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Chapter 1061: Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf!

Upon entering the reception room, Fang Mu personally poured a cup of tea for both Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian, the two Grandmaster Creators.

During this process, none of the three men, Fang Mu, Wang Mi, or Xu Fengnian, spoke a word.

Fang Mu was constantly thinking about how he should negotiate with Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian later on.

Regarding joining the Contract Garden, what his side needed to do.

What Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian were considering was how to make connections with Qixing through Fang Mu.

If Fang Mu held such a high position in Qixing, then becoming friends with Fang Mu could also be considered a way of making connections with Qixing.

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After taking a sip of tea, Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi exchanged glances.

The tea leaves used for brewing were a specialty of the Dragon Rising Federation known as Mist Frost Tea.

People with some status in the Dragon Rising Federation could obtain Mist Frost Tea for brewing.

The taste of Mist Frost Tea was top-notch, giving one the impression of embracing the fragrance of a blue moon.

Even though it wasn't too expensive, it was still considered a fine delicacy.

What surprised Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi was not the tea itself, but the addition of Brilliant Golden Honey into the tea.

Brilliant Golden Honey, a spiritual material that could enhance one's spiritual power, was extremely expensive.

Fang Mu who could casually brew tea with Brilliant Golden Honey, presumably must have the habit of using it regularly.

"My dear nephew, your two uncles came to look for your master, and since he is in seclusion, he specifically asked the two of us to negotiate with you," said Wang Mi.

“This Soaring Flame War Dragon’s Dragon Orb is my gift to your master.”

“This particular Soaring Flame War Dragon stepped on the Order, and this complete Dragon Orb is the only one I have in my possession,” he continued.

With that, Xu Fengnian paused for a moment before taking out a dagger and handing it to Fang Mu.

The dagger was purple all over with eerie, web-like patterns resembling those of a spider’s on it.

“My dear nephew, this is a Sequential Spiritual Instrument that you can contract with,” said Xu Fengnian.

“The dagger comes with a curse effect; if the target bleeds from its attack, the dagger, having absorbed the blood, will create a net of the Ghost Shadow Sting Spider’s webs to entangle and attack the assailant.”

“Since the soul of the Ghost Shadow Sting Spider used in this dagger has undergone undeath, this dagger can be used by Dead Creatures,” he explained.

Xu Fengnian was never one to be loquacious, quite the opposite, he was often silent and reserved.

He spoke so much this time because he wasn't sure of Fang Mu's knowledge.

If he didn't make the value of these gifts clear to Fang Mu, and Fang Mu underestimating their worth failed to mention them to Qixing,

Then Xu Fengnian would be at a great loss!

As Xu Fengnian brought out the Soaring Flame War Dragon's Dragon Orb, he felt a pang of pain.

But there was nothing he could do about it; after all, he had chosen to make connections with a person like Qixing who might have already condensed a Dharma Aspect of their soul!

If the Soaring Flame War Dragon's Dragon Orb could garner favor with Qixing, then everything would be worth it.

Fang Mu's thoughts were not focused on the Sequential Spiritual Instrument, the Soaring Flame War Dragon's Dragon Orb.

Fang Mu placed more importance on Xu Fengnian's form of address toward him.

The term "my dear nephew" revealed Xu Fengnian's attitude towards him.

Confronted with Xu Fengnian's deliberate efforts to make connections, Fang Mu already had a response in mind.

Fang Mu gracefully accepted the gifts from Xu Fengnian, placing them in the Brocade Box before storing them in the Purple Ice Crystal Ring.

"Thank you for your gifts, Uncle Xu!" Fang Mu said.

"I will definitely explain these to my master clearly."

Xu Fengnian had addressed Fang Mu as his dear nephew, and Fang Mu had called Xu Fengnian Uncle Xu.

This was less about Fang Mu making connections with Xu Fengnian than it was Fang Mu responding to Xu Fengnian's address.

It was a sign that Fang Mu had understood Xu Fengnian's intentions.

Upon hearing this, Xu Fengnian laughed heartily and his regard for Fang Mu became one of admiration.

Xu Fengnian always liked clear-minded young people like Fang Mu.

If he could have a young person as transparent and sensible as Fang Mu by his side, Xu Fengnian would also be willing to cultivate them.

After Xu Fengnian presented his gift, Wang Mi rolled his eyes secretly.

It was him who had first spoken about preparing a gift for Qixing, but Xu Fengnian had taken the lead.

And the supplies Xu Fengnian had presented to Qixing as gifts were so precious!

This was Xu trying to outdo him!

Most of the rare materials at Wang Mi's disposal were allocated into Elixirs, used to enhance his Disciples' strength.

Wang Mi, although being a Grandmaster Creator, could take them out.

However, the resources he kept on hand were of great use.

It wasn't convenient to give them away to Qixing as gifts.

With that in mind, Wang Mi decided to play to his strengths.

“My dear nephew, I have a Ghost Grindstone here,” said Wang Mi.

“Given your age, you probably haven’t constructed a Ghost Device yet, have you?”

“Ghost Grindstones are excellent for constructing Ghost Devices; they can increase the Ghost Device’s capacity for containing Ghost Flame.”

“When you start constructing a Ghost Device, you’ll understand the value of this Ghost Grindstone!” he declared.

Fang Mu’s expression brightened upon hearing this.

He had heard about Ghost Grindstones from Shui Miao before, though Shui Miao did not possess any.

Ghost Grindstones were only formed inside a few Dead Ghost System Guardian Beasts upon their death.

Shui Miao had clearly stated that if Fang Mu were to create a Ghost Device, it would be best to find a Ghost Grindstone.

Enhancing the Ghost Device's capacity to hold Ghost Qi by at least twenty percent was one of the benefits.

Finding a Ghost Grindstone had been one of Fang Mu's goals.

Yet before Fang Mu had even set out to search for one, the Ghost Grindstone had found its way into his hands.

Fang Mu didn't immediately reach out to take the Ghost Grindstone.

If Wang Mi was giving him a gift, he surely must have prepared something for Qixing as well.

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They treated him with such regard simply because of his connection to Master Qixing.

If Fang Mu hadn't mentioned in the Consciousness Space that Master Qixing was in seclusion and had sent Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian to him,

they wouldn't have given him a second glance.

After introducing the Ghost Grindstones to Fang Mu, Wang Mi cleared his throat, speaking very seriously.

“My dear nephew, I have devoted my life to the development of the Haichuan Federation.”

“The supplies at my disposal are all provided to my disciples and assistants, as well as a few of the top powerhouses of the Haichuan Federation.”

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“I really don’t have any impressive supplies to gift to your master.”

“I would like to offer a promise as a gift to Grandmaster Qixing, and I hope, my dear nephew, that you will convey it earnestly!”

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu already had a vague idea of what Wang Mi was about to say.

It was likely that Wang Mi intended to use his own hard power as a favor to Master Qixing.

What Fang Mu was most lacking at the moment was the hard power to solve problems.

If Fang Mu had great hard power at his disposal, he wouldn't need to always seek external assistance when confronted with issues.

What truly pleased Fang Mu wasn't the gift Wang Mi was offering to Master Qixing,

but rather the knowledge that Wang Mi, a Grandmaster Creator, didn't mind dispatching his powerful subordinates to offer assistance.

And Wang Mi was lacking in Grandmaster Creator resources.

This gave Fang Mu the possibility of working closely with Wang Mi in the future.

"Uncle Wang, you've emphasized the matter so solemnly, I will certainly relay your exact words to my master!"

Hearing Fang Mu's formal commitment, Wang Mi added,

"Should Grandmaster Qixing ever need manpower, I can dispatch five Order Level warriors to help him out of trouble once."

While speaking, Wang Mi felt there might be some ambiguity in his words, so he quickly clarified,

“What I mean is not that Grandmaster Qixing can’t handle it himself, but simply to save Master Qixing the trouble of focusing on matters not worth his effort.”

Fang Mu sensed the eagerness from Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi to please Master Qixing.

At this moment, Fang Mu knew he had to do something.

First, to enhance their impression of both Master Qixing and himself,

and second, to try to turn their current eagerness to please into dependency on Master Qixing.

“Uncle Wang, I understand your intention.”

“My master always taught me not to accept gifts without giving something in return.”

“My master anticipated your intention to prepare gifts and instructed me to reciprocate in advance!”

With that, Fang Mu took out two brocade boxes and handed them to Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi.

Previously, Fang Mu's attitude towards them was quite humble.

According to Fang Mu's initial understanding, as a junior, he should have presented the brocade boxes to Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian with both hands.

However, Fang Mu did not do so at present, causing Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian's brows to furrow slightly.

They had just given Fang Mu their gifts, so how could Fang Mu suddenly act so arrogantly!?

Could it be that Fang Mu was dissatisfied with the gifts they had prepared for him!?

If Master Qixing had been standing before them, out of respect, neither Wang Mi nor Xu Fengnian would have opened the brocade boxes.

But now standing before them was Fang Mu, a junior, and the same rules didn't apply.

The brocade boxes were extremely light and couldn't hold much.

And when Creators exchanged gifts with one another, they generally did not give elixirs.

Neither Xu Fengnian nor Wang Mi expected the contents of the brocade boxes to be elixirs.

Upon opening the brocade boxes, a verdant glow danced around them like fireflies.

Five emerald elixirs were shining with a brilliance even more vivid than that of fireflies.

The pupils of Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi suddenly shrank.

The contents of their brocade boxes were both five Life Elixirs with a ninety-eight percent purity.

No wonder Fang Mu suddenly adopted such an attitude towards them.

It turns out that his master, Master Qixing, was not merely a Grandmaster Creator but a Saint Creator!

If Master Qixing had only been a Top Creation Master, it would have been impossible to concoct so many Life Elixirs with ninety-eight percent purity.

And were he to chance upon making an elixir with such a high degree of purity, he wouldn't have been willing to give them away as gifts.

The elixirs created by a Saint Creator would never simply linger on the market.

Take Grandmaster Creator Han Ming, for example; the elixirs he concocted were all given to the Senior Creation Zenith Masters who had pledged allegiance to him.

Neither Xu Fengnian nor Wang Mi were deemed qualified to receive resources at such a high level of creation mastery.

The five bottles of Life Elixir with a purity of ninety-eight percent could, to some extent, enhance the abilities of Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi.

After snapping out of their shock, Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi quickly concealed their dissatisfaction.

With a change of heart, they regarded Fang Mu with an attitude of equals.

As a disciple of a Saint Creator, he was also the only one who could openly represent Qixing.

Such a status was truly too prestigious.

Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi stood up and bowed deeply to Fang Mu.

“Thank you for the great kindness of Master Qixing!”

“You must convey our gratitude to Master Qixing, dear nephew.”

After confirming the identity of the Saint Creator Qixing, their address for Qixing changed.

Fang Mu’s lips curved into a smile upon noticing this detail.

It seemed that no matter what he discussed with Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian, they would consider it seriously.

They wouldn’t overlook him because of his status as a disciple of Qixing.

“Uncle Xu, Uncle Wang, you must have important matters to discuss since you’ve come here, so let’s focus on the pressing issues first!”

“After we’re done, I can report back to my master!”

“Once I’ve reported back, I will need to study the affairs of the Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land.”

Fang Mu subtly steered the conversation in this direction.

Both Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian, being Creation Masters, were undoubtedly astute.

If they intended to offer help, they would certainly take the initiative.

If not, there was no need for Fang Mu to ask outright.

Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi were unexpected guests; even without Wang Mi or Xu Fengnian, Fang Mu could still vie for the Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land through the Starwheel.

The areas where Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi usually operated were far from this Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land.

They were not aware of the existence of this Growth Type Secret land.

Since Fang Mu had mentioned dealing with the main issue first, neither of them asked any rash questions.

Xu Fengnian took out a leaf that was a mix of gold and green and handed it very solemnly to Fang Mu.

“This is a leaf from the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Tree planted at the headquarters of the Contract Garden.”

“This leaf can be used for communication among the members of the Contract Garden, and it is also a symbol of membership.”

“The initiation into the Contract Garden doesn’t involve many rules.”

As he spoke, Xu Fengnian took out his own Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf.

The green hue on Xu Fengnian’s leaf was noticeably less vibrant than the green on the leaf Fang Mu was holding.

Gold mixed with a faint hint of orange-red.

Xu Fengnian didn’t beat around the bush and went straight to explaining.

“The leaves of the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Tree, when watered with a high-purity Life Elixir, will show changes in their colors.”

“The leaves have a connection with the ancient tree and can reciprocate the absorbed Life Elixir back to the tree.”

“Members of the Contract Garden need to water their Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaves with Life Elixirs every month.”

“This act will earn points within the Contract Garden.”

“These points can be exchanged for supplies, so this watering does not deplete resources but can actually be considered a benefit for the members.”

“During meetings at the Contract Garden, seating is arranged based on the color of the leaves.”

“The Contract Garden’s meetings and correspondence arrays are somewhat similar, drawing the soul into the leaf.”

“After the meeting concludes, the soul will autonomously leave the leaf and return to its original body.”

Wang Mi also wanted to speak.

But after Xu Fengnian began talking, Wang Mi realized there was nothing left for him to add.

Xu Fengnian had already made everything clear.

Whether Qixing wished to reveal his identity as a Saint Creator depended entirely on what level of elixir Qixing decided to use to water the Heaven-Supporting Fusang leaf.

Therefore, after handing over the Heaven-Supporting Fusang leaf to Fang Mu and explaining related matters,

The initiation into Contract Garden was formally concluded.

Since Xu Fengnian had always taken the lead, Wang Mi felt he must say something to deepen Fang Mu's impression of him.

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"Nephew, you just mentioned that you're going to research that Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land, has such a place been discovered?"

Wang Mi didn't make these comments because he wanted to snatch Fang Mu's opportunity.

Even a Grandmaster Creator would be interested in a Growth Type Secret Land.

But Wang Mi brought it up at this point because he wanted to see if he could help Fang Mu.

Like Xu Fengnian, he had already given benefits and a greeting gift to Qixing and Fang Mu.

If it really came down to it, his promise was even more precious than the Dragon Ball that Xu Fengnian had given.

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It also increased his own chances of interacting with Qixing in the future.

Getting to know Fang Mu well at this moment was more useful than trying to make a connection with Qixing by various means.

With Qixing in seclusion, there was no way for him to make contact.

As Qixing's spokesperson, even if Fang Mu couldn't influence Qixing's decisions, he still had a certain degree of say.

If he could be of help to Fang Mu with this Growth Type Secret Land, Fang Mu would naturally tell Qixing about it.

As a disciple of a Saint Creator, obtaining something like a Growth Type Secret Land would definitely be something to discuss with his mentor.

Fang Mu had proactively mentioned this Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land to wait for Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian to ask about it on their own accord.

Wang Mi's words delighted Fang Mu internally, but his face showed no change.

"Deep in the Desert Coast Mountain Range, next to the Thousand Ravine Ocean Trench, a Growth Type Secret Land has appeared."

"Right now, this Growth Type Secret Land is still immature and is being controlled by the people from the Witch School."

"I'm interested in competing for this Secret Land."

"My master has always been training my social networking skills, giving me some resources to leverage the personal connections I've made."

While speaking, Fang Mu sighed softly, as if he felt quite helpless about Qixing's arrangements.

Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian exchanged glances upon hearing this.

Neither of them doubted Fang Mu's words.

Fang Mu was able to clearly state the location of this Growth Type Secret Land and which power was controlling it.

This meant that Fang Mu had definitely done some prior investigation.

The way Qixing trained disciples was quite unique, but upon reflection, it showed how much he valued Fang Mu.

If Qixing didn't have high hopes for Fang Mu, he wouldn't have allowed him to cultivate interpersonal relationships.

Fang Mu's personal connections were either introduced by Qixing or obtained using Qixing's resources.

Wang Mi himself had several disciples and assistants.

Wang Mi believed he treated his assistants and disciples extremely well, but he would only provide them with resources, not share his own connections.

Let alone allow them to expand their network with resources!

After a brief communication with Fang Mu, the way Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi looked at Fang Mu changed once again.

The reason why such a junior like Fang Mu had caught the attention of Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi was entirely because of Qixing.

Fang Mu's status in their eyes was proportional to his status in the eyes of Qixing.

Qixing treated Fang Mu almost as if he were his own son.

After sighing, Fang Mu waited quietly for Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian to continue.

Fang Mu wasn't afraid to reveal the location of the Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land to Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian.

Their intentions to form a connection with Qixing were very clear.

With such motives in mind, they wouldn't dream of contesting for the Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land.

If the two had learned about the existence of this secret land from elsewhere, they could have freely competed for it.

But since they learned about it from Fang Mu, who had also clearly expressed his interest, they would essentially be snatching Fang Mu's resources if they contested it, and would be destined to make an enemy of Qixing.

Even lending a Grandmaster Creator eight hundred guts wouldn't embolden them to offend a Saint Creator!

Saint Creators in the Contract Garden are the true decision-makers.

Although Saint Creators rarely voice their opinions in regular meetings, once they do, it's bound to influence the direction of the Contract Garden's decisions.

What a Growth Type Secret Land could offer Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi, in terms of opportunity, paled in comparison to what Qixing, the Saint Creator, could offer them.

"Nephew Fang, upon our meeting today, I feel a special affinity with you,"

"Social networks can be cultivated not only by actively using your resources, but also through those who actively extend an olive branch to you."

“Since we’ve met, I can help you contend for this Growth Type Secret Land.”

“To tell the truth, it has been a long time since I’ve taken any action.”

“There really aren’t many opportunities in this world for a Grandmaster Creator to take action.”

Wang Mi made his point clear, showing straightforward support for Fang Mu after learning about the secret land.

By doing so, he explicitly became part of Fang Mu’s network.

As Fang Mu listened to Wang Mi, he noticed something very interesting.

That was the sense of superiority brimming in Wang Mi’s speech as he mentioned his status as a Grandmaster Creator.

Contending with the Witch School for this Growth Type Secret Land did not seem challenging to Wang Mi.

Indeed, in this world, the status of Creators is elevated extremely high.

Even ordinary Creators are full of a sense of superiority, not just Grandmaster Creators like Wang Mi.

Faced with such an opportunity to make connections, Fang Mu naturally had no reason to refuse.

The social link that presented itself was exactly what Fang Mu had hoped to forge.

At this moment, Fang Mu's favorable impression of Wang Mi greatly surpassed that of Xu Fengnian.

In fact, Xu Fengnian was willing to help Fang Mu as well, since Xu Fengnian also wielded Order-level power.

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Xu Fengnian had other arrangements.

These arrangements had already been set by Xu Fengnian a month in advance.

Given that these matters involved a Shuoyang Grandmaster, Xu Fengnian really couldn't stand Fang Mu up to accommodate the Shuoyang Grandmaster.

The Shuoyang Grandmaster was a bona fide Senior Creation Zenith Master.

The exchange with the Shuoyang Grandmaster had cost Xu Fengnian no small sum to secure.

Therefore, on this matter, Xu Fengnian did not join the conversation.

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Fang Mu paused for nearly half a minute, a period Xu Fengnian knew was intended to provide him with an opportunity to take a stand.

Xu Fengnian indeed wanted to make connections with Fang Mu and Qixing, but pursuing a relationship with Fang Mu and Qixing wasn't limited to just this one opportunity.

In the future, when other opportunities arose, he could attempt to make connections then.

Moreover, Wang Mi had already taken the lead in agreeing, and to now offer help himself would appear to be competing with Wang Mi for resources.

"If Uncle Wang could do this, you would indeed save me a lot of effort."

"To be honest, I've never liked to actively expend the connections I hold."

“Managing relationships is a troublesome affair.”

While talking, Fang Mu took out another brocade box and then handed it to Wang Mi.

“Uncle Wang, I won’t make you help me out for nothing. Take good care of the spiritual elixirs inside the brocade box,” he said.

“These spiritual elixirs are the compensation I’m offering you.”

“Whether I end up acquiring this Growth Type Secret Land or not, these spiritual elixirs are yours.”

“I hope that with my sincere offer, Uncle Wang, you will provide me with your greatest strength!”

“I offer my thanks in advance, Uncle Wang!”

Compared to Life Elixirs, Spiritual Elixirs are more precious to those of Order-level power.

The same holds true for Grandmasters.

Wang Mi opened the brocade box, only to find ten spiritual elixirs with a purity of eighty percent neatly arranged inside.

Spiritual elixirs of such purity could only likely be concocted by a highly experienced Saint Creator.

The spiritual elixirs once again showcased Fang Mu's capabilities to both Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian.

Upon seeing this, Wang Mi was greatly surprised, whereas Xu Fengnian wore an expression of regret.

However, no matter what, Xu Fengnian couldn't just bail on the Shuoyang Grandmaster.

So even knowing how generous Fang Mu's compensation was, Xu Fengnian could only look on eagerly.

As for Xu Fengnian's conduct, Wang Mi was very satisfied.

Wang Mi surely didn't want his relationship with Xu Fengnian to change from friends to competitors over the course of this venture.

"Nephew, do you know how much longer it will take for this Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land to mature?" asked Wang Mi. "I'd like to prepare early and gather more people for you!"

Hearing this, Fang Mu replied with a smile,

“There’s no hurry, Uncle Wang, we still have more than twenty days before we move towards the Desert Coast Mountain Range.”

“During this period, if you’re busy with other matters, go ahead with them; I’m not worried about leaving those elixirs with you.”

Fang Mu had not previously known Wang Mi well.

Him placing such trust in Wang Mi was Fang Mu’s way of showing goodwill.

With Qixing’s towering image established in front of Wang Mi, Fang Mu wasn’t worried that Wang Mi would take the resources meant for Grandmasters and flee.

After joining Contract Garden, Fang Mu, like Wang Mi, became a Creator of Contract Garden.

He could find Wang Mi through Contract Garden.

If Wang Mi were to abscond with his resources, Contract Garden would certainly intervene once the matter was verified.

The back and forth between Fang Mu and Wang Mi quickly deepened their relationship.

On hearing that the confrontation for the Growth Type Secret Land wouldn't take place for another twenty days, Xu Fengnian inwardly sighed in regret.

His exchange with the Shuoyang Grandmaster would take, at most, about ten days.

Yet now, Fang Mu had already given the compensation Supplies to Wang Mi.

If he were to volunteer for this task now, it wouldn't only displease Wang Mi, but Fang Mu might also perceive him as greedy.

Wang Mi was very satisfied with Fang Mu's reciprocity.

By reciprocating, Fang Mu showed his intention to make connections with Wang Mi.

Making connections with Fang Mu would undoubtedly make it easier to obtain resources from Qixing in the future.

Everyone knows to act according to the strengths they choose, and Grandmasters are no exception.

Truthfully, Wang Mi couldn't possibly stay with Fang Mu for the entire month and more.

Wang Mi had many matters to attend to.

Therefore, Wang Mi did not stand on ceremony with Fang Mu, but gave him a guarantee.

"Nephew, I have a Communication Beast here, and during this period, you can communicate with me through this beast."

"Unless there is an emergency, I expect to return in about fifteen days."

"At that time, including myself, I will bring five to six Order-level powers."

"If you add your Dao Protector, we will have a fighting chance."

"If you still feel uneasy at that time, you can contact a few more Order Strong to accompany us."

Upon hearing that Wang Mi could only provide five to six Order Strong, Xu Fengnian couldn't help but say.

“I’ll be busy for more than ten days.”

“By the time we go to compete for this Growth Type Secret Land, most of my matters will have been taken care of.”

“Nephew, I can also accompany you to go there.”

“I’m just lending a hand on my way, so there’s no need for you to pay me.”

“This way, you won’t have to go and contact other Order Strong.”

“The last time there was a competition for a Growth Type Secret Land, the strongest force had no more than eight Order Strong.”

“Our side’s combat power will be somewhat higher than those eight.”

“Now the Contract Garden is reshuffling the major Federations and powers.”

“All the major Federations and powers are preparing for the upcoming ranking.”

“Therefore, the number of forces and Federations involved this time will definitely not be as many as the last.”

Since it wouldn't interfere with his own communications with the Shuoyang Grandmaster, Xu Fengnian was very willing to do Fang Mu a favor.

Helping on his own without resorting to the support of his background powers meant that Wang Mi would not take issue with him either.

Fang Mu, hearing this, smiled at Xu Fengnian and then said.

“Then, this junior thanks Uncle Xu in advance!”

While talking, Fang Mu gave Xu Fengnian a meaningful look.

Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi stayed at Fang Mu's place for a night, and Wang Mi left early for the Haichuan Federation.

He was preparing to assimilate the Life Elixir and Spiritual Elixir that Fang Mu had traded with him.

Wang Mi was determined to try and see if he could further enhance one of his Guardian Beasts with these Life Elixirs and Spiritual Elixirs.

Xu Fengnian remembered the look Fang Mu had given him and wasn't in a hurry to leave.

Xu Fengnian was unsure of the meaning behind the look that Fang Mu had given him.

Staying in the manor for half a day longer, if Fang Mu had anything to discuss, he would naturally seek him out.

As Xu Fengnian had anticipated, Fang Mu found him immediately after Wang Mi's departure.

He handed a Brocade Box to Xu Fengnian.

Xu Fengnian opened the Brocade Box and saw inside two vials of Life Elixir with eighty percent purity.

"Uncle Xu is willing to help me, but I can't let you help me for nothing!"

"My master has always taught me to follow the principle of fair trade, never to take advantage of others or let others unduly benefit from our cooperation."

“If Uncle Xu refuses to accept it, I truly cannot impose on you to accompany me!”

Xu Fengnian, moved, took the Brocade Box from Fang Mu’s hands.

Firstly, Xu Fengnian wasn’t upset that the Spiritual Elixir in Fang Mu’s Brocade Box was less than he could have given because Wang Mi would be bringing five to six Order Strong, while he was the only one on his side.

Secondly, Xu Fengnian was impressed by Qixing’s education of Fang Mu.

Qixing’s adherence to the principle of fair trade was highly regarded by all the Grandmaster Creators.

That was also how Wang Mi taught his disciples.

However, Wang Mi’s disciples were decidedly not as obedient as Fang Mu.

Since Qixing was in retreat and he had already declared his willingness to help Fang Mu free of charge,

Fang Mu had plenty of opportunities to keep these two vials of Spiritual Elixir secret, yet he did not do so.

This clarified to Xu Fengnian the significance of befriending Fang Mu.

Befriending Fang Mu through contacting Qixing could almost be equivalent to befriending Qixing itself!

Because in this process, Fang Mu had no ulterior motives whatsoever.

No wonder Qixing placed such trust in Fang Mu, entrusting him with a large amount of rare resources to manage.

Suddenly, Xu Fengnian thought that perhaps he should take a disciple as well.

If he could train a disciple like Fang Mu, it would certainly be one of life's great pleasures!

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However, Xu Fengnian soon dismissed this thought.

To have a disciple like Fang Mu, teaching had little to do with it.

The most important thing was how to find a youth with Fang Mu's kind of talent.

This talent referred not only to the standard of a Beast Master, the innate aptitude of a Creator, but also to wisdom, temperament, character, and the ability to handle affairs.

Even for Qixing, a Saint Creator, finding such a disciple was also a matter of luck.

After being called back by Fang Mu, Shu Liangjun had been contemplating how to make connections with Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi.

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Shu Liangjun felt that with Fang Mu's relationship, even if Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi did not intend to make his acquaintance, they wouldn't ignore his overtures.

However, there was no need for Shu Liangjun to take the initiative. Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian greeted him as they left, clearly expressing their intentions for future contact.

The proactive outreach from Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi gave Shu Liangjun a feeling of being pleasantly surprised.

Their approach was entirely because of Fang Mu's face.

Fang Mu must have had a very smooth conversation with the two of them.

Ever since deciding to be Fang Mu's Dao Protector and following him, Shu Liangjun had reaped no small benefits.

After sending away Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian, Fang Mu looked at the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf in his hand and fell into deep thought.

Fang Mu needed to decide what degree of Life Elixir to pour on the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf.

From a stability standpoint, a Life Elixir with a purity of ninety-six percent was most appropriate.

A ninety-six percent pure Life Elixir signified that Qixing had reached the level of a Top Creation Master.

Such a level was sufficient to maintain the facade of the Infinite Tower without making it too conspicuous.

In the Contract Garden's meeting, knowing the purity of the Life Elixir supplied by his side to the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf, Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian would inevitably consider the possibility that his side was preparing to hide its strength.

However, this would mean that Fang Mu wouldn't have enough Points to exchange for truly rare resources when acquiring Supplies in the Contract Garden.

The Contract Garden was currently the most powerful human force in plain sight.

Fang Mu was uncertain whether there were other human forces lurking in the shadows capable of contending with the Contract Garden.

The Points of the Contract Garden were exchanged for the resources of Grandmaster Creators.

When Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi spoke of using these Points to exchange for treasures in the vault as a welfare benefit, it underscored the value of these Supplies.

Unlike other Grandmaster Creators, Fang Mu had already achieved the freedom of a Grandmaster Creator's resources.

Trading for these precious Supplies in the Contract Garden was essentially doing business without any cost.

Fang Mu was never one for taking risks.

Fang Mu possessed an adventurous spirit, yet was unwilling to place himself in danger.

One reason was due to the presence of his family members Fang Yuan, Fang Qin, and Yan Wood behind him.

The second reason was that Fang Mu did not want to attract attention and become a puppet of the strong before he had sufficient strength.

As time passed, Fang Mu now possessed enough power to deal with the risks.

With three Grandmaster Creators gathered around him, and with his network, he could mobilize at least a dozen Order Strong.

Although his strength could not yet be mentioned in the same breath as Han Ming of the Federation of Ten Thousand Nations or Eternal Mother Yongle of the Bliss Palace,

it was still enough for Fang Mu to protect himself.

It was unlikely that any force, knowing about the presence of a Saint Creator in the Infinite Tower, would still make a move against it.

If such a force existed, then Han Ming and Eternal Mother Yongle would have been challenged long ago.

Considering this, Fang Mu decided to boldly use a Life Elixir with a purity of ninety-eight percent to irrigate the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf.

Having made that decision, Fang Mu directly took out a bottle of ninety-eight percent pure Life Elixir and poured it over the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf.

The gold and green interwoven Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf, as if alive, greedily absorbed the Life Elixir.

As it absorbed the verdant Life Elixir, Fang Mu saw the emerald color on the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf diminishing continuously.

Gold invaded the space originally belonging to green, gradually covering it completely.

The entirely golden Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf suddenly emitted layer upon layer of rippling light.

Within the gold, streaks of orange-red began to emerge.

These orange-red streaks multiplied, layering upon one another, making Fang Mu feel as though he were witnessing endless maple leaves turning red.

This sight of a forest turned entirely red was breathtaking.

However, the orange-red eventually overwhelmed the gold, just as the gold had covered the green.

In the end, the leaf of the Heaven-Supporting Fusang turned completely orange-red.

The orange-red appeared incredibly translucent, giving the leaf a crystalline texture.

By now, the appearance of Fang Mu's Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf was completely different from that of the leaf Xu Fengnian had shown.

Yet the transformation of this Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf was not completely finished.

Gradually, scarlet hues began to reveal themselves within the orange-red.

This vivid scarlet was striking, radiating an indescribable texture.

The portion of the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf covered in scarlet seemed to emanate energy fluctuations as if it could connect with heaven and earth.

After this scarlet color covered one-fifth of the leaf, the change in the leaf's color came to a complete halt.

Fang Mu observed the Heaven-Supporting Fusang Leaf for a while, then stored it inside the Purple Ice Crystal Ring.

Next, Fang Mu prepared to take advantage of the next ten or so days to use the exclusive trait [Order Realm Peeking] of Fool's Shadow, attempting to peer into a higher-dimensional world.

Chapter 1066:

Originally, Fang Mu had not planned to carry out [Order Realm Peeking] so soon.

Because of Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian, there was no need for Fang Mu to seek additional help to compete for the Growth Type Secret land.

If he were to seek more help, it would just be to ensure a near certain victory in the competition.

Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian, eager to make an alliance with Qixing, the Saint Creator, would certainly do their utmost to help.

Fang Mu had no doubts about this.

[Order Realm Peeking] required one to bear soul and consciousness trauma when attempting to take higher dimensional world beings or items.

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Through his trade with Chonghuaju, Fang Mu had acquired a Four-winged Flower Spirit Green Bug Lotus.

Within the leaf pouches of the Green Bug Lotus, a batch of Green Worms was about to mature, and by the evening, they should break free from their leaf pouches.

These Green Worms could heal soul and willpower trauma at an extremely fast rate, eliminating all of Fang Mu's worries from the root.

However, before he performed [Order Realm Peeking], Fang Mu needed a place where no one would disturb him.

Fang Mu needed to have a talk with Shu Liangjun.

Fang Mu held great respect for Dao Protector Shu Liangjun, but he had also been deliberately changing his stature in the eyes of Shu Liangjun.

Lately, Shu Liangjun's actions had become more and more dependent on Fang Mu, taking Fang Mu's commands as the primary directive.

This was something Fang Mu was very pleased to see.

Because only then could Fang Mu comfortably interact with Shu Liangjun.

If Shu Liangjun constantly restricted him, Fang Mu would not keep such a restraint by his side.

Fang Mu's trump cards and secrets were known only to himself in this world.

Making it so that no one else could make judgments for Fang Mu.

After dinner, Fang Mu stopped Shu Liangjun.

"Elder Shu, I have some very important matters to attend to in the next few days, and I'm not sure how long they will take."

"It could cause quite a stir."

"Currently, the entire fourth floor of the manor is uninhabited, I will be conducting my seclusion there."

"Could you help me seal off the entrance to the fourth floor and ensure that no one disturbs me?"

“If things get too loud, I hope you can help me control it and try not to let the noise spread outside.”

Having said this, Fang Mu took out a Brocade Box and handed it to Shu Liangjun.

Inside the Brocade Box were exactly five bottles of Spiritual Elixir.

Fang Mu knew that once Shu Liangjun opened the Brocade Box and saw its contents, he would understand how earnest Fang Mu’s request was.

Upon seeing the Brocade Box being handed to him by Fang Mu, Shu Liangjun’s face did not show the delight that Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian had shown just before.

With displeasure, he pushed the Brocade Box back towards Fang Mu.

“Little Wood, what are you implying?”

“I am your Dao Protector, not someone who helps you just for resources!”

“Besides, you’ve already arranged the resources I need for my daily improvement.”

“What’s the point of giving me more Supplies!?”

Shu Liangjun believed he understood Fang Mu quite well.

If he accepted the Supplies Fang Mu offered this time, he knew that Fang Mu’s attitude towards him would gradually change.

In the future, when helping Fang Mu, Fang Mu would start to perceive his actions as transactions.

For his own sake and the sake of his relationship with Fang Mu, Shu Liangjun didn’t wish for that outcome.

Hearing this, Fang Mu stared intently at Shu Liangjun for a long while before retracting the Brocade Box and bowing earnestly to him.

“Then, Elder Shu, I will have to trouble you with this!”

Before going into seclusion, Fang Mu also specifically engaged in several Battle Network duels with Hu Tao.

With a streak of victories, he successfully elevated the Peach Wood Team to Platinum Rank.

During this series of duels with Hu Tao, Fang Mu noticed an increase in fans in the live stream room compared to before.

Most of Hu Tao's previous fans were also his own fans.

But now, the live streaming room had many more fans solely devoted to Hu Tao.

Fang Mu was very pleased with this situation.

It meant that Hu Tao's live streaming career was improving.

Fang Mu had guessed that these fans came from Hu Tao's own achievements in solo duels.

Indeed, solo duels tended to attract followers more easily than team battles.

Hu Tao, after contracting the Retrace Sparrow Demon, already possessed the strength to take on anyone in a solo duel.

The time Fang Mu and Hu Tao finished their duo duel wasn't late.

After leaving the Battle Network, Fang Mu made separate calls to Fang Yuan, Yan Wood, and Fang Qin.

Normally, Fang Mu communicated with the three every day, but this time he was unsure how long his journey to a higher-dimensional world would take.

Informing his siblings in advance would save them the worry about him.

After ensuring everything was in order, Fang Mu arrived at the largest cultivation room on the fourth floor of the manor.

First, he prepared a large nutritious meal for himself, ensuring his physical energy was at its peak.

Then, Fang Mu summoned Fool's Shadow, took a deep breath, and together they activated the exclusive trait [Order Realm Peeking].

The mist swirled with illusions released from Fool's Shadow, like a giant maw engulfing the entire cultivation room from within.

A crack gradually appeared within the gray mist.

The spatial energy inside was continuously aggregating and folding, the rapid movement of space emitting a mesmerizing sound, as if whispering from ancient gods.

After a while, the deep fissure stabilized before Fang Mu.

As long as Fang Mu projected his soul and will into this crack, he could explore a higher-dimensional world.

Fang Mu was both nervous and eager about this, yet he felt not a hint of trepidation.

Because the exclusive trait [Order Realm Peeking] of Fool's Shadow had a self-protection mechanism for Fang Mu.

Until absolute safety could be ensured, Fang Mu would not greedily seek items or creatures from a higher-dimensional world.

After casting his soul and consciousness into the fissure, Fang Mu only felt his soul undergoing a long journey in a drowsy and heavy state.

Soon, a strange world appeared before Fang Mu.

The sky of this world was a light purple, and the ground was full of jagged, dark purple rocks.

The biting wind blew through the realm.

Fortunately, as a soul body, Fang Mu wasn't subjected to the disturbances of the wind and sand.

As the master of Fool's Shadow, Fang Mu knew that each time [Order Realm Peeking] connected to a different higher-dimensional world.

The next time he used [Order Realm Peeking], it was very likely no longer to be this world.

Each world was, to Fang Mu, equivalent to only a single opportunity.

Therefore, Fang Mu had to explore this world as thoroughly as possible.

Drifting through this world for quite a while, Fang Mu found it eerily silent.

Fang Mu found it difficult to regard it as a higher-dimensional world.

The purple sky lent the world an extremely dark and oppressive vibe, a feeling Fang Mu did not appreciate.

Suddenly, Fang Mu noticed a faint light ahead.

A few glowing blue plants grew on a protruding rock face in front of him.

The jagged surface of the dark purple rocks had more or fewer cracks, within which indeed there were plants.

But those plants were far from being as special as the one before him.

Just as Fang Mu was about to go forward for a closer look, a rumbling sound suddenly came from the distance.

This sound indicated that some massive creatures were approaching.

Once a creature's soul becomes strong enough, it can sense the presence of other beings in its surroundings.

Fang Mu found a large boulder to use as a hideout for his soul and tried his best to contain his soul energy.

Fang Mu definitely didn't want to be sent back by the powerful creatures of this higher-dimensional world upon just arriving.

The rumbling sounds grew clearer and clearer.

Fang Mu saw several scorpion-like creatures, each about a hundred meters tall and nearly a kilometer long, rushing forward, occasionally touching the ground with their six pairs of limbs.

For such massive creatures to move in groups, from a biological standpoint, it meant either these creatures had a strong social nature, or the energy level of this world was extremely low.

Fang Mu felt no elemental energy fluctuations coming from these creatures.

Creatures that relied solely on brute force had little potential for development.

Moreover, the armored scorpions had hundreds of scorpion eggs on their backs.

Each of these eggs was much bigger than an adult human.

Penetrated by the faint light, one could vaguely see young scorpions slowly moving inside.

Chapter 1068: Blue Curse Orchid!_2

Even the Creators in the Beastmaster world, who had their eyes and ears everywhere, would never witness such a scene.

Moreover, Fang Mu's manifested soul was far too weak for this world, allowing him only to perform tasks like cleaning up a battlefield.

Fang Mu had no idea what kind of creature had swiftly taken the berries away.

Fang Mu truly hoped the creature would end up in a situation where both it and the plant would be injured in retaliation.

That way, Fang Mu himself might gain something.

The purple-glowing root whiskers were fiercely twisting, as if indulging in a gluttonous feast.

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After an unknown period, Fang Mu noticed the light from these root systems began to fade.

Eventually, they turned to a dark brown color and fell to the ground.

After the root whiskers fell, the figure of the berry-stealing creature was finally revealed.

It was a small monkey-like creature, but unlike any ordinary monkey creature.

It had three tails on its back and a curved horn on its head.

This monkey-like creature had defeated the plant, and the berries it held were the spoils of its bloody battle.

Yet this monkey creature bore no semblance of a victor.

Instead, it was frantically scratching its own skin.

The creature's gray-purple skin gradually took on a purple gleam.

Seeing this, Fang Mu's heart surged with ecstasy.

Although the monkey creature had overcome this special plant life, it had been infected by the plant's tactics.

Fang Mu had witnessed the final fate of those infected scorpions.

As the monkey creature was of a higher life level than the scorpions, its resistance would be stronger.

It would likely take some time before the affliction set in.

Fang Mu could only hope that the monkey creature wouldn't move rapidly while clutching the berries like before.

Otherwise, Fang Mu truly wouldn't be able to keep up with the creature's speed.

As time ticked away, the monkey creature began scratching itself more and more rapidly, the agony forcing it to set aside the blue/purple berry.

Once again, Fang Mu witnessed the plant's formidable power.

This monkey creature, clearly stronger, had launched a surprise attack on the plant and defeated it.

Yet in the end, it still perished at the hands of the plant.

All of this served as the best tribute to the plant life's capabilities.

Everything inside the monkey creature turned into a blue fluid that seeped into the soil.

Fang Mu sensed the approach of trembling sounds in the distance.

He quickly manifested his soul beside the purple berries and wrapped them in Soul Power.

He then connected with the Fool's Shadow, preparing to end his journey to the high dimensional world.

A mountain-like figure had already appeared in Fang Mu's line of sight.

It was a huge lizard that seemed to have purple-gold veins running along its body.

The lizard's gaze was locked onto the berries in Fang Mu's hands, and it charged towards him, roaring continuously.

The roars sent tingling numbness through Fang Mu.

Fang Mu knew these roars had caused injury to his soul, but at the same time, he was leaving the higher dimensional world with the Fool's Shadow.

He returned to the rift entrance shrouded in grey fog.

Now Fang Mu faced a choice.

His soul had already been injured, and now he needed to decide whether to take the blue/purple berry back with him.

If Fang Mu decided to bring the berry back, the soul injury would reflect on his physical body.

If he chose to give up the blue/purple berry, he simply needed to throw it back into the rift.

In that case, Fang Mu would suffer no harm.

Fang Mu could sense his own condition, and his soul injury didn't seem severe.

With the Green Worm present, the injury to his soul should heal within a week.

However, it would consume at least a dozen Green Worms.

But, given the substantial energy Fang Mu supplied for the Green Worm Hibiscus, he could completely afford the responsibility of producing Green Worm resources.

With that in mind, Fang Mu decided to accept the soul injury.

Fang Mu was very curious as to whether this blue/purple berry was of any use.

After making his choice, Fang Mu could use the Fool's Shadow's Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] to investigate the berry.

As Fang Mu decided, the grey fog dissipated, and the entrance to the otherworldly connection also vanished.

Fang Mu had anticipated that a soul injury would make him very uncomfortable, but he hadn't expected that the pain in his mind would be so intense.

If Fang Mu's will wasn't strong, he definitely would have fallen to the ground, unable to get up for a while.

Fang Mu steadied himself on a nearby jade table and checked the time.

Fang Mu didn't feel like he had wasted much time in the higher dimension world, yet nine days had passed.

Luckily, he had alerted Shu Liangjun, Fang Qin, Yan Wood, and Fang Yuan in advance.

Otherwise, having not left the cultivation room for nine days, Shu Liangjun would definitely have come in to check on him.

His eldest sister, second brother, and third sister would also have traveled to the manor because they couldn't reach him.

It seems the commotion caused by [Order Realm Peeking] wasn't that great.

If [Order Realm Peeking] had caused a great disturbance, Shu Liangjun would have communicated with him through the Communication Beast Legend Butterfly, despite knowing he was in retreat.

Shu Liangjun not communicating with him meant either she hadn't sensed the fluctuations of [Order Realm Peeking],

or she had sensed them and completely covered them up.

Fang Mu waved his hand and released the Azure Insect Hibiscus Elf.

The Four-winged fairy was extremely intelligent, and the continuous enhancement of the fairy bloodline also meant a continuous improvement of spiritual intelligence.

What the Exhausted Blood Flower Spirit knew, the Azure Insect Hibiscus Flower Spirit knew as well.

Having been raised in Chonghuaju to become a Four Winged Flower Spirit, it had its own name.

When Fang Mu was promising to Red Blood, Azure Lady was by the side.

Fang Mu's kindness to Red Blood made Azure Lady feel threatened, knowing she would have to rely on Fang Mu in the future.

Her greatest purpose lay in the cultivation of Green Worms.

Knowing her value, Azure Lady didn't take the mature Green Worms as her nourishment; instead, she collected them all.

When she felt Fang Mu's soul injury, Azure Lady immediately presented a Green Worm to him.

“Master, your soul is injured; Green Worms may not look nice, but they taste quite good!”

“Compared to using Green Worms in elixirs, consuming them directly can heal the injured soul.”

Seeing Azure Lady bringing a Green Worm to his mouth, Fang Mu opened his mouth, took the worm, and chewed.

In his past life, as a biologist doing field observations of animals, he had encountered emergencies.

These juicy insects were a rare delicacy for Fang Mu when he had lost his backpack.

Moreover, the Green Worms were indeed as tasty as Azure Lady had described.

Besides a slight fishiness inherent to insects, there was a mouthful of floral fragrance.

This fragrance soothed Fang Mu’s soul a great deal.

Although the pain still came intermittently, it was no longer enough to make Fang Mu lose his senses.

Fang Mu gently stroked Azure Lady with his hand.

“Azure Lady, thank you!”

“It’s wonderful to have such a thoughtful little guy like you!”

Upon hearing this, Azure Lady showed a radiant smile.

Azure Lady presented another Green Worm to Fang Mu.

“Master, eating two Green Worms at once will have the greatest effect.”

“Once you stop feeling the nourishment of the Green Worms for your soul, you can consume new ones!”

“I have collected enough Green Worms here for your recovery.”

After Fang Mu finished the second Green Worm, he turned his attention to the blue/purple berry at hand.

Fang Mu used the Fool's Shadow's Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] to investigate the berry.

A name appeared before Fang Mu's eyes, the seed pod of the Blue Curse Orchid.

Seeing this name, an ecstatic expression spread across Fang Mu's face.

The fact that it was a 'seed pod' meant the fruit contained the seeds of that bizarre plant creature.

Blue Curse Orchid was the name of that bizarre plant creature.

From now on, Fang Mu would mostly have the opportunity to cultivate creatures from higher dimension worlds.

Chapter 1067: Blue Curse Orchid!

After these scorpion eggs hatched, merely by undergoing normal cultivation, they would grow into gigantic scorpions stretching nearly 300 feet in height and over half a mile in length.

Before these giant scorpions engaged in battle, Fang Mu could not determine their strength.

However, for such an individual capable of producing so many offspring, this species must occupy a low tier in the ecological hierarchy of this world.

Living organisms at a lower ecological tier typically exhibit parental instincts to protect their offspring.

Their status within the lower ecological tier is also relatively inferior.

All these scorpion eggs were creatures in their juvenile stages that Fang Mu could take away from this higher-dimensional world.

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But Fang Mu wasn't at all interested in these juvenile creatures.

Fang Mu was more concerned with those plants emanating a faint glow.

In such dim conditions, anything glowing would inevitably become the target of other creatures.

Since these plants remained unharmed, it was evident that these glowing plants had some unique properties.

The scorpion-shaped creatures initially started off merely traveling towards this area.

Upon seeing these glowing plants, they were clearly attracted to them.

They began to hasten toward these glowing plants.

Fang Mu held his breath and silently watched everything unfold.

As the scorpion-shaped creatures moved, they used their scorpion claws to feed on the plants on the ground.

Their claws were quite sharp, clipping off plenty of stone chips when they picked plants from the ground.

These stone chips were all ingested by the scorpion-shaped creatures.

The carapace of these scorpion-shaped creatures carried a scent similar to the surface minerals, indicating that the minerals ingested by these creatures were the source of energy for their carapaces.

In Fang Mu's eyes, this insect armor seemed quite strong, but it likely wasn't considered a formidable biological defense in this world.

The leading scorpion-shaped creature used its claws to snip at a faintly glowing blue-purple plant.

The claws failed to sever the blue-purple plant.

It was like someone attempting to pick up a water glass from a table only to find that it was fused to the table.

An abrupt misjudgment caused the scorpion-shaped creature's body to stop momentarily.

The creature emitted a strange sound.

Immediately, other scorpion-shaped creatures around it gathered and collectively started tearing at these faintly glowing plants with their claws.

As an observer, Fang Mu slowly began to notice something amiss.

These plants had always been releasing a special energy field that was very weak until the first scorpion-shaped creature touched them.

After being touched, the energy field intensified.

It was so strong that even Fang Mu could sense it.

Before Fang Mu could ponder further, the ground collapsed in the distance from where he was.

Purplish root whips, as delicate as hair, emerged from the soil.

Layer upon layer, they enveloped these scorpion-shaped creatures.

The scorpion-shaped creatures barely had time to screech before they were turned into a purplish hue by the root whips.

Then, they melted away.

From where Fang Mu was, one could see a fist-sized berry tied at the spot surrounded by the root whips underground.

It radiated dazzling purple light, likely the core of this extraordinary creature.

The little flowers on the surface were a means for this creature to feed.

Fang Mu really wanted to steal the fruit by surprise, but he quickly dismissed the idea.

From what Fang Mu had observed, any attempt on the central fruit within the root whips would certainly end with him being dissolved into juice.

Fang Mu was now a hybrid of consciousness and soul floating in the sky, shielded by Fool's Shadow, making it extremely difficult for other creatures to detect him unless he took aggressive action.

Once Fang Mu acted, his presence would be completely exposed.

His soul body would become a living target for other creatures.

Obtaining this fruit and not being able to take it back to his original world would be pointless, especially with a likely fatal outcome.

[Order Realm Peeking], as an exclusive ability of Fool's Shadow, could be activated frequently.

However, every activation required a cooldown period, the length of which Fang Mu was unsure.

Thus, each opportunity for action needed to be cherished by Fang Mu.

Just as Fang Mu was contemplating which direction to drift in next, a figure too quick for even his soul to track shot towards the fruit enveloped by the roots.

It succeeded in a single strike!

Suddenly ambushed, all the roots of the plant exploded outwards like a jellyfish spreading its tentacles in water, wrapping around the creature that had stolen the fruit.

Sounds of disturbance came from within.

The purplish root whips behaved as if they had gone mad.

Under the protection of Fool's Shadow in this higher-dimensional world, Fang Mu was unable to use his Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience].

This limitation had already been tested by Fang Mu.

Ever since he awakened the Destiny Guidebook and acquired his Destiny Beast, Fool's Shadow,

Fang Mu had become accustomed to exploring all uncertain matters through Fool's Shadow.

Now, without Fool's Shadow, Fang Mu felt somewhat unaccustomed.

However, this perspective was what a typical Beast Master should have.

Fang Mu did not rush to leave, quietly waiting for the conflict to resolve.

There are many higher-dimensional worlds compared to the Beastmaster world where Fang Mu currently was.

Each entry into a higher-dimensional world through [Order Realm Peeking] is a new journey.

Observing the diversity of creatures in a world greatly benefits Fang Mu, broadening his horizon.

Chapter 1069: The Tide Has Come!

The Eye of Omniscience put Fang Mu into a state of complete knowledge and omnipotence while he was exploring his target.

In this state, Fang Mu was able to discern how to handle the pods of the Blue Curse Orchid.

The pods of the Blue Curse Orchid needed to absorb pure Thunder Element.

This Thunder Energy would then allow the berries' energy to be absorbed by the seeds.

Fang Mu had just returned from that High Latitude World.

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The rock surfaces of that world were so hard, mostly because of prolonged exposure to lightning strikes.

In the dark purple sky, lightning would occasionally streak across.

The intermittent lightning in the sky contained terrifyingly powerful energy.

That world clearly wasn't lacking in Thunder Energy.

However, while that world had no shortage of pure Thunder Energy, Fang Mu had no Guardian Beasts here capable of producing it.

Thunder Energy was a rare type of energy.

Spiritual Materials containing Thunder Energy were also far rarer than those containing other Elemental Energies.

The lack of pure Elemental Energy at Fang Mu's disposal didn't mean he couldn't prepare it.

Given the current situation of the Jianmu Commerce Association, spiritual materials with Thunder Energy could be easily obtained.

After handing these materials to Xi Xi, Xi Xi could use the Skill [Garbage Recycling] to prepare Thunder-crystals.

Using an Element Potion with 100% Thunder Element purity would allow the seeds within the pods to absorb the berries' energy.

As for how much and what kind of energy the Blue Curse Orchid really needed to enhance its strength.

Once Fang Mu got the seeds to sprout, he could then determine their needs based on the tendencies of the Blue Curse Orchid saplings.

Since the Blue Curse Orchid preyed on huge scorpion creatures, Fang Mu knew it was a powerful carnivorous plant.

Its energy primarily came from flesh and blood creatures.

This made the Blue Curse Orchid not too difficult to cultivate.

To Fang Mu, the Blue Curse Orchid was an excellent trap.

Once the trap was triggered, one would be attacked and imprisoned by the Blue Curse Orchid.

Only upon the death of the Blue Curse Orchid could one possibly escape its cage.

Fang Mu could use Covenant Blood Essence to contract with beings like the Blue Curse Orchid from higher dimension worlds.

These beings from higher dimensions didn't need to abide by the laws of the Beastmaster world.

Like pollutants, they could continuously improve their Order-level and quality.

Once Fang Mu cultivated the Blue Curse Orchid to a certain degree, it would become a trump card for him.

If Fang Mu had an Order-level Blue Curse Orchid, he wouldn't have had to use a ruse to divert Mister Hei from the Evil Heart Sect during his actions against the Blood Race.

If Mister Hei had triggered the Blue Curse Orchid and got imprisoned by it,

Fang Mu could have had Su Qing, Shui Miao, and Shu Liangjun capture both the Blood Race Queen and Mister Hei in one fell swoop.

Fang Mu's soul had just recovered when he felt a dizzying hunger.

As Fang Mu's soul and consciousness wandered a higher dimension world, his body had not consumed energy for nine days.

Fortunately, the Blood Curse ensured that Red Blood would provide him with Life Elixirs at the right times while he roamed the higher dimension world.

Fang Mu took out a large number of nutritional meals and various nutrient-rich dishes from the Purple Ice Crystal Ring and quickly had a hearty meal.

Meanwhile, Fang Mu summoned Xi Xi to take care of the trash.

At the same time, he made a call to his second brother, Fang Yuan.

Fang Mu first reported his safety to Fang Yuan, then asked him to arrange for a batch of Spiritual Materials with Thunder Element for him.

The very purpose of establishing the Jianmu Commerce Association was to enable it to gather Spiritual Materials conveniently for Fang Mu's own use.

Under the leadership of Fang Yuan, the Jianmu Commerce Association could now fully achieve this.

Initially, Fang Yuan wasn't too worried about Fang Mu's situation.

But after just three to five days, Fang Yuan started to sense something was amiss.

Fang Mu was in JA City and had not traveled far, so why was his seclusion taking such an unusually long time?

This was something Fang Yuan couldn't figure out no matter how he thought about it.

Fang Yuan wasn't sure what Fang Mu was up to.

If it weren't for fear of disrupting Fang Mu's important tasks, Fang Yuan would've personally gone to the Mountain Manor to check on him.

Now that Fang Mu had called him, Fang Yuan no longer had to worry about Fang Mu's situation.

"Little Wood, I'll arrange it immediately,"

"The resources you need will be delivered to your manor this afternoon,"

"I have been very diligent in collecting these niche element Spiritual Materials."

Fang Mu chatted with Fang Yuan for a while and then called his younger siblings, Fang Qin and Yan Wood.

Fang Qin was busy in seclusion, working on enhancing her Guardian Beast's strength, while Yan Wood was focusing on the club she had just established.

After becoming Yi Han's disciple, Yan Wood became an absolute star within the higher echelons of the Dragon Rising Federation.

There were only a few openly acknowledged Grandmaster Creators in the Dragon Rising Federation, and Yi Han, having become one, had swiftly risen to prominence within the Federation.

Countless forces were waiting to curry favor with Yi Han.

The club run by Yan Wood herself as Yi Han's disciple attracted loads of young prodigies.

However, aside from picking a junior from the Yi Family, Yan Wood chose the rest from her college upperclassmen.

Yan Wood didn't want to build a Dream Team right from the start by relying on connections.

This wouldn't be good for both her own club and the various major competitions soon to be held by the Dragon Rising Federation.

Yan Wood preferred to select suitable members, cherishing the joy that came from striving and fighting side by side.

Fang Mu fully supported Yan Wood's choice.

Chapter 1070: The Tide Has Come!_2

Fang Mu regarded Yan Wood with the mentality of an elder father caring for a child.

As long as Yan Wood was happy and joyful, that was enough.

The only thing that concerned Fang Mu now was that Yan Wood had plans to represent the Dragon Rising Federation in the twenty-to-thirty-year-old age division competition.

Fang Mu had already informed Yi Han to let Yan Wood only participate in the internal selection of the Dragon Rising Federation.

Considering her age within this age division, Yan Wood was extremely young, competing without any advantage over the others.

Moreover, the Xi Hui Reflective Crane that Yan Wood had contracted was a team-oriented Guardian Beast and was not powerful in single combat.

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After finishing his calls with Fang Qin and Yan Wood, Fang Mu left the cultivation room.

As Fang Mu stepped off the suspended stairs on the fourth floor, he immediately saw Shu Liangjun standing at the bottom.

Upon seeing that Fang Mu was unharmed, a smile appeared on Shu Liangjun's face.

He took two steps forward with a very serious expression and said,

“Little Wood, the commotion you’ve caused in these past nine days has been truly no small matter.”

“It’s fortunate that it was me guarding here. My Silver Zhiruo Vine has the ability to seal space.”

“If someone else had been guarding, the disturbance you caused could have definitely spread throughout the whole JA City!”

Fang Mu’s heart shook at these words.

He had not anticipated that [Order Realm Peeking] could cause such a massive commotion.

After some reflection, Fang Mu felt that he had been somewhat inconsiderate.

He became even more convinced that in the future, when he used [Order Realm Peeking], he would definitely need to have Shu Liangjun guard him.

“Elder Shu, you have worked hard these days. I may need to use this ritual again in the future to communicate with my master.”

“I will have to trouble you then.”

Shu Liangjun laughed and waved his hand dismissively upon hearing this.

“Little Wood, there’s really no need for you to be so polite with me about such things—this is all trivial!”

“I’ve heard from She Wan that people from the Ji Feng Travel Group have looked for you twice in the past three days.”

“When you have time, you might want to ask Sister Wan what it’s about.”

A thought crossed Fang Mu’s mind upon hearing this.

Calculating the time, the Ji Feng Travel Group should not have organized the trading fair at the Run Tide Pavilion yet.

There could be only two reasons why Zhang Renbin sought him out.

Either he managed to attract other travel groups for him or he had traded for the embryos of Outer Domain Spirits.

If it were not one of these two reasons and an internal issue had arisen within the Ji Feng Travel Group,

Zhang Renbin would definitely not have the audacity to ask him for help.

“Elder Shu, I’ll go ask Sister Wan right away.”

“You’ve worked hard these past few days; you should go get some good sleep!”

In over nine days, Zhang Renbin had accomplished at least one of those two tasks for him.

This pleased Fang Mu considerably.

At least it proved that Zhang Renbin was willing to put in the effort to handle matters for him.

Shu Liangjun, having commanded the Silver Zhiruo Vine and guarded this place for nine days, was indeed tired and needed a good rest.

When Fang Mu found She Wan, she had not long returned from the She Family’s old house.

The influence of the Lu Dushe clan in the Lu Du Five Families was becoming stronger, but She Wan did not see this as necessarily a good thing.

The prominence of the Lu Dushe clan had not reached its current level due to its own strength.

Instead, it was because everyone knew of the relationship between the Lu Dushe clan and Fang Mu.

The Lu Dushe clan had also cooperated with the Jianmu Commerce Association, further leading people to believe the relationship between the Lu Dushe clan and Jianmu was significant.

Therefore, other forces would give as much face as possible to the Lu Dushe clan in their actions.

She Wan had already cautioned her father several times.

Her father was indeed cautious in his actions, but there were always some members of the family who became increasingly arrogant.

She Ruan was the Family Head of the Lu Dushe clan, but he couldn't afford to offend some of the elders in the family.

This time, She Wan deliberately went to her grandfather, She Junjie, to discuss the pros and cons with him.

Fearing that her grandfather, She Junjie, wouldn't take it seriously enough, when her grandfather asked if this was Fang Mu's opinion, She Wan did not deny it.

She Wan did hope for the Lu Dushe clan to develop rapidly.

But the growth of a power should not only expand its influence and reputation; it must also genuinely enhance the power's own strength!

If the She Family continued like this, it would become a castle in the air.

Once the She Family's actions relied on Fang Mu's aura and displeased him,

they would inevitably be implicated, and the future of the She Family would be utterly destroyed.

Because in the process, the She Family would undoubtedly provoke enemies that even they could not afford to offend.

She Wan reminded her grandfather and father in advance to keep the other elders of the family in check, as to prevent any potential troubles before they could occur.

"Sister Wan, I heard from Elder Shu that Zhang Renbin came to look for me,"

She Wan said hurriedly upon hearing this.

“Young Master, during the time of your seclusion, Zhang Renbin came to look for you twice.”

“He even contacted me yesterday using a Communication Beast, there must be some urgent situation!”

“Zhang Renbin did not report the situation to me, saying that he must tell you in person.”

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu did not contact Zhang Renbin through the Communication Beast but instead spoke directly to She Wan.

“Since Sister Wan has important matters to tend to, and Zhang Renbin seems to have an urgent issue, have him come over directly,”

She Wan, upon receiving Fang Mu’s instructions, set off for Run Tide Pavilion.

Fang Mu’s sending her to fetch Zhang Renbin highlighted the importance Fang Mu placed on Zhang Renbin.

She could only hope that Zhang Renbin brought good news and not some trouble that needed Fang Mu to clean up after.

While She Wan went to look for Zhang Renbin, Fang Mu sat in a chair and began to carefully taste the Mist Frost Tea.

Although he had only just consumed two Green Worms, Fang Mu's soul still sent waves of piercing pain every second.

Fang Mu was strong-arming his body to prevent others from seeing any signs of distress.

The Crescent Moon Pendant on Fang Mu's chest helped hide the aura of his soul.

It didn't take long before She Wan brought Zhang Renbin over.

At the sight of Zhang Renbin, Fang Mu noticed a look of joy spread across his face.

Regarding Fang Mu sending She Wan to fetch him personally, Zhang Renbin felt somewhat flattered.

The look on Zhang Renbin's face let Fang Mu know that the news Zhang Renbin had brought must be good.

Upon seeing Fang Mu, Zhang Renbin first kneeled to the ground and bowed to Fang Mu, then he turned his gaze towards She Wan.

Seeing this, Fang Mu tapped his finger on the table.

“Whatever it is, feel free to speak, Brother Zhang. Sister Wan is not an outsider,”

Encouraged by Fang Mu’s words, Zhang Renbin began to speak.

“Master, a tide recently occurred in the Sea of Domains, an event that happens only once every few decades,”

“This tide was much more intense than the previous ones.”

“Creatures from the other side of the Sea of Domains will use this tide to cross over in large numbers.”

“The Contract Garden hasn’t taken action, but the Vanbang Federation Union, the Contract Garden’s pawn, has already dispatched a large number of personnel to the Sea of Domains for containment.”

“If you’re looking for extraterrestrial embryos, I have a way or two,”

“I should be able to acquire some for you!”

Zhang Renbin paused, realizing he might have misspoken.

Fang Mu wasn't like those whom Zhang Renbin had dealings with in the past.

As Fang Mu's servant, his words just now had an overtone of showing off.

If Fang Mu took issue with this, Zhang Renbin would undoubtedly be punished.

What's more important is that he might fall out of Fang Mu's favor as a result.

Zhang Renbin had only just joined Fang Mu's service and had gained considerable benefits.

Losing Fang Mu's favor so abruptly would be a devastating blow to Zhang Renbin's future and prospects!

Fang Mu did not mind the boasting in Zhang Renbin's words.

Zhang Renbin, knowing that Fang Mu needed extraterrestrial embryos, had rushed to inform him of the news.

This had already proven to Fang Mu that Zhang Renbin took his words very seriously.

A servant like this deserved reward, not punishment.

“Since you have a way, then try to acquire as many extraterrestrial embryos as possible for me,”

“Let me know what resources you need.”

As Fang Mu spoke, he was already making plans in his mind.

Since it was Federation of Ten Thousand Nations’ men taking care of these extraterrestrial creatures, they would inevitably be the ones collecting the most extraterrestrial embryos.

Now that Fang Mu had joined the Founding Sect, he planned to get acquainted with the Grandmaster Creator of the Ten-thousand Nations Federation at the next Founding Sect meeting,

hoping to strike a deal with the Grandmaster Creator regarding these extraterrestrial embryos.