

Beast Tamer 1181

Chapter 1181: Four-Treasure Scale Cow!

Nearly three months had passed since Yu Chenglei's last match at Inch Blade Club.

It was highly likely that Yu Chenglei's Reverse Feather King Snake had gained some improvements!

The opponent arranged for the Peach Wood Team's previous exhibition match was only at the peak of the Platinum Tier. How could the opponent's ranking suddenly jump up a whole level!?

If Fang Mu hadn't just displayed Diamond Level Beast Master's strength, the Battle Network officials' arrangement of such an opponent for the Peach Wood Team would have been cursed to the heavens!

Even though Fang Mu's Sea Flame Twins had shown Diamond Level Beast Master's strength, the audience on-site and in various livestream rooms still questioned the Battle Network officials' arrangement.

[What's the deal? There's almost a double age difference between the opponents, who arranges matches like this!? How is the Peach Wood Team supposed to fight?]

[Hey, please focus on the main point, okay? What does age have to do with anything? There have been exhibition matches where the age difference between opponents was more than fourfold! Shouldn't the focus be that the opponent arranged by the Battle Network is too strong? This is clearly an attempt to prevent the Peach Wood Team from setting new Battle Network records!]

[Ugh, seriously speechless! This Half-Elf from Jianmu has a Diamond Phase Level One strength. It's obvious that there has been some trick to boost the Guardian Beast's ranking, jumping a whole major tier. How can they arrange an opponent with major competition experience like this? How are we supposed to fight that?]

[Exactly! It's not a solo duel, where does Hu Tao have a Diamond Level Guardian Beast? Hu Tao's strongest Guardian Beast is only at the Golden Stage. In this duel, Hu Tao basically has no chance of participating.]

Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng, even as they stood in the Arena, couldn't help but feel somewhat dazed.

They didn't understand how such a prized opportunity, eagerly vied for by major clubs for their own merchant teams, had fallen into their laps.

Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng were close friends, having previously served different teams.

Now that they were older, they had not been given the chance to stay on as coaches for their teams.

They planned to ride the wave of the Battle Network's doubles division and become streamers.

Both of their combat skills were capable of withstanding scrutiny and could guarantee a spectacular duel.

But livestreaming wasn't just about having enough fighting flair to gain popularity!

In terms of looks, neither Yu Chenglei nor Zhao Peng had any advantage.

Neither had the resources to hire a specialized team to package and promote themselves.

Luckily, the two were not dull-witted, thought quickly on their feet, and were good at communicating with the audience, which allowed them to barely accumulate some popularity.

However, the followers they'd gained lately were not of use for nurturing their Guardian Beasts, let alone upgrading their Beasts from Epic Quality to Legendary Quality!

Yu Chenglei's parents were both servant Beast Masters, who could afford to send Yu Chenglei to the Contemplation Hall only twice a year at most.

Yu Chenglei once had a very good opportunity. The reason he stayed at Inch Blade Club was because it promised to upgrade his main Guardian Beast, the Reverse Feather King Snake, to Epic Quality.

For that promise, Yu Chenglei committed to Inch Blade Club for ten years.

Zhao Peng spent years being used like a tool by the Grandmaster, called upon only when needed, otherwise left to guard the water cooler simply because of Zhao Peng's very poor relationship with the Wind Moon Club's Bishop.

If it were not for the contract in Wind Moon Club's hands, Zhao Peng's resources earned each month would just about cover the breach of contract fine.

Both were at a time when they needed opportunities most, and now, opportunity had come.

In the past few months, Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng had been very busy and didn't know much about the Peach Wood Team.

Liu Wei rushed the arrangements for their exhibition match, leaving them with no time to learn about their opponent.

However, the atmosphere on the spot let Zhao Peng and Yu Chenglei know that something was amiss.

Their opponents, a boy and a girl, seemed to be no older than seventeen or eighteen at most.

Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng thought to themselves that at such an age, even the top seed players from the most elite clubs would only be at the Two-Ray Star Beast Controller level.

Zhao Peng and Yu Chenglei exchanged glances and decided to summon their Guardian Beasts first.

However, they did not command their Guardian Beasts to attack, but allowed the opponents to make the first move instead.

That way, after participating in this exhibition match, they wouldn't have to endure too much public criticism.

While the post-duel buzz was guaranteed, neither wanted to take the route of infamy.

So that in future livestreams, they wouldn't be filled with doubts.

Yu Chenglei was the first to summon his main Guardian Beast, the Reverse Feather King Snake.

As Yu Chenglei's spiritual power fluctuated, a robust serpent nearly fifteen meters in length appeared before him.

Upon appearing, the serpent immediately coiled itself up, raising its head high, flicking a dark tongue.

A pair of wings broader than its body length was covered in grey-green hard feathers.

These feathers emitted a mellow halo.

The two large eyes on the serpent's head, like searchlights, focused on Fang Mu and Hu Tao.

Hu Tao, feeling the unrestrained might of the Diamond Level Beast up close, nearly stepped back.

Turning her gaze to Fang Mu, she realized that she was powerless to handle such a duel and had to rely on Fang Mu to confront it.

At that moment, Fang Mu's gaze had already settled on the Reverse Feather King Snake.

Fang Mu used the Innate Divine Ability of Fool's Shadow, the [Eye of Omniscience], to check the data of the Reverse Feather King Snake.

[Beast Name]: Reverse Feather King Snake

[Beast Species]: Feathered Serpent/King Serpent Breed

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[Beast Level]: Diamond Rank (9/10)

[Beast Element]: Earth

[Beast Potential]: Diamond Rank

[Beast Quality]: Epic

Skill:

[Feathered Defense]: The beast defends against physical attacks from the outside world using its double wings, shooting a reverse feather toward the direction of the attack during deflection.

[Feathered Assault]: It especially enhances several of its reverse feathers to deal a fatal strike to distant targets, infused with the unique blood venom of king serpents within the roots of the feathers.

[Feathered Dive Attack]: It flaps its wings to ascend to high altitudes and then locks onto a life form to launch a kamikaze attack.

[Venom Splash]: During close combat, venom floods the beast's surface, and when attacked, venom splashes outward, healing the creature whenever venom leaves its body.

[King Serpent's Roar]: Intimidates other creatures in the vicinity, whilst entering a frenzied and bloodthirsty state, significantly enhancing its aggressiveness. The intimidated targets will continue to deepen their fear of the creature over time.

Exclusive Traits:

[Heart of Rage]: When entering a frenzy, the beast can replenish its depleted energy by consuming life energy, also increasing its movement speed and rapidly regenerating its spent reverse feathers.

[Double Molting]: During combat, if the beast suffers a fatal attack or restraint, it can shed its skin to escape. However, after molting, it enters a weakened state for a period, with a maximum of two molts in a given time.

This level seven Diamond Rank epic quality Reverse Feather King Snake has promising bloodlines, and serpent beasts possess immense development potential.

With proper cultivation, it could potentially gain the opportunity to fly high!

However, this Reverse Feather King Snake did not get such an opportunity during its cultivation.

The king serpent breed of beasts is among the elites of serpent beasts, not only possessing strong physical qualities but also powerful blood toxins.

Yet, the Reverse Feather King Snake's skills and exclusive traits are weak in the use of toxins.

[Feathered Assault] and [Venom Splash] are two methods of using venom, one at close range and the other at a distance.

But [Feathered Assault] is easily blocked or evaded by the target, and [Venom Splash] relies on the target engaging in close combat.

Fang Mu's vision was improving practically every moment.

If Fang Mu had seen the Reverse Feather King Snake three months prior, he would have marveled at its power.

But now, in Fang Mu's eyes, it was merely a Guardian Beast that hadn't been given enough resources and therefore couldn't fully demonstrate its potential!

This is a common problem faced by most Beast Masters during the process of Cultivating Beasts!

Fortunately, the Reverse Feather King Snake's Diamond Level Skill [King Serpent's Roar] added a lot of points for it.

The exclusive trait [Heart of Rage], though primitive as it relies on consuming life energy for endurance, excels in rapidly replenishing "reverse feathers" for the Reverse Feather King Snake, maintaining its offensive methods.

[Double Molting] can save the creature's life up to twice in a battle.

However, after each molt, the beast must enter a state of weakness.

Once in a state of weakness, it becomes an easy target for the enemy.

Moreover, the "period of time" mentioned in the skill description could take several months for the Reverse Feather King Snake to gather the energy needed for two molts.

In the Battle Network, [Double Molting] could be used at will, but in reality, it was not the case.

Just then, Zhao Peng also summoned his own Guardian Beast.

When Zhao Peng's beast was first summoned, it looked extraordinarily ordinary and lacked any special features.

It was much like a large black ox used for plowing fields.

But soon, bright hues of blue-purple, yellow-brown, orange-red, and indigo appeared on the large black ox.

Only then did the audience realize that this bovine Guardian Beast had no hair on its body—its surface was made up of fine scales.

Fang Mu sharp-eyedly discovered an extraordinary complex energy reaction on the body of the snake-like Guardian Beast, not even two meters in length, a mixture of four kinds of Elemental Energy!

Fang Mu's eyes narrowed slightly.

After examining Zhao Peng's bovine Guardian Beast through the "Eye of Omniscience," Fang Mu silently pondered.

This Scale Bull indeed possessed four different attributes!

[Beast Name]: Four-Treasure Scale Bull

[Beast Species]: Giant horned cow Clan/Scale Bull Breed

[Beast Level]: Diamond Rank (6/10)

[Beast Element]: Electric/Fire/Wind/Earth

[Beast Potential]: Diamond Rank

[Beast Quality]: Epic Quality

Skills:

[Two-treasure Strike]: Select any two types of Elemental Energy under its control to launch a long-range attack on the target. Each hit adds a layer of Treasure Seal to itself.

[Treasure Offering Bull Puppet]: Extract its own Elemental Energy from its body to form an Elemental Bull Puppet of corresponding rank, immune to physical damage.

[Bull Puppet Explosion]: Detonate its own Elemental Bull Puppet to inflict excessive damage, allowing the recovery of a portion of Elemental Energy that formed the Bull Puppet after the explosion.

[Three-Treasure Restrain]: Combine its own Elemental Energy with ambient energy to restrain the same elements in the environment that match its own, under the condition that three types of Elemental Energy are contained within the restraining field.

[Treasure Seal Activation]: Activate the condensed Treasure Seals. Each layer increases the energy recovery rate by three percent and amplifies its elemental resonance and elemental characteristics.

Exclusive Traits:

[Four-treasure Blessing]: Use its own elements to boost a chosen target, enhancing the target's elemental resistance and adding different elemental characteristics of its four attributes to the target's attacks (during the process of applying characteristics to the target's assault, the creature's energy continually depletes).

[Elemental Unleashing]: Unleash the Elemental Energy within its body, allowing multiple energies to counteract each other. Charge at the target with a sacrificial attack, carrying Elemental Energy. After unleashing, it will be unable to resonate with Elemental Energy for a period of time.

Beasts with four attributes are exceedingly rare for a couple of reasons. On one hand, it is difficult for different types of Elemental Energy to coexist within the same individual.

Elemental Energies easily clash with one another.

Should a conflict occur, the Guardian Beast has a high probability of exploding and perishing.

On the other hand, creatures with multiple Elemental Energies are typically rare mutations within a clan.

These mutations struggle to survive in the wild.

If Fang Mu had not guessed wrong, this Four-Treasure Scale Bull was one of the rare mutations among the Black water scale bulls!

Electric, Earth, Fire, Wind – although only Fire and Wind can promote elemental enhancement, the Electric element has a strong conductivity in water and can counter most Water Element Guardian Beasts.

The Earth Element endows the multi-treasure scale bull with great defensive capabilities.

These four elemental attributes can be considered a decent setup.

However, there are several skills and exclusive traits of the Four-Treasure Scale Bull that cannot be used together.

For instance, the skill [Treasure Offering Bull Puppet] limits the use of [Two-treasure Strike] and [Three-Treasure Restrain].

It can even reduce the effect of its exclusive trait [Four-treasure Blessing]!

Guardian Beasts might end up like this during cultivation due to a change in the cultivation plan midway.

This filled Fang Mu with a hint of regret.

In terms of potential, this Four-Treasure Scale Bull had a certain chance to evolve into a Five-treasure Scale Bull.

Once a Guardian Beast within harbors five attributes, the interaction between different attributes can create a qualitative change!

Once Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng had summoned their main battle mystic beasts, they also called upon their support Guardian Beasts.

The strengths of Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng's support Guardian Beasts were also at the threshold of the Diamond Rank.

The audience onsite and those watching the live stream who were unfamiliar with Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng were left speechless upon seeing their Guardian Beast equipment.

How could the Peach Wood Team win with such Guardian Beast equipment?

While the audience questioned the fairness of the match, the corners of Fang Mu's mouth curled up.

Only opponents like these were worthy to be the test for his other Guardian Beasts that had just advanced to Diamond Rank!

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First, the quality of the Guardian Beast could compensate for the level disparity.

At the Diamond Rank, the gap between an Epic Quality and a Legendary Quality Guardian Beast could make up for three to four minor ranking levels.

That is to say, the power of these Legendary Quality Guardian Beasts at Diamond Phase Level One under Fang Mu's command was equivalent to Epic Quality Guardian Beasts at Diamond Rank four or five!

Fang Mu simultaneously released the Sea Flame Twins and the Eden Dreamland.

The clouds in the sky and the green grass spread from Fang Mu as the center, unleashing a torrential downpour.

Only Fang Mu and Hu Tao, standing within the rain screen, remained dry.

The rainwater did not get absorbed by the grassland but instead accumulated on top of it.

At the sight of the Sea Flame Twins, both Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng showed expressions of disbelief.

On one hand, they hadn't expected this young Beast Master's rank to have reached the Diamond Phase.

Now they somewhat understood why the Battle Network's officials had chosen them to participate in this exhibition match!

On the other hand, even though the two were not Creators, they could tell that the Half-Elf's bloodline was extremely powerful, and she was probably not far from becoming a true Elf!

And the spreading greenery under the youth's feet was a Domain-Type Wood property Guardian Beast.

Such Domain-Type Guardian Beasts were always troublesome to deal with.

Yu Chenglei and Zhao Peng changed their minds and decided not to stick with their own style and wait for Fang Mu and Hu Tao to strike first.

The two had been competing in arenas for years and knew very well that the tides of battle could change rapidly.

If there was a huge gap in strength between them, they could afford to give way to each other, but now there seemed to be no need for such courtesy!

Zhao Peng was not afraid of the Sea Flame Twins.

Firstly, the comprehensive strength of his own Guardian Beasts was clearly stronger.

Secondly, his Four-Treasure Scale Cow's skill [Three-Treasure Restrain] could lock down the environmental Fire Elements, depriving the Water Fire Dual-Property Half-Elf of control over Fire Elements.

Once Elemental Beasts collided with his Four-Treasure Scale Cow's property, they would, without exception, be suppressed by his Four-Treasure Scale Cow.

If not for his Four-Treasure Scale Cow's formidable strength, how could he still be a substitute player in the Wind Moon Club's reserve team after offending the main coach of the Wind Moon Club?

Zhao Peng signaled Yu Chenglei with a look to attack first.

His Four-Treasure Scale Cow was not adept at charging and close combat, so launching elemental attacks at the Half-Elf had no practical significance.

Since the opponent hadn't deployed any battle-ready Guardian Beasts, they could only launch an attack on the target's Beast Master.

In the small team composed of Zhao Peng and Yu Chenglei, Zhao Peng was always the commander.

Upon receiving Zhao Peng's instruction, Yu Chenglei immediately had the Reverse Feather King Snake use the skill [Feathered Assault].

The dark grey feathers shot out as the Reverse Feather King Snake flapped its wings and emitted a screech.

The offensive power of [Feathered Assault] wasn't too strong; although it had the Armor Break effect, it relied more on the venom within its feathers to harm the target.

However, the striking distance of [Feathered Assault] was extraordinarily far.

The Reverse Feather King Snake could use [Feathered Assault] to cover the entire Arena in the Gold Battle Hall.

But the moment those feathers shot into the rain curtain, they suddenly burst into flames.

The strands of rain, like artillery shells, bombarded the feathers, triggering a series of explosions.

Each raindrop on the feather triggered a poison mark due to the unique feature [Poison Mark Fragments].

Every three poison marks caused an explosion.

With the continuous blasting from [Poison Mark Fragments], the feathers couldn't get anywhere near Fang Mu and Hu Tao.

Fang Mu had summoned the Sea Flame Twins not for offensive purposes but instead for defense and support, not intending for them to launch an attack.

Thanks to their skill [Water Spirit Conversion], the Sea Flame Twins had already refined the corpse of a Blood Duke.

With the current strength of the Sea Flame Twins using [Water Spirit Conversion] to become a Blood Duke, they could hold on for a minute.

A Blood Duke at the peak of Diamond Level, even if he couldn't kill or severely injure both the Reverse Feather King Snake and the Four-Treasure Scale Cow within a minute, could at least take down one and seriously injure the other.

Seeing that the Reverse Feather King Snake's skill [Feathered Assault] was ineffective made Zhao Peng's brow furrow slightly.

The defense of this rain screen was much stronger than he had anticipated, it seemed he could only have the Reverse Feather King Snake use [Feathered Dive Attack] for a forceful offense!

His Four-Treasure Scale Cow would implement the skill [Treasure Offering Bull Puppet], using the electrical, earth, and wind Elemental Energies inside its body to create three Elemental Bull Puppets of the same rank to flank the Reverse Feather King Snake.

The Fire Elements would be retained within its body to restrain the Half-Elf's abilities related to Fire property.

While Zhao Peng was planning, the commentator was analyzing the passionate battle.

However, before the dust had settled, the commentator didn't dare to preemptively declare favoritism for any team.

Once a host-commentator gets labeled as a "jinx," unless they successfully "jinx" every time and make it their trademark,

they would essentially be barred from large-scale events!

Even if Fang Mu's side succeeds in defending against the Reverse Feather King Snake's attack, the vast majority of the audience still didn't favor the Peach Wood Team.

"There's still no chance! That Four-Treasure Scale Cow just so happens to counter Jianmu's Half-Elf, and having seen the performances of the Reverse Feather King Snake in previous matches, it's extremely skilled in close combat and can spew venom in the midst of enemy attacks."

"The King Snake doesn't seem to be oppressed by the Main Dragon Species' Beast Bloodline like other Serpent Beasts. If the Peach Wood Team loses this match, it might be difficult for the Battle Network to explain, right?"

Chapter 1184: "Damn, the Four-Treasure Scale Cow has begun to divide its internal elements!

With these three Elemental Bull Puppets split off, the field now has three more entities with firepower on par with Diamond-class Beastmasters.""There are still two Diamond-level Guardian Beasts from the Scale Feather Team that haven't made their move!"

Originally, the actions of the Four-Treasure Scale Cow captured the attention of the audience on the scene, but as soon as the cluster of Life Lotus Platforms held in Fang Mu's palm appeared, they immediately seized the attention of all the spectators.

This touch of greenness was too pure, like a piece of jade green to the ultimate extent.

This cluster of Life Lotus Platforms was being publicly displayed by Fang Mu for the first time.

Many in the audience were guessing what kind of Guardian Beast the platform might be, and from its performance, it seemed to be mostly related to healing.

Ever since Huang Yue, a disciple of the Grandmaster Creator, had taken Jianmu as an idol, she had been following Jianmu's actions on the Battle Network.

Knowing about the Peach Wood Team's exhibition match, Huang Yue specially purchased a front-row seat and showed up in a low profile to support her idol.

At the sight of the cluster of Life Lotus Platforms in Fang Mu's palm, Huang Yue couldn't help but let out a surprised gasp.

"Could this be the purebred 'Lily Lily'!?"

The performance of the Guardian Beast in Fang Mu's hands was quite consistent with the description of the purebred 'Lily Lily'.

Her own master once cultivated the Lily Lily but ultimately failed to fully revert it to its ancestral form.

This left her master quite regretful.

But in this hard-fought situation, why would Fang Mu summon such a purely healing class Guardian Beast?

Fang Mu did not give either the audience or the opponents time to react.

After summoning the Lily Lily, the Immaculate King Lotus also emerged from the ground beneath his feet.

The enormous Immaculate King Lotus lifted Fang Mu and Hu Tao, giving them a commanding view over Yu Chinglei and Zhao Peng.

Next to the Immaculate King Lotus, the Reverse Feather King Snake seemed quite small.

The rain falling on Eden Greenfield had not been absorbed, and Fang Mu had not allowed the Sea Flame Twins to recycle the water.

The moment the Immaculate King Lotus emerged from the earth, the accumulated rainwater on Eden Greenfield disappeared immediately.

Following that, a huge shadow of a black lotus, as if sculpted from white jade, appeared above the Immaculate King Lotus.

This giant shadow of a black lotus was solidifying rapidly, aiming to obliterate the Reverse Feather King Snake bearing down from the skill [Feathered Dive Attack].

Just as the black lotus was about to collide with the Reverse Feather King Snake, a shackle fell upon the body of the Four-Treasure Scale Cow that was assisting the Reverse Feather King Snake.

Zhao Peng reacted very quickly, retreating the Four-Treasure Scale Cow out of caution before understanding the effects of the shackle.

But it was already too late, a green Conductive Lock Chain had extended from the Four-Treasure Scale Cow.

The other end of the chain reached towards the Reverse Feather King Snake.

The black lotus crashed into the Reverse Feather King Snake creating a sky full of dark shadows; once these shadows vanished, the massive body of the Reverse Feather King Snake was reduced to a pile of pus, its bones gone.

The Four-Treasure Scale Cow and the other two Guardian Beasts just entering Diamond level, even without being struck, also fell to the ground, their Life Energy completely drained.

In a blaze of action that caught many off-guard, the Peach Wood Team had already defeated their opponents, their figures vanishing from the Arena.

Fang Mu was extremely satisfied with the effects of the Diamond Level Skill [Filthy Lotus Unleashed] of the Immaculate King Lotus.

[Filthy Lotus Unleashed]: All impurity energy within the reach of the Root Whiskers is condensed into a single lotus shadow, which strikes the target with the impurity energy, autonomously infusing into the target upon impact.

The poisonous rainwater contained within Eden Dreamland's spreading green was transformed into black lotus shadows by the Immaculate King Lotus.

Fang Mu, through the Lily Lily's skills [Healing Shackles] and [Conductive Lock Chain], linked the life energy of the Four-Treasure Scale Cow with that of the Reverse Feather King Snake.

As long as the Reverse Feather King Snake was damaged, the Four-Treasure Scale Cow would continuously channel its life force into the snake.

This was the true cause of the Four-Treasure Scale Cow's death!

The demise of the other two Diamond-level Guardian Beasts was due to Lily Lily's new Diamond Level Skill [Chain Splitting Life] connecting the creatures.

[Chain Splitting Life]: When the Conductive Lock Chain is in an overloaded state, the number of chains can be increased, and the additional chains will link to designated targets to either drain or inject Life Energy.

Lily Lily's Diamond Level Skill [Chain Splitting Life] was no longer as cumbersome as the Platinum Tier Skill [Conductive Lock Chain].

Because [Chain Splitting Life] was no longer so dependent on [Healing Shackles], it was not necessary to use the target that had been placed under the [Healing Shackles] as a port, but linkage could be done at will.

This greatly enhanced Lily Lily's healing and offensive capabilities.

Of course, under the condition that both the Filthy King Lotus and Lily Lily were Diamond Phase Level One Legendary Quality, they should not be able to instantly kill four Diamond-level Beastmasters.

Moreover, the rank of Reverse Feather King Snake was at Diamond Rank Nine Epic Quality, and Four-Treasure Scale Cow was at Diamond Rank Six Epic Quality.

The effect was achieved because Eden Dreamland activated its exclusive trait [Rapid Growth], using its own energy to promote the rank advancement of Immaculate King Lotus.

It allowed Immaculate King Lotus to truly reach Diamond Level Peak!

Fang Mu would say he was more satisfied with the synergy between himself and his pets than with the straightforward offensive power of Immaculate King Lotus.

Fang Mu was indulging in the battle, completely unaware of the uproar his recent tactics had caused!

The Battle Network was abuzz with discussions about Fang Mu's strength.

The bewildered host and commentator stood on stage, clueless about how to explain the current situation.

This commentator, in his heart, was going crazy, but his tongue was numb.

He could guess the process by the results, but he didn't know the actual effect of those green shackles and the shadow of the black lotus.

If he had such insight, he could try becoming a Creator himself!

Among the audience who were at the exhibition match, Jiang Tuo definitely had the most complex thoughts.

Jiang Tuo thoroughly understood Fang Mu's strength through this battle.

Even if mature, Jiang Tuo's youthful nature made him somewhat arrogant about his own abilities.

Fang Mu was both Jiang Tuo's idol and goal, and Fang Mu's strength made the gap between them crystal clear.

Jiang Tuo would strive to chase that gap and make himself even better.

Though Hu Tao did nothing in this battle, Jiang Tuo was envious of Hu Tao.

Because Jiang Tuo also wished he could stand by Fang Mu's side and battle together with him.

"Fang Mu, I plan to ride on the heat of the exhibition match and do a live stream," Hu Tao said.

"Are we going to match up in the two-player section, or shall I play a solo match?"

Hu Tao had been communicating a lot with Liu Tiantian recently, learning many ways from her about how to manage popularity for the Battle Network's streamers.

Starting a live stream now on the back of this popularity could attract a lot of attention.

Hu Tao had transformed the carcasses of those four Sword-shield Starbirds into derivative Bird Armor Puppets, enhancing both his offensive and defensive abilities.

Compared to serving as a backdrop for a doubles match with Fang Mu, Hu Tao preferred to prove himself in a solo match.

Fang Mu seriously responded to Hu Tao,

"Hu Tao, you go ahead and participate in a solo match first. I've got some things to take care of!"

With that, Fang Mu logged out of the Battle Network.

The Blood Race Queen Yisi had contacted him through a Communication Beast, which certainly meant there was urgent business.

Otherwise, Yisi wouldn't easily initiate contact with him.

Inside the Blood Race, using a Communication Beast was risky.

Having left the Battle Network, Fang Mu returned to his room and replied to Yisi using the Legend Butterfly.

Yisi quickly connected and earnestly said to Fang Mu,

"Master, I may not be able to bring those Evil Spirits to you immediately."

"After failing to invite the Blood Race Queen Erica, Ervean wants to invite me to the Human World to help her control a human Founding Sect Grandmaster."

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"I need to stay in Queen Ervean's Red Moon Castle during this time, and acting in agreement with Ervean will be more in line with your purpose," Fang Mu said.

"Make Ervean believe that I am a team member worth collaborating with."

Fang Mu raised an eyebrow upon hearing this.

It seemed that Zhang Yue had already negotiated with Ervean, but the progress was so rapid that it somewhat exceeded Fang Mu's expectations!

To Ervean, this Blood Seed was nothing more than a tool to control the human Creator, but for Zhang Yue, it was tied to his future.

Zhang Yue could not take this lightly!

Therefore, Fang Mu thought it more likely that Ervean, rather than Zhang Yue initiating contact, had suddenly reached out to Zhang Yue and Zhang Yue was taking advantage of the situation!

After Fang Mu and Yisi finished their conversation, Fang Mu would go to find Zhang Yue and ask him about this matter.

"If that's the case, then stay by Ervean's side for now. I believe it won't be long before we meet."

"You must give Ervean more confidence and certainly entice Ervean to meet with the human Grandmaster Creator who planted the Blood Seed."

"If there is an emergency, remember to notify me as soon as possible!"

In Fang Mu's view, it was Ervean who had actively sought Yisi's help, hence Yisi chose to assist Ervean.

It wasn't Yisi who actively proposed to Ervean, so Ervean should have no guard against Yisi!

Only then would Fang Mu feel safe letting Yisi guide Ervean to firm up her decisions.

Otherwise, Fang Mu was quite fearful that Ervean might suspect Yisi, leading to Yisi's situation of being controlled by humans being exposed in front of other Blood Race members.

Upon hearing these words, Yisi spoke very firmly and seriously to Fang Mu.

"Master, Ervean is rather anxious now; she is the one asking me for help."

"Ervean is planning to control the human Grandmaster Creator privately and doesn't intend to share him with more of the Blood Race."

"Ervean is stronger than me; she thinks she can suppress me and that's why she sought my help."

"Otherwise, with the relationship between me and Ervean, she probably wouldn't have thought of me!"

When Yisi was initially controlled by Fang Mu, her greatest fear was that Fang Mu would make her act against other members of the Blood Race.

Deep inside, Yisi did not want to become a puppet of humans.

But soon after she recognized the extraordinary aspects of Fang Mu, she immediately changed her thoughts.

The blood red fog released from within Fang Mu strengthened Yisi's conviction that Fang Mu was the Saint Heir prophesied by the Blood Race.

The emergence of the Saint Heir was supposed to bring transformation and rejuvenation to the Blood Race.

Fang Mu gaining control over her, making her the first Blood Race Queen to be controlled by another creature, was that not a transformation?

Actually, rather than saying Yisi truly recognized Fang Mu as the Blood Race Saint Heir, it was more like Yisi was rationalizing her own actions.

This allowed Yisi's heart to feel better when she commenced actions against other Blood Race members.

Yisi, becoming the Blood Race Queen, had faced too many hardships; now, she had become a person at the pinnacle of the Blood Race pyramid.

Yisi had no desire to die!

And since Fang Mu just happened to control her life and death, Yisi had to be obedient to Fang Mu.

Moreover, Fang Mu could bring her substantial benefits.

Having felt the enhancement of her bloodline from the Blood Aged Wine, Yisi even felt that staying close to Fang Mu offered her a chance to become the most powerful queen of the Blood Race.

Yisi's ambition was fully unleashed after she attached herself to Fang Mu.

In this situation, Yisi targeting other Blood Race queens came without any psychological pressure!

After finishing the call with Yisi, Fang Mu had intended to look for Zhang Yue.

But before Fang Mu could leave his room, he received a message from She Wan saying that Zhang Yue wanted to meet him.

Now that Zhang Yue was considered one of his own, Fang Mu didn't put on airs with Zhang Yue.

Instead, he had She Wan directly bring Zhang Yue to his room.

Zhang Yue appeared before Fang Mu with a face full of urgency.

Seeing his demeanor, Fang Mu knew the issue must be quite serious!

"Uncle Zhang, take your time and tell me what's the matter."

After speaking, Fang Mu poured a cup of Mist Frost Tea for Zhang Yue to calm his spirit.

As a Grandmaster Creator, Zhang Yue was usually composed, but at this moment, he could no longer keep his composure.

"Little Wood, I hope you can help me get in touch with the Qixing Grandmaster."

"Queen Ervean has been frequently activating the Blood Seed, and thinking my Guardian Beasts were about to awaken, I deliberately showed some weakness."

"I didn't resist as stubbornly as before."

"As a result, the Blood Race Queen who implanted the Blood Seed in me contacted me through the Blood Seed and invited me to meet in the Red Thorn Forest outside Boundless City."

"I'm thinking since my Guardian Beasts are about to awaken, and once they awaken and their bloodline enhances, I could still use the Destiny Guidebook to forcefully conceal the aura of these few beasts."

"So as not to be detected by the Blood Seed implanted in my neck."

“But the fluctuations triggered by these four Guardian Beasts entering the Sequential are just too great and will enhance my own origin.”

“Queen Ervean, by that name, will definitely be able to perceive this.”

“At that time, it’s very likely she won’t think about manipulating me in reality anymore!”

“My Guardian Beasts, after being nurtured by Master Qixing, not only had their bloodlines enhanced, but their bodies are also in an inflated state of energy.”

“Even if I tried to suppress it, I could only ensure that they wouldn’t advance in rank for up to seven days.”

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu’s eyes flickered slightly.

The four Guardian Beasts of Zhang Yue had been nurtured by Fang Mu, so naturally, Fang Mu was very clear about the situation of those four beasts.

Chapter 1186: The Nine Poisonous Scorpion Basin!_2

Zhang Yue wasn’t surprised that he would say such things or harbor such thoughts.

The Guardian Beasts at the peak of the Sequential Rank needed an opportunity to step into the Order, and at this moment all four of Zhang Yue’s beasts were poised at such a juncture.

If he forcibly suppressed their rank and prevented the breakthrough, it was highly likely that they would miss this opportunity.

After this, if he wanted to attempt another breakthrough for his beasts, it would depend on chance!

Zhang Yue didn’t want to wait for such an elusive stroke of luck anymore.

Zhang Yue's intention was clear, he wanted to meet with Queen Ervean of the Blood Race in person in the real world before his four Guardian Beasts stepped into the Order within seven days.

Zhang Yue's demand coincided with Fang Mu's thoughts.

Fang Mu also wanted to resolve this matter as soon as possible and acquire another Blood Race Queen as his servant.

After settling this issue, Fang Mu could then depart for the Sea of Domains.

Otherwise, with a ticking time bomb attached to Zhang Yue, Fang Mu couldn't possibly leave him to fend for himself!

It would be better for Fang Mu to deal with the matter within seven days so that he could obtain the large quantity of Evil Spirits from Yisi before heading to the Sea of Domains.

"Uncle Zhang, you should know that my mentor is in seclusion."

"However, given the circumstances, I cannot simply ignore it. I will definitely inform my mentor!"

"I believe my mentor would be willing to help you resolve this issue!"

"Uncle Zhang, go and make your preparations first. I'm not sure if you'd prefer to head back to Boundless City on your own or travel with me?"

Hearing Fang Mu speak, Zhang Yue breathed a sigh of relief. He was even more grateful to Fang Mu than he was to Qixing.

"Boundless City is not far from the territory of the Blood Race. I think it would be better for me to return there first and make an appearance in Boundless City."

“The Blood Race is often seen in Boundless City. I’m sure that Blood Race Queen has her informants there!”

Zhang Yue paused for a moment before speaking to Fang Mu with extreme earnestness.

“Little Wood, this operation concerns my future, so I hope you can ensure its success.”

“I will certainly repay you handsomely afterward!”

Zhang Yue’s words seemed like a reminder to Fang Mu, but in reality, they were a request from Zhang Yue as a Grandmaster Creator to Fang Mu.

Fang Mu’s expression turned even more serious than Zhang Yue’s as he spoke.

“Uncle Zhang, you’re overthinking it.”

“You are a Grandmaster Creator under my mentor’s command. Even though my mentor is in seclusion, he will definitely prioritize securing your future!”

“I will head to Boundless City in five days, and we can coordinate further then.”

Zhang Yue knew that these words would tarnish his dignity as a Grandmaster Creator.

However, he still couldn’t refrain from voicing his concerns for his own future.

After finishing his conversation with Fang Mu, Zhang Yue immediately left with Chen Tong.

As a Grandmaster Creator, Zhang Yue possessed Sequential Rank Space-based Beasts that could quickly travel great distances.

Chen Tong had no idea of the recent events that had transpired with Zhang Yue.

He was quite surprised; his master had been planning to stay at Fang Mu's Mountain Manor for a while longer.

Why the sudden rush to return to Boundless City?

Chen Tong was thrilled about the return to Boundless City.

However, when he looked at Zhang Yue's face, he noticed not a trace of a smile; his expression was as cold and hard as iron.

Chen Tong knew Zhang Yue well enough to understand that such an expression meant either grave concerns or someone had offended Zhang Yue.

Clearly, it was impossible for anyone in the Mountain Manor to have offended his master.

And even if someone had, given his master's current state, he wouldn't have clashed with anyone at the Mountain Manor.

So his master must have been burdened with serious concerns.

Chen Tong tactfully refrained from asking Zhang Yue what had happened, knowing that he had no ability to resolve any issue his master encountered.

He just needed to remain obediently at his master's side.

After Zhang Yue left, Fang Mu fell into deep thought.

Fang Mu pondered over whom he should bring along to ensure the success of this operation.

The people Fang Mu used to consider were Su Qing, Shui Miao.

Fang Mu couldn't possibly involve those same two individuals every time an operation was carried out!

After all, Fang Mu had just recently troubled Su Qing and Shui Miao.

This operation must not only be kept secretive from too many people, but it also had to be carried out flawlessly without the slightest error.

Yisi wasn't a mind-reader inside Queen Ervean's stomach, Fang Mu wouldn't simply take Yisi's word that Ervean had only sought out Yisi's help to be certain that Ervean wouldn't seek others.

Thus, Fang Mu used the Legend Butterfly to contact Jun Feng, a Peak Order Practitioner.

Only the presence of someone like Jun Feng, a Peak Order Practitioner, could, in Fang Mu's opinion, firmly hold down the fort!

It was perfect timing since right after this operation, they were meant to head to the Sea of Domains, Jun Feng only needing to head to Boundless City five days later just like himself.

Over ten days were plenty for Jun Feng and Ning Hongshu to return to the Hall of Nine Poisons, to deal with the original issues of the hall!

As soon as Fang Mu used the Legend Butterfly to make contact with Jun Feng, Jun Feng immediately responded.

What entered his ears was Jun Feng's hearty, booming laughter.

“Little Wood, I thought you would have come to me a few days ago, but you didn’t contact me until now!”

“My side of things has already been resolved. Shall I set out immediately for the Dragon Rising Federation?”

“I thought that Dew Condensate Cang Lu was tough, but after just two days in the Nine Poison Scorpion Basin, it became quite docile and turned into a mount.”

“The maids in the Hall of Nine Poisons can now ride it around!”

Jun Feng hated nothing more than those who couldn’t read the room, that Dew Condensate Cang Lu just happened to cross his line of fire.

If that Dew Condensate Cang Lu could’ve stayed tough, Jun Feng would have had more respect for it.

But it turned out to be spineless.

Upon hearing this, the corners of Fang Mu’s mouth twitched involuntarily.

Fang Mu had heard about the Nine Poison Scorpion Basin from Ning Hongshu.

It was filled with thousands of poisonous insects, snakes, and toads.

The toxicities of these creatures weren’t too severe, primarily used for punishment and interrogation.

Being thrown into the Nine Poison Scorpion Basin meant the Dew Condensate Cang Lu not only had to constantly withstand the gnawing of poisons but also endure the agony of toxins wreaking havoc inside its body.

It was hard for Fang Mu to imagine any tough creatures that could endure such torture.

Even those with deep faith might begin to waver under such torment.

This was why Fang Mu insisted on having absolute control over his subordinates.

Fang Mu did this out of fear that his subordinates might find themselves in a similar situation and divulge secrets about himself or the Infinite Tower.

If Fang Mu had been alone, it would have been one thing, but the key point was that he had an elder brother and sisters.

Fang Qin, Fang Yuan, and Yan Wood also couldn't withstand retaliation!

Calculating the time, Lu Ke should have already returned to the Cyan Deer Tribe.

Lu Ke should be able to respond to Fang Mu soon.

The trade deal between him and Lu Ke was related to the reproduction of the Cyan Deer Tribe, which they would surely consider seriously.

Even if he couldn't strike a deal with the Qi Tian Pale Deer clan, Lu Ke could still gather a significant amount of Prayers to Heaven's Tears for him.

After receiving these Prayers to Heaven's Tears, Fang Mu would distribute them.

To enhance Fang Yuan, Fang Qin, Yan Wood, Hu Tao, Jiang Tuo, and others.

To see who, after using the Prayers to Heaven's Tears, had their souls fortified enough to contract an additional Ghost System Beast!

Even if they couldn't reach such an extent, at the very least, they should be able to contract an additional Ghost Device.

Five days passed in the blink of an eye, and Shu Liangjun took Fang Mu through the Kong Zhiluoman vine to Boundless City.

Boundless City was an immense distance from the Dragon Rising Federation; Shu Liangjun had to confirm the coordinates four times during transmission, which took a substantial toll on the Kong Zhiluoman vine.

Boundless City was towering and majestic, its thousands of meters high walls piercing the sky, making anyone feel insignificant beneath it.

However, the walls of Boundless City did not provide an absolute sense of security to the residents within.

Fang Mu had heard from Zhang Yue that the forests sprawling outside Boundless City would often spawn massive beast tides.

The particularly severe beast tide that erupted one hundred and sixty years prior had demolished the walls of Boundless City and caused over half of the city's structures to collapse.

If Boundless City were not an adventurer-created city, playing the role of a campsite and relay station, it may have already vanished in such a perilous environment!

Chapter 1187: The Terrified Qingmo Clan!

Zhang Yue, a Grandmaster Creator, had been residing in Boundless City for many years, bringing a great sense of security to the people within the city.

This had also made Zhang Yue deeply beloved and supported by the citizens of Boundless City!

Having a Grandmaster Creator stationed in a mega federation could bring tangible benefits to the federation, let alone one in a mega city.

At the gates of Boundless City, there were stalls after stalls, but the goods they sold were not resources adventurers gathered from the wilderness.

Instead, they were various kinds of survival supplies.

Not all adventurers who left the city had a Space Spirit Tool.

Many adventurers, while training and making a living outside, would carry a huge beast-skin backpack.

It was filled with supplies they might need for short-term adventures.

Fang Mu and Shu Liangjun had both used Noface Star Paper to alter their appearances.

The Noface Star Paper Fang Mu used was a gift from Shui Miao, transforming him into the look of an ordinary uncle.

Through his Noface Star Paper, Shu Liangjun appeared even younger than the ordinary uncle Fang Mu had become.

“Little Wood, actually, if you have time, you could benefit from practicing in this kind of environment.”

“After joining a few large adventure groups, you would gain a clearer understanding of this world.”

No sooner had he spoken than Shu Liangjun realized he had misspoken.

Fang Mu was the only disciple of Saint Creator Qixing, the spokesperson for Qixing.

In Shu Liangjun's memory, whenever anything happened, Qixing never handled it personally.

This had left Fang Mu with no opportunity to gain the kind of experience he had mentioned.

The last time Fang Mu went to the large ancient battlefield near the Panfeng Federation, it seemed to be Fang Mu's first long journey away from the Dragon Rising Federation.

When Shu Liangjun was younger, he loved practicing outside and had joined many adventure groups.

Coming from a noble family, Shu Liangjun was naive before his real training.

It was only after witnessing the true nature of humanity within the adventure groups that Shu Liangjun truly understood the survival laws of the World of Beast Masters.

A humane force like the Infinite Tower was something Shu Liangjun could hardly have imagined before.

It was for this reason that Shu Liangjun felt such a strong sense of belonging after he became the Dao Protector for Fang Mu.

Fang Mu smiled and blinked in response.

Fang Mu understood what Shu Liangjun meant and knew he was trying to give him some insight.

For a Beast Master, whether it was oneself or a Guardian Beast getting injured, both required substantial healing costs.

If the team had a Healing beast tamer, it was manageable; otherwise, injuries could only be superficially treated with medical supplies prepared in advance.

Only after the adventure could they return to Boundless City to find a professional therapist to heal themselves or their Guardian Beasts.

Such delays could lead to enduring damage to oneself or the Guardian Beast.

This prompted an adventure group to assign risky tasks to newcomers who joined temporarily.

Even among adventure group members who had been together for a long time, backstabbing or abandoning a teammate for the sake of benefits and safety could often occur.

Fang Mu had heard about such matters from Fang Yuan before becoming a Beast Master himself.

Fang Yuan, in order to supplement the family's income, joined an adventure group as a temporary adventurer during a holiday.

Fang Yuan's Guardian Beast wasn't injured, but Fang Yuan's back was gashed by a beast, leaving a nearly thirty-centimeter-long wound.

After learning about the situation, Fang Qin took up the role of family head for the first time and forbade Fang Yuan from joining any adventure groups again.

It was after this incident that Fang Qin applied to join Jing Hai Army's special operations squad to undertake dangerous missions.

As a transmigrator, Fang Mu didn't really need to witness the ugliness of human nature to know how low people could stoop.

Perhaps many of these adventurers, now accumulating resources, might never be seen again on their next visit to Boundless City.

A stall owner, seeing Fang Mu and Shu Liangjun empty-handed, guessed they must be carrying Spatial Equipment.

"Hey, you two, need any spiritual instruments?"

“I’ve just crafted a few new spiritual instruments for sale!”

“My crafted spiritual instruments are among the top in the entire Boundless City!”

Fang Mu glanced up and saw that most of the spiritual instruments for sale at this stall were of the Copper Level, with only a few of the Silver Stage.

The best of them, a Silver Peak spiritual instrument, was placed prominently on a display shelf at the front of the stall.

Such a level of spiritual instrument was the most basic wherever it was placed; this stall owner was indeed adept at self-promotion!

Shu Liangjun scoffed.

“The circuits in every spiritual instrument on your stall have been simplified; these are not durable!”

Shu Liangjun’s loud remark served as a warning to the adventurers standing nearby.

This caused the stall owner’s expression to darken suddenly, though he did not react explosively.

“You can eat whatever you like, but be careful with your words!”

“My spiritual instruments are all forged by the Spirit-smithing Masters from the Lingdian Family!”

“Are you questioning the abilities of the Lingdian Family’s Spirit-smithing Masters!?”

The stall owner brought up the Lingdian Family, indicating they likely had some status and influence within Boundless City.

As a member of the Order Strong, Shu Liangjun hardly regarded the Lingdian Family spoken of by the stall owner as significant.

The most esteemed people in the entire Boundless City were servants of Qixing.

"I am not questioning the ability of the Lingdian Family's Spirit-smithing Masters, but I do question the intentions of the Spirit-smithing Master who entrusted the spiritual instruments to you."

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"Selling such simplified circuit spiritual instruments without prior notice should really be condemned," said Fang Mu.

"If adventurers use these spiritual instruments outside, they are risking their lives!"

Having heard this, the burly man had already picked up a spiritual instrument from the stand, and his spiritual power emitted fluctuations.

However, the burly man eventually held himself back and did not cause trouble for Fang Mu and Shu Liangjun.

The City Lord of Boundless City had just announced they would strengthen the management of security outside the city and would not allow any serious conflicts in the supplies purchasing area outside the city.

It was said that the Float Yue GrandMaster also attended the management meeting held by the City Lord two days ago; it really wasn't necessary for him to stick his neck out.

If a conflict arose, it would be troublesome if the city guards of Boundless City came looking for him!

This burly man always felt that the young man before him, who looked ordinary, was here to cause trouble, knowing the condition of the spiritual instruments he sold all too well.

He had been working with his cousin to make money this way for a long time.

Although his cousin was a mid-level Forge Spirit, he had learned some techniques from a Spirit Forging Master of the Lingdian Family.

This Spirit Forging Master's unique forging skills had never been spotted at first glance for such a long time.

However, a few adventure groups had questioned the quality of his spiritual instruments afterward.

But as soon as he mentioned the Lingdian Family, those adventure groups dared not speak any further.

As one of the four most prestigious families in Boundless City, the Lingdian Family's relationship with the Float Yue GrandMaster could not compare to the Qingmo Clan.

But it was not inferior to the other two families!

Were these two people hired by someone specifically to cause trouble for him?

Shu Liangjun had already pointed out the issues with these spiritual instruments and did not want to waste more words with this vendor.

The quality of the supplies in front of these stands was inconsistent, and it was common for people like this burly man to exploit relationships to sell substandard supplies.

As Fang Mu's Dao Protector, there was no need for him to stir up trouble for Fang Mu.

Shu Liangjun was about to leave when he saw Fang Mu heading towards the stall.

With a raise of his hand, a jet-black short dagger appeared in Fang Mu's hand.

Fang Mu used the short dagger to stab the spiritual instruments, precisely targeting the spots with the least energy circuit engravings.

These defective spiritual instruments were completely destroyed by the jet-black short dagger in Fang Mu's hand.

Including the half-body armour of Silver Peak displayed in front of the burly man's stall.

Fang Mu's actions stunned the surrounding adventurers for a moment.

Before the burly man could yell angrily, a tall adventurer couldn't help but curse out loud.

"Wang Da, you heartless maggot, the spiritual instruments you sell actually have problems!"

"These spiritual instruments were damaged so easily."

"The piece the big brother is holding is a silver spiritual instrument, and I had even taken a liking to that Silver Leopard Bone Armor of yours."

For adventurers, there was nothing more detested than vendors who cheat on survival supplies.

Those who could easily afford silver spiritual instruments went to specialized Forge Spirits to have custom-made spiritual instruments.

Those who needed to buy spiritual instruments here often spent several months or even a year or two's savings.

Whoever purchased a spiritual instrument that looked flawless on the outside but was actually defective,

not only couldn't withstand encountered dangers but could also cause mistaken estimations during attacks,

turning attackers into prey for a feast!

Curses and denunciations from the surrounding adventurers filled the air, and Wang Da felt as if his heart was bleeding.

Although these spiritual instruments were defective, he had genuinely spent money to have his cousin create them.

Not only did he lose money on this deal, but his reputation in Boundless City was also ruined.

This matter would definitely affect his cousin's reputation, and his cousin might even come to settle accounts with him!

Wang Da glared ferociously at Fang Mu, while Fang Mu looked at Wang Da with a smile that was not quite a smile.

Fang Mu was well aware that the world of Beast Masters had many underhanded dealings.

In Fang Mu's previous life, this kind of fraud was quite common, especially after online shopping became popular.

Fang Mu, had he not encountered the situation, might have left it be; but, encountering it with the level of justice in his heart, he inevitably had to intervene.

A group of city guards soon arrived, and after understanding the situation, immediately evacuated the surrounding adventurers.

Wang Da was taken away by the city guards to be registered and penalized; Wang Da's stall would be suspended, and Boundless City would revoke his operating license.

Fang Mu and Shu Liangjun crossed the city gate and entered Boundless City.

In Shu Liangjun's impression, Fang Mu was an extremely meticulous and cunning fox, but she had never expected Fang Mu to possess such a strong sense of justice!

This was indeed rare for someone of Fang Mu's stature.

The Float Yue GrandMaster, since returning to Boundless City, had been continuously participating in various events, sending out his presence within Boundless City.

This came as a surprise to many leaders of forces and the City Lord of Boundless City.

In the past decade or so, it had been almost impossible for anyone to invite the Float Yue GrandMaster.

Many forces speculated whether Float Yue GrandMaster's actions indicated dissatisfaction with the Qingmo Clan and whether he planned to switch to another force for shelter.

If the Qingmo Clan had been diligently providing for Float Yue GrandMaster, he wouldn't have needed to do so!

Amidst the speculations of the major forces, the internal members of the Qingmo Clan were extremely sensitive about this matter.

After concluding a meeting of the Elder Council within the clan, the Clan Leader of the Qingmo Clan specifically sought out Chen Tong, who had always followed Float Yue GrandMaster as a disciple.

"Xiao Tong, you accompanied the Float Yue GrandMaster to compete for that Growth Type Secret Land, and it is rumored that the master has acquired that land."

"Nothing unusual happened along the way, right?"

Upon hearing this, Chen Tong's eyes flickered slightly; too many things had happened along the way.

So many that he didn't even know where to begin, nor was he able to discuss them!

He was the bridge between his master and his family, yet he simply couldn't disclose his master's affairs to his family.

His master always disliked excessive communication with the family, especially about matters related to his dependency on the Saint Creator Qixing.

Chen Tong was certain that even if Zhang Yue was very kind to him on usual days, if Zhang Yue knew that he had disclosed such information to his family, he would definitely sever the master-disciple relationship.

Initially, when he kept the secrets, his family was very understanding.

But in recent years, as his master's interaction with the family became less frequent due to a blood seed planted inside him, the family started to become dissatisfied with him.

This dissatisfaction was not explicitly expressed, but Chen Tong could genuinely feel it.

This feeling changed Chen Tong from initially being sad to now feeling disheartened.

Now, if forced to choose between his family and Zhang Yue, Chen Tong would unhesitantly choose his master.

"Grandfather, nothing unusual happened along the way."

"Master visited a Grandmaster Creator after acquiring the Growth Type Secret Land, which delayed us a bit."

Chen Tong knew well why his grandfather had called him; his grandfather didn't ask directly, and Chen Tong didn't steer the conversation in that direction.

Chen Boyuan was extremely dissatisfied with Chen Tong's response.

Chen Boyuan had been closely monitoring all news related to Float Yue GrandMaster; Chen Boyuan had heard that the competition for that Wood Attribute Growth Type Secret Land was fierce.

There were also other Grandmaster Creators present.

Chen Tong not informing him of such matters and brushing him off caused Chen Boyuan some regret for having originally arranged for Chen Tong to be placed with Float Yue GrandMaster and become his disciple.

Originally, Float Yue took Chen Tong as a disciple partly because of his good relationship with the Qingmo Clan.

In the early years, the Qingmo Clan had provided significant support to Float Yue GrandMaster.

"Child, Grandfather and the family have never mistreated you."

"You are cultivated by the family with great effort, and you will take over my position in the future as the Family Head of the Qingmo Clan."

"So, you must be responsible to the Qingmo Clan!"

Hearing Chen Boyuan's words, Chen Tong felt a bitter taste in his heart.

Wasn't his current conduct the right way to be responsible to the Qingmo Clan?

Chapter 1189: Trouble Comes Knocking!

The Qingmo Clan initially was indeed a low-ranking power pinnacle clan within Boundless City, but they had never reached a level of dominance over the other pinnacle clans.

In terms of clan size and influence, they had always been on par with the Lingdian Clan, the Zhehen Clan, and the Shuangdan Clan.

It was because the master had taken root within the Qingmo Clan, living among them.

For decades, he had ceaselessly provided resources for the Qingmo Clan, enhancing their influence.

It was only because of this that the Qingmo Clan was able to achieve its current state.

However, the clan's ruling members did not respect the master more for it; instead, they felt that as the clan's strength grew, the relationship with the master gradually shifted from one of dependence to an increasingly equal partnership.

Chen Tong felt it improper to evaluate the clan's actions, yet the clan's behavior had severely affected him.

"Grandfather, I believe I have always been true to the clan and to the nurturing the clan has provided me."

"This journey indeed involved no special incident."

"Moreover, even if something had occurred, I could only disclose it to the clan with the permission of Float Yue GrandMaster."

"Actually, if there's anything you wish to know, Grandfather, you are wholly entitled to seek out Float Yue GrandMaster directly."

"Surely, you would not want Float Yue GrandMaster to punish me for my words and deeds, right?"

Unable to contain himself, Chen Tong revealed his innermost thoughts.

Chen Boyuan did not visibly react, but internally, he was seething with rage.

Chen Tong was now truly in cahoots with Float Yue GrandMaster!

When the clan initially allowed Chen Tong to follow Float Yue GrandMaster, it was nothing more than a hope that Chen Tong could serve as a bridge for the clan to communicate with Float Yue GrandMaster.

But now, Chen Tong was not sharing details of Float Yue GrandMaster's affairs with the clan.

This made it impossible for the clan to speculate about Float Yue GrandMaster's intentions or to find an appropriate way to gain his favor.

The power of the Qingmo Clan kept growing due to Float Yue GrandMaster's influence.

The Qingmo Clan was well aware of the significance of Float Yue GrandMaster in Boundless City.

If Float Yue GrandMaster were to leave Boundless City, the Qingmo Clan would regret it deeply.

Yet it was not as though they truly could not accept it.

Should Float Yue GrandMaster depart from Boundless City, the Qingmo Clan would still be the strongest force within.

But if Float Yue GrandMaster considered joining another clan within Boundless City, any clan hosting him would, before long, surpass the Qingmo Clan.

With the help of Float Yue GrandMaster, Chen Boyuan's strength had visibly reached the peak of the Sequential.

But in reality, Chen Boyuan had always been secretly collecting more Grandmaster Creator resources to further strengthen himself.

Taking advantage of the moment Float Yue GrandMaster left for the Boundless Sea Market, Chen Boyuan had already become an Order Strong.

This spurred Chen Boyuan to entertain thoughts of controlling Float Yue GrandMaster.

The very moment this thought emerged in Chen Boyuan's mind was enough to alter his original attitude toward Float Yue GrandMaster.

"Child, there is something you must understand," he said.

"You carry the blood of the Qingmo Clan, while Zhang Yue is merely your master."

"Being born into a great clan, how could you not side with your family!?"

"I am asking you now, if you were forced to choose between your master and your family, what decision would you make?"

Chen Boyuan spoke in a very gentle tone, but it truly startled Chen Tong.

From his grandfather's words, Chen Tong faintly sensed an unusual implication.

Chen Tong was puzzled as to why his grandfather would ask such a question.

In Chen Tong's heart, his family and his master were inherently inseparable.

Could it be that his grandfather or the clan had indeed developed some ill will toward his master!?

With such matters abruptly laid before him, Chen Tong had no idea how he should choose!

All Chen Tong could do was to keep his grandfather's words from reaching his master.

Chen Tong felt a degree of anxiety as well.

After his master had pledged allegiance to Saint Creator Qixing, with just a simple command from Qixing, his master would have to leave Boundless City.

The Qingmo Clan was destined not to keep the master.

Chen Tong secretly hoped his master would always remain within the Qingmo Clan.

After a long pause, Chen Tong raised his eyes and spoke with utmost sincerity to Chen Boyuan.

"Grandfather, I carry the Qingmo Clan's bloodline and naturally belong to the Qingmo Clan!"

"If there truly is something that must be informed to the clan from the master's side, I will let you know," he assured.

"You can rest assured about this!"

"The master probably still has many tasks for me, so I should return now."

"I have kept a portion of the resources the master gave me."

With those words, Chen Tong placed a chest specifically for storing elixirs in front of Chen Boyuan and left the quiet room designed for this private conversation between grandfather and grandson.

Chen Tong's heart was laden with complexity, yet Chen Boyuan's mind rather calmed down.

Now, Chen Boyuan had one certainty: if it really came down to a choice, Chen Tong would definitely lean more toward the clan!

Over the years, Chen Tong had always brought resources he obtained from Zhang Yue to himself, which clearly indicated Chen Tong's attitude toward the clan.

By not sharing what he said today with Zhang Yue, Chen Tong was, in fact, betraying Zhang Yue.

It's just that Chen Tong had not yet realized it.

Chen Boyuan's words today had laid the groundwork for Chen Tong's psychological understanding and expectations.

When the day for Chen Tong to make a choice arrived, he would make the correct decision.

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And even if Chen Tong really had recounted his recent dialogue with Zhang Yue, given Zhang Yue's relationship with the Qingmo Clan and his personality, Zhang Yue would not just believe Chen Tong outright, he would definitely come to ask for himself.

At that time, he would have a reason to make a move on Zhang Yue, not entangled like he was now.

Zhang Yue had only been active recently; previously he had stayed within the Qingmo Clan for years and rarely ventured into Boundless City.

He even often missed gatherings at Contract Garden.

If he really imprisoned Zhang Yue, the outside world wouldn't know.

Over the past decades, Chen Boyuan had completely grasped Zhang Yue's social relationships.

This was where Chen Boyuan's confidence in taking action against Zhang Yue came from.

When Zhang Yue met Chen Tong, Chen Tong could tell at a glance that something was on Zhang Yue's mind.

However, Zhang Yue's mind was preoccupied with his plans against Queen Ervean of the Blood Race, leaving no room to attend to Chen Tong's concerns.

Zhang Yue's heart had always been hanging in suspense.

He had just received a message from Fang Mu, which somewhat eased his anxious heart.

Fang Mu was already en route to Boundless City, giving him a source of support.

He just needed to wait until the next day to meet with Queen Ervean of the Blood Race in the Red Thorn Forest.

Zhang Yue's heart was filled with intent towards Ervean, thoroughly suppressing the promotion of his Beastmaster Ranks.

Zhang Yue thought to himself, hopefully nothing problematic crops up these next few days!

Otherwise, it could significantly affect his plans!

Wang Da entered Boundless City like a rat crossing the street, smashing many furnishings in his home as soon as he returned.

Not only had he suffered a huge loss, but he had also lost his vending license.

To secure that vending spot initially, Wang Da had spent quite a bit of money.

Wang Da grew resentful of Fang Mu and Shu Liangjun, who had cut off his means to earn.

At that moment, a somewhat shrill voice rang out from outside Wang Da's house.

"Brother Da, I heard you had some trouble and had to pack up your stall."

"How's it going on your end? Do you need me to think of a solution?"

Wang Da opened the door and frowned at the short, thin man before him.

"Gou San, what can you possibly do!?"

"I got my stall confiscated by the city guard of Boundless City, my license revoked. I really don't know what connections those two damned people have!"

The man called Gou San glanced around, then stepped into the house.

After shutting the door tightly, he said to Wang Da,

"Brother Da, I had someone follow those two troublemakers. They've checked into Wan'an Hotel."

"They probably have it!"

As he spoke, Gou San rubbed his hands.

"They targeted you, Brother Da, you can't just do nothing."

“Why don’t you contact your cousin? Them targeting you is akin to targeting your cousin.”

“Brother Hao’s reputation is being damaged, and if you don’t reach out to Brother Hao, he will come to you himself.”

“With Brother Hao’s temper, he’ll intervene on your behalf or take matters into his own hands!”

At this point, Gou San paused then continued,

“Even though you can no longer continue your business, isn’t your girlfriend available?”

“Why don’t you let her set up a stall to sell spiritual instruments for you?”

Upon hearing this, Wang Da’s eyes suddenly lit up; that really was a splendid idea!

It was indeed viable, but if he were to actually do this, he would have to avoid getting too close to his girlfriend to prevent any suspicions.

Wang Da was so furious not solely because his livelihood was cut off but more importantly because he didn’t know how to discuss this matter with his cousin Wang Hao.

His cousin highly valued his reputation, and any damage to his reputation could negatively impact the entire family.

Nonetheless, he had to bring it up and could simply present himself as a victim.

All he needed to do was to say that those two people were actually targeting his cousin.

This way, until the details were clearer, Wang Hao would refrain from making a scene.

Actually, talking about it, Wang Da himself didn't understand why such a situation had even arisen.

Living in the Wan'an Hotel, one of the top hotels in Boundless City, the two were indeed extremely wealthy.

Yet these two didn't understand that, in a place like Boundless City, belonging to the top-ranked Lingdian Clan meant they ruled the sky!

If these two had no relations with the Qingmo Clan and provoked someone from the Lingdian Clan, they would be headed down a path of certain death.

As a Disciple of a Spirit Forging Master, his cousin had married a woman from a side branch of the Lingdian Family, thus becoming an external relative of the Lingdian Clan.

This matter could even potentially implicate the Spirit Forging Master backing his elder brother!

Regardless of the reasons, his elder brother would definitely undertake the aftermath of this issue.

He didn't care how, as long as he could quell the anger in his heart.

Fang Mu was unaware that he was being targeted within Boundless City.

Even if Fang Mu knew, he wouldn't have really cared.

Fang Mu didn't regard the power within Boundless City highly.

He had merely done something that, in his view, needed to be done.

If people from the Lingdian Clan really came looking for trouble unreasonably, Fang Mu would certainly not be polite to the Lingdian Clan!

The moment Wang Hao received the news from Wang Da, Wang Hao's face turned green with fury.

He slapped Wang Da across the face.

"I've told you how many times, when doing this kind of business stay quiet and make a fortune!"

"Did you act too high-profile and offend someone, and now they're causing you trouble?"

Wang Da was somewhat stunned by the slap.

Who had he troubled? Clearly, someone was troubling him!

However, in front of his cousin, Wang Da acted very submissively and dared not say much.

Wang Hao knew that Wang Da had always taken advantage of his status to bully and flaunt; this matter wouldn't involve him if Wang Da didn't intentionally come to notify him.

Soon his master might also come to know about this issue.

Wang Hao decided to explain the matter to his master first; having his master intervene to suppress the impact was the best choice.

For a Spirit-smithing Master, reputation was paramount.

Suppressing the situation and seeking revenge were two different matters.

Wang Hao already knew whom to target for retaliation against those who dared to target him.

Late at night, a group arrived at the Wan'an Hotel, led by a youth with a mischievous gleam in his eyes and an insolent demeanor.

Upon receiving the notification, the manager of Wan'an Hotel immediately came to the entrance, his brow deeply furrowed yet his voice remaining resoundingly cheerful as he asked,

"Young Master Tian, bringing so many here, may I know what you wish to do?"

"Surely not all of these people are planning to stay, are they?"

The person in charge at Wan'an Hotel was sweating profusely, knowing that this direct descendant of the Lingdian Family, Tian Nao, wouldn't visit for anything good!

Tian Nao had caused trouble at Wan'an Hotel two years ago, which led to significant turmoil.

Wan'an Hotel couldn't protect its guest at that time, and that person had been terribly harassed by Tian Nao.

Due to that incident, the business at Wan'an Hotel had been at a low for over a year.

Just as business was beginning to recover, why had Tian Nao come to cause trouble again?

Every year, Wan'an Hotel had never failed to give gifts to the Lingdian Clan; there was no need for Tian Nao to target Wan'an Hotel.

Gao Zenghao started to resent the person who had offended Tian Nao, wondering why they chose to stay at Wan'an Hotel.

Tian Nao, glancing sideways at Gao Zenghao, said,

"Old Gao, the misunderstanding we had last time has already been cleared."

"You know that there's almost nothing I can't do in Boundless City."

“Now, there is someone in Wan’an Hotel who has offended my brother, and I am here to drag them out to appease him.”

“I assume you won’t try to stop me like last time, would you?”

As Tian Nao spoke, his tone carried a clear note of mockery.

Tian Nao believed that the incident from two years ago had ensured Gao Zenghao wouldn’t dare to oppose him again.

Considering the gifts Wan’an Hotel had provided over the years to the Lingdian Clan, it wouldn’t be appropriate to handle this matter too harshly.

Without waiting for Gao Zenghao to respond, Tian Nao offered a resolution.

“Old Gao, I know you’re worried about affecting the royalty of your former guests and ruining the reputation of the Wan’an Business Association.”

“I will wait here, waiting for you to bring them down to me!”