

Beast Tamer 1081

Chapter 1081: Fang Mu's Arrangement!

If it were under normal circumstances, Liu Tiantian definitely couldn't easily reveal Hu Tao's personal information.

As an exclusive reporter, she had an obligation to maintain confidentiality for her employer.

However, since it was Fang Mu asking, Liu Tiantian was very clear about the relationship between Fang Mu and Hu Tao.

Simply put, Liu Tiantian replied truthfully to Fang Mu.

[Liu Tiantian]: Sir Jianmu, Little Peach didn't apply for a ticket eligibility from me.

[Liu Tiantian]: This time the Gold Battle Hall contest doesn't involve any promotion matches, but is just another routine exhibition match.

[Liu Tiantian]: Afterwards, Little Peach won't be applying for tickets either.

Fang Mu saw Liu Tiantian's reply and directly said,

[Jianmu]: Then give me all three tickets in the front row. I will invite people to watch Hu Tao's contest.

[Jianmu]: You don't need to tell Hu Tao about this; don't affect her mood!

Liu Tiantian pondered for a moment upon seeing the message from Fang Mu, knowing that the audience Fang Mu was inviting must be very important to Hu Tao.

Otherwise, it wouldn't affect Hu Tao's mood.

In battle, Hu Tao always had a calmness far surpassing her peers, always able to make first-time judgments about the battle situation.

The strength of a Beast Master not only related to the Guardian Beast they commanded, but also greatly depended on the Beast Master's grasp of the situation.

Fang Mu soon received the three tickets sent by Liu Tiantian.

Besides planning to watch Hu Tao's contest himself, he also intended to invite Hu Tao's mother, Lin Wei, and Hu Tao's father, Hu Xu.

Although Lin Wei and Hu Xu had let Hu Tao stay with them, in their hearts, they were inevitably not completely reassured about Hu Tao's situation.

Fang Mu's invitation to Lin Wei and Hu Xu was to let them see Hu Tao's growth with their own eyes.

It was also Fang Mu's explanation to these two elders, Lin Wei and Hu Xu.

Although Hu Tao didn't say much, Fang Mu knew that Hu Tao also very much hoped her parents could be reassured about her.

There were less than ten minutes left until Hu Tao's Gold Battle Hall exhibition match.

Fang Mu exited the Battle Network immediately and dialed Lin Wei's number.

The call was quickly answered by Lin Wei.

Seeing a call from Fang Mu, Lin Wei felt somewhat anxious.

She thought something might have happened to Hu Tao.

In the past, Fang Mu hardly ever took the initiative to contact Lin Wei.

Lin Wei often brought meals to the Mountain Manor, so it wasn't as though she lacked opportunities to see Fang Mu.

Having watched Fang Mu grow up, Lin Wei did not feel anything out of the ordinary toward him, despite him being a disciple of a Grandmaster Creator.

"Little Wood, has something gone wrong with Little Peach?"

"I..."

Lin Wei's tone faltered as she continued.

If Fang Mu were calling about a problem with Hu Tao,

and it was an issue even Fang Mu couldn't resolve, then she certainly couldn't solve it either.

The world of Beast Masters was very dangerous, and Lin Wei herself was a Beast Master.

The hidden injuries she sustained when she was younger still caused pain in her back now and then.

Hearing Lin Wei's words, Fang Mu knew she was indeed always worried about Hu Tao.

Fang Mu hurriedly said,

"Aunt Wei, Hu Tao is doing great!"

"She will be participating in an exhibition match in the Gold Battle Hall on the Battle Network shortly."

"I've already prepared the tickets in advance and would like to invite you and Uncle Hu to come and watch."

"Do you have time?"

Lin Wei paused for a moment.

Firstly, Fang Mu's words set Lin Wei's mind at ease.

Secondly, Lin Wei was processing what Fang Mu said.

An exhibition match at the Gold Battle Hall!?

Lin Wei, who occasionally visited the Battle Network, would watch some of the free Beast Master contests, as well as occasionally watch live stream battles.

She clearly understood what an exhibition match in the Gold Battle Hall meant.

In Lin Wei's memory, Hu Tao's previous Battle Network ranking seemed to have been a Bronze Ranking player.

The Iron-winged Sparrow as a Defensive Beast could only passively withstand hits during battle.

How much time had passed since Hu Tao had achieved the Golden Rank!?

And now she was enjoying glory in the Gold Battle Hall!

Aside from the fact that Lin Wei didn't have anything pressing to attend to, even if there were, she would drop everything immediately to log on to the Battle Network.

"Little Wood, I'll go contact old Hu right away!"

“Your Uncle Hu is at work, not at home.”

“Why don’t you tell me your Battle Network ID, and later I and your Uncle Hu will add you.”

Fang Mu promptly said,

“Aunt Wei, please tell me yours and Uncle Hu’s Battle Network IDs. I’ll add you both!”

Fang Mu imagined what would happen if he opened up his friend-request feature without restricting Battle Network users from adding him.

His account would definitely be swarmed with friend requests instantly!

It would be difficult for Fang Mu to find Lin Wei and Hu Xu’s accounts among the masses.

The most convenient way would be for Fang Mu to add Lin Wei and Hu Xu’s Battle Network IDs.

Lin Wei responded with a laugh,

“My Battle Network ID is Peach Healthy Growth, old Hu’s is Wife Live Long Life.”

“Your Uncle Hu just knows how to pick names!”

Lin Wei was nearing middle age, yet Fang Mu could hear a thick sense of happiness in her voice.

This made Fang Mu involuntarily think of how Hu Tao’s Battle Network ID must surely be heartwarming.

Perhaps it was precisely because she lived in such a loving family that Hu Tao could make such tender wishes for herself!

After hanging up the phone, Fang Mu logged into the Battle Network and immediately added Lin Wei and Hu Xu as friends.

In less than two minutes, the friend requests were accepted, indicating that both had logged on.

The front-row tickets Liu Tiantian secured for Fang Mu were three in a row.

After Fang Mu sent the two tickets to Lin Wei and Hu Xu, the three appeared simultaneously in the Gold Battle Hall.

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Fang Mu had previously participated in several duels in the Silver Battle Hall.

At that time, Fang Mu had always experienced the atmosphere firsthand in the arena.

This was the first time he experienced the atmosphere from the spectator's perspective.

The atmosphere at the venue was excessively fervent, with many of Hu Tao's fans chanting her name even before she appeared on stage.

The persistent chanting of Little Peach by her fans made the bodies of Lin Wei and Hu Xu, standing beside Fang Mu, shiver continuously.

Lin Wei and Hu Xu had always been highly responsible for Hu Tao.

The two had invested most of their family's resources in Hu Tao.

Otherwise, Hu Tao wouldn't have been able to contract with the Iron-winged Sparrow or go to specific locations during holidays to comprehend Will Runes.

The audience's validation of Hu Tao now gave Lin Wei and Hu Xu a feeling of pride in their daughter's accomplishments.

After shivering, both of their gazes simultaneously turned towards Fang Mu.

Their eyes were filled with gratitude towards Fang Mu.

They were well aware that Hu Tao's achievements, recognized by so many people, were completely due to Fang Mu's mentorship.

Hu Tao didn't even need to fight in the arena; just from her current status, Lin Wei and Hu Xu knew that Fang Mu had kept his word and had fulfilled his initial promise very well.

Having lived two lives, Fang Mu could understand the feelings of Lin Wei and Hu Xu.

Fang Mu did not evade the gratitude Lin Wei and Hu Xu had towards him, but he also did not steer the conversation towards this matter.

Fang Mu said smilingly to Lin Wei and Hu Xu.

"Uncle Hu, Aunt Wei, Hu Tao is now very popular on the Battle Network, and she has become a major broadcaster!"

“But all of this is just the beginning.”

“Hu Tao’s growth will not be limited to the Dragon Rising Federation.”

“Later, you will see Hu Tao on even larger platforms!”

“Hu Tao will become your pride, and she will also become the pride of the Dragon Rising Federation!”

If these words were said to Hu Xu and Lin Wei in the past,

Hu Xu and Lin Wei would definitely not have believed them.

It would be like someone telling you right from the start that they live in the clouds, and you would definitely think this person was bragging.

But if you discovered that this person had a giant whale capable of supporting a city in the sky, you wouldn’t doubt his words anymore!

As soon as Fang Mu finished speaking, Hu Tao and her opponent appeared in the arena of the Gold Battle Hall.

Hu Tao's opponent was a tall and robust young man.

This young man was over two meters tall and weighed at least two hundred kilograms.

However, because his body was all muscle, he didn't look fat.

Fang Mu did not recognize this young man, but many people in the audience knew his identity.

Fang Mu caught some useful information from the shouts of the crowd.

"Gedong", "Jinhai Club", "main member of the third reserve team".

Jinhai Club is an old-established club guild that firmly belongs in the Grade B clubs.

It has the backing of a significant power.

During a duo duel Fang Mu and Hu Tao had previously, their first opponents were members of the Jinhai Club.

There are countless young people fighting in the Gold Battle Hall on the Battle Network; Fang Mu does not think it's a coincidence that Hu Tao once again ends up facing a member of the Jinhai Club.

However, since the person in charge of the Gold Battle Hall dared to make such an arrangement,

Gedong's strength, even if stronger than Hu Tao's, would not be exaggeratedly so.

Last time in the Silver Battle Hall, during a duo duel with Hu Tao, they unexpectedly matched against an opponent with a Platinum Tier Guardian Beast.

Fang Mu still remembers that incident vividly to this day.

Liu Tiantian said that the person in charge of the Silver Battle Hall had been punished at that time and had lost the chance for promotion.

Otherwise, there was a very high likelihood that the person in charge of the Silver Battle Hall could have been promoted!

Indeed, as Liu Tiantian had said,

Yang Mingyu was transferred to the Beastmaster Alliance Headquarters on the fourth day after the incident occurred.

The Battle Network is indeed a subsidiary industry under the Beastmaster Alliance.

But usually, those like Yang Mingyu who are responsible for the Battle Network Battle Halls are interfaced by senior managers of the Battle Network.

It's rare for matters to alert the Beastmaster Alliance Headquarters itself.

And even more so, it was Vice President Qian Yan who met with Yang Mingyu!

Qian Yan held a very high position within the Beastmaster Alliance, being the third-ranking individual in the organization.

Executors and Directors sent out by the Beastmaster Alliance were all managed by Qian Yan.

Even though Yang Mingyu had become the head of the Diamond Tier Division in the Battle Network, he still didn't qualify to deal directly with Qian Yan.

Qian Yan was personally looking into this matter entirely because he felt Fang Mu had been treated unfairly.

He wanted to use this incident to curry favor with Fang Mu.

Having dealt with Yang Mingyu himself, this matter would eventually reach Fang Mu's ears.

Even if Fang Mu didn't regard it as a personal favor, it could still deepen the impression he had of Qian Yan.

Qian Yan often used such opportunistic methods to ingratiate himself with the powerful.

However, Fang Mu simply didn't care about these things.

Because of his close relationship with Lu Yuyu, Fang Mu knew from the beginning that it was Qian Yan who had blocked Lu Yuyu from acquiring the Sakura Fall Essence Carp for Fang Mu, and had given the opportunity to the Yi Family instead.

Fang Mu had secured the Sakura Fall Essence Carp through the Scavenger's channels.

Therefore, Fang Mu had always had a poor impression of Qian Yan, although Qian Yan was unaware of this.

Yang Mingyu's severe handling sent a warning to the heads of other Battle Halls within the Battle Network.

Yang Mingyu not only failed to retain his position as head of the Silver Battle Hall, but he also lost the opportunity to compete for the head of the Golden Battle Hall.

His rival secured the position as head of the Golden Battle Hall.

Feng Wei arranged for Gedong to compete against Hu Tao purely because Fu Yang, the head coach of the Jinhai Club, had approached him, hoping he could help the Jinhai Club gain some popularity.

Feng Wei had a good relationship with Fu Yang, having known him since they were young.

The popularity of the Jinhai Club had indeed been declining steadily.

Furthermore, Fu Yang had offered sufficient benefits to Feng Wei, giving him no reason to refuse Fu Yang.

With Hu Tao's popularity on the rise, especially since she had just advanced to the Gold Ranking in the individual division.

Fu Yang's chosen player, Gedong, had a higher strength than Hu Tao, but not by much.

This led Feng Wei to actively invite Hu Tao to participate in the Battle Network's exhibition match.

It could be said that Hu Tao was invited solely because Feng Wei wanted to leverage her popularity to promote Gedong, gaining favors and advantages from Fu Yang.

This behavior wasn't against the rules and was allowed by the Battle Network.

Otherwise, heads of various divisions within the Battle Network wouldn't be positions hotly contested for such lucrative reasons.

From the start of the fight, Hu Tao observed her opponent calmly.

She didn't focus her attention on the noise of the battle arena.

If Hu Tao had glanced around the arena, she might have likely noticed Fang Mu and her parents among the spectators.

Gedong knew this opportunity was not easy to come by.

Fu Yang had already prepared Gedong in advance.

Last time, Fu Yang thought enticing some heat from fans by having two male team members feign an attraction to each other would work, expecting to draw popularity from the fujoshi fanbase.

Aren't those fujoshi usually very enthusiastic about shipping any CP (Couple Pairing)?

But ultimately, the fiercest backlash came from the fujoshi fan groups themselves.

This left Fu Yang feeling helplessly frustrated.

Comments like, "If you're not professional, don't bother faking it. You can't even pretend properly!" and "Straight men feigning homosexuality is the most disgusting!"

This made Fu Yang give up on seeking popularity through such means.

Fu Yang knew he was not adept at these matters.

Fu Yang simply changed his strategy; the best way to hype was to defeat the opponent.

Gedong's Guardian Beast's strength was in the mid-level of the Gold Stage, with none reaching the peak of the Gold Stage.

This made Gedong's apparent strength difference with Hu Tao not so significant.

However, Gedong had the ability to defeat opponents above his level!

Once Gedong revealed his trump card, even those who had just entered the Platinum Tier were no match for him.

If Gedong defeated Hu Tao, he would inevitably siphon off some of her popularity.

Even if only a small part of Hu Tao's popularity was taken, it would be enough to meet Fu Yang's expectations.

In the arena of the Golden Battle Hall, Gedong courteously greeted Hu Tao.

Immediately, he lifted his hand and two oddly shaped Insect Beasts appeared at Gedong's feet.

The bodies of these two Guardian Beasts weren't large, creating a sharp contrast with Gedong's stature.

As Gedong summoned these two Insect Beasts, the cheers from the audience grew louder than before.

Chapter 1083: Penetrating Silk Spider and Corrosion Mother Gu!

“It’s Gedong! Gedong’s two insect beasts are mighty ferocious! Facing Gedong, Hu Tao is likely to lose!”

“How could that be possible? Little Peach is invincible! That Bird Demon can directly attack the Beast Master, and many opponents were directly killed by Little Peach even when they had the upper hand!”

“Fanboying should have its limits; if you knew Gedong, you wouldn’t say that.”

“One of Gedong’s beasts specifically suppresses bird-type beasts, and even awakened Phoenix bloodline is still categorized under the bird branch.”

These cheers let Fang Mu know about Hu Tao’s opponent, this youth tall as a tower also has quite a popularity on the Battle Network.

And this young man’s strength must be extremely strong.

Fang Mu immediately used the Innate Divine Ability [Eye of Omniscience] of Fool’s Shadow to examine the two beasts summoned by Gedong.

[Beast Name]: Penetrating Silk Spider

[Beast Species]: Bird-catching Spider family/Ferocious Spider genus

[Beast Level]: Gold (8/10)

[Beast Element]: Metal

[Beast Quality]: Perfect

Skill:

[Silver Thread Liquid Bomb]: Sprays the silk fluid from the silk sac towards the target, and upon contact, the fluid bursts into tenacious spider silk.

[Four Aura Suppression]: Infuses tremendous power into four orbs to suppress the target, immobilizing them. The effect is enhanced against bird-type beasts based on their bloodline.

[Abdomen Crystal Spray]: Combines ingested metallic energy with the energy from egg proteins to form abdomen crystals stored in the belly, causing significant damage to the target when sprayed during a confrontation with a strong enemy.

Exclusive feature:

[Multiplication Dominant Body]: Dissolves the accumulated abdomen crystals within the body, using them to multiply and enlarge the body and entering a dominant state where external forces cannot immobilize or knock down the creature.

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[Beast Name]: Corrosion Mother Gu

[Beast Species]: Ao Insect family/Tooth-Blade Insect genus

[Beast Level]: Gold (6/10)

[Beast Element]: Metal

[Beast Quality]: Epic

Skill:

[Body Attached Nest]: Attaches to another insect's body, building a nest on the host to create optimal conditions for producing more insects.

[Bug Liquid Armor]: During the breeding process, the high-protein-containing bug fluid immediately forms a tough exoskeleton on the attached insect, with Warrior Gu hidden within this external skeleton to aid the host insect in combat.

[Paralysis Cut]: Every time the Warrior Gu attacks a target, it injects a weak paralyzing venom from its limbs into the target's body, gradually paralyzing them.

Exclusive feature:

[Accelerated Breeding]: By consuming energy to quickly breed juveniles, it boosts the breeding speed and encourages juveniles to grow into Warrior Gu quickly.

[Loyal Bite]: When a Warrior Gu is critically injured and near death, it concentrates its power in its head and frenziedly bites the target, with its bites causing bleeding effects.

As Fool's Shadow's ranks and quality continued to increase, Fang Mu had gained control over how the data of Fool's Shadow manifested.

When examining unrelated guardian beasts, Fang Mu would not display their evolutionary paths.

Simply because Fang Mu would never have the opportunity to train those beasts.

Gedong's two beasts are exceptional, and through the skills [Body Attached Nest] and [Bug Liquid Armor] of Corrosion Mother Gu, they coordinate well with the Penetrating Silk Spider.

Gedong's Corrosion Mother Gu had reached Epic quality in the Gold rank, implicating that at least a Senior Creation Zenith Master had served Gedong.

It is uncertain whether this support comes from the club behind Gedong or simply because Gedong originates from a very powerful force.

Hu Tao's two beasts are both at Legendary Quality Gold Rank One.

The quality is compensating as much as possible for the gap in beast ranking between Hu Tao and Gedong.

The outcome of a battle is not easy to predict.

Hu Tao's Rewind Sparrow Demon can indeed directly inflict serious injuries on the enemy Beast Master through its exclusive feature "Rewind Assassination."

But all this would depend on ensuring the distance between the two sides falls within the range of the mental shock.

After Hu Tao reached the Golden Rank, the area of the Arena had increased.

This would make the “Rewind Assassination” unable to reach the opposing Beast Master if the opponent intentionally keeps the distance.

Hu Tao had realized this during several previous fights.

There are many capable people on the Battle Network, and Hu Tao’s Rewind Sparrow Demon has become a hot topic on the Battle Network.

The method by which Rewind Sparrow Demon defeated its opponents had already been analyzed.

If Gedong faces Hu Tao, it’s likely that the Jinhai Club had already done their homework.

However, Hu Tao’s Rewind Sparrow Demon has more than just the [Instrumentalization] exclusive feature.

The exclusive feature “Possession” of Rewind Sparrow Demon has not been used by Hu Tao yet.

“Possession” is Hu Tao’s trump card!

Fang Mu initially thought Lin Wei and Hu Xu would be nervous watching Hu Tao’s duel.

But Lin Wei and Hu Xu appeared rather calm.

Both clearly saw Hu Tao ascending the stage of the Gold Battle Hall, and they recognized Hu Tao's growth.

After all, a duel inherently has wins and losses.

Hu Xu and Lin Wei are not fixated on the outcome,

since they often lose more than they win during their ranking matches.

Chapter 1084: Penetrating Silk Spider and Corrosion Mother Gu!_2

Lin Wei and Hu Xu had been putting their utmost effort in nurturing Hu Tao, yet their expectations for Hu Tao were not particularly high.

They did not wish for Hu Tao to become the Cream of the Crop, only hoping that Hu Tao would grow up healthy and happy.

When Hu Tao saw Gedong nodding to her, she also smiled and waved to Gedong.

She then summoned both the Barrier Silver Phoenix and the Retrace Sparrow Demon.

Hu Tao lacked the ability of Fang Mu's Destiny Beast, Fool's Shadow, which could directly see through the opponents' Guardian Beasts' skills and exclusive features.

Hu Tao could only rely on her keen combat experience and battlefield instincts to respond wholeheartedly to every opponent.

As soon as Hu Tao summoned her Guardian Beasts, the cheers from the crowd were a few degrees louder than before.

This was enough to show that Hu Tao's popularity outstripped that of Gedong's.

The Barrier Silver Phoenix spread its wings, assisting Hu Tao with the Skill [City Wing].

The Retrace Sparrow Demon perched on Hu Tao's shoulder.

The arrival of Hu Tao's signature Guardian Beasts made it difficult to hear Gedong's fans' cheers in the entire Silver Palace.

Seeing this one-sided cheering situation, Fu Yang, the head coach of the Jinhai Club sitting in the audience, did not show any negative expressions on his face; on the contrary, he was particularly happy.

Gedong was merely leeching off of Hu Tao's popularity.

The higher Hu Tao's popularity, the more he would gain once Gedong defeated her.

Highly popular stars on the Battle Network often faced backlash in the event of a loss.

Fu Yang's confidence in Gedong was not only due to the two Guardian Beasts Gedong had summoned.

It also had a lot to do with Gedong's own Destiny Guardian Beast as well as the Will Rune he had comprehended.

Whether it was the Destiny Guardian Beast or the Will Rune, Gedong had never revealed them in public even if he had lost before.

This duel was the perfect opportunity for Gedong to showcase his talent!

Fu Yang's calculations were precise, but Gedong in the Arena had not thought so much about it.

He had already fully entered the combat state.

Gedong obtained the resources he had now thanks to the Jinhai Club.

But it mainly depended on his own family.

Otherwise, why would the Jinhai Club invest so many resources in a newcomer like him?

A Grade B Club Guild could easily recruit a genius, and even those with higher potential than him wouldn't be able to get the club to nurture their Guardian Beasts to the level that he had achieved without a good reason.

Gedong was a fighting fanatic with a fixation, enjoying the pleasure that the act of fighting itself brought him.

The cheers from the crowd and fame were merely side dishes to his enjoyment of the battle for Gedong.

Gedong had already put all his thoughts into the battle itself.

As the Barrier Silver Phoenix spread its wings to protect Hu Tao, Gedong loudly issued commands to the Penetrating Silk Spider.

"Penetrating Silk Spider, activate Multiplication Dominant Body!"

“Corrosion Mother Gu, fuse with the Penetrating Silk Spider, then breed a large number of soldier gu!”

As a streamer, Gedong was in the habit of calling out skills and exclusive features for the sake of the live stream while fighting.”

The originally not-so-large Penetrating Silk Spider dissolved the abdomen crystals stored within its body, swelling like an inflating balloon.

It grew from the size of a soccer ball to be even bigger than a sedan!

A three-meter body length among Golden Stage spider Guardian Beasts was enough to describe it as colossal.

An intense, pale red energy surged on the surface of the Penetrating Silk Spider’s body.

This energy contained violent blood energy fluctuations, making the Penetrating Silk Spider look extremely menacing.

The Corrosion Mother Gu directly rushed onto the Penetrating Silk Spider.

It swiftly built a nest on the Penetrating Silk Spider's back, which was covered with stinging hairs.

A multitude of larvae crawled out of the nest, which was large enough to cover the Corrosion Mother Gu.

These larvae kept growing, eventually reaching the size that the Penetrating Silk Spider was before it multiplied its size.

A yellow-green, sticky insect fluid gushed out from the temporary superstructure built by the Corrosion Mother Gu.

Soon this insect fluid formed a thick carapace on the most vulnerable part of the Penetrating Silk Spider's abdomen, fundamentally enhancing the Penetrating Silk Spider's Defense Capability.

Gedong's commands, alongside the actions of the Corrosion Mother Gu and the Penetrating Silk Spider, were exceptionally fluid and visually spectacular.

Gedong's series of operations finally allowed cheers for him to be heard in the crowd again.

Hearing the audience's praise for Gedong, Fang Mu first nodded and then shook his head

Fang Mu's nod was in recognition of Gedong's combat quality.

Facing Hu Tao's display of strongest form right from the start was a sensible choice.

Fang Mu shook his head because there were issues with the combination of skills and exclusive features of Gedong's Penetrating Silk Spider, as well as in its cultivation.

If there were a Master-level Creator to help Gedong strengthen this Penetrating Silk Spider,

they could have avoided these issues.

To put it plainly, the Abdomen Crystal within the Penetrating Silk Spider is an energy compression body formed by the daily accumulation of energy, and there's only one of it.

Therefore, the Penetrating Silk Spider's skill "Abdomen Crystal Spray" and its exclusive feature "Multiplication Dominant Body" could only be used one at a time.

The Penetrating Silk Spider would usually consume Metal Spiritual Materials, which amplify the effects of its skills and features.

However, the Metal Attribute of the Penetrating Silk Spider is not very pronounced.

The Penetrating Silk Spider inherently has Armor Break effects.

Thus, during the breeding process, it would be best to maximize the Penetrating Silk Spider's Armor Break effect.

Gedong's line-up of Guardian Beasts revealed his depth of resources.

He had depth but not abundance.

Fang Mu was now capable of discerning a Beast Conqueror's depth of resources through their Guardian Beasts.

Members of the major powers likely also used this method to distinguish among themselves.

Unlike Gedong's side, which was making a big show.

On the other hand, Hu Tao didn't make many moves, just quickly moved towards the middle of the field under the coordinated defense of the Barrier Silver Phoenix.

Hu Tao's actions caused Gedong's eyebrows to furrow deeply.

Gedong had watched Hu Tao's duels and knew his Destiny Guardian Beast had spiritual defense capabilities.

Yet Gedong still didn't want Hu Tao to get close.

Because Gedong didn't know how powerful the mental attack unleashed by Hu Tao's Bird demon was.

After all, Fairies are known for their spiritual power.

Defensive Beast Conquerors in battle indeed lack any fancy tricks.

After the Barrier Silver Phoenix grew 'City Wing', it applied the Skill [Solid Guard] to both Hu Tao and itself.

The Exclusive Features 'Thorny Feather Crown' and 'Suffering Siphon', two passive abilities, were always active.

Because Gedong's Gold Rank, Epic Quality Corrosion Mother Gu had the Exclusive Feature [Accelerated Breeding], the soldier bugs quickly filled the gaps in the Insect Armor of the Penetrating Silk Spider's abdomen.

A massive number of soldier bugs emerged, swarming around the Penetrating Silk Spider.

These bugs moved extremely fast and had strong leaping abilities.

In just a few moments, they had jumped onto the Barrier Silver Phoenix and continuously attacked it.

On the side, Hu Tao stealthily applied the Skill [Retrospective Attention] and [Backtracking Double].

The rank of these soldier bugs was almost the same as the mother bug's, strong enough to breach the Barrier Silver Phoenix's defenses.

But they couldn't inflict any significant actual damage to the Barrier Silver Phoenix.

The shield provided by [Retrospective Attention] didn't have any defensive functions as such; it was more like a layer of stance-loaded energy around the body, making it very difficult to detect.

The incessant attacks by the soldier bugs made the movements of the Barrier Silver Phoenix seem somewhat sluggish.

Fang Mu knew this was the effect of the Corrosion Mother Gu's Gold Level Skill [Paralysis Cut].

At this moment, the Penetrating Silk Spider came close and sprayed a [Silver Thread Liquid Bomb] onto the Barrier Silver Phoenix.

The high-strength sticky spider silk restrained the Barrier Silver Phoenix's movements.

A Defensive Beast of Perfect Quality at Gold Rank Eight was strong enough to wrestle with a Legendary Quality Guardian Beast at Gold Rank One.

Despite a series of attacks, the Barrier Silver Phoenix relied on its Exclusive Feature [Thorny Feather Crown] and [Suffering Siphon] to still stand in front of Hu Tao.

Retrace Sparrow Demon let out a cry, its Skill [Sparrow's Call] speeding up the energy recovery within the Barrier Silver Phoenix.

Gedong didn't want to be at a stalemate with Hu Tao; he wanted to seize this opportunity to kill the Barrier Silver Phoenix.

If the Barrier Silver Phoenix were killed, Hu Tao would no longer be a match for him.

Thinking this, Gedong shouted forcefully,

"Penetrating Silk Spider, suppress the Phoenix in front of you!"

“Then bleed this Phoenix good!”

As he gave the command, two identical mystic runes appeared at Gedong’s fingertips, eliciting astonishment from the audience.

If Gedong had just comprehended two mystic runes, that would have been fine.

But the two mystic runes Gedong comprehended were identical!

Chapter 1085: The Valkyrie on the Battlefield!

The audience at the scene were mostly Beast Masters, and Beast Masters, no matter their age, always had to face the challenge of comprehending mysterious patterns.

For Beast Masters, comprehending mysterious patterns was exceptionally difficult.

Therefore, even Beast Masters who comprehended the weakest grade of mysterious patterns were considered Cream of the Crop.

The two metal element mysterious patterns Gedong had comprehended exuded an extremely sharp aura.

Fang Mu focused his gaze to check the data of these two mysterious patterns.

The data of the two mysterious patterns appeared before Fang Mu.

[Metal Sharp Gold]: Stimulates the sharpness of the metal attribute, enhances the cutting effect and tenacity of the metal attribute, and increases the burst potential of the gold element.

These two metal attribute mysterious patterns were both of the offensive type.

They were considered high-grade among the offensive class of metal attribute mysterious patterns.

Gedong must have made countless visits to the Contemplation Hall, to gaze at the fixed scenery created by the Guardian Beasts.

To enhance his Comprehension Power of [Metal Sharp Gold].

Gedong's ability to comprehend such mysterious patterns indeed made him worthy of having so many fans.

Fang Mu had comprehended more types of mysterious patterns than Gedong by far, but Fang Mu had never comprehended two identical mysterious patterns.

However, with the Heaven Fragrance Peony's Flower Beads and Xi Xi's creation of the Scenery Fantasy Pearl,

It wouldn't be difficult for Fang Mu to accelerate the speed of comprehending mysterious patterns and Comprehend Mysterious Pattern quickly!

While Fang Mu was observing Gedong's two mysterious patterns, a series of exclamations burst from the audience.

"Wow! Gedong had previously revealed a metal attribute mysterious pattern, but I didn't expect him to have comprehended two identical ones! He's been hiding his trump cards!"

"Doesn't that mean that Gedong could at least condense a third-grade mysterious chapter as long as he continues to grow!?"

"Hehe, what third-grade mysterious chapter? Gedong already has such resources now, he will certainly receive even greater support in the future!"

"Comprehending another identical metal attribute mysterious pattern in the future is probably not a difficult task for him, this is definitely an emerging star! His potential is approaching the main members of those Grade A clubs!"

The reason why Gedong was so popular was that he looked somewhat anxious in appearance.

Gedong was actually just over twenty years old, having just celebrated his twentieth birthday sixteen days ago.

At such an age to consider Gedong so old.

If Gedong were actually twenty-four or twenty-five right now, then him comprehending two identical mysterious patterns wouldn't be so highly praised!

Lin Wei and Hu Xu revealed brilliant smiles upon hearing the audience's support and cheers for Gedong.

This wasn't to say that Lin Wei and Hu Xu had become fans of Gedong, but rather they knew that Hu Tao had comprehended three mysterious patterns.

And these three mysterious patterns were also identical.

If Gedong receiving such praise for comprehending two identical mysterious patterns,

The applause for Hu Tao would be much greater if she revealed the three mysterious patterns she had comprehended!

Amplified by the two mysterious patterns, the Penetrating Silk Spider leaped high in the state of [Multiplication Dominant Body].

Its four crab-like legs pierced towards the back of the Barrier Silver Phoenix, like four leaden spears.

They decisively cut through the feathers on the Barrier Silver Phoenix's back and penetrated into its body.

The Barrier Silver Phoenix let out a mournful cry.

Since Evolution, the Barrier Silver Phoenix had never suffered such severe injuries.

After the Penetrating Silk Spider suppressed the Barrier Silver Phoenix with its [Four Aura Suppression],

It frantically waved the four limbs that had not penetrated the Barrier Silver Phoenix's body.

Gedong's other Guardian Beast, the Corrosion Mother Gu, was stronger than the Penetrating Silk Spider.

The Corrosion Mother Gu, having attached to the Penetrating Silk Spider, had been unnoticeable up until now.

Now, the myriad of soldier gu hidden within the spider's armored belly swarmed out.

They began to frenziedly slice upon the Barrier Silver Phoenix's body.

During combat, Beast Masters must not lose their composure out of pity for their injured Guardian Beasts.

This was content that teachers had been emphasizing ever since practical combat lessons began.

Having attended practical combat classes for so long, Hu Tao was very clear on this.

In fact, by using [City Wing] to defend, the Barrier Silver Phoenix would not have allowed the Penetrating Silk Spider to reach its back so effortlessly, even if it couldn't stop it completely!

Gedong wanted to take down Hu Tao's Barrier Silver Phoenix quickly, but what made him think that Hu Tao didn't want to make the Barrier Silver Phoenix a target for Gedong?

These insects wreaking havoc on the Barrier Silver Phoenix were accumulating energy for the Retrace Sparrow Demon.

With the Barrier Silver Phoenix's Exclusive Feature [Thorny Feather Crown], [Suffering Siphon] along with the Skill [Solid Guard], it could still endure for a while longer.

From the current situation at the scene, Hu Tao was at an absolute disadvantage.

Hu Tao's fans in the audience began to worry about her situation.

Hu Tao had already killed dozens of opponents single-handedly in the solo division using the Retrace Sparrow Demon,

Hu Tao didn't believe those Creators watching the duel couldn't see through the Retrace Sparrow Demon's abilities.

Gedong stood opposite her, without any caution on his face.

This meant that Gedong was not afraid of her soul attacks.

Since becoming a live-streamer, Hu Tao had become even more aware of the online situation,

All her opponents wished to gain massive popularity by defeating her.

And if she lost a duel, her popularity would plummet.

Some might even question Fang Mu's judgment in choosing opponents.

Fang Mu had her live-stream on the Battle Network to transform her into a star,

To accumulate popularity for his future team,

Not to let her run errands or take grievances on the Battle Network.

Chapter 1086: Valkyrie on the Battlefield!_2

So facing a formidable opponent like Gedong, Hu Tao didn't hold back.

She pointed forward, and three golden-brown mysterious patterns appeared at her fingertips.

One of these golden-brown mysterious patterns landed on the Retrace Sparrow Demon, while the other two settled on the Barrier Silver Phoenix, which was being ferociously attacked.

The golden-brown mysterious patterns shone brightly; Fang Mu had studied these patterns of Hu Tao's before.

Hu Tao's mysterious pattern "Earth System: Solidity" combined with the Guardian Beast, could enhance the Guardian Beast's defensive capabilities.

The increase in defense was proportional to the rank of the Guardian Beast.

The higher the Guardian Beast's rank, the stronger the effect of the Solidity enhancement.

The mysterious pattern Hu Tao had comprehended was a standard universal type, not as strong as those targeted at a specific element, but its versatility was its victory.

This type of universal mysterious pattern had always been highly sought after.

Hu Tao had successively comprehended three such universal mysterious patterns, which meant she could, at the very least, comprehend a Second Grade Mysterious Chapter.

And how old was Hu Tao? She was still a high school student who hadn't even graduated!

Just as many people had cheered for Gedong's comprehension of two identical mysterious patterns, now an even greater number cheered for Hu Tao.

The appearance of these three identical mysterious patterns formally propelled Hu Tao into the ranks of the top young generation.

Guardian Beasts could be stacked through resources.

Although mysterious patterns could be as well, if a person's talent wasn't high, no amount of resources spent could lead to a true understanding of the mysterious patterns.

Fang Mu watched Hu Tao, who was shining in the arena, thinking to himself.

The Dragon Rising Federation was now looking for top talents of various age groups, and Hu Tao had likely already met the selection criteria.

After this duel, officials from the Dragon Rising Federation would likely contact Hu Tao!

When Gedong saw Hu Tao deploy the three mysterious patterns, he muttered to himself that this was not good.

But soon, Gedong's expression returned to normal.

Because Hu Tao's Barrier Silver Phoenix was almost out of possibilities to resist under his attack.

Gedong no longer insisted on killing the Barrier Silver Phoenix.

With the defense of the Barrier Silver Phoenix greatly enhanced by the two mysterious patterns, killing it would take too much time.

Gedong decided it would be better to simply make a move against Hu Tao directly.

Just as Gedong was about to command the Penetrating Silk Spider to attack Hu Tao with the skill [Four Aura Suppression].

The Retrace Sparrow Demon suddenly emitted a special energy fluctuation.

The wounds on the Barrier Silver Phoenix were rapidly healing.

It was as if the Penetrating Silk Spider and a host of other offensive creatures hadn't attacked at all!

The Retrace Sparrow Demon's skill "Retrospective Attention" activated on its own.

This "Retrospective Attention" had fully absorbed the damage.

This damage could be unleashed at any moment by Hu Tao through her exclusive feature "Rewind Assassination".

Due to the effect of the skill “Backtracking Double”, the lethality of “Rewind Assassination” was also doubled.

Hu Tao was certain that Gedong must possess a Destiny Guardian Beast.

Without a Destiny Guardian Beast, it’s hard for one to have received so many resources from such an early age.

Hu Tao sneakily continued to let the Retrace Sparrow Demon apply a layer of “Retrospective Attention” on the Barrier Silver Phoenix.

“Retrospective Attention” could restore the Barrier Silver Phoenix to the state it was in when the shield was applied, but it couldn’t restore the energy and life energy spent within its body.

The offensive creatures were still on the Barrier Silver Phoenix.

Facing the suddenly healed Barrier Silver Phoenix, they would surely continue their assault.

Hu Tao’s hand slightly lifted, and the Retrace Sparrow Demon turned into a Cage Rod, which she held in her hand.

However, the audience at the scene did not cheer for Hu Tao’s Instrumentalization of the sparrow.

The Penetrating Silk Spider had already jumped over Hu Tao's head, its legs like steel clamps plunging into her body.

Just as the audience thought Hu Tao was about to be directly attacked and killed on the spot by the Penetrating Silk Spider, Hu Tao let out a clear call.

Immediately following, her hair turned the same chestnut brown as the Retrace Sparrow Demon.

A pair of metallic-luster sparrow wings grew from behind Hu Tao, and her double barrels took on a thick metallic quality.

For the first time in front of everyone, Hu Tao and the Retrace Sparrow Demon performed their combined ability. The retrace effect and energy were simultaneously enhanced in Hu Tao.

With a flap of the sparrow wings behind her, Hu Tao directly evaded the attack from the Penetrating Silk Spider.

Hu Tao's transformation had caught both Gedong and the audience off guard; no one had expected the current situation.

After a brief moment of shock, many discerning people in the crowd cast envious glances at Hu Tao.

Among these people were some who had already become famous and strong.

Hu Tao had contracted a Fairy Type Guardian Beast, which not only could become weaponized, but even possessed an exclusive feature called “Possession!”

“Possession,” as an exclusive feature, was highly coveted, but its value varied greatly depending on which Guardian Beast possessed it.

Appearing in a Fairy Type Guardian Beast, it was considered exceptionally fortunate.

There were some Beast Masters who, after merging with their Guardian Beasts, turned into wild boars, jackals, or even caterpillars and plants.

Such Beast Masters were enough to envy!

In battles, Beast Masters combined with their Guardian Beasts would no longer be obvious liabilities.

With a Cage Rod in hand, Hu Tao possessed the power of a Gold Rank One legendary Guardian Beast.

She was like a goddess of warfare itself.

With the Cage Rod in her hands, Hu Tao whipped it at several soldier beetles leaping toward her.

The beetles' limbs were either snapped or their heads crushed by the rod.

Hu Tao approached Gedong at an incredible velocity.

Gedong, aware of Hu Tao's ability to use spiritual power for long-range attacks.

Even with a trump card in hand, Gedong consciously kept his distance from Hu Tao.

The Penetrating Silk Spider and the Corrosion Mother Gu had already been dispatched far away by Gedong and could not defend immediately.

Under these circumstances, Gedong was forced to make a desperate move and reveal his Destiny Guardian Beast.

The moment Gedong saw Hu Tao and the fairy merge, he knew he had lost the duel.

However, it was not essential for Gedong to triumph over Hu Tao in their duel.

To Gedong, winning or losing was not important; what was crucial was whether he could gain a lot of popularity through his duel with Hu Tao.

Revealing one's Destiny Guardian Beast and demonstrating its power was undoubtedly an excellent way to attract attention!

With this thought, Gedong cried out loudly.

Black ripples surged from within Gedong's body.

Following these black ripples, a dense growth of black thorns extended outward.

In an instant, these black thorns enveloped Hu Tao.

They seemed poised to carry Hu Tao away as well.

After assessing the situation, Hu Tao judged that these black thorns wouldn't severely injure her if they pierced her body.

However, they would inflict great damage on her.

Even if she won, it would be a very disheveled victory.

In the future, when she and Fang Mu ranked in the two-person division, they would inevitably face powerful opponents.

Compared to these powerful opponents, she was highly likely to deploy her Destiny Guardian Beast.

She might as well take this opportunity to reveal the existence of her Destiny Guardian Beast.

This would not only bring her more attention, enhancing her popularity,

but also prove to the world that she was qualified to stand beside Fang Mu as his teammate.

To other observers, Hu Tao seemed to be enveloped by the thorns.

However, Gedong, who was fighting Hu Tao, could clearly see a layer of armor on Hu Tao, primarily silver with touches of turquoise.

This armor made Hu Tao look exceptionally valiant.

It also made Gedong deeply feel a sense of helplessness.

His black thorns couldn't penetrate Hu Tao's body at all.

When these black thorns crashed against Hu Tao's armor, they were all shattered!

In the Battle Network's solo ranking division, spiritual instruments were not allowed.

This armor on Hu Tao couldn't possibly be a spiritual instrument.

Most likely, it was her Destiny Guardian Beast, similar to his own.

Gedong gave a wry smile, finding it hard to believe he was battling against a youth of merely sixteen or seventeen years old.

Hu Tao felt the black thorns resisting her spiritual power and even eroding it.

It seemed Gedong's confidence stemmed from this!

With a flap of her sparrow wings behind her, Hu Tao waved her Cage Rod, fending off the thorns.

She directly faced Gedong, who looked dimly from the heart of the black thorns.

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Draped in silver-gold armor with sparrows' wings extended behind her, Hu Tao looked ethereally beautiful and valiant.

Due to fusing with a fairy, her eyes took on a distinctly different appearance from ordinary people.

This made Hu Tao extremely charming.

Yet, when Gedong looked at Hu Tao, he seemed to see a cruel and evil demon.

The black thorns were Gedong's last line of security.

Yet, these safeguards were stripped away by Hu Tao!

Hu Tao pointed her cage rod at Gedong, casting the exclusive feature "Rewind Assassination."

Although the black thorns were brushed aside, they still provided mental defense power for Gedong.

But Hu Tao's "Rewind Assassination" was not a single attack, but two consecutive strikes.

The first blow of "Rewind Assassination" from Hu Tao, after the Barrier Silver Phoenix refurbishment, withstood the damage from "Retrospective Attention" and turned it into a mental attack.

These mental attacks, blocked by the black thorns, made Gedong's brain feel as if it were smashed by a heavy hammer, but Gedong did not lose consciousness.

Before Gedong could counterattack, the second "Rewind Assassination" followed promptly.

This strike of "Rewind Assassination" had accrued energy and directly caused Gedong's spiritual power to collapse.

As Gedong fell dead, the forms of the Penetrating Silk Spider and the Armor-Eroding Mother also vanished from the arena in the Gold Battle Hall.

The venue fell silent due to Hu Tao's transformation and the sudden appearance of her armor.

Hu Tao bowed around and then left the Gold Battle Hall.

Two minutes after Hu Tao left, the atmosphere at the location suddenly reached its peak.

“What! It’s one thing that Little Peach’s fairy can instrumentalize, but how can Little Peach’s fairy not only instrumentalize but also fuse with Little Peach? The fusion form of Little Peach was utterly cool! I declare, from today onwards, I am a fan of Little Peach’s looks!”

“Damn! To be able to fuse with a fairy and gain strength equivalent to a Guardian Beast, that means no fear of being targeted in battle anymore! Turns out Little Peach had been holding back all along, and here I thought she was at a disadvantage!”

“Why do I feel like you all are missing the point? Don’t you think what should be highlighted about Little Peach is her comprehension of those three identical mysterious patterns? Now that she has comprehended three of the same mysterious patterns, even if her future comprehension diverts, she still holds the potential to condense a First-class Mysterious Chapter!”

“Was that armor on Little Peach at the end also granted by her fairy? I think that shouldn’t be the case, right?”

The atmosphere at the venue was exceptionally heated, and Hu Tao, who had left, missed experiencing this glory firsthand.

Yet Hu Tao’s father, Hu Xu, and mother, Lin Wei, felt it profoundly for Hu Tao.

After witnessing Hu Tao’s duel, Lin Wei and Hu Xu immediately bid farewell to Fang Mu.

Neither stayed long on the Battle Network.

Hu Xu had work to do, and Lin Wei was preparing meals at home.

As parents, they did not make a big fuss about contacting Hu Tao despite her achievements.

They invited Hu Tao to bring Fang Mu home for dinner.

They chose to silently support Hu Tao and witness her growth.

Otherwise, if it were other parents, with a daughter as outstanding as hers, they probably would have been showing off to their neighbors a long time ago!

Hu Tao's battle tonight could well be described as revealing all her cards.

Through the Bird Armor Puppet attached to Hu Tao's armor, Fang Mu knew that with the investment in Bird Armor Puppet resources over time, the Bird Armor Puppet had achieved significant growth.

The color of the Bird Armor Puppet armor changes with the color of the Metal Spiritual Materials it consumes.

The silver on the Bird Armor Puppet came from a metal called Brightsilver.

Brightsilver is a metal that has a very strong shock-absorbing capacity.

Even under a strong external impact, its interior remains mostly unaffected.

Brightsilver endowed the Bird Armor Puppet with a huge capability for physical defense.

The pale blue metal is called Elemental Magic Copper, which can absorb sudden bursts of Elemental Energy in the surrounding environment.

It suppresses the activation and manifestation of elemental properties.

This ability greatly reduces the impact of elemental skills on the Bird Armor Puppet's defense units.

Once the properties of an element are suppressed, it becomes difficult for the element to demonstrate its power again.

Fang Mu highly appreciated Hu Tao's approach of showing all her cards to win the battle.

Fang Mu had previously advised Hu Tao to find an opportunity to demonstrate her strength as much as possible.

Fang Mu suggested this because, rather than recommending Hu Tao himself, it was better for Hu Tao to directly receive an invitation from the Dragon Rising Federation officials.

That way, Hu Tao could legitimately receive an infusion of resources from the Dragon Rising Federation.

Now, Hu Tao had indeed shown all her cards, but her growth rate was extremely fast.

Soon, Hu Tao would gain new cards.

After Hu Xu and Lin Wei left the Battle Network, Fang Mu also logged out.

The moment Fang Mu exited the Battle Network, he went straight to Hu Tao's room.

Hu Tao just happened to walk out of her room.

Feeling the need to discuss her situation with Fang Mu after revealing all her cards in her duel with Gedong, Hu Tao was slightly startled to see Fang Mu standing at her room's door.

Fang Mu directly smiled and spoke to Hu Tao.

“Peach, I watched your duel at the Gold Battle Hall just now, and you performed well!”

“If I am not mistaken, both the quality and rank of your Bird Armor Puppet must have been enhanced!”

In the battle just now, Hu Tao had just progressed into the black thorns after equipping her armor through the Bird Armor Puppet.

Fang Mu was unable to use the “Eye of Omniscience” to inspect the Bird Armor Puppet.

Chapter 1088: The Final Dance of the Bird Armor Puppet!_2

Hu Tao, upon being asked about her Destiny Guardian Beast by Fang Mu, directly and openly summoned the Bird Armor Puppet.

The color of the Bird Armor Puppet’s body closely matched the color of the armor set that Chu Ci had just worn.

Fang Mu used his Innate Divine Ability, the Eye of Omniscience, to thoroughly examine the Bird Armor Puppet.

[Beast Name]: Bird Armor Puppet

[Beast Species]: Puppet Family/Mechanical Puppet Type

[Beast Level]: Golden Stage (1/10)

[Beast Element]: Puppeteer Sect

[Beast Potential]: Platinum Tier

[Beast Quality]: Epic

Skills:

[Perfect Pentad Dance]: Achieves perfect integration with a designated Bird Beast Master, providing energy to the Bird Beast Master and enhancing its defense against physical, elemental, and curse attacks. It can offer up to two death-averting effects when faced with fatal attacks. After these effects are exhausted, it will enter a dormant state, requiring Mechanical Gears to repair.

[Performative Decapitation Dance]: During combat, the puppet will automatically identify an enemy's weak spots and relentlessly slash at them. The slashes have a ripping feature. After killing a target with these slashes, the target's defensive capabilities are transferred to the puppet.

[Shield Reflects Final Dance]: Upon receiving an elemental attack, it activates its Metal Attribute to withstand the attack, absorbing the enemy's elemental energy into the puppet. Then, it converts this energy into Golden Element Energy and returns it to the opponent. The energy returned explodes, causing damage to the opponent, which is then converted into its own shield value.

Exclusive Characteristics:

[Puppet Metallurgy Vein]: Absorbs various Metal Spiritual Materials and uses their properties to amplify the puppet's attributes. During the casting of metallurgy veins with Metal Spiritual Materials, their properties will influence the future tendencies of the Bird Armor Puppet's abilities.

[Bird-binding Technique]: Manipulates the bodies of birds to transform them into metallic forms as extensions of itself. These birds have certain offensive capabilities and can serve as combat companions, as well as absorb damage on its behalf.

Innate Divine Skills:

[Reversal Puppet Veil]: Develops inferior puppet bodies which have restricting effects on the enemy, capable of transforming effects targeted at allies into weaknesses for the enemy. When these inferior puppet bodies are destroyed by the enemy, they trigger a disassembly effect on the targets enclosed within them.

During this period, the Bird Armor Puppet's rank has progressed from Perfect Quality at Silver Rank Level 5 to Epic Quality at Gold Rank One.

Given the current status of the Bird Armor Puppet, when it ascends to the Platinum tier, its quality will certainly reach the level of Legendary Quality.

Upgrading both rank and quality of a Destiny Guardian Beast is much harder than that of ordinary Guardian Beasts.

If others knew that Fang Mu aimed to enhance his own Destiny Guardian Beast to Legendary Quality at the Copper Level,

they would surely think him utterly mad.

Fang Mu deemed the Bird Armor Puppet's newly acquired skills and exclusive characteristics to be exceptionally outstanding.

In the recent battle, Hu Tao only utilized the skill [Perfect Pentad Dance], not employing any other skills.

[Performative Decapitation Dance] enables the Bird Armor Puppet to proactively target the enemy's weaknesses and strike with its puppet body, which is Hu Tao's most powerful offensive skill at the moment.

If Hu Tao were to let the Bird Armor Puppet possess Barrier Silver Phoenix soon, Barrier Silver Phoenix would certainly be in a position to fight on par with the Penetrating Silk Spider and those soldier beetles.

Fang Mu considered the newly acquired skill, [Shield Reflects Final Dance], as a defensive skill against elemental attacks, as well as an offensive skill against the enemy.

However, this offensive act depended on the enemy's preemptive attack.

The emergence of [Shield Reflects Final Dance] was highly probable to be related to the Bird Armor Puppet's extensive absorption of Elemental Magic Copper.

The exclusive characteristic [Puppet Metallurgy Vein] inclined the Bird Armor Puppet's abilities towards the Metal Spiritual Materials it consumed.

The properties of the Metal Spiritual Materials would influence the tendencies of the Bird Armor Puppet's abilities.

This turned Hu Tao's Destiny Guardian Beast's skills and exclusive characteristics from uncontrollable to controllable,

which Fang Mu considered a good development.

The new exclusive characteristic [Bird-binding Technique] wasn't heavily related to the Metal Spiritual Materials Hu Tao consumed.

It appeared to be a new advancement naturally developed by the Bird Armor Puppet itself.

It manipulates the carcasses of birds, turning them into extensions of Gold Attribute.

Some abilities of these birds would remain.

These avian extensions would float beside the target when the Bird Armor Puppet performed a possession,

not only complementing offense but also providing defense.

This was highly compatible with Hu Tao, who combined forms with the Retrace Sparrow Demon.

This type of specialized characteristic, which requires external objects to construct, has a strength closely related to the quality of those external objects.

The stronger the bloodline contained within the bird's body that is turned into a derivative creature, the greater the effect the derived creature will have.

After reviewing the data on the Bird Armor Puppet, Fang Mu earnestly said to Hu Tao.

“Taozi, from now on, as the strength of your Guardian Beasts improves, if you need certain resources, remember to tell me at once!”

“This way, I can prepare right away!”

“Your Bird Armor Puppet currently ranks at Gold Rank One, and you’re able to control about three bird carcasses.”

“Have you made any decisions about these bird carcasses?”

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao quickly said,

“I do have some thoughts.”

“The Barrier Silver Phoenix is a purely defensive Beast Conqueror, and the abilities of the Retrace Sparrow Demon are also primarily defensive.”

“Their offensive capabilities are directly related to the damage our side takes.”

“The new skill of the Bird Armor Puppet is still mainly defensive, but I think I need some offensive abilities!”

“Recently, I have been studying the leading defensive Beastmasters of the various club guilds, and all these defensive Beastmasters have a certain level of independent offensive ability.”

“I also want to develop in this direction.”

Hearing Hu Tao’s plans, Fang Mu knew that she had done her homework.

Indeed, the defensive Beastmasters from the major clubs all possess offensive methods.

Besides protecting the team in battle, they can also serve as the team’s strong offense.

Otherwise, if their team’s mainstay is taken down, a defensive Beastmaster without offensive capabilities will drag the team down.

Fang Mu didn’t intend to let Hu Tao follow a purely defensive path either.

Fang Mu was very clear about how much Hu Tao enjoyed battling others on the Battle Network.

At present, Hu Tao’s defense capabilities are sufficiently meeting the needs of the team.

The new Guardian Beast that Hu Tao contracts will likewise endow her with new defensive capabilities.

In the choice of the Destiny Guardian Beast Bird Armor Puppet's unique characteristic [Bird Binding Performance], Fang Mu supports Hu Tao's decision.

"Taozi, since you intend to focus the derivative creature on offensive abilities, I will help you filter and select bird-type Guardian Beasts."

"I will select several suitable candidates, and then you can make your own choices."

Hearing this, Hu Tao felt increasingly secure.

In choosing Guardian Beasts, Fang Mu has never been the type to impose his will unilaterally.

Rather than forcefully planning the direction of a Guardian Beast's development, he has always listened to her opinions.

Providing resources based on her choices indicates that Fang Mu is a very gentle person and also shows an exceptional respect for her.

Because of Fang Mu's attitude towards her, Hu Tao didn't feel any constraint staying by his side, even after learning that he was a disciple of a Grandmaster Creator.

In his communication with Hu Tao, Fang Mu learned that when the derivative creatures transformed by the Bird Armor Puppet are destroyed, the Bird Armor Puppet will automatically repair them using energy.

This means that once a choice is made for the bird's body to become a derivative creature, it cannot be changed.

That's why Fang Mu did not immediately recommend any bird-type Guardian Beasts he could think of to Hu Tao.

He realized he had some gaps in his knowledge in this area.

In a few days, Fang Mu would be traveling with Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi, two Grandmaster Creators.

At that time, Fang Mu could certainly ask Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian for advice in a humble manner.

He expected that Wang Mi and Xu Fengnian wouldn't be stingy with their help in solving his problems.

For the past few days, Fang Mu had been enhancing his spiritual power beside the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp.

After advancing to the Silver Stage with Epic Quality, the carp's progression to higher ranks had slowed down.

It had never been prompted to advance further.

Seeing the copious energy within the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp, Fang Mu felt it was time to let it utilize [Sakura Festival]!

Chapter 1089: The First Sakura Festival!

The Heavy Cherry Washing Carp's casting of the Skill "Sakura Festival" will consume its bloodline.

Fang Mu was aware of this.

Once the bloodline of such a Sacred Relic as the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp was depleted, it was very likely to lose any potential for Evolution.

Only someone in possession of 100% Purity Life Potion and Water Elemental Potion like Fang Mu, paired with Blood Aged Wine, would dare allow a Sacred Relic like the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp to cast "Sakura Festival."

After ascending to the Platinum Tier, the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp's Spiritual Intelligence greatly increased.

Since Fang Mu did not bind a contract with the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp, he could not force it to cast the Skill “Sakura Festival.”

He wanted the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp to cast “Sakura Festival,” so he had to negotiate with it.

After obtaining the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp, Fang Mu never named it.

When Hu Tao learned that the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp had no name, she named it Heavy Cherry.

Each day, she would play with the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp by the side of the giant porcelain basin for a while.

Fang Mu spoke to the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp that was swimming beside him.

“Heavy Cherry, I need you to cast the Skill Sakura Festival on me,” he said.

“I know that casting Sakura Festival will have a not insignificant impact on you, but I will not let you sacrifice for my sake for nothing!”

“I will provide these Elixirs for you.”

With that, Fang Mu took out several bottles of Life Elixir and Water Elemental Potion, shaking them towards the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp.

He then took out a cup of Blood Aged Wine.

“In the future, as long as you are willing to cast Sakura Festival on me periodically, I will not only help you recover your bloodline but also assist you in ascending all the way,” he continued.

“Before the Sequential, evolve into the Heavenly Cherry Forging Koi!”

Fang Mu made a promise to the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp.

Fang Mu was not afraid the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp would refuse him.

If the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp did not agree, Fang Mu could easily find a strong person under his control to make a contract with it.

Then he could forcibly command the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp to cast the Skill “Sakura Festival.”

Fang Mu was a very kind person and preferred to achieve his goals through negotiation without resorting to force.

Upon hearing Fang Mu's words, Heavy Cherry started to swish its tail in the pool, swimming in circles.

This kind of behavior from the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp meant it was considering.

Fang Mu was not in a hurry and just sat quietly by the poolside, giving Heavy Cherry Washing Carp plenty of time to think.

It wasn't long before the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp came over to Fang Mu.

A unique Energy Fluctuation arose from the body of the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp.

This unique Energy Fluctuation caused the cherry-blossom-like red Scales on the body of the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp to shimmer.

A chaotic cherry blossom rain burst forth in the pool.

Under this strange Energy Fluctuation, most of the cherry-blossom-like Scales on the body of the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp dissipated.

This Energy Fluctuation then fell upon Fang Mu.

Fang Mu suddenly felt as if his spiritual power was being ground down slowly on a millstone.

In his Soul, there was a romantic vision of cherry blossoms.

The falling cherry blossoms turned into blades, slicing through Fang Mu's spiritual power.

Each time Fang Mu's spiritual power was cut and ground down, tortured, it received a slight enhancement.

This kind of pain was, more or less, equal to what Fang Mu had endured when Fool's Shadow ascended in tier and quality.

So Fang Mu was just about able to maintain.

After an indeterminate amount of time, Fang Mu opened his eyes.

Fang Mu could feel that his spiritual power had touched the threshold of the Two-Ray Star Beast Controller.

As long as he broke through that layer of thin paper, Fang Mu would be able to smoothly ascend to Two-Ray Star Beast Controller.

This pace had now caught up with Hu Tao.

Hu Tao could be called a genius in terms of spiritual power enhancement.

Fang Mu, a Beast Master who started several years late, had finally caught up with the level of his peers' geniuses.

Fang Mu was not discouraged by his failure to ascend to the Two-Ray Star Beast Controller rank.

Because Fang Mu knew that in his current state, he would surely become a Two-Ray Star Beast Controller within a month.

Fang Mu stood up, spirited and full of energy.

In contrast, the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp looked dull and lacked luster on the surface, lying exceptionally weak in the pool.

Lying on its side, it didn't even have the strength to swim.

Seeing this, Fang Mu poured two entire bottles of 100% Purity Life Potion and Water Elemental Potion into the pool.

He also generously poured in five hundred milliliters of Blood Aged Wine.

The Blood Aged Wine would not only speed up the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp's absorption of the Life Elixir and Water Elemental Potion but could also directly nourish the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp's bloodline.

The five hundred milliliters of Blood Aged Wine dyed the water red.

Nourished by the Life Elixir, Water Elemental Potion, and Blood Aged Wine, the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp quickly breathed again.

The water flow over its gills restored the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp's strength.

It then quickly began absorbing the energy in the water.

Fang Mu could clearly see the diffused Blood Aged Wine converging toward the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp in the center of the pool.

Streaming into the body of the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp.

The color of the water gradually returned to normal.

The Heavy Cherry Washing Carp regained its usual vitality.

However, its cherry-blossom-like scales did not replenish much.

At that moment, the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp in the water swung its broad front fins and fanned Fang Mu five times.

Fang Mu knew that the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp would need five such supplements of resources to return to its peak condition.

And each supply of resources would take at least a week for the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp to absorb.

Meaning it would take more than a month for the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp to cast “Sakura Festival” once again.

Chapter 1090: I love you

But that was enough.

In a year, Fang Mu's spiritual power increased tenfold, and every two years, the additional boost he received was equivalent to several years of a Beast Master's harvest.

With time, it wouldn't take many years for Fang Mu to catch up with the seasoned powerhouses.

You should know that upon reaching the standard of a Hexagram Beastmaster in spiritual power, one can manage sequential, Order-class Guardian Beasts.

A few days ago, Wang Xu, the Great Archangel of the Truth Hall, received another Great Archangel, He Wen, and came to JA City together.

At that time, since Fang Mu was in closed-door cultivation, Shu Liangjun was unaware of Wang Xu's purpose and did not let Wang Xu and He Wen stay at the Mountain Manor.

Wang Xu and He Wen checked into a hotel near Jinghai Tianyu University discreetly.

They stayed for several days, waiting for Fang Mu to summon them.

Wang Xu's Senyue Angel was also waiting for Fang Mu's enhancement.

Wang Xu originally thought that He Wen would arrive in the Dragon Soaring Federation within three to five days, but he didn't expect it would take her nearly half a month to arrive.

Wang Xu had plenty of time, but he feared Fang Mu would think he was unreliable.

During these days of waiting, Wang Xu didn't spare He Wen from his complaints.

Hearing Wang Xu's complaints, He Wen felt somewhat aggrieved in her heart.

The reason she arrived so late was that Wang Xu sent her to get the Sequential Rank Sleep Moss.

Because of her, the Truth Hall lost the channel of Master Lanye, and the other Great Archangels looked at her unfavorably.

When she requested that pot of Sleep Moss, it was deliberately delayed for several days.

If it weren't for getting that pot of Sequential Rank Sleep Moss, she would have arrived much earlier.

Moreover, after she arrived, Wang Xu had been playing coy and hadn't made clear why he had called her.

Just letting her wait here idly.

If not for her deep relationship with Wang Xu, He Wen would have already left indignantly.

“Old Wang, you know what time it is,” she said.

“You have found a new Grandmaster Creator channel for the Truth Hall, and the Wang Family has completely flourished!”

“But our He Family has been seen as a thorn in the side, and this you know very well.”

“If there’s nothing important, I must go back.”

“The younger generation of the He Family must show some results this time.”

“Otherwise, when it comes time to allocate Clean Radiant Light, the He Family’s share will be trimmed by those old coots!”

He Wen spoke to Wang Xu with utmost candor.

One reason was indeed that He Wen and Wang Xu had a good relationship.

Another was that He Wen intended to befriend Wang Xu.

With Wang Xu holding a Grandmaster Creator channel, he was certainly worth ingratiating with.

Hearing this, Wang Xu realized He Wen could no longer wait.

If he didn't give He Wen some reassurance or explanation, she would definitely leave immediately.

The state of affairs in the He Family did not allow He Wen, the person in charge, to stay outside any longer.

Thinking of this, Wang Xu took out a test tube and tossed it towards He Wen.

"Stay here with me for a few more days, and the Guardian Beast in this tube will be yours," he said.

"With this Guardian Beast, the He Family's younger generation may not come out on top in the power struggle."

"But they will certainly have the upper hand in the internal skirmishes among the young in the Truth Hall!"

He Wen opened the test tube and examined the adorable Silkworm Beast inside for quite a while.

She then looked at Wang Xu in surprise.

She had not expected Wang Xu to have such an extraordinary Guardian Beast, and even more so to give it to her!

In He Wen's view, Wang Xu should have kept such an extraordinary Guardian Beast for his own family to use.

The fact that Wang Xu gave it to her indicated that he must have been waiting for something big.

It also meant that Wang Xu must still have more of these Guardian Beasts.

He Wen took a deep breath.

"Old Wang, if you need me, I will come directly," she said.

"If there's anything you need to discuss, you can tell me outright."

“Even if it doesn’t work out, I will keep it a secret for you!”

“There’s no need to keep me in such a state of confusion.”

After a moment of contemplation, Wang Xu asked.

“How do you think our Truth Hall is doing now?”

Upon hearing this, He Wen looked deeply at Wang Xu.

He Wen had already guessed what Wang Xu was about to say.

If Wang Xu had no thoughts about Truth Hall, he would never have asked her such a question.

Since he had asked, it showed that Wang Xu had an opinion about Truth Hall, and it was not a small one.

Wang Xu was most likely preparing to win her over, and given the current state of her family, He Wen was very willing to cooperate with the Wang Family, who had just gained a channel from a Grandmaster Creator.

Wang Xu knew that his question would reveal to her his opinion of Truth Hall.

She should also respond to Wang Xu through this question.

“I think the internal situation of our Truth Hall is very bad now.”

“You are clear about what happened to me, and now the other families are constantly fighting over the industries held by my He Family.”

“Old Wang, I hope you can take care of the He Family in the future and stand up for us!”

In her words, He Wen particularly demonstrated her desire to make the He Family dependent on the Wang Family.

He Wen had thought that Wang Xu would continue along with her words, but to her surprise, Wang Xu's tone shifted dramatically and he said to her very seriously.

“He Wen, there's something you need to understand.”

“Even if my Wang Family takes care of your He Family, your situation won’t be much better than it is now.”

“Your He Family has become a pawn in the eyes of the other families. When something happens, they will send your He Family first, while the others sit back and profit from the fishermen’s gains.”

“This situation didn’t start after you lost the channel to Master Lan Ye for Truth Hall.”

“It had already appeared before.

“It’s just that this incident has made it easier for the other families to target the He line.”

“In the eyes of the other Great Archangels, Truth Hall may not need to be comprised of twelve families.”

“There doesn’t necessarily have to be twelve Great Archangels.”

Wang Xu’s words made He Wen’s face change dramatically, and even her body trembled slightly.

Wang Xu’s blunt revelation laid bare the harsh reality before He Wen.

What He Wen feared most was exactly this situation.

If the other Archangels were preparing to strike at the He lineage, those Archangels would not stand by and watch her lead the He Family out of Truth Hall.

Just as He Wen was about to say something, she heard Wang Xu's tone shift again.

"If our Wang Family line could take charge of Truth Hall and have the He Family assist us in taking full control of it,"

"I suppose the situation you're afraid of wouldn't happen!"

"At that time, we can trim Truth Hall to our liking."

"We just need to prune away those disobedient forces!"

"With a powerful Grandmaster Creator backing us, willing to provide ample resources,"

"it is not impossible for us to achieve this step!"

Having said this, Wang Xu took out the brocade boxes given to him by Fang Mu. When he opened them, the arranged Grandmaster Creation Elixirs inside shocked He Wen's eyes.

Now He Wen fully understood that Wang Xu was planning to take control of the entire Truth Hall.

However, Wang Xu would face many difficulties and risks doing this on his own.

Therefore, Wang Xu needed her as an assistant.

If she agreed to Wang Xu's proposal, it would mean betraying Truth Hall.

If it had been before when the He Family was being used as cannon fodder by the other families without a clear intention of encroaching on the He Family,

He Wen would not have accepted Wang Xu's invitation.

But now it was the case of the butchers shavings the meat and me being the fish on the cutting board.

Only by accepting Wang Xu's invitation could she change the current situation.

Wang Xu's Grandmaster-level Elixirs were proof that the Grandmaster Creator backing him was not stingy.

The Grandmaster Creator Wang Xu had waited so many days to introduce to her was likely the same one.

Wang Xu watched He Wen's expressions change over and over without urging her to speak.

Wang Xu would wait quietly for He Wen to give her response.

If He Wen was willing to join him in hunting from within Truth Hall, she would become his best partner in the future.

If He Wen was unwilling, then Wang Xu would immediately summon his Senyue Angel to hunt her down.

If He Wen was unwilling, it meant she stood on the opposite side from him.

Wang Xu certainly did not want his ambitions and plans to leak out through He Wen's mouth.