

Beast Tamer 1031

Chapter 1031: Hu Tao's First Battle!

Fang Mu now could say that what he lacked the most was Covenant Blood Essence.

With Covenant Blood Essence, Fang Mu could enhance his strength rapidly.

Once a contract was made with pollution creatures, their ranking improvements would not be restricted by the Beast Master's Star Level as Guardian Beasts were.

As long as there was pollution energy to provide these pollution creatures, their hierarchy would keep on rising.

For Fang Mu to compete with veteran powerhouses using Guardian Beasts was practically an impossibility.

Even if Fang Mu managed to skip ranks with his Spirit Mayfly enabling his Guardian Beasts to advance, and the Falling Cherry Essence Koi used the skill "Sakura Festival" periodically to boost Fang Mu's spiritual power significantly.

...

He still wouldn't be able to bridge the gap brought about by age difference in a short period.

Yet these pollution creatures could enable Fang Mu to achieve this.

Because Covenant Blood Essence was used to form contracts with pollution creatures, rather than Fang Mu fusing with the pollution creatures himself.

This prevented Fang Mu from being affected by the negative influences of pollution creatures during their ranking advancement.

By now, Fang Mu had already gained control over an Order Level Powerhouse.

Shu Liangjun was Fang Mu's Dao Protector, not considered a target under Fang Mu's control.

The Order Level Powerhouses under Fang Mu's control were Liu Xi, Mister Hei controlled by Liu Xi, and the Blood Race Queen Yisi.

But these forces under Fang Mu's control were greatly different from his own power.

In times of danger, those powers under Fang Mu's control might not be able to help him immediately.

However, Fang Mu's own power could be utilized instantly.

Once Fang Mu himself acquired Order-level power, he could act much more boldly than he could at present.

Upon hearing this, Su Qing understood that Fang Mu sought the Flower Spirit with blood-making capabilities for his Master Qixing.

Given that it was Master Qixing who would be employing the Falling Cherry Essence, he would certainly do so judiciously.

"Ah Mu, since you've made your choice, I'll go there in person now,"

"and bring these two Flower Spirits to you," said Fang Mu with a smile.

"If your Chonghuaju breeds Flower Spirits that aren't much needed, feel free to trade them with me!"

"Master is quite interested in Flower Spirits and quite willing to trade Spiritual Elixirs for them."

Su Qing greatly facilitated Fang Mu, essentially accelerating his development fundamentally.

Fang Mu was willing to reciprocate for Su Qing.

Every Flower Spirit was different in functionality, and there was no absolute sense of better or worse.

While the Exhausted Beyond Blood was a useless Flower Spirit for Chonghuaju, it was incredibly vital for Fang Mu!

Fang Mu's trading of readily cultivated spiritual energy from the space within his Abdomen Environment for Flower Spirits, would greatly enhance his foundation to a large extent.

Who knows when these Flower Spirits might become useful.

Hearing this, Su Qing grew increasingly grateful towards Fang Mu in her heart.

Whenever she did something beneficial for Fang Mu, he always thought of providing some form of reciprocation for her.

This made Su Qing quite willing to invest energy and resources to maintain the relationship with Fang Mu.

While Fang Mu and Su Qing were conversing, Hu Tao had already fought six or seven consecutive duels in the Battle Network's solo Ranking division.

Although the quality of opponents in these six or seven duels wasn't high, Hu Tao did not hurry to defeat her opponents.

Instead, she repeatedly directed the Retrace Sparrow Demon to execute skills.

After six or seven duels, Hu Tao had fully grasped the capabilities of her Retrace Sparrow Demon.

The more aggressive the opponent's attacks, the more lethal the Retrace Sparrow Demon became.

Specializing in using the enemy's strength against them, Hu Tao hoped to face a formidable opponent for an exhilarating duel.

However, given Hu Tao's current Silver Ranking, it was difficult to be matched with such an opponent.

Since she had already become familiar with her new Guardian Beast's capabilities, Hu Tao simply opened her live broadcast room.

Ready to start her personal live stream.

As soon as Hu Tao's stream started, a large audience flooded in.

These viewers were mostly Fang Mu's fans.

After all, Fang Mu's Battle Network performances were too dazzling.

If not for the great potential of Hu Tao's Guardian Beast, she would hardly differ from an underachiever beside Fang Mu.

Hu Tao felt it necessary to prove her strength through duels.

Otherwise, always being seen as Fang Mu's entourage, she wouldn't be able to keep up with the team as an independent individual.

Jiang Tuo was much younger than her, yet Hu Tao felt immense pressure from him.

Jiang Tuo had contracted with several Catastrophe Class ice-attribute Ghost System Beasts through his Destiny Guardian Beast.

In some ways, Jiang Tuo's Guardian Beast equipment was even more astonishing than Fang Mu's!

Hu Tao didn't want to be outdone by Jiang Tuo in the end.

Regarding the upcoming live stream, Hu Tao felt quite nervous.

Because the upcoming broadcast would determine whether she could prove herself in the channel.

"Pystar: Why haven't you been streaming recently? Has something happened to the team? You used to play two or three matches every night a while back, why have there been none lately?"

"Ten Miles of Peace: Yeah! I've followed the channel and dropped quite a few gifts when you started streaming, so what's with the sudden halt? You can't let me just wait indefinitely, right?!"

At this moment, the live chat was mostly filled with similar complaints.

To this, Hu Tao quickly expressed her apologies.

"I'm sorry I've been busy revising my coursework recently, my Beast Observation and Spirit Material Analysis courses are nowhere near as good as Jianmu's."

Chapter 1032: Hu Tao's First Battle!_2

"Only by diligent studying can I avoid falling behind!"

"Jianmu has been busy with some matters recently, but we should be able to resume our regular live streams in about three days!"

Hu Tao was very aware that as a host, she needed to respond positively to the audience's questions as much as possible.

This would not only show her appreciation for her fans but also prevent those with ulterior motives from stirring up unnecessary drama.

The number of viewers in her live streaming room had been increasing, comprising a highly diverse group, including all sorts of characters.

It was very likely that she wouldn't even be aware of which of her words had been misconstrued, resulting in numerous discussion threads popping up in the Skin Peeling House.

...

After hearing Hu Tao's response, the number of comments asking why there had been no live streams decreased significantly.

Hu Tao had just celebrated her seventeenth birthday and was a bona fide high school student.

As a high school student, she certainly had to prioritize her studies.

More importantly, Hu Tao's direct response that she would stream with Jianmu in three days reassured her fans.

This completely settled the fans' worries.

However, those fans who had just been reassured were immediately struck by a new doubt.

If she wasn't going to have a duo battle with Jianmu, what was Hu Tao going to do in her live stream?

Surely she didn't plan to become a chatting host, did she?!

Hu Tao's Barrier Silver Phoenix, dazzling as it might be, was after all just a defensive Guardian Beast.

It simply didn't have the qualifications for a solo battle.

The more popular a host was, the less likely they wanted to make a fool of themselves in front of an audience.

This could greatly reduce one's popularity and commercial value.

So nobody really believed that Hu Tao would do a solo live stream.

Hu Tao continued to respond to the barrage of questions for a while, then said with a smile,

"Jianmu has always been leading our battles, and as he will be busy for a few more days, I thought why not try playing a few solo battles."

"It's also a good opportunity for me to try to upgrade my personal rank!"

After saying this, Hu Tao didn't offer further explanations and began to select an opponent for a match.

Hu Tao was well aware that after making this statement, there would certainly be no shortage of people questioning her.

Unable to respond effectively to these doubts, she could only use her strength to shut these naysayers up.

While Hu Tao was matchmaking, many of Fang Mu's die-hard fans and those dissatisfied with Hu Tao began to speak ill in the live stream room.

[One Little Bee]: Really thinks quite a lot of herself! The majority of the attention this room gets is probably for Jianmu; without Jianmu, who even knows you? Are you planning to go solo now?

[Drunk Dream Returns]: A defensive Spirituality Practitioner's battle has no appeal, only able to take hits passively. I think there's really no need for a live stream, right? Otherwise, you'll certainly lose a lot of followers later!

Although Hu Tao hadn't been a host for very long, she had practically heard all the harsh words one could hear in the live streaming room.

Without the contract with the Infinite Silver Silkworm and before the Barrier Silver Phoenix's rank had been upgraded to Gold Rank One,

Struggling to prove their worth in a battle made it so that when facing strong opponents, Fang Mu had to exert some effort to achieve victory.

Hu Tao would be called a talentless vase.

When facing less formidable opponents and Fang Mu easily defeated the enemy, Hu Tao was accused of winning by doing nothing.

These insults and criticisms only began to fade after Barrier Silver Phoenix's rank was upgraded to Gold Rank One.

But they didn't completely disappear.

Since Hu Tao was aware of how quickly her own strength was improving, she didn't take these doubts to heart.

Right now, Hu Tao's biggest trump card was not the recently contracted Retrace Sparrow Demon but her own Destiny Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet!

Hu Tao quickly matched with an opponent.

Her opponent was a young woman with heavy makeup.

This woman, who had been eagerly talking upon being matched with Hu Tao, was obviously also a host.

A host who mingled in the Silver Ranks was either a newcomer with not many followers

Or someone deliberately suppressing their rank for the sake of the live stream.

The viewers in this woman's live stream couldn't compare to those in Hu Tao's live stream in terms of numbers.

But there were still seventy to eighty thousand of them.

Suddenly, this woman noticed a massive influx of people into her live stream, which quickly pushed the viewer count past five hundred thousand.

Only then did the woman look at Hu Tao with a surprised expression.

She examined Hu Tao with a skeptical eye for a moment, silently speculating.

Just how many fans did Hu Tao's live stream have to feed so many viewers back to her own?

Yu Lili chose not to engage in pleasantries with Hu Tao.

After all, Yu Lili had always maintained a cold and distant persona, which made small talk with Hu Tao inappropriate for her image.

Yu Lili's patrons in the live stream enjoyed watching her bully the weaker opponents in the lower rankings.

This prompted Yu Lili to prefer punishment over high rankings, to the extent that she deliberately lowered her own ranking.

In fact, Yu Lili's strength had always been decent, with all three of her Guardian Beasts in the Gold Ranking.

With some effort, even if she couldn't reach Gold 1, she could comfortably sit in the middle tiers of the Gold Ranking.

Defeating a host with such popularity would likely mean her patrons would donate more than usual.

Hu Tao politely greeted her opponent first, only to be ignored by Yu Lili.

Seeing this, Hu Tao didn't react much, but Hu Tao's fans couldn't sit idly by.

They collectively criticized Yu Lili for her lack of manners.

Normally, unless there was some enmity, both sides would greet each other amicably before a fight.

A sleek, pitch-black leopard appeared at Yu Lili's feet.

Following that, two purple-black bats, exuding a dark ink-like aura, hovered over Yu Lili's head.

Hu Tao sighed internally, realizing that her opponent was a Dark element Beast Master, contracted with three Dark-element Beasts!

A Beast Master with Dark-element Beasts didn't have an easy path.

With the three Guardian Beasts still in the Gold Ranking, Yu Lili only needed to use forty percent concentration Light Element Potion to cleanse her body once every week or two.

If Yu Lili wanted to raise the power of these three Dark-element Beasts to the Platinum Tier, she would need to use over sixty percent concentration Light Element Potion to cleanse their bodies.

It's worth noting that a sixty percent concentration Light Element Potion was already the domain of Senior Creators.

The price was more than thirty times that of a forty percent concentration potion!

Unless Yu Lili had massive resources backing her, she might struggle even to support her own livelihood!

But with high costs come high rewards.

Among Guardian Beasts of the same ranking, Dark-element Beasts were indeed stronger.

Yu Lili immediately gave an order after summoning her Guardian Beasts.

"Dark Egret Leopard, use Dark Egret Phantom to show this little girl what's what!"

While issuing the command, Yu Lili also let out a series of brazen laughs.

Even though Yu Lili only directed her Leopard Beast known as the Dark Egret Leopard, the other two bat-like Beasts had already released a vast amount of purple-black aura.

This aura not only amplified the Dark Egret Leopard but also spread in Hu Tao's direction.

On the entire Battle Network, if there was a live stream with the highest value, it was undoubtedly Hu Tao's.

In Hu Tao's live stream, you could even find traces of Senior Creators.

These Senior Creators were observing the Guardian Beasts of Fang Mu and Hu Tao.

Whether it was Fang Mu's Elves, his Giant Tiger with multiple dragon tails, or Hu Tao's Barrier Silver Phoenix, which possessed both Barrier Sparrow and Phoenix Bloodline, they were all of great research value.

Thousand Year Flute made frequent trips to the Skin Peeling House to analyze the Guardian Beasts of Fang Mu and Hu Tao.

At that moment, Thousand Year Flute was in Hu Tao's live stream.

[Thousand Year Flute]: If Little Peach still relies on that Defensive Beast Conqueror to win against her opponent, she's going to lose badly this time! The Dark Egret Leopard's shadow has a corrosive quality stronger than strong acid, taking the corrosive properties of dark elements to the extreme.

[Thousand Year Flute]: The purple-black aura released by the two Shadow Flame Bats will increase the corrosiveness of the Dark Egret Leopard's shadow, and the aura they release also has a very strong scorching effect.

[Thousand Year Flute]: Even though the burning effect of dark elements isn't as aggressive as the burning effect of Fire Elements, it accelerates the rotting and withering of flesh.

[Thousand Year Flute]: However, considering Little Peach is a teammate of Jianmu, she must have some tricks up her sleeve!

Chapter 1033: The Cage Rod Descends!

Dark Egret Leopards and Shadow Flame Bats both became powerful Guardian Beasts starting from the Silver Stage.

At the Golden Stage, their dominance reached its peak.

They are among the elite of all Golden Stage Guardian Beasts.

Of course, if one has sufficient resources to cultivate the Dark Egret Leopard and Shadow Flame Bat and does not fear the backlash of the Dark Element Energy within them,

they remain very strong among Platinum Tier Guardian Beasts.

However, due to the relatively single method of attack of the Dark Egret Leopard and Shadow Flame Bat, their performance at the Diamond Rank is poor.

...

Those who contract such Guardian Beasts rarely let their beasts' strength advance beyond the Golden Stage.

Relying on the strength of the Dark Egret Leopard and Shadow Flame Bat to crush opponents in a fixed division of the Battle Network.

Such a method of contracting beasts was developed by some Beast Masters for survival, as this industry chain in the Battle Network gradually matured.

In the eyes of Thousand Year Flute, Yu Lili, who is officially online, has no potential whatsoever.

In front of someone blessed like Hu Tao, she's no different from a clown.

But now, Hu Tao might not necessarily be a match for Yu Lili.

Hu Tao's Battle Network name is "Will Definitely Awaken," which is quite a mouthful for a Battle Network name.

Many Battle Network netizens are curious why Hu Tao would choose such a name.

Could it be because Hu Tao failed to awaken her Destiny Guidebook upon graduating from elementary school?

But that's not right!

If Hu Tao wasn't even a Beast Master, she wouldn't be able to log into the Battle Network.

Speculation about Hu Tao's name has never reached a definitive conclusion.

It's not that no one could uncover Hu Tao's identity; on the contrary, even the news that Jianmu is Fang Mu was dug up long ago by some capable individuals.

These capable individuals are well aware of the disaster that might ensue if they carelessly expose the information of a Grandmaster Disciple.

The Fang Family is now a truly prestigious clan within the Dragon Rising Federation.

The elder sister of the Fang Family is a disciple of "Dragon Mother," while the second brother is the chairman of the Jianmu Commerce Association.

The younger brother and sister of the Fang Family each became disciples under separate Grandmaster Creators.

The Fang Family's value in Shine is incomparable to any other force!

How Qixing Grandmaster treats Jianmu can be clearly seen through Jianmu's strength displayed on the Battle Network.

Master Yi Han, a person of cold temperament and extreme pride, held a feast for his disciple, Yan Wood, for three days straight.

It's as if he treated Yan Wood as the apple of his eye.

Those who have figured out the identities of Fang Mu and Hu Tao do not look down on Hu Tao because of her background.

It's said that Fang Mu has only been a Beast Master for a short duration, but these people who have checked his information do not believe such claims.

How could a Beast Master who has just awakened their Destiny Guidebook contract a Guardian Beast at the peak of the Golden Stage!?

Fang Mu must have become a disciple under Qixing long ago, and for some reason, Qixing did not let Fang Mu reveal the news of his awakened Destiny Guidebook.

Hu Tao's name was chosen for the sake of Fang Mu.

Apart from Fang Mu, no one in reality could have provided Hu Tao with such plentiful resources to allow her to have the opportunity to cultivate a Barrier Silver Phoenix.

If we say the resources were provided by Fang Mu,

Considering such a significant investment, Hu Tao must have also received Qixing's approval.

As for why Hu Tao's fans now call her Little Peach, it's because Fang Mu has often addressed Hu Tao this way during battles.

And so the name Little Peach became popular.

Thousand Year Flute's assessment of Yu Lili's Guardian Beasts is very fair.

Thousand Year Flute has always been quite active on the Battle Network, winning the trust of many.

A large audience in the live broadcast room began worrying for Hu Tao.

"Rainbow Mint Candy": I hope Little Peach doesn't crash and burn tonight? She wants to prove herself in a solo duel but ends up being defeated by her opponent directly, my secondhand embarrassment is kicking in! With all the skepticism Little Peach already faces on the Battle Network, I'm afraid those doubts are only going to get louder.

"Bao Packs a Bao": Why does a Defensive Beastmaster insist on going for a solo duel? Losing would surely diminish the reputation of their duo performance, adversely affecting Jianmu! I really don't know what the host was thinking!

"Frost Rose": In my opinion, losing might be a good thing. Constantly winning by Jianmu's side, she might have forgotten how capable she actually is!

Upon learning about Yu Lili's strength, Hu Tao stopped paying attention to the barrage of comments.

Hu Tao couldn't use the Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience], like Fang Mu's Fool's Shadow talent, to probe the attributes of other people's Guardian Beasts,

But Hu Tao's rapidly improved theoretical knowledge about Beast observation in recent times has allowed her to discern that the attacking Dark Egret Leopard should be at Golden Rank eight with Perfect Quality.

The other two Shadow Flame Bats, even if their ranks are lower than the Dark Egret Leopard, are not much lower.

Hu Tao is certain that neither the Dark Egret Leopard nor those two Shadow Flame Bats have reached Epic Quality.

If all three had reached Epic Quality, the aura of darkness surrounding them would have to be at least three times larger than it is now!

Her own Guardian Beasts all have achieved Legendary Quality.

A Barrier Silver Phoenix at Silver Rank one with Legendary Quality is comparable to a Guardian Beast at Golden Rank seven in combat strength.

Just relying on the Barrier Silver Phoenix, she would definitely not be a match for Yu Lili.

It seems that for this duel, she needs to deploy the Retrace Sparrow Demon!

The shadows released by the Dark Egret Leopard and Shadow Flame Bats have already spread over half the arena.

The purple-black flames rushed towards the Barrier Silver Phoenix that Hu Tao had just summoned.

Chapter 1034: Cage Rod Strikes!_2

Yu Lili was exceedingly arrogant, but she hadn't actually considered taking out Hu Tao in a quick kill to end the battle.

Yu Lili knew very well that the longer the duel dragged on, the more it benefitted her.

With every extra minute, a large influx of viewers would pour into her live stream.

Yu Lili planned to have the Dark Egret Leopard and the two Shadow Flame Bats kill the Barrier Silver Phoenix, a Guardian Beast that had fought alongside Jianmu numerous times.

Otherwise, Yu Lili could have simply allowed the two Shadow Flame Bats to bypass the Barrier Silver Phoenix, targeting Hu Tao as the main assault objective.

Hu Tao methodically had the Barrier Silver Phoenix apply the Skill [Firm Protection] on herself.

...

Through its Exclusive Feature [Thorny Feather Crown], the Barrier Silver Phoenix received half the damage while protecting its target.

Simultaneously with the activation of the Exclusive Feature [Thorny Feather Crown], [Suffering Siphon] was also activated.

[Suffering Siphon] allowed the Barrier Silver Phoenix to absorb damage based on the severity of the injuries whenever it or its protected target was hurt,

transforming it into life energy for self-healing.

Dark flames burned on the Barrier Silver Phoenix's silvery City Wings; due to City Wing's effect, as they were attacked by elemental assaults, these attacks charged up its energy.

Thus it effectively resisted the shadow erosion from the Dark Egret Leopard.

Yu Lili initially didn't recognize Hu Tao; instead, it was the barrage of comments in the live stream that identified Hu Tao's identity.

Yu Lili hadn't anticipated that Hu Tao's defensive type Guardian Beast would be so troublesome.

Her attacks, although powerful, hardly inflicted significant damage on the silver phoenix bird.

Instead, the phoenix bird used her attacks to fortify its defense against her!

Not only did Yu Lili, who was battling Hu Tao, feel a surge of surprise, the audience that had been watching Hu Tao's stream also felt the same.

Because Fang Mu was overly dominant in battles, Hu Tao was just a backdrop while guarding and assisting Fang Mu,

which made it hard to recognize Hu Tao's brilliance.

However, it was only when Hu Tao stood out on her own that people suddenly realized how outstanding she truly was!

Hu Tao had been severely underestimated all this while!

This Guardian Beast, which also had the Barrier Sparrow and Phoenix bloodlines, was no different.

Yet, this Guardian Beast could only ensure Hu Tao's non-defeat; it was clearly impossible for Hu Tao to win against opponents with it.

Her opponent had clearly realized this and had already begun directing the Dark Egret Leopard and the Shadow Flame Bats to launch a full-scale attack on Hu Tao herself.

The surging dark flames no longer attacked the Barrier Silver Phoenix exclusively,

but split some of their force toward Hu Tao.

The Dark Egret Leopard also unleashed its killing move [Dark Egret Claws].

[Dark Egret Claws] represented the highest application of dark energy by the Dark Egret Leopard.

It could form claw blades out of thin air to attack the target anywhere its shadow energy had spread.

[Dark Egret Claws] had the effects of tearing, causing bleeding, and erosion, making it extremely lethal.

When the Dark Egret Leopard was willing to expend more of its own energy, it could continuously launch several attacks at one position.

Yu Lili had several times relied on this ability of the Dark Egret Leopard to defeat opponents stronger than herself.

With the Dark Egret Leopard continuously launching [Dark Egret Claws], the shield wrapped around Hu Tao by the Barrier Silver Phoenix might hardly withstand it.

Actually, Hu Tao did not want to expose the Barrier Silver Phoenix's Legendary Quality obtained Exclusive Feature [Barrier Protection].

[Barrier Protection] could explode a shield to apply a special barrier for the target when it sustains an overwhelming attack.

This barrier could block a blow that does not exceed its own damage threshold.

This ability could deliver the greatest effect when used without the enemy's knowledge.

Furthermore, with the [Dark Egret Claws] striking continuously, Hu Tao relying on [Barrier Protection] for defense was indeed insufficient.

A melodious bird call sounded in front of Hu Tao.

Hu Tao didn't directly summon the Retrace Sparrow Demon, but instead allowed it to undergo Instrumentalization.

The Instrumentalization ability of the Retrace Sparrow Demon took Hu Tao by surprise.

At that moment, Hu Tao held a long staff in her hands, at the front of which hung a bell-shaped birdcage.

However, the cage did not imprison a bird but a short-haired fairy with a pair of wings.

This little fairy looked exceptionally cute, holding a pocket watch and murmuring to herself.

From time to time, she affectionately looked at Hu Tao inside the cage.

Fairy bloodlines had always been highly sought after in the Beastmaster world.

For one, it was due to the beauty of fairies.

Secondly, it also had a lot to do with the upper limits of a fairy's bloodline.

Unlike the age division, the single-player division in the Battle Network could not use spiritual instruments.

The long cage rod in Hu Tao's hand was clearly visible to the discerning eye as having been instrumentalized from a fairy type Guardian Beast.

This was the first time Hu Tao had revealed her second Guardian Beast in a livestream.

The chat room immediately exploded into intense discussion.

[Flower Chime Grass]: Little Peach actually has another Guardian Beast! The quality of this beast must be extremely high! It's obviously not a newly contracted beast of Little Peach.

In the challenging environment of improving Beast Quality for a Beast Master, everyone subconsciously thought one thing:

That upgrading the strength of a Beast Master's Guardian Beast was a relatively slow process.

A high-quality Guardian Beast required the Beast Master to spend a lot of resources, effort, and time.

No one guessed that this Retrace Sparrow Demon was indeed just contracted by Hu Tao a few hours ago and was then immediately nurtured by Fang Mu.

Onlookers were marveling that Hu Tao had another Guardian Beast.

Those who knew the ropes were focused on how Hu Tao managed to possess a fairy during the early stages of the Golden Stage!

Previously, some well-known scholars had published a paper that was selected into the Beast Observation journal.

This paper explicitly stated that if there was a fairy at the Golden Stage, it must surely be at the peak of the Golden Stage.

Hu Tao's fairy, clearly in the early stages of the Golden Stage, made the paper published by several renowned scholars seem somewhat ridiculous.

[Moon Tianuo]: What the heck? Even Golden Stage fairies are coming out! If we advance in this way, wouldn't it mean reaching the Diamond Rank could sprout two pairs of wings and become a Four-winged Fairy!?

[Chalk]: Not only is there a Golden Stage fairy, but the exclusive feature of this Golden Stage fairy, Instrumentalization, has turned out to be a weapon! What kind of luck is that!

When Hu Tao let the Retrace Sparrow Demon undergo Instrumentalization, she sneakily glanced at the barrage.

Seeing comments like those from [Chalk], Hu Tao couldn't help but stick out her tongue.

The luckiest thing wasn't that the exclusive feature [Instrumentalization] of the Retrace Sparrow Demon had turned into a weapon.

It was that during the promotion to Legendary Quality, the Retrace Sparrow Demon had acquired the exclusive feature [Possession].

[Possession] allowed the Beast Master to merge with the Guardian Beast, not only inheriting the abilities of the Possessed Beast but also gaining the same defensive effects and energy.

This spared Hu Tao, as a Defensive Beastmaster, from being an easy target for enemies in battle, completely resolving the issue of the Beastmaster's inherent fragility.

However, in the current battle against Yu Lili, there was no need for Hu Tao to let the Retrace Sparrow Demon possess her.

Hu Tao raised the cage rod in her hand; the Retrace Sparrow Demon first looked towards the Barrier Silver Phoenix, then towards Hu Tao herself.

Hu Tao and Barrier Silver Phoenix had two special shields formed around them.

The Barrier Silver Phoenix then added another layer of [Firm Protection] onto Hu Tao.

Then, it once again used the skill [City Wing], positioning one wing in front of Hu Tao.

The energy accumulated on City Wing erupted with intense vibrations, resisting the shadows from the Dark Egret Leopard's attack.

When Yu Lili saw that Hu Tao had summoned another fairy-type Guardian Beast, she realized the bad news.

She was already having difficulty dealing with the previous silver Luan Bird,

Now that Hu Tao had summoned another Guardian Beast, she had gone from having an advantage to being at a disadvantage.

Yu Lili, who was adept at seizing opportunities, unleashed attacks from the Dark Egret Leopard and two Shadow Flame Bats towards Hu Tao and Barrier Silver Phoenix.

In that moment, Yu Lili felt some annoyance.

If only she could master a mystic pattern related to Dark Attribute!

This would at least boost the power of the Dark Egret Leopard and Shadow Flame Bat combination by thirty percent!

Just as Yu Lili was about to check if her attack had been effective, she felt as if her spirit was being hammered by eight hundred strongmen.

Chapter 1035: The 4th Ice Ghost!

Yu Lili's vision went dark, and she was instantly back in the matching seat.

On the battlefield, only the Barrier Silver Phoenix and Hu Tao, holding the Cage Rod, remained.

Proclaiming that Hu Tao was the true victor of this battle!

Hu Tao had been in a crisis, with the encroachment of shadows and the searing of dark flames, which could easily crush a Beast Master's body.

Yet, Hu Tao had suddenly turned the tide of the battle and somehow managed to slay Yu Lili.

After Yu Lili collapsed, the Dark Egret Leopard and the two Shadow Flame Bats dissipated, unwilling to concede.

...

It was clear that it was Yu Lili, the Beast Master's spirit, or soul that had collapsed, leading to her defeat.

Hu Tao's battle victory with a twist sent the live streaming room into a complete uproar.

[Hong Niu]: Damn! Little Peach is too awesome! How did a Defensive Beastmaster suddenly take down the opponent so fast?! I really thought Little Peach was going to lose this fight!

[Big Big Garlic]: It wasn't likely that she would lose, considering that Little Peach summoned a Golden Stage fairy whose quality is at least of Legendary Quality. How could she possibly lose? But I didn't expect her to win so swiftly!

[Chen Ruo Ming Deng]: I'm totally confused, does anyone understand what the surefire reason for victory in this battle was? Even if it's a Golden Stage fairy, it shouldn't have been able to instantly take down the opponent's Beast Master, right?

The question raised by [Chen Ruo Ming Deng] is what most viewers in the live streaming room wanted to know.

The Battle Network's duel arenas aren't made carelessly, their size is closely related to the strength of the Beast Masters at that ranking.

One extremely important criterion for the size of the arena is that Spirit-System Beasts must cross halfway before they can severely injure or kill the opponent.

Otherwise, if any Beast Master who has contracted Spirit Series or Soul-System Beasts was able to summon a Guardian Beast and immediately attack the opponent's Beast Master,

then the fairness of the Battle Network duels would be lost.

Where Hu Tao was standing was clearly beyond the halfway mark, which meant it couldn't have been the Gold Stage Mechanical Fairy with [Instrumentalization] that directly attacked Yu Lili.

In fact, most people come to the live streaming room to see Hu Tao compete, largely for laughs.

After all, in most people's minds, Hu Tao was just an accessory in Fang Mu's battles.

Hu Tao used this battle to prove herself thoroughly.

Even without Fang Mu making an appearance, the number of fans in the live streaming room grew slightly.

Tonight alone, Hu Tao fought a total of six or seven battles.

Although only this one was live streamed, in the previous battles Hu Tao was trying out the Retrace Sparrow Demon's abilities in combination with Barrier Silver Phoenix.

It took Hu Tao quite some effort and made her somewhat tired.

Hu Tao chatted in the live streaming room for a few minutes and quickly signed off.

Ever since Hu Tao decided to become a Battle Network streamer, she purchased some books about it.

Fang Mu, with nothing else to do, also flipped through these books.

Fang Mu discovered that the methods of running a Battle Network streaming channel in this world were no less than those of his past life.

Especially for someone like Hu Tao, who has the skills and a striking appearance.

As long as she doesn't cross the line with the live streaming audience, her popularity is only likely to increase without much risk of mishap.

Moreover, Hu Tao never really thought about creating a persona for herself.

After Hu Tao ended the stream, the Battle Network's Skin Peeling House became lively.

As an active member of the Skin Peeling House, Thousand Year Flute shared his views.

[Thousand Year Flute]: This Golden Stage fairy must be a lower level Mechanical Fairy. Mechanical Beasts awakening a Fairy Bloodline are rare, but not nonexistent.

[Thousand Year Flute]: A bloodline that can awaken a Fairy Bloodline at Golden Stage must certainly be of Legendary Quality.

[Thousand Year Flute]: And indeed, Little Peach defeated her opponent thanks to the ability of this Mechanical Fairy.

[Thousand Year Flute]: The abilities of the one with the Bloodline Pheasants of Barrier Bloodline have already been analyzed by many, so for that detailed analysis you can just look at these posts.

Thousand Year Flute posted his previous posts about the Barrier Silver Phoenix, hoping to gain some popularity through them.

Additionally, Thousand Year Flute also included some posts from Creators more authoritative than himself below his posts.

This is partly to corroborate his analysis,

and also to prevent those uninformed critics from coming to argue with him.

There are many critics in the Skin Peeling House.

If a Creator doesn't reveal their identity, they're quite liable to be questioned by critics.

Thousand Year Flute initially wanted to analyze just how Hu Tao used the Retrace Sparrow Demon to attack her opponent.

But the events unfolded so unexpectedly, and there was no significant change visible on Hu Tao's end.

The only noticeable thing was that when the Fairy Type Beast Control set its gaze on Hu Tao and Barrier Silver Phoenix, there was an energy fluctuation.

Without definitive information, even the most authoritative analysis can only be guesswork.

Thousand Year Flute didn't want to waste the effort on an analysis which, if wrong, could draw criticism and diminish the popularity he had built up on the Battle Network over a long time.

So Thousand Year Flute refrained from further comment and started looking at other people's analyses of the abilities of Hu Tao's Fairy Type Beast Control.

Thousand Year Flute felt he might have underestimated the imagination of Star Web netizens.

Many analyses, if issued by anyone knowledgeable in Beast observation, would have been unimaginable to articulate.

Nevertheless, through this battle, Hu Tao became a celebrity on the Battle Network, following Fang Mu.

Although Hu Tao had some fame before, she was always mentioned as a sidekick to Fang Mu in conversations.

Now, when the Star Web audience discusses Hu Tao, they still mention Fang Mu,

Chapter 1036: The 4th Ice Ghost!_2

But he would no longer focus on Fang Mu.

Liu Tiantian, as Fang Mu's exclusive reporter, helped manage the livestream room for Fang Mu and Hu Tao.

Many industry insiders started contacting Liu Tiantian, wanting to know what exactly was going on.

Now, whoever first writes about Hu Tao would gain tremendous fame within the industry.

Liu Tiantian did not provide her colleagues with a way to contact Hu Tao.

As Fang Mu's exclusive reporter, Liu Tiantian did not have too much work to do every day.

...

Fang Mu was really too low-profile.

As a Battle Network host, Hu Tao had many more public appearances than Fang Mu.

Liu Tiantian felt it might be a good idea to ask Fang Mu if he could give her the opportunity to be Hu Tao's exclusive reporter.

Liu Tiantian was well aware that, between Fang Mu and Hu Tao, Fang Mu was the dominant one.

Since it was already late, Liu Tiantian was not in a hurry to contact Fang Mu.

She planned to ask him about this matter the next time he logged into the Battle Network.

Because disturbing a disciple of a Grandmaster Creator for such a trivial matter would be too presumptuous.

Hu Tao also mentioned that in a few days, they would host a dual division livestream on the Battle Network together.

Starting the livestream did indeed show an intent to prove her abilities.

But she hadn't expected that this battle would make her a star on the Battle Network.

Because of the partnership between Fang Mu and Hu Tao, no one compared Hu Tao to Fang Mu.

But many began comparing Hu Tao with Yan Luo.

Yan Luo had not participated in a Battle Network competition for a long time.

Because Yan Luo had, in a previous fight with the Cyan Stone Business Association's young master Cai Boshen, defeated him instantly.

This kept Yan Luo very popular.

This time, comparing Hu Tao to Yan Luo reignited the somewhat declining fame of Yan Luo.

The next morning, Fang Mu took Hu Tao and Jiang Tuo to try several breakfast specialties in Lu City strongly recommended by She Wan.

Hu Tao was in high spirits after last night's competition, while Jiang Tuo looked somewhat dispirited.

Jiang Tuo had always wanted to duel with peers of equal strength.

Though Fang Mu had made a promise to Jiang Tuo, he had not yet found the right opportunity.

Noticing Jiang Tuo's mood, Fang Mu clasped his shoulder.

"A Tuo, strength like this does not need to be demonstrated immediately," Fang Mu said.

"I want you to represent the Infinite Tower in fighting against the major powers at critical moments to showcase your skills."

"To glorify the Infinite Tower!"

"If you were to compete on the Battle Network like Hu Tao, you would have no peers among those of your age."

"The three Ice Ghosts you've contracted have been cultivated by me in the best possible way."

"It's Guardian Beast equipment that others could not even beg for."

"The time will come for you to fiercely compete with the younger generation of other powers."

On hearing Fang Mu's words, Jiang Tuo nodded earnestly.

He inwardly admitted his immaturity and impatience.

From Fang Mu's words, Jiang Tuo could feel how highly Fang Mu regarded him.

Fang Mu had indeed, as he had initially promised, provided the best resources for the Ice Ghosts merged with his Destiny Guardian Beast.

The high-quality resources provided by Fang Mu were beyond anything Jiang Tuo had imagined before.

Having experienced hardships from a young age as a disciple of a Forging Spirit Grandmaster, Jiang Tuo was not foolishly naive.

His grandfather had expended all his efforts and could only cultivate two Ice Ghosts for him.

And the resources for these two Ice Ghosts were inferior to those provided by Fang Mu not just by one level.

After all, even his grandfather could not obtain Ice Element Elixirs with a purity of ninety-six percent.

Such high-purity elixirs, he had to use no less than five bottles a day.

Beyond gratitude, Jiang Tuo felt an absolute loyalty toward Fang Mu.

Knowing that Fang Mu considered him as a teammate, Jiang Tuo also saw Fang Mu as a teammate and his good elder brother.

Hu Tao also spoke up.

"A Tuo, don't think that just because I had just contracted a new Guardian Beast, I would be a match for you right now!"

"If we're speaking honestly, your physical state should be sufficient to contract another Ice Ghost."

Jiang Tuo indeed had reached the condition to contract the fourth Ice Ghost a few days ago.

However, Jiang Tuo had always felt somewhat embarrassed to speak up to Fang Mu.

The amount of resources he had used provided by Fang Mu during this time was indeed substantial.

Hu Tao, knowing that Jiang Tuo had reached the required state and had not asked Fang Mu for the fourth Ice Ghost, faintly understood Jiang Tuo's thoughts.

In fact, Hu Tao initially had the same thoughts.

But once Hu Tao realized that she could create value for Fang Mu, she stopped worrying about it.

First and foremost, Fang Mu was definitely willing to provide resources for both her and Jiang Tuo.

When it came to resources, Fang Mu had never been stingy with either of them.

Jiang Tuo would also be able to create value for Fang Mu in the future.

It's just that at the moment, Jiang Tuo's value hadn't been highlighted yet.

Hu Tao chose not to comfort Jiang Tuo herself, because she was quite clear that the resources were all provided by Fang Mu, and she did not have such a position.

If she mentioned Jiang Tuo's situation to Fang Mu directly, Fang Mu would naturally consider Jiang Tuo's thoughts completely.

In Hu Tao's heart, Fang Mu had always been an exceptionally gentle person.

Fang Mu placed his hand on Jiang Tuo's head, rubbed it twice, and then presented the Ice Ghost newly given to him by the grand race in front of Jiang Tuo.

"A Tuo, I had already prepared the fourth Ice Ghost for you much earlier,"

"Next time you need any resources, just come and tell me."

"You've just wasted a few days for nothing, you should realize that representing the Infinite Tower and combating other forces' younger generation is no child's play!"

"Even if you've contracted three Ice Ghosts, you could still very possibly perish in battle."

"This clash of forces is crucial for the Contract Garden's ranking among the major powers."

"Every force will prepare many trump cards for their younger generation."

"Your Beast Master star level is your weakness, even if you contracted the Infinite Silver Silkworm it's still the same."

"So you can only overwhelm your opponents in the quality and quantity of your Guardian Beasts."

Fang Mu's words were very clear, letting Jiang Tuo understand that asking for resources to enhance his strength was not just for himself, but also for the Infinite Tower.

Having not truly experienced a power struggle before, Jiang Tuo could hardly imagine its cruelty.

When Fang Mu spoke with Mo Shang, Mo Shang had mentioned facing the federated college sports leagues' professional competitions.

In powerful federations like the Dragon Rising Federation, there had been numerous instances where team members perished.

It was common for teams from weaker federations to be entirely annihilated.

Mo Shang and Fang Mu discussed this to convey the harsh nature of the competitive battle zones to Fang Mu.

In Fang Mu's view, the struggles between young members of the major forces would definitely be even more brutal than those of the federations' younger generation.

After Fang Mu explained the stakes clearly, Jiang Tuo couldn't help but bow his head in shame.

After handing over the Ice Ghost to Jiang Tuo, Fang Mu didn't say much more.

It was good as long as Jiang Tuo understood the stakes involved.

With Jiang Tuo's current abilities, he could allow his Destiny Guardian Beast Bingxiao to merge with the Ice Ghost himself.

Not long after returning to the separate courtyard, She Wan approached Fang Mu and spoke softly.

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

"This time, the leader of the Ji Feng Travel Group, Zhang Renbin, didn't bring the deputy leader related to him like last time, but another person."

Fang Mu had already learned about the Ji Feng Travel Group in advance; apart from the deputy leader Zhang Yi, there was another deputy leader named Du Yong.

According to reports, Du Yong had always been suppressed by Zhang Renbin.

Although a few people within the Ji Feng Travel Group supported Du Yong, Du Yong didn't hold much status within the group.

Zhang Renbin bringing Du Yong this time must have laid all cards on the table.

Having Du Yong present served to silence any objections within the group members about taking out a large amount of resources to deal with a foreign power.

If Zhang Renbin was smart enough, he had likely already got a hold on Du Yong.

Fang Mu liked dealing with forces that had just one voice internally.

This could avoid many risks in the dealings.

If Zhang Renbin really had a grip on Du Yong, he would be very suitable to cultivate.

Chapter 1037:

"Sister Wan, please take the members of the Ji Feng Travel Group to the guest room on the second floor!"

Having said that, Fang Mu stood up and led the way to the guest room.

The residence where Fang Mu lived had the largest guest room on the second floor, most suitable for showing Zhang Renbin the supplies he intended to exchange.

The Ji Feng Travel Group had handed over all their resources, and Fang Mu planned to trade extensively with them.

Whatever resources Fang Mu found favorable, he planned to trade for them.

Those he could use, he would keep; those he could not, he could give to his older brother, Fang Yuan, as stock for the Jianmu Commerce Association.

...

Fang Mu, sitting in the guest room, had just poured himself a cup of tea.

She Wan then entered with Zhang Renbin and Du Yong.

Du Yong was very composed.

This trading channel was entirely found by Zhang Renbin, without his involvement; he was just going through the motions.

Regardless of the success or failure of the transaction, he would benefit from it.

Ever since he decided to align himself with Zhang Renbin, Du Yong's attitude had shifted.

If he couldn't reap substantial benefits after aligning with Zhang Renbin, his allegiance would have been meaningless.

Unlike Du Yong's calm demeanor, Zhang Renbin was particularly careful and restrained.

In dealing with She Wan, a noble lady from the She Family, one could describe his manner as obsequiously respectful.

This surprised Du Yong.

In Du Yong's memory, Zhang Renbin had never been so humble.

What sort of charm had been fed to Zhang Renbin by the person he was about to meet?

When Du Yong saw Fang Mu, his face showed a look of surprise.

Could it be that the young teenager before him was the one Zhang Renbin would be negotiating with!?

What was the identity of this young teenager, that he could make Zhang Renbin assume such an attitude!?

She Wan noticed the disbelief in Du Yong's eyes.

She Wan coughed lightly, then said coldly,

"If your Ji Feng Travel Group has any other thoughts about trading with our young master, there really was no need to make this trip."

She Wan's words made Du Yong quickly adjust his expression.

Du Yong did not want to create unnecessary trouble for himself.

With the Ji Feng Travel Group's strong power, nobody would dare deceive them.

The fact that he could sit there confidently meant he must possess the ability to trade Grandmaster Creator resources with the Ji Feng Travel Group.

The surprised expression on his face was indeed somewhat disrespectful.

Upon hearing this, Zhang Renbin was startled, then looked sharply at Du Yong and reprimanded,

“Du Yong, what are you doing!?”

“Apologize to Sir Jianmu right now!”

Zhang Renbin did not reveal Jianmu’s status, but the term “Sir” was enough to indicate to Du Yong that Fang Mu was no ordinary figure.

Zhang Renbin had always thought Du Yong was reliable, but now he somewhat regretted bringing him along.

Zhang Renbin was very afraid that Du Yong might truly anger Fang Mu, leading to the collapse of the transaction.

This was not a matter of whether Du Yong could be held accountable.

He had already boasted during the meeting.

If the transaction ultimately failed, regardless of whether it was due to Du Yong, his own credibility would be greatly diminished.

Thinking this, Zhang Renbin glared fiercely at Du Yong.

Realizing his mistake after hearing Zhang Renbin's reminder, Du Yong quickly bowed to Fang Mu,

"Sir Jianmu, I have long admired your esteemed name!"

"I am Du Yong, vice-captain of the Ji Feng Travel Group, at your service!"

After bowing deeply, Du Yong took a long time to straighten up, thoroughly performing the gesture.

Seeing this, She Wan's anger subsided.

Fang Mu did not take issue with Du Yong.

His youthful appearance indeed made it difficult to be convincing in negotiations with other powers.

But once he presented his resources, it wouldn't hinder any transactions with any power.

This world was very pragmatic, with major powers in transactions mainly assessing the quality of resources.

Zhang Renbin knew that Du Yong's apology was to show respect to Fang Mu, a necessary measure.

But Zhang Renbin was somewhat dissatisfied with Du Yong for bypassing him and greeting Fang Mu first.

"Sir Jianmu, the supplies that I'll be trading with you are all within my Spatial Equipment," Zhang Renbin said.

"May I know when you need me to display them for you?"

Zhang Renbin's statement was an attempt to shift Fang Mu's focus from Du Yong back to himself.

Zhang Renbin deliberately emphasized that the resources were in his Spatial Equipment.

It was clear that he was the spokesperson for the Ji Feng Travel Group.

Zhang Renbin was very afraid that Fang Mu would choose to talk directly with Du Yong.

If Fang Mu insisted on speaking with Du Yong, he might have to let Du Yong replace him to showcase the Ji Feng Travel Group's collection.

If Fang Mu eventually designated Du Yong as the intermediary for Ji Feng Travel Group to collaborate with him,

then Du Yong's standing within the Ji Feng Travel Group would elevate instantly to match his own,

perhaps even surpassing him.

Du Yong, with his thick eyebrows and upright appearance, had a more commanding presence than him.

Fortunately, Zhang Renbin's concerns did not materialize as Fang Mu directly stated,

"Since that's the case, you may go ahead and show me the supplies the Ji Feng Travel Group has collected over time!"

"Speaking of which, I am quite curious about how many excellent supplies the Ji Feng Travel Group has amassed over the years."

Upon hearing this, Zhang Renbin took a couple of steps forward, channeling his spiritual power into the lion-head armband tightly clasped around his forearm.

Four dark green iron cages appeared in front of Zhang Renbin.

Those knowledgeable could tell just from the color of the cages that they were forged from refined mysterious iron.

Chapter 1038: Pregnant Fire Flame Civet and Mysterious Water Green Carp!_2

Hundred-refined Xuan Iron is a product forged by spirit-smithing masters through special techniques, combining more than a dozen metals, resulting in an extremely high cost.

It is commonly used to make gold and platinum spiritual instruments.

Now being used to make cages, it is sufficient to say just how extraordinary these guardian beasts inside must be.

The first hundred-refined Xuan Iron cage contained a bright red civet cat.

This civet cat had fluffy fur and was only as long as Fang Mu's forearm.

But by appearance, it was very suitable to be a pet.

...

Being selected by Zhang Renbin as an item for trade, this charming bright red civet cat must be extraordinary!

Fang Mu used his Innate Divine Ability, the Eye of Omniscience, to examine it.

Upon inspection, an astonished expression appeared on Fang Mu's face.

[Beast Name]: Pregnant Fire Flame Civet

[Beast Species]: Cat family/Long-haired cat genus

[Beast Level]: Silver (3/10)

[Beast Element]: Fire

[Beast Potential]: Gold

[Beast Quality]: Epic

Skill:

[Swallow Fire]: Devour and refine alien fire. After devouring and refining, it will gain the fire element properties within the alien fire, and the fusion of different alien fires can induce a combination of multiple fire elemental energies.

[Flame Armor]: Fill the fire elemental energy hidden inside the body on the surface, forming an armor with fire element properties to protect oneself.

Exclusive Traits:

[Boost Fire]: Temporarily enhance the intensity of the fire elements being nurtured by consuming internal energy.

[Sturdy Cat Body]: A robust physique allows it to devour more alien fire. While bathing in fire elements, its energy recovery speed will be improved.

Evolution Direction:

1: Casting Fire Flame Civet, 2: Pregnant Fire Melt Civet, 3: Exploding Fire Flame Civet.

Fang Mu could use the Eye of Omniscience to see through the abilities of guardian beasts, but he was not familiar with all the guardian beasts in the world.

Many guardian beasts Fang Mu had never heard of before.

The guardian beasts Fang Mu knew were either those he had encountered before, or the beast itself was very famous.

Fang Mu had read about these guardian beasts in books.

The Pregnant Fire Flame Civet was once recorded on the Title Page of the spirit-smithing master's guide published by the Ten-thousand Nations Federation, hailed as the best partner for smithing masters.

Especially the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet that has grasped the exclusive trait [Sturdy Cat Body].

The exclusive trait [Sturdy Cat Body] allows the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet to devour and refine more alien fire when using the Copper Level Skill [Swallow Fire].

It can fuse different fire elements of alien fire.

Spirit-smithing masters need to use alien fire, a spiritual material from the Abyss World, when engraving energy circuits.

If a Master Creator contracts a Pregnant Fire Flame Civet, their ability in forging spiritual instruments could even compare to that of a Forging Spirit Grandmaster.

An Intermediate Forging Spirit Master who contracts a Pregnant Fire Flame Civet and allows it to devour various top-tier alien fires could barely be on par with a High-level Forging Spirit Master.

This sufficiently demonstrates the preciousness of the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet.

Fang Mu had not expected that Zhang Renbin would be willing to trade such a rare treasure with him!

Just from this one trading item alone, Fang Mu's good impression of Zhang Renbin greatly increased.

After trading for this Pregnant Fire Flame Civet, Fang Mu would give it to Jiang Weng.

To let Jiang Weng contract it.

Jiang Weng is now an Intermediate Forging Spirit Master, and after contracting the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet, it wouldn't take long for him to compete with Shui Miao.

Fang Yuan had been using the functions of the Mu Commerce Association to hoard rare supplies.

Among these, Fang Yuan had accumulated top-tier alien fires.

The major commerce associations of the Dragon Rising Federation typically wouldn't stockpile a large amount of resources in certain supplies.

Because resources only create value when they are in circulation.

The source of resources for the Jianmu Commerce Association is Fang Mu.

What the Jianmu Commerce Association has been doing is relying on Fang Mu as the source to feverishly hoard supplies.

Without the need to worry about the liquidity of resources.

This allows the Jianmu Commerce Association to immediately provide a large quantity of certain resources when needed.

Zhang Renbin was enthusiastically introducing the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet to Fang Mu, fearing that Fang Mu might not know its value.

Little did he know, Fang Mu's gaze had already moved on to the second hundred-refined Xuan Iron cage.

Inside the second hundred-refined Xuan Iron cage was a small black beast with extremely bright eyes.

This black beast looked like a fox, but its tail was much shorter than the traditional fox-type guardian beasts, and its limbs were also much more robust.

From a distance, even within such a brightly lit reception room, this small beast still gives off an aura as if shrouded in the darkness of night.

Fang Mu didn't use the [Eye of Omniscience] to investigate and guessed that this small beast was most likely the legendary Night Beast.

The Night Beast ranks among the top ten noblest bloodlines of the dark element Guardian Beasts, and once nurtured, it's considered a king among kings.

Typically, auspicious creatures with a dark attribute are rare.

However, the Night Beast is a premier auspicious creature with a dark attribute.

The mist surrounding the Night Beast can accelerate the recovery of the expended soul power.

The Night Beast has always been sought after by top-tier nobility, for soul power is even more mysterious than spiritual power.

Whether they are Creators or Forge Spirit Masters, when mixing elixirs or crafting spiritual instruments, part of their soul power is consumed.

The ability of the Night Beast to hasten the recovery of expended soul power effectively increases the productivity of Creators and Forge Spirit Masters.

Of course, the Night Beast has drawbacks too.

Although the Night Beast's abilities are exceptional, its temperament is excessively ferocious.

Apart from the Night Beast's Contractor, it will attack all other living creatures within its territory.

Hence, only the Contractor of the Night Beast may enjoy the benefits of the night mist.

Some have attempted to control the Night Beast forcefully, to allow Creators and Forge Spirit Masters to recover under the beast's night mist.

But when frightened, the Night Beast will cease releasing the night mist on its own.

This means that the Night Beast cannot be forced to aid others.

As a royal bloodline among the dark attribute Guardian Beasts, the Night Beast requires more Light Element Potions for its daily consumption than ordinary dark attribute beasts.

Having examined the second creature in the cage, Fang Mu noticed that Zhang Renbin was still not done introducing the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet.

However, Fang Mu didn't feel that Zhang Renbin was being long-winded.

The Pregnant Fire Flame Civet, a creature of the dreams of every Forge Spirit Master, indeed deserved an elaborate introduction.

Fang Mu turned his gaze toward the third hundred-refined profound iron cage.

In the third cage was a black pottery vat that flickered with a silvery luster.

Stepping forward, Fang Mu saw that this black pottery vat was filled with a silver substance.

But Fang Mu knew that the vat didn't contain mercury.

Mercury wouldn't contain such a strong scent of Water Element energy.

This Water Element energy felt both deep and slow.

Under the investigation of the [Eye of Omniscience], Fang Mu confirmed that the substance in the vat was heavy water.

Each drop of heavy water weighs a thousand catties.

Heavy water is indeed rare but not particularly precious.

There must be something in this heavy water!

Under Fang Mu's observation, he noticed a few fish occasionally approaching the surface.

But they swiftly disappeared back into the heavy water.

Fang Mu captured the information about these fish through the [Eye of Omniscience].

[Beast Name]: Mysterious Water Green Carp

[Beast Species]: Carp genus / Soft Scale

[Beast Level]: Silver (4/10)

[Beast Element]: Water System

[Beast Potential]: Gold

[Beast Quality]: Epic

Skill:

[Gorgeous Back]: Under the nourishment of pure Water Elemental energy, special and magnificent patterns grow on the back, which have the effect of refreshment and clarity of vision.

[Splashing Water]: Using powerful gills to pump out a stream of water, it launches attacks at the target.

Exclusive traits:

[Accelerated Absorption]: Increases the speed of absorbing energy from the surrounding environment without being affected by the overabsorption of environmental energy.

[Pot-shaped Fish Nest]: When constructing a nest, it is shaped like a pot. The fish lay their eggs within the pot-shaped nest, preventing grown fish from entering through the nest entrance to consume the eggs.

Evolution paths:

①: Mysterious Ice Blue Carp, ②: Water River Blue Carp, ③: Shooting Water Green Carp.

Upon seeing the name Mysterious Water Green Carp, Fang Mu's spirit was jolted.

The Mysterious Water Green Carp used to be listed among the catalog of precious beasts!

The Mysterious Water Green Carp is strong.

Born to live in heavy water, the streams pumped by the skill [Splashing Water] are composed of heavy water and carry a force of thousands of catties.

At the Silver Stage, the Mysterious Water Green Carp is capable of reigning supreme.

However, what is most precious about the Mysterious Water Green Carp is not the adult fish, but its eggs.

Chapter 1039: Undead Creatures Spanning Three Levels!

The eggs of the Mysterious Water Green Carp are warm in nature, sweet in taste, and have the effect of removing congenital birthmarks and acquired scars.

There are many spiritual materials that can remove scars.

The spiritual materials with scar-removal capabilities are expensive, but anyone with a certain foundation can afford them.

They are not considered too rare.

The Peach Blossom Brand makeup series, enriched with Joyful Palm Oil, has a certain scar-removal effect.

Although the scar-removal effect is not strong, long-term use is enough to smooth out the scars.

...

If one knows a Creator, having them use these spiritual materials to prepare an elixir for scar removal yields even more outstanding results.

Two or three doses of the elixir can fade scars that are not too conspicuous.

Acquired scars are easy to remove; congenital birthmarks are related to the genetic template of the lifeform.

They cannot be removed through spiritual materials and elixirs prepared by Creators.

In Fang Mu's previous life, there were some methods to remove birthmarks.

These methods involved technologies related to infrared lasers and rare cryogenics.

The Beastmaster world did not pursue this technology-related path.

The eggs of the Mysterious Water Green Carp are listed among precious items due to their effectiveness in removing birthmarks.

If a birthmark is in an inconspicuous place, it's manageable and can be covered with clothes.

However, if it appears on the face, neck, or hands, it will inevitably cause many troubles in life, and may even lead to discrimination.

Some strong individuals, when young, were affected by curses that damaged their origin or were not completely removed.

The descendants are highly susceptible to birthmark-related curses.

The price of each small jar of eggs from the Mysterious Water Green Carp is higher than several bottles of Grandmaster-level elixirs.

But comparing the eggs of the Mysterious Water Green Carp with the elixirs of a Grandmaster Creator is not exactly appropriate.

Because the Mysterious Water Green Carp needs to absorb pure Spiritual Energy and a large amount of Water Elemental Energy to spawn.

To allow the Water Elemental Energy in the elixir to blend into heavy water, the purity of the Water Elemental must reach at least ninety-one percent.

The Ji Feng Travel Group offers this Mysterious Water Green Carp in the porcelain vat as a resource for exchanging Grandmaster-level elixirs because they cannot afford to keep the Mysterious Water Green Carp themselves.

From the perspective of egg collection, the Mysterious Water Green Carp that Fang Mu discovered is exceptionally superior.

Its Unique Trait [Pot-shaped Fish Nest] ensures the survival of the eggs, preventing them from being devoured by other Mysterious Water Green Carps as food before they even hatch.

The Mysterious Water Green Carp treats eggs not produced by itself as food.

The mother fish does not engage in protective behavior over the eggs, besides not actively devouring her own.

This causes many Grandmaster Creators to be unwilling to spend effort on cultivating Mysterious Water Green Carps.

Often, a moment's distraction could waste all the resources previously invested.

To induce spawning in the Mysterious Water Green Carp, one must regularly nourish it with pure Water Elemental Energy.

This causes Mysterious Water Green Carp with the Skill [Exquisite Back] to exhibit exceptionally clear and beautiful patterns on their backs.

The texture of the carp's back is distinct, resembling natural embroidery.

It is considered a prime material for textiles.

The Mysterious Water Green Carp sheds a layer of skin periodically.

To collect the skin on its back, there is no need to kill the Mysterious Water Green Carp.

One simply needs to wait for it to molt naturally.

Unique traits accelerate absorption, allowing the Mysterious Water Green Carp to quickly absorb energy from the surrounding environment.

And it does not cause any problems due to rapid absorption of energy.

This indicates that as long as sufficient energy is provided to the Mysterious Water Green Carp, both its spawning cycle and molting period will decrease.

Zhang Renbin had just vividly introduced the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet and was about to introduce the Night Beast.

He noticed Fang Mu's gaze fall on the black ceramic vat filled with heavy water.

Zhang Renbin promptly began introducing the Mysterious Water Green Carps inside the vat.

"Sir Jianmu, you truly have a keen eye!"

"The creatures being nurtured in this heavy water are no ordinary beings but a total of eleven Mysterious Water Green Carps!"

"One male and ten females."

"The most valuable aspect of these Mysterious Water Green Carps is that six of the females possess the Unique Trait [Pot-shaped Fish Nest]."

“All eleven possess the Skill [Exquisite Back], making them very worth cultivating!”

As Zhang Renbin continued to speak, he did so to flatter Fang Mu.

“Any Grandmaster Creator would be willing to acquire such creatures.”

“I brought them out to demonstrate my sincerity to you fully!”

Fang Mu raised an eyebrow upon hearing this.

The heavy water was not at all transparent; Fang Mu could not examine the Mysterious Water Green Carps he had not seen through the heavy water.

If indeed as Zhang Renbin claimed, all these Mysterious Water Green Carps possess the Skill [Exquisite Back], and six possess the Unique Trait [Pot-shaped Fish Nest].

Then this batch of Mysterious Water Green Carps is truly excellent, very suitable for cultivation!

The eggs of the Mysterious Water Green Carp can hatch into juveniles.

However, cultivating Mysterious Water Green Carps through their eggs alone has a very low success rate and takes too long, making it not cost-effective.

But Fang Mu was planning to cultivate a batch of Mysterious Water Green Carps through this method.

The Peach Beguile cosmetics brand was soon planning to expand into the Outer Realm.

At that time, the supply of Peach Beguile in the Dragon Rising Federation would be reduced to one-third.

All cosmetics would be auctioned at the Jianmu Commerce Association.

The Jianmu Commerce Association had already begun establishing branches in major cities across the Dragon Rising Federation.

When selling the Peach Blossom Brand in the Outer Realm, they would also adopt a limited purchase method.

Even individuals like Qin Shao praised Peach Beguile endlessly, considering its products essential daily items.

This indicates that the quality of Peach Beguile's products is solid enough to capture a slice of the market in the Outer Realm as well.

Chapter 1040:

However, Fang Mu felt it was necessary to elevate the prestige of Peach Beguile.

He planned to invest the Mysterious Water Green Carp eggs into the Peach Beguile brand.

Utilizing the eggs of Mysterious Water Green Carp, Peach Beguile would develop new products.

With such exotic ingredients, there was certainly no room for negligence in product development.

Fang Mu intended to appoint Lu Zhong, a Master Creator, to serve as the brand consultant for Peach Beguile, overseeing this particular product.

...

The caviar cream concocted from the eggs of Mysterious Water Green Carp would be positioned as the supreme signature product of the Peach Beguile brand.

Only the most distinguished top-tier VIPs of Peach Beguile would be eligible to apply for its purchase.

As Peach Beguile came across suitable spiritual materials, the range of supreme VIP products would continue to expand.

For now, Peach Beguile was just a star cosmetic brand in the Dragon Rising Federation, but soon the craze for Peach Beguile would sweep across the globe!

By channeling the eggs of Mysterious Water Green Carp towards Peach Beguile, Fang Mu was essentially investing resources into the brand.

Moreover, the investment comprised the most precious and top-tier resources.

Such a level of supplies was definitely beyond what Feng Chenhao could afford.

Fang Mu felt that once he shared his decision with Feng Chenhao, the latter, being intelligent, would proactively communicate with him.

As for the three evolutionary paths of the Mysterious Water Green Carp, Fang Mu had not considered them at all after deciding on the application of the fish.

Regardless of whether the carp evolved along its own bloodline into Mysterious Ice Blue Carp or into Water River Blue Carp or Shooting Water Green Carp,

it would affect the efficacy of the eggs.

There had been a precedent where a Grandmaster Creator had cultivated the Mysterious Water Green Carp into Mysterious Ice Blue Carp.

Although the eggs of the Mysterious Ice Blue Carp also had the effect of removing scars and birthmarks, they contained icy energy internally.

Whether consumed or crushed and applied to scars and birthmarks, they could cause frostbite to the digestive tract and skin.

This issue was indignantly published in an academic report by the Grandmaster Creator who bred the Mysterious Water Green Carp, sparking quite a reaction.

Just as Zhang Renbin finished introducing the Mysterious Water Green Carp to Fang Mu and prepared to turn back to introduce the Night Beast,

Fang Mu raised his hand, pointing at the last cage and said to himself,

“Why don’t you tell me about what’s inside this cage!”

“Why is it cloaked with a black curtain on the inside?”

Zhang Renbin hurriedly explained.

“May I ask if Sir Jianmu is familiar with undead creatures?”

“Most undead creatures appear in places where dead Qi converges, and they are found in great numbers in the ancient battlefields.

“However, in some special sanctuaries, there are also undead creatures.”

“This cage contains a very unique undead creature.”

“The black curtain is wrapped around the cage because this undead creature has the ability to strengthen itself by absorbing light.”

“Though this undead creature is only at the Silver Stage now, once the black curtain is removed, and the shackles binding it are unlocked,”

“having absorbed enough light, it can break open a cage made of hundred-refined mysterious iron.”

Upon hearing Zhang Renbin’s words, She Wan’s face showed a look of surprise.

Hundred-refined mysterious iron is exceptionally sturdy, and even a full-force collision from a strong attack-type Platinum Tier Beast Master would likely only deform the bars.

If an undead creature at the Silver Stage could break a cage made of hundred-refined mysterious iron,

does that not mean it possessed strength comparable to that of a Diamond Level Beast Master at the Silver Stage?

With the strength comparable to a Diamond Level Beast Master, there was the possibility to overcome Diamond Rank Beast Masters.

She Wan had truly never encountered a Guardian Beast capable of fighting across three tiers of strength.

It must be that this undead creature had significant drawbacks in other aspects.

Otherwise, Zhang Renbin would certainly keep this Guardian Beast within his team and not sell such a foundational Guardian Beast.

Just as Zhang Renbin was willing to sell the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet because the Ji Feng Travel Group didn't have a Forging Spirit Grandmaster,

and because Zhang Renbin was unwilling to invest resources to personally cultivate a Forging Spirit Grandmaster.

Firstly, finding a Forging Spirit Grandmaster was not particularly difficult.

If willing to spend sufficient resources, given the current momentum and status of the Ji Feng Travel Group, it would be possible to find a Forging Spirit Grandmaster to custom make spiritual instruments.

After all, the status of a Forging Spirit Grandmaster was only equivalent to that of a Master Creator.

Secondly, Zhang Renbin was afraid that after he cultivated a Forging Spirit Grandmaster, he might choose to leave the group once contracted with the Pregnant Fire Flame Civet.

Wouldn't he then be losing his wife and soldiers!

Fang Mu's contracted Ghost System Guardian Beast was a Heavenly Disaster Level Ghost Series Summoning Beast.

Ever since Yan Yubanruo had raised the undead through [Golem Paper Control], he had been urging Fang Mu to capture some powerful undead creatures for him to control.

Yan Yubanruo was extremely eager to improve his strength, which made Fang Mu, the contractor, seem rather indifferent in comparison.

As Fang Mu's horizons expanded, ordinary dead creatures hardly caught his eye.

But the undead creature in the cage genuinely piqued Fang Mu's interest.

Fang Mu was also curious about what kind of skill and exclusive traits this caged undead creature possessed that allowed it to break through refined mysterious iron by devouring light.

"If that's the case, then please, Brother Zhang, go ahead and show me!"

Zhang Renbin's face showed ecstatic joy upon hearing how Fang Mu addressed him.

Since the beginning of his encounters with Fang Mu, Fang Mu had always referred to him as "you".

There had never been a fixed appellation.

Now that Fang Mu was calling him Brother Zhang, it indicated that Fang Mu was quite satisfied with the supplies he had prepared.

And it seemed that Fang Mu was considering treating the Ji Feng Travel Group as regular clients.

Zhang Renbin had prepared many precious resources to befriend Fang Mu.

With an Order Level powerhouse by Fang Mu's side and even the noble lady of the She Family acting as Fang Mu's guard,

Zhang Renbin did not doubt Fang Mu's ability to discern resources.

Thus, while Zhang Renbin boasted about these resources, he made sure to keep his praises truthful.

He did not give any description that deviated from reality.

This gave Zhang Renbin a lot of confidence as he called Du Yong over to the cage and lifted the black curtain.

As soon as a corner of the black curtain was lifted, light immediately streamed in.

A vicious roar erupted from within the cage.

This vicious roar was filled with the brutality characteristic of dead creatures.

The faint stench emanating from behind the curtain felt very familiar to Fang Mu.

All the dead creatures that Fang Mu had come into contact with had a similar smell.

If anything, the stench on the Hook Heart Grub Infant was even stronger than that of this dead creature!

Before Zhang Renbin and Du Yong could completely remove the curtain, Fang Mu saw the light in the room fade away.

A figure, tightly shackled, came into view before Fang Mu.

The figure's skin was black all over, giving off a mirror-like sheen.

The limbs were slender but not tall, and the proportions of its body were perfectly symmetrical.

There was no hair on its head, just a layer of sharp keratin scales extending towards the back.

As the light continued to fade, the room became completely dark.

She Wan took a quick step to Fang Mu's left side, positioning herself between Fang Mu and Zhang Renbin and Du Yong.

In Fang Mu's presence, She Wan never forgot her duty as a guard.

Even a Silver Stage dead creature, no matter how strong, could not threaten Fang Mu's safety.

But it was different for Du Yong and Zhang Renbin.

Zhang Renbin and Du Yong hurriedly took a step back, showing awkward expressions on their faces.

Zhang Renbin was annoyed; he had only mentioned that this dead creature absorbed light,

but he had forgotten to warn Fang Mu that the room would be plunged into complete darkness under this dead creature's influence.

Even a six-star Beast Master, whose spiritual power was sufficient to handle Sequential Guardian Beasts,

in the darkness could only probe their surroundings with spiritual power, unable to see.

Unless they had contracted a type of Guardian Beast that could provide night vision.

Zhang Renbin feared that Fang Mu might become anxious and panic due to the sudden darkness.

He was unaware that Fang Mu's pupils were now covered with a layer of grey film.

And he was intently observing this peculiar dead creature.

This dead creature made Fang Mu feel unusually frenzied; its consciousness was quite chaotic.

Light seemed to be the sole obsession of this dead creature.

After observing the dead creature, Fang Mu used the Eye of Omniscience to thoroughly examine it.