stage was called "Backtracking Double."

"Backtracking Double" doubled the abilities of the skills "Backtracking Focus" and the exclusive feature "Retrace Assassination" when used by Retrace Sparrow Demon.

When guarding a target with “Backtracking Focus,” the target was not necessarily at full health.

In the event of the target nearly dying from a massive attack, “Backtracking Double” could not only restore the target to its previous state but also heal the target’s wounds.

It also condensed a shield on the body that could block damage.

This directly and significantly enhanced the protective ability and functionality of the Retrace Sparrow Demon.

When employing the exclusive feature “Rewind Assassination,” it would directly deepen the level of trauma to the target’s soul.

It multiplied the impact force on the target’s psyche.

It was not about stabbing the target twice with the same force, but rather about switching the knife for an axe.

The damage caused by the two was simply not comparable.

Not long after Fang Mu had nurtured the Retrace Sparrow Demon, Fang Mu felt it was showing signs of awakening.

After the Retrace Sparrow Demon woke up, Fang Mu handed it over to Hu Tao.

Grinning with sparkling eyes, Hu Tao expressed gratitude to Fang Mu and then headed to the Battle Network, ready for solo zone combat.

The first time Hu Tao commanded the Retrace Sparrow Demon in battle, she did not start a live stream.

Without much practical experience with a new Beast Master, it's difficult to issue the right commands during a battle.

Hu Tao did not want to fail on live stream.

It would be embarrassing for herself and a letdown for the investment Fang Mu had put into the Retrace Sparrow Demon.

While Hu Tao was competing in the Battle Network, Fang Mu did not rest.

Instead, he communicated with Su Qing through the Legend Butterfly.

After the last trade with Fang Mu, Su Qing had reaped great benefits.

Su Qing did not share the Spiritual Elixirs with others in Chonghuaju.

She used them all herself.

The pure Spiritual Energy allowed Su Qing to clearly feel her own improvement.

This delightful sensation of advancement was something Su Qing immensely enjoyed.

It also deepened her desire to become closer to Fang Mu.

Su Qing had previously promised Fang Mu that she would give Qixing a Four Winged Flower Spirit.

In addition, she would choose another excellent Two Winged Flower Spirit as a personal gift to Fang Mu.

Qixing remained hidden in the shadows, dealing with the outside world through Fang Mu.

One could say that Fang Mu's likes and dislikes directly affected the progress of a transaction.

Thus, to some extent, having a good relationship with Fang Mu was more beneficial than trying every possible way to please Qixing!

Four Winged Flower Spirits were too precious, and Su Qing truly had no way of letting Fang Mu make a selection.

After hundreds of years of accumulation, Chonghuaju had only managed to gather just over ten Four Winged Flower Spirits.

However, there were quite a number of Two Winged Flower Spirits within Chonghuaju, which could be offered to Fang Mu to freely choose from.

After all, a promise had already been made.

Rather than deciding on one for Fang Mu herself, it was better to let Fang Mu personally choose.

After all, these two options made no difference to Su Qing.

Su Qing was very willing to owe Fang Mu a favor.

"A Qing, I thank you in advance here!"

"Compared to combat-oriented Flower Spirits, I am more interested in functional ones!"

"Do you have any that can speed up blood generation or replenish blood?"

“You have seen the secret treasure that can attract the Blood Race before. This treasure requires a large amount of blood to lure the Blood Race.”

“Having a Flower Spirit that can speed up blood production or replenish blood would make it much more convenient to control this artifact.”

Of course, Su Qing had seen the artifact Fang Mu mentioned.

After such a long time, Su Qing still vividly remembered the power of that purple-black Mini Tower.

The Blood Race Queen who came into contact with that purple-black Mini Tower was directly controlled by it.

She didn't even have the slightest chance to resist!

If it were Su Qing herself, the result would likely be the same.

Su Qing had a clear idea of what the Two Winged Flower Spirits in Chonghuaju were capable of.

Not to mention, there indeed was a Two Winged Flower Spirit within Chonghuaju that could speed up blood generation.

However, the use of this Flower Spirit's function would cause certain negative effects.

Among the various Two Winged Flower Spirits in Chonghuaju, it was considered the least valuable.

Su Qing's intention to give a Two Winged Flower Spirit to Fang Mu wasn't to prevent resource outflow.

It was to foster a relationship with Fang Mu.

Therefore, Su Qing had to explain the situation with this Flower Spirit to Fang Mu in advance.

If Fang Mu couldn't accept the negative effects of the Flower Spirit, Su Qing would introduce him to other high-quality Two Winged Flower Spirits one by one.

“Ah Mu, I won't hide it from you, there really is a Flower Spirit here that can accelerate blood generation.”

“But this capability of speeding up blood production comes with significant drawbacks.”

“This speed-increasing ability is derived from a curse carried by a Flower Spirit known as the Exhausted Blood Flower Spirit of Nirvana.”

“This curse is currently at the Hardship Level.”

“When the Exhausted Blood Flower Spirit of Nirvana ascends to become a Four Winged Flower Spirit, this curse might very likely reach the Nightmare Level.”

“The curse of the Exhausted Blood Flower Spirit leads to the rapid synthesis of blood from the cursed individual's energy.”

“During the curse's effect, the target must consume a large amount of pure Life Energy to recover their vitality.”

“Otherwise, they will experience exhaustion, anemia, and a range of other negative effects.”

“In a very short period of time, it can damage the essence and even threaten life!”

“With the current strength of the Exhausted Blood Flower Spirit of Nirvana, a single curse can last for about seven days or so.”

“One of the Elders of Chonghuaju once personally tested the effect of the Exhausted Blood Flower Spirit of Nirvana’s curse, and bled over a thousand liters in seven days.”

“Had it not been for Chonghuaju bringing out a large quantity of Life Elixirs to help the Elder through the ordeal, the Elder would have definitely not made it past the fourth day!”

As she spoke of the curse effect of the Exhausted Blood Flower Spirit of Nirvana, Su Qing’s expression was very solemn.

Su Qing was afraid that even after explaining the stakes to Fang Mu, Fang Mu would still choose the Exhausted Blood Flower Spirit and then suffer consequences himself.

Even if Fang Mu didn’t blame her, Su Qing could very well become the target of Qixing’s wrath.

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu’s face showed an ecstatic expression.

But Fang Mu’s tone didn’t change at all.

“This is very good!”

“As long as the Flower Spirit has the ability to produce blood, other matters will be decided by master himself.”

Fang Mu had plenty of Life Elixirs.

Even with the joint development of Tide Bay with Chang Le Pavilion, Fang Mu still had an abundant stock of Life Elixirs.

If he could use Life Elixirs to increase his own blood production rapidly, Fang Mu would be able to quickly solidify Contracting Blood.

Then he could form contracts with both the Guardian Beasts he was raising and the untrained Special-grade Pollutants!