

Beast Tamer 1271

Chapter 1271: Heartless Beauty Butterfly!

As a disciple, Zheng Heng dared to express his own views in front of Shuo Yang, but Zheng Heng wouldn't dwell on a single issue indefinitely.

His master, Shuo Yang, wanted to research Extraterrestrial Embryos for a reason.

Since Shuo Yang was unwilling to disclose the reason to him, all he needed to do was to continue performing his duties.

"Master, I have already germinated that lotus seed for you, are you really going to give such a Sacred Relic as a gift to a junior!?"

When Zheng Heng had just interrupted his research to question the value of his studies, Shuo Yang hadn't been angry, as it was fine for Zheng Heng to express such doubts without understanding the situation.

But the current remarks seemed a bit too presumptuous.

"Zheng Heng, you should not forget what I mentioned before, that the hierarchy among Creators isn't based on age. Saint Creator Qixing is a figure at the pinnacle of the Creator pyramid, and his disciples are indeed my peers!"

"To his disciples, you are the junior."

"You started following me at the age of fourteen, and at that time, all those Master Creators around me were your equals. Did you ever regard those Creators, who have lived for most of their lives, with any significance?"

Upon hearing Shuo Yang's words, Zheng Heng realized his slip of the tongue, but the value of that lotus was indeed too high, something that even Shuo Yang had previously been reluctant to use.

Now that they had a fish-type Sacred Relic that could enhance spiritual power, the value of that lotus transcended the level of Sacred Relics.

Had the lotus been a gift for Saint Creator Qixing himself, it would have been acceptable, but the receiver of the lotus was Qixing's disciple, which made a significant difference.

Zheng Heng remembered that the gift Shuo Yang had originally prepared for Jianmu was just two intact Dragon Ball ornaments.

Even if Jianmu was a disciple of Saint Creator Qixing, such a gift was already very generous!

Zheng Heng couldn't fathom why Shuo Yang would suddenly elevate the level of the gift. Could it be because of that hastily convened Contract Garden gathering?

Zheng Heng's wild guess was actually correct. Initially, Fang Mu was only somewhat notable in Shuo Yang's mind.

When Shuo Yang first learned of Fang Mu's existence, Fang Mu still revealed himself as a Grandmaster Disciple of a Founding Sect.

Fang Mu had made a strong debut by taking down the Sakura Tempering Carp very ostentatiously, even using a Life Elixir with ninety-four percent purity as a bargaining chip!

Shuo Yang let Zhang Qing trade under his own name for that fish-type Sacred Relic because Shuo Yang also wanted the creature.

Otherwise, not to mention his assistant, Shuo Yang would not allow even his own disciples to act under his name outside.

Putting himself in others' shoes, Shuo Yang subconsciously assumed that Jianmu's high-profile actions were also with Qixing's consent.

Qixing, attending his first Contract Garden gathering, made a point of mentioning his disciple Jianmu. Shuo Yang took it as Qixing's special favoritism towards his disciple.

This was consistent with Fang Mu's previous behavior.

But at the last-minute Contract Garden gathering, Qixing unexpectedly entrusted such an important task to his disciple. He not only had Fang Mu interact with the people of the Ten-thousand Nations Federation but also allowed Fang Mu to represent him in visiting the Sea Clan.

Such actions were clearly no longer just treating someone as a disciple.

Rather than saying Jianmu was Qixing's disciple, it was more appropriate to say Jianmu was Qixing's avatar in the outside world!

Realizing this, Shuo Yang elevated Fang Mu's status in his heart. Now, were Shuo Yang to interact with Fang Mu again, Shuo Yang would place Fang Mu above himself.

"Master, I'll go and bring over the Lotus Fish Life Lotus for you now. Do you need me to dig the Lotus Fish Life Lotus out of the Star Wood Soil?"

Shuo Yang shook his head upon hearing this.

"There's no need to dig out the Lotus Fish Life Lotus from the Star Wood Soil right now. I asked you to take it out just so you could nurture the Lotus Fish Life Lotus a bit more and elevate it to Legendary Quality at the Copper Level."

After listening to Shuo Yang, Zheng Heng felt that Shuo Yang esteemed Fang Mu way too much, but since Shuo Yang had just given him a lesson, Zheng Heng didn't say anything more.

He was afraid that his words might incur Shuo Yang's displeasure again.

Currently, he was undoubtedly the disciple most valued by Shuo Yang, but since Shuo Yang had three Direct Disciples and more than a hundred assistants under him, the competition among disciples and assistants was extremely fierce.

If anyone performed poorly and lost Shuo Yang's favor, they could easily be replaced!

Right after Zheng Heng left, another disciple of Shuo Yang, Hu Mo, approached Shuo Yang.

Zheng Heng was the disciple Shuo Yang esteemed the most because Zheng Heng's talents as a Creator were the strongest among all of Shuo Yang's disciples.

Hu Mo, on the other hand, was Shuo Yang's oldest disciple. He had followed Shuo Yang since the time Shuo Yang was a Senior Creator, acting almost like a major steward for Shuo Yang.

"The Royal Court is preparing to convene a meeting, sir. The Second World has been completely opened, and the situation there is much more advanced and superior compared to our current Battle Network."

"The Royal Court is considering whether there's a need to shut down the Battle Network. Do you plan to attend?"

As the most powerful Grandmaster Creator of the Dragon Rising Federation and the director of the Dracoid Research Institute, Shuo Yang could choose not to attend the Royal Court Meeting when busy and respond to the meeting's contents afterward.

Shuo Yang, a member of the Contract Garden, had long known that the Contract Garden was preparing for the Second World. The Contract Garden took this matter very seriously, or else they would not have assigned a Saint Creator to be in charge of the preparations.

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The second world indeed possessed all the functionalities of the Battle Network, even more than what the Battle Network currently displayed.

But this did not mean that the Battle Network had lost its significance within the Dragon Rising Federation.

If the second world could replace the Battle Network, then the Battle Network could transform its functionalities.

Turning the currently entertainment-filled Battle Network into a platform dedicated to honing battle skills and absorbing knowledge, the Purple Que School Palace arranged for the revamped Battle Network to be provided to the various Beast Master academies.

Other federations could only enjoy the benefits brought by the second world but had no means to build their own Battle Network.

Creating the Battle Network as an educational platform would allow the new generation of Beast Masters from the Dragon Rising Federation to start off with an advantage from the very moment they became Beast Masters.

This matter was of utmost importance in Shuo Yang's view, so he decided to personally attend the Royal Court Meeting, to also see what others were thinking.

Shuo Yang was never one to act arbitrarily and was always willing to listen to the opinions of others.

And to see if his old comrades had any better ideas.

Fang Mu had long anticipated that the Grandmaster Creator from the Dragon Rising Federation would come to visit him, but currently, Fang Mu was among the Sea Clan, and fostering an alliance between the Sea Clan and humans was the most important matter at hand.

Fang Mu could not be concerned with much else.

If someone came to visit, Liu Yi and Liu Er would entertain the guest, all the while informing them of his whereabouts.

As a native of the Dragon Rising Federation in this life, Fang Mu held deep respect for the Grandmaster Creator who contributed to the prosperity and stability of the Dragon Rising Federation.

From what Fang Mu understood, even after Yi Han became a Grandmaster Creator and despite the Yi Family's shortage of Grandmaster Creator resources, he would still allocate a portion of resources every now and then to develop industries related to the people's livelihood, benefiting the Dragon Rising Federation.

Compared with federations like the Panfeng Federation, living in the Dragon Rising Federation was like dwelling in blissful land.

At this moment, Fang Mu continued to cultivate the Omen Flash Butterfly, and after discovering its affinity with Dead Qi, Fang Mu increased the supply of Spiritual Energy to the Omen Flash Butterfly.

As the glow covering the Omen Flash Butterfly gradually faded, Fang Mu noticed the bluish-purple iridescence on its wings had turned to a pinkish-purple.

The iridescence on the Omen Flash Butterfly's wings was primarily pink with purple accents, and the originally simple patterns on the wings had become complex.

These complex patterns not only avoided looking chaotic but also exuded a kind of delicate beauty.

As the Omen Flash Butterfly continued to flutter, Fang Mu noticed a thin layer of rosy glow emanating from it.

At a glance, it was as if the Omen Flash Butterfly was fluttering through a rosy light, and the pervasive mind energy lent the Omen Flash Butterfly a more mysterious aura.

Because the Omen Flash Butterfly was an undead creature, the Dead Qi wrapped by the mind energy still gave off an evil feeling.

It was as if a bewitching beauty with a poison needle in hand was clad in magnificent robes.

From the body changes of the Omen Flash Butterfly, Fang Mu knew that the Omen Flash Butterfly, now at the Gold Stage, had completed its bloodline transformation.

[Beast Name]: Death Herald Beauty Butterfly

[Beast Species]: Nymphalidae / American God Butterfly Genus

[Beast Level]: Gold (1/10)

[Beast Element]: Undying / Soul Series

[Beast Potential]: Platinum

[Beast Quality]: Legendary

Skills:

[Death Omen]: Uses dead Qi to form a curse, passing judgment on living beings, causing them to be in a weakened state, and intensifying the damage effects they receive; after successfully casting a curse, it will automatically flicker to a designated position.

[Flash Butterfly Illusion Mirror]: Uses flashing scales to create duplicates; each duplicate has independent action capabilities and can use skills and unique attributes together; when the main body is hurt, it can switch places with a duplicate, and the death of a duplicate will not cause harm to the main body.

[Enchantment of Death]: Releases its allure to bewitch targets, causing targets who are captivated by the mind to lose their combat capability, and the effects of Death Omen will double.

Exclusive Traits:

[Butterfly Funeral Praise]: Enters the body of dead creatures, allowing the Soul Flame of the deceased to burn more fiercely, enhancing strength while inflicting curse effects.

[Death's Blessing]: Before the life of the living fades away, it enters their body, using its own Dead Qi to briefly sustain the life of the living. During this process, the living become tainted by Dead Qi, ultimately transformed into undead life, their souls denied transcendence.

[Butterfly Domination]: Those insectoid beings attracted by its beauty are manipulated through their minds. Pollen from the butterfly's wings deepens the bond between them, turning those entranced by its beauty into its minions.

Evolutionary Path:

①Heartless Beauty Butterfly, ②Instant Death Butterfly, ③Ten-thousand Withered Resentment Butterfly.

The Omen Flash Butterfly did not disappoint Fang Mu's expectations, having successfully transformed into the Death Herald Beauty Butterfly with the investment of abundant resources.

The three most optimal Evolutionary Paths for the newly advanced Death Herald Beauty Butterfly are the Heartless Beauty Butterfly, Instant Death Butterfly, and Ten-thousand Withered Resentment Butterfly.

The Instant Death Butterfly brings the Undead Creatures' bloodline within the Death Herald Beauty Butterfly to its fullest potential, making its attacks carry the Instant Death Effect.

However, to unlock the Undead Creatures' potential as an undead bloodline, it will not evolve with the American God Butterfly's bloodline as the core, but rather with the Undead Creatures' bloodline.

This diverges from Fang Mu's initial choice, hence even if this Evolutionary Path is strong, Fang Mu will not choose it.

The abilities of the Ten-thousand Withered Resentment Butterfly similarly focus on using Dead Qi to infect the target, causing their life to wither as its main attack method.

However, compared to the former, the Ten-thousand Withered Resentment Butterfly's attack carries a curse effect, making it far more lethal.

The Resentment Butterfly is a quality primary Evolutionary Path for Dark element and Undying Butterfly Beastmasters. But compared to combat capabilities, the current Death Herald Beauty Butterfly focuses on support and Control Skill.

Its newly acquired Gold Level Skill [Enchantment of Death] is a type of Control Skill, capable of using its beauty to bewitch the opponent's mind.

It is also a conquering ability, significantly amplifying the effects of the Skill [Death Omen].

Under these circumstances, the Heartless Beauty Butterfly remains the most optimal Evolutionary Path for the Death Herald Beauty Butterfly based on its own bloodline.

Fang Mu just needs to expedite the advancement of the Death Herald Beauty Butterfly's tier.

Given the current state of the Death Herald Beauty Butterfly's bloodline, it can only attempt to evolve again upon reaching the Diamond Rank.

After hosting Fang Mu, Lian Dai went to the meeting room to convene an internal meeting of the Han Yang Empire.

At the meeting, Lian Dai notified the managers of the Han Yang Empire about the collaboration with the Contract Garden, explaining that corpses left by the Outer Realm creatures would no longer impact the Han Yang Empire.

Lian Dai needed this approach to boost the confidence of all members of the Han Yang Empire.

Ever since numerous Outer Realm creatures invaded the Han Yang Empire, a pervasive sense of negativity had pervaded the Empire.

Many members of the Han Yang Empire's management proposed the idea of relocating the Empire during the meeting.

As one of the Four Sea Tribes, how could the Han Yang Empire relocate so easily!?

Even without considering the views of other Sea Clans and Sea Lords on the relocation of the Han Yang Empire, the territory of the Han Yang Empire would be greatly reduced after relocation.

At that point, the Han Yang Empire would rank lowest among the Four Great Sea Nations, and it might even be stripped of its status as one of the Four Great Sea Nations.

Lian Dai, as the King of the Han Yang Empire, certainly didn't want to see such a situation arise.

Returning to her chambers feeling exhausted from the mental and emotional strain, even as a God Territory Powerhouse, such a heavy sense of weariness enveloped Lian Dai.

Just as Lian Dai was preparing to rest, she suddenly remembered the brocade pouch Fang Mu had given her.

Lian Dai was curious about what exactly Fang Mu had given her.

Normally, Lian Dai wouldn't be curious about such things, but the giver was Fang Mu, and the item could very well involve Qixing, as a Saint Creator.

Added to the fact that Lian Dai was very interested in Fang Mu, she opened the brocade pouch he had given her.

At the moment of opening, she saw two scales imbued with Mermaid essence inside the pouch, and a terrifying aura burst forth from Lian Dai, sweeping across the entire chamber.

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The terrifying aura swept through the sleeping chamber with undeniable force, shattering hundreds of decorative Lustrous Jade Corals.

An energy storm, with Lian Dai at its center, gathered intensely. Mermaids place great importance on their bloodline, which is even more indicative of one's status within their kind than strength.

These two Mermaid Scales had clearly separated from their owner not long ago, and were in a very fresh state.

Though they carried the strong scent of Dead Creatures, the living Mermaid Bloodline still flowed within them.

Being gifted these two scales, whether it was Qixing's or the Qixing Disciple Jianmu's idea, Lian Dai saw it as a great provocation, almost as if trampling upon her own bloodline.

Just as Lian Dai was about to react, her eyes fixed on the two scales suddenly narrowed.

Lian Dai realized that the aura of both scales matched perfectly, indicating they came from the same Mermaid!

One scale had a slightly higher bloodline rank, suggesting that the Mermaid had undergone a Bloodline Transformation shortly before or after shedding these scales.

Qixing actually had the ability to induce a transformation in the Mermaid Bloodline!

This made Lian Dai subconsciously touch her cheek, stroking the rough and sharp scales there.

The intimidating presence Lian Dai had just emitted promptly retracted back into her, with a noticeable shift flickering in her eyes.

If this Saint Creator named Qixing could help the Mermaid improve her bloodline, was there a chance he could do the same for her!?

If those two scales were indeed a gift Qixing decided to offer her, not a last-minute choice by Jianmu, she could interpret it as a signal that Qixing wished to make a trade with her.

Qixing wanted to negotiate with her, intentionally hinting with these two scales, signaling for her to take the initiative and reach out to Qixing for communication.

With this in mind, Lian Dai prepared to immediately go see Fang Mu.

Firstly, to ascertain who decided to offer her the scales, and secondly, she must respond to Qixing.

Although Lian Dai had indeed transcended Order and entered the Gods' Domain, her progress within was severely stunted due to her bloodline.

This constraint on power due to her bloodline made Lian Dai feel a profound sense of helplessness.

Lian Dai had always been looking for a way to improve her bloodline, but after thousands of years, she had not found any solution,

which gradually turned her anticipation into despair. However, the appearance of these two scales rekindled the hope in her heart.

Before setting off to meet Fang Mu, Lian Dai pondered for a moment, then took out a light blue crystal from her necklace-like Spatial Equipment.

This light blue crystal in Lian Dai's hand changed shape in accordance with the movement of her palm, like jelly, exuding a rich and enticing fragrance.

Mermaids, unlike common Guardian Beasts, being humanoid creatures like Humans, can use Soul Power to form contracts with Ghost Devices, but cannot contract Guardian Beasts.

Despite their delicate and beautiful appearance, mermaids' control over elements and physical combat abilities are staggeringly powerful!

The might of a mermaid God Territory Powerhouse would not fall short of a human powerhouse who has stepped into the Gods' Domain and might even surpass them in certain aspects!

In oceanic domains, mermaids that have entered the Gods' Domain are akin to gods themselves, and now Lian Dai, in need of Qixing's assistance, was finally willing to part with items from her collection!

This Ocean Spirit Marrow could be consumed by any being, purging impurities within them.

It would grant the consumer affinity with the Water attribute and the ability to communicate with the Water Element.

If Humans were to consume Ocean Spirit Marrow, they too could harness simple Water Element skills when communicating with water,

but compared to Water attribute creatures, it was a great waste for Humans to absorb it.

In truth, the most suitable candidates for absorbing Ocean Spirit Marrow were elemental beings. Lian Dai had already reached her limit, otherwise, she wouldn't offer it as a gift to Qixing.

In Lian Dai's view, only an item of Ocean Spirit Marrow's caliber deserved to serve as the opening gambit in a trade with a Saint Creator!

On Fang Mu's side, the Death Herald Beauty Butterfly had already been cultivated. If not for being in the sea and unable to connect to the second world, Fang Mu himself would have liked to compete in a few battles in the second world, to gauge the strength of the younger generation from other Federations.

After completing the ranking tournament, Jiang Tuo reported his results to Fang Mu, who was not at all surprised by Jiang Tuo's performance.

Jiang Tuo had contracted Four Ice Ghosts with Catastrophe-Class attributes, and Fang Mu had arranged the optimal cultivation method for these ice ghosts.

In such circumstances, it was somewhat unrealistic for Jiang Tuo to lose to a peer, unless he encountered a true prodigy.

However, once Jiang Tuo's Beast Master rank broke through to become a Two-Ray Star Beast Controller, and his Four Ice Ghosts reached the Platinum Tier,

Jiang Tuo, under the age of twenty, would essentially possess a Dominant Level stature.

Of course, this was under the assumption that Jiang Tuo did not encounter Fang Mu.

Whether facing the identity of Fangmu Jianmu or Yan Luo, Jiang Tuo would have difficulty overcoming Fang Mu.

After cultivating the Cursed Mermaid, Yan Yubanruo finally began to cultivate the Dead Creatures that he controlled with his Control of Paper Puppets.

The first to be nurtured by Yan Yubanruo was the Heart-hooking Female.

Fang Mu never paid too much attention to the Heart-hooking Female, but Yan Yubanruo greatly appreciated it.

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Yan Yubanruo was particularly fond of the Hook Heart Grub Infant's ability to control minds and enslave targets.

Under the cultivation of Yan Yubanruo, the Hook Heart Grub Infant, who had been promoted to Diamond Rank, successfully evolved into a Restrained Heart Maggot Girl, and her bloodline underwent a certain degree of enhancement.

[Beast Name]: Restrained Heart Maggot Girl

[Beast Species]: Worm Corpse/Flock Corpse Genus

[Beast Level]: Diamond Level (1/10)

[Beast Element]: Undying

[Beast Potential]: Diamond

[Beast Quality]: Legendary

Skills:

[Heart Touching Whip]: Extends tentacles to strike the target, causing serious trauma to the target's mind while performing a physical attack, weakening the opponent's psychological defenses (when the target's psychological defenses drop to an extreme point, there is a probability of adding a Heart Whip mark to the target).

[Chaotic Heart Claw]: Strikes the target's mind with claws, causing the target's mind to be in a state of chaos. In the chaos, not only will it lower psychological defenses, but it will also cause the target to attack indiscriminately against targets other than Hook Heart Grub Infants.

[Curse Finger]: Concentrates the power of the soul on one's fingertips, amplifying the power of the soul through nails, bewildering the target's inner psyche, causing the target to lose the will to fight, and causing direct collapse to the psychically weak targets. At the expense of nails, consuming nails can increase attack range.

[Heart Sea Torture]: Deploys the power of the soul in an area, affecting incoming souls with the miseries they are unwilling to face and using these miseries to assault the targeted beings.

[Restrained Heart Pervasion]: In the case of binding a target's mind, it can affect targets associated with that unit's mental energy based on the direction of the mental energy, with the target receiving half the mental impact that the unit undergoes.

Exclusive Traits:

[Life Burning Slavery]: Instigates defection in the target when a certain level of Heart Whip marks accumulates within the target's body, burning the target's life energy, and driving the target to fight for oneself.

[Corpse Puppet]: Injects one's mental energy into a corpse to control it, with each additional corpse controlled through mental energy boosting one's own mental power recovery effect.

[Necrotic Heart]: Additionally absorbs a large amount of Dead Qi and Souls of Death, forming multiple hearts within the body, each storing immense psychic power, which can be expended during combat to augment one's own strength.

Evolutionary Path:

①: Restrained Heart Worm Queen, ②: Heart-eating Worm Girl, ③: Poison Sea Worm Girl.

Originally, Fang Mu was not optimistic about Hook Heart Grub Infants, but after the evolution of the Hook Heart Grub Infant to the Diamond Rank and promotion to Restrained Heart Maggot Girl, the Diamond Level Skill [Restrained Heart Pervasion] changed the entire level of Hook Heart Grub Infants.

[Restrained Heart Pervasion] is to use a target as a springboard to affect other units related to that target's mind after a psychic attack.

This is a very powerful ability. In a duel with other Beast Masters, the Restrained Heart Maggot Girl can attack the Guardian Beasts and thereby direct the damage onto the bodies of the Beast Masters, achieving precise strikes on target Beast Masters!

There must be a strong mental link between Guardian Beasts and Beast Masters; otherwise, Beast Masters would not be able to control Guardian Beasts well.

The mental endurance of Beast Masters is definitely not as strong as that of Guardian Beasts.

Even if some Beast Masters can use spiritual instruments to fend off damage from the psychic level, this communication with Guardian Beasts or the use of mystical patterns could also be forcibly interrupted due to the mental attack!

In the three evolutionary paths of Restrained Heart Maggot Girl, Fang Mu was sure to neglect both Heart-eating Worm Girl and Poison Sea Worm Girl.

Fang Mu had already communicated with Yan Yubanruo and unanimously decided to let the Restrained Heart Maggot Girl evolve towards the direction of Restrained Heart Worm Queen.

At this point, the Restrained Heart Maggot Girl of Diamond Rank had little hope to complete the transformation towards Restrained Heart Worm Queen upon stepping into the sequence.

The bloodline gap between Restrained Heart Maggot Girl and Restrained Heart Worm Queen was so large that even if the Restrained Heart Maggot Girl encountered a great opportunity, it would be difficult to bridge this gap.

At the very least, this bloodline transformation would not be possible until after Sequence 4!

Having witnessed the strength of the Restrained Heart Maggot Girl, Fang Mu couldn't help but marvel at why there was always a saying in the Beastmaster world that summoning Ghost System Beasts is the strongest among Ghost System Beasts.

In the ranks of Ghost System Guardian Beasts, Yan Yubanruo's own combat capability was not strong.

However, every dead creature controlled by Yan Yubanruo effectively enhanced Yan Yubanruo's combat capability.

Even several dead creatures could establish a perfect combat system!

Besides the Restrained Heart Maggot Girl, there was another dead creature that Yan Yubanruo elevated to Diamond Rank.

That dead creature was the main tank, the Melting Body Butcher!

The Melting Body Butcher was the first dead creature Yan Yubanruo controlled, and in terms of bloodline heritage, had the poorest foundation.

Initially, the Melting Body Butcher was nothing more than a random purchase Fang Mu made from the black market.

Nevertheless, the Melting Body Butcher showed remarkable promise, as its exclusive trait, [Flesh and Blood Armament], allowed it to devour corpses and use the flesh of other creatures as part of its own body.

The exclusive trait gained from ascending to Legendary Quality, [Tyrant Commander], even enabled the Melting Body Butcher to suppress other tyrants with its own tyrant bloodline, thus dominating over them.

One reason for this focus was because the Melting Body Butcher's strategic significance had greatly increased after defying fate, and the second reason was the irreplaceable position of this main tank in battle.

This made Yan Yubanruo consider the Melting Body Butcher as the second target for enhancement.

[Beast Name]: Fusion Tyrant

[Beast Species]: Giant Corpse Family/Tyrant Corpse Genus

[Beast Level]: Diamond Level (1/10)

[Beast Element]: Undying

[Beast Potential]: Diamond

[Beast Quality]: Legendary

Skills:

[Gluttony]: Quickly heals its own wounds by devouring corpses, and in the absence of corpses, can prioritize devouring its own flesh and blood to recover from fatal injuries.

[Flesh Erosion Trap]: Transform its flesh and blood into a quagmire to restrain the target when struck by an external force.

[Flesh Mud Pit]: Enhances its body excessively by devouring a large amount of flesh and blood; during battle, it can release these dead qi-infused pieces of flesh and blood to create a flesh and blood quagmire, which like its own body extension, is likewise under its control.

[Super Absorption Body]: Improves the capacity of its own body and increases the resilience of its muscles, skeletons, and flesh; when taking external objects into its body, its defense capability receives an enhancement on top of its original strength.

[Crazy Feast]: When the enemy's body combines with its own, it fuses the opposing body into its own; if its own energy is greater than the opponent's when judged, the opponent's body is directly integrated into its own. If the judgment fails, both it and the target lose a certain amount of flesh and blood energy.

Exclusive Traits:

[Flesh Weaponry]: Can devour corpses not higher than its own life level; hiding the material of the corpses within its body or fixing them to its body surface to become a part of itself.

[Life Sacrifice Restraint]: While restraining a target using its own body, it burns the energy of its Soul Flame to enhance the restraining effect; until the energy of the Soul Flame is depleted, the target cannot escape its bonds.

[Tyrant Commander]: Its presence on the battlefield stirs up the ferocity of dead creatures, causing deterrence to the living. When facing other tyrants, it can suppress them with its bloodline, encouraging other tyrants to submit.

Evolutionary Path:

① Skeleton Emperor Tyrant, ② Giant Scythe Tyrant, ③ Skeleton Tyrant.

The Heart-eating Worm Girl's evolution into the Restrained Heart Maggot Girl did not change her appearance much, only making her look more ferocious and mature.

This was nothing like the significant transformation from the Melting Body Butcher to the Fusion Tyrant!

The Fusion Tyrant's size was like a small mountain, with life energy running rapidly within its body, making the Fusion Tyrant's body rumble like a blazing furnace.

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The Fusion Tyrant, standing fourteen meters tall, exuded an unimaginable intimidating force.

The exterior of the Fusion Tyrant's body had undergone very little modification, as its body had a limited capacity for containment.

Yan Yubanruo focused more on modifying the interior of Melting Body Butcher's body, making it look not much different from the other tyrants of the Huge Corpse Family/Violent Corpse Species.

Due to the Skills [Super Absorption Body], the modifications inside the Fusion Tyrant's body were exceptionally smooth.

When the Fusion Tyrant ascended in rank, modifications would then be made to the exterior of its body!

The best way to modify the Fusion Tyrant's body was to attach defense-strong Scale Armor to it.

Apart from having physical defense capabilities, these scales needed to possess elemental defense as well!

Scale Armor from many Dragon race Guardian Beasts suited the Fusion Tyrant very well; dragon skin's texture attached to the Fusion Tyrant's surface could decorate it attractively.

Fang Mu looked at the green hair that had grown on the Fusion Tyrant's skull after the modification, always feeling that Yan Yubanruo's aesthetic was somewhat perverse.

Yan Yubanruo planted the Death Ritual Suit Spore on top of the Fusion Tyrant's head, as, during battle, the green, oily spore would spread to any corner of the body.

If combined with dragon skin, those spores could significantly enhance the defense capabilities of the Fusion Tyrant.

For Yan Yubanruo's combat system's main tank, the defense capability of the Fusion Tyrant was extremely important.

The skills [Crazy Feast], acquired after the Fusion Tyrant's promotion to Diamond Rank, endowed it with a bizarre combat capability.

Regardless of how tough the scale armor attached to the Fusion Tyrant's surface was, it could firmly bind its opponent using its own flesh and blood when executing Skills [Flesh Erosion Trap] and [Flesh and Blood Quagmire].

Before being promoted to Diamond Rank, the Fusion Tyrant could only fight enemies using flesh weaponry engineered inside its body.

After advancing to Diamond Rank, the Melting Body Butcher was able to attack opponents using the vast flesh and blood energy inside its body.

If its own flesh and blood energy was greater than that of the target, [Crazy Feast] would be successful.

It could directly merge the opponent into the body of the Fusion Tyrant, turning them into nutrients supplementing the Fusion Tyrant's flesh and blood energy.

If the judgment failed, the Fusion Tyrant would deduct a certain amount of flesh and blood energy from both itself and the target. The amount deducted was dictated by the Fusion Tyrant.

Using this method, even if the Melting Body Butcher couldn't instantly kill its opponent, it could still incapacitate them by depleting itself.

The growth of these several Undead Species Guardian Beasts controlled by Yan Yubanruo brought Fang Mu great surprises.

Generally, as long as Fang Mu was nurturing Guardian Beasts, She Wan would not come to disturb him.

She Wan was always very judicious; firstly, because as a Noble Lady of the Lu Du She clan, she was inherently a person of great measure.

Secondly, it was because She Wan had learned much during the time she worked together with Lu Xiaoyin.

Hearing a knock at the door, Fang Mu lifted his hand and retracted both the Fusion Tyrant and Restrained Heart Maggot Girl into the Mechanism Fortress.

Normally, the Undead Species Guardian Beasts controlled by Yan Yubanruo through [Golem Paper Control] carried out their activities in a designated area within the Mechanism Fortress.

This area of activity was perfectly within the radiating range of the Sequential Spiritual Instrument Forest Resentment Bell.

For now, the Forest Resentment Bell could still benefit these undead beasts, but once these dead creatures stepped into the Sequential, the benefits provided by the Forest Resentment Bell became minimal!

Fang Mu did not go to meet She Wan at the door but instead used the Communication Beast Legend Butterfly to inquire about her business.

“Sister Wan, what do you need?”

As Fang Mu asked, he vaguely guessed a possibility — the King of the Han Yang Empire, Lian Dai, had noticed the two scales shed off by the Cursed Mermaids inside his brocade bag.

Most likely, Lian Dai had come personally to meet him or had sent someone to invite him to meet.

Indeed, as Fang Mu anticipated, he only heard She Wan say,

“The King of the Han Yang Empire has personally arrived at your chamber to discuss an important matter!”

“Are you available now?”

She Wan, having been with Fang Mu for some time, had broadened her horizons, from initially feeling nervous at meeting a Master Creator to now being able to calmly face Lian Dai, King of the Han Yang Empire.

She Wan was very aware that Fang Mu’s visit to the Han Yang Empire as a representative of the Contract Garden and Saint Creator Qixing meant that Lian Dai could not meet him whenever desired.

It was really up to Fang Mu’s mood whether the meeting would take place.

If Fang Mu actually had urgent matters and thus declined Lian Dai’s invitation, it would be quite reasonable.

Fang Mu, having actively invited Lian Dai to trade, intended to forge a good friendship with the Han Yang Empire, connecting with Lian Dai, who had already stepped into Gods’ Domain.

Lian Dai was arguably the strongest entity Fang Mu had currently encountered.

Fang Mu had always been unsure about the strength of Han Ming and Eternal Mother Yongle; at the gatherings in the Contract Garden, both covered by their Dharma Aspects, Han Ming and Eternal Mother Yongle, both being Saint Creators, never had the chance to take any action themselves.

The external world had only speculated about their capabilities. Fang Mu could now confirm that Han Ming and Eternal Mother Yongle had also indeed reached Gods' Domain.

Otherwise, humans of the Contract Garden wouldn't stand a chance of having an equal dialogue with the Sea Clan.

Fang Mu walked outside his dwelling, preparing to personally welcome Lian Dai.

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"Sister Wan, if Senior Lendai is extending an invitation, then of course I have time. I shall go out to meet Senior Lendai immediately!"

The communication from Legend Butterfly was confidential, so Lendai, by She Wan's side, was unclear whether Fang Mu would agree to meet her, let alone whether she could persuade Saint Creator Qixing to enhance her bloodline after the meeting.

The relationship between humans and the Sea Clan had been relatively harmonious over the years, yet the large-scale encroachment of human beings on the resources of the Sea Clan did indeed provoke retaliation.

However, these were minor conflicts and frictions, none escalating to the point of opposition between the two major powers.

But standing between two starkly different races, the task of persuading Saint Creator Qixing to help oneself was destined to be difficult.

For Qixing would surely be aware that enhancing her bloodline would enable her to grow stronger, effectively boosting the top combat power of the Sea Clan.

Lendai had been continuously pondering in her heart how exactly to convince Qixing, experiencing a nervousness and restlessness she had not felt for hundreds of years.

Seeing Fang Mu emerging from the palace interior, Lendai's nervousness deepened.

Mermaids pursued the improvement of their bloodlines even more intensely than the pursuit of longevity; Fang Mu approached, smiling at Lendai, revealing a set of small, white teeth as he greeted her.

"Good day, Senior Lendai. Have you collected another batch of Extraterrestrial Embryos on your side?"

"I still have some Spirit Capturing Boxes on hand. If it's not enough, I can provide more for you."

The pace at which the Han Yang Empire collected Extraterrestrial Embryos was extremely fast. In just one day, the people of the Han Yang Empire had delivered two batches to Fang Mu, filling up thirty whole Spirit Capturing Boxes.

It was far more than the first batch provided by the Ten-thousand Nations Federation, including two S-rank Extraterrestrial Embryos.

These two S-rank Embryos both had cultivation value, but their environmental pollution was much more severe.

As the King of the Han Yang Empire, it was certainly not convenient for Lendai to discuss cooperation with Fang Mu there.

"The transportation of the Extraterrestrial Embryos is overseen by Longze. Currently, only about twenty percent of the collection work is complete—those Spirit Capturing Boxes are definitely not enough."

“If you have any spare Spirit Capturing Boxes, it would be most appreciated!”

“I will arrange for someone to take over the exchange later. The reason I’m here now is to make a personal request,” Fang Mu said, his speculation growing more certain.

Despite knowing what Lendai wanted from him, Fang Mu showed a look of surprise on his face.

“If that’s the case, Senior Lendai, perhaps we could talk inside.”

“Whatever assistance I can provide, I will certainly not shirk it,” Fang Mu expressed willingly.

Lendai noticed the look of surprise on Fang Mu’s face.

The unexpected expression on Fang Mu’s face brought a feeling of joy to Lendai’s heart.

That expression on Fang Mu’s face suggested that the two Mermaid Scales were prepared by Qixing for her, greatly increasing the likelihood of a successful transaction with Qixing.

Lendai was also pleased with Fang Mu’s performance, as certainly, a human who had only lived for a decade or so could not be of much help.

It was enough for Fang Mu to merely agree to communicate her message to Qixing.

Fang Mu’s attitude made it clear that he would definitely assist her in communicating with Qixing.

The current situation left Lendai unable to contact Qixing directly; she had to rely on Fang Mu, the sole communication channel.

Without hesitation, Lendai brought out the Ocean Spirit Marrow she had prepared in advance and handed it to Fang Mu.

At the moment Fang Mu took the Ocean Spirit Marrow, dense water vapor engulfed at least two square kilometers of the sea area.

All creatures within this sea area could feel the nourishment of the Water Element.

Fang Mu had already identified the blue soft crystal through the Eye of Omniscience. This blue soft crystal, known as the Ocean Spirit Marrow, could grant any creature the attribute of water.

Even human Beast Masters could utilize the Ocean Spirit Marrow.

Nonetheless, the true purpose of the Ocean Spirit Marrow was to strengthen those Elemental Spirits linked to the Water Element.

In Fang Mu's hands, the most compatible with the Ocean Spirit Marrow were the Sea Flame Twins, who had evolved into pure Elves.

Although the Sea Flame Twins appeared to be a pair of dual-element Elves, in truth, they had only one source of energy: the Water Elemental Energy.

The Sea Flame Twins' Fire Elemental Energy was granted as an exclusive trait, transformed entirely from Water Elemental Energy.

Using the Ocean Spirit Marrow to strengthen the Sea Flame Twins would not only prevent an imbalance of the Water Fire energy within them but would also grant their foundation a tremendous boost!

This Ocean Spirit Marrow was of an extremely high grade, something Fang Mu had never encountered before!

Lian Dai had really gone all out to facilitate cooperation with him!

Fang Mu was very appreciative of Lian Dai's approach, which indicated that Lian Dai herself was not a miserly person.

This gave meaning to the cooperation between Fang Mu and Lian Dai.

Fang Mu didn't want to aid Lian Dai in enhancing her bloodline only to find that he couldn't get the benefits he wanted from her in the end.

Fang Mu did not immediately accept the Ocean Spirit Marrow but instead looked up at Lian Dai and said sincerely,

"Lian Dai senior, I know the spiritual material you are offering me must be extraordinarily expensive, and as a junior, it really isn't right for me to accept such a thing!"

"Please forgive me, Lian Dai senior!"

Fang Mu was well aware that this was in keeping with the dignity of a disciple of a Saint Creator.

If he had directly accepted the Ocean Spirit Marrow from Lian Dai, he would have appeared too rash, and it would seem that he was not living up to Saint Creator Qixing's esteem for him.

Even though Fang Mu now had a strong foundation, there were times when he still needed to play a part!

If his behavior appeared improper, it would not only risk arousing Lian Dai's suspicions, but also prevent the major figures of the Sea Clan from choosing to interact with him!

Lian Dai glanced at She Wan and the few maids following her, and with a lift of her hand, a stream of water sent Fang Mu and Lian Dai into the palace interior.

Fang Mu remained extremely calm, as Lian Dai used her aura to shield the palace, preventing outsiders from probing what was inside.

When alone with Fang Mu, Lian Dai dropped her pretense.

“To be frank, I have a matter for which I would like to ask for Master Qixing’s assistance,” she said.

“The spiritual material I’m giving you is called the Ocean Spirit Marrow, a rare treasure throughout the entire sea area.”

“I am giving it to you in the hope that you could convey a message to Master Qixing, so that I may have an opportunity to communicate with him!”

Of course, Lian Dai would not directly speak to Fang Mu about something like aiding her in enhancing her bloodline; it was more convenient for her to face Qixing and discuss the transaction directly with him.

Fang Mu, upon hearing this, still did not accept the Ocean Spirit Marrow and earnestly said to Lian Dai,

“Lian Dai senior, I need to explain a situation to you. My master has been in seclusion, and the only reason he would emerge in haste is because he has taken on the important task of helping humans and the Sea Clan cleanse the Extraterrestrial Embryos.”

“He will not meet with anyone, and he has already informed me of this. For me to convey such a message to my master is rather difficult for me!”

“If it were convenient for my master, he wouldn’t have sent a junior like me to the Sea Clan!”

“If you truly have an urgent matter for my master, I can convey the message for you.”

Lian Dai did not understand the circumstances Fang Mu had been creating for Qixing all this time; it was necessary for Fang Mu to make things clear to her in advance.

If Lian Dai insisted on seeing Qixing, then the cooperation was doomed to fail!

Lian Dai did not speak for a long while, processing Fang Mu’s words in her heart.

A Saint Creator of the human race being in seclusion meant only one possibility: a breakthrough in abilities was imminent.

Qixing had chosen to prioritize the safety of humans above their own, forced to end his seclusion to deal with the aftermath of this tide.

In such circumstances, even if Fang Mu did convey the message to Qixing, it would likely only annoy him.

It was Qixing who, through Fang Mu, had delivered the two Mermaid Scales to her; therefore, she should also be able to make requests through Fang Mu, the junior.

However, communicating indirectly through another person could easily lead to problems; how smoothly she could communicate with Qixing depended entirely on how Fang Mu would convey the message.

With this in mind, Lian Dai insisted on pushing the Ocean Spirit Marrow into Fang Mu's hands, saying to him,

"Before I ask your master for help, I would like to ask you for one first!"

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Lian Dai spoke with utmost seriousness, her tone indeed carrying a request for assistance.

Dignity aside, she was willing to make concessions when it came to the advancement of her bloodline.

From the moment Lian Dai had thought to ask Master Qixing for help in raising her Creator star level, she knew she would always be at a disadvantage in her dealings with him.

Creators among humans always liked to have control over affairs, and if Master Qixing were to assist her in elevating her bloodline, she would have to pay a hefty price beyond these external offerings.

Lian Dai was pleading to Fang Mu in hopes that he would convey her stance verbatim to Master Qixing, thus facilitating her chance to attain a bloodline elevation.

Under normal circumstances, every transaction and collaboration involved strategic interplay, but there really wasn't much point in playing such games between Lian Dai and Master Qixing.

Whether it was the turbulent tide that had rushed into the Sea of Domains or her own bloodline advancement, it was she and the Han Yang Empire that sought Master Qixing's aid, not the other way around.

Upon hearing Lian Dai's words, Fang Mu still did not accept the Ocean Spirit Marrow but stubbornly said,

"Senior Lian Dai, the favor you seek might not be within my capacity to help, and it wouldn't be appropriate for me to accept your gift if I can't assist!"

"First tell me what it is you need help with, and if I'm certain I can do it, then I will accept the Ocean Spirit Marrow!"

Fang Mu's response assured Lian Dai that he was unaware of her true purpose in seeking Master Qixing and also revealed to her his commitment and principles.

Such a little fellow was truly endearing!

"It's like this, I wish to request Master Qixing to examine my bloodline to see if he could help it advance further!"

"If it is possible, Master Qixing can make any demand."

"I will not hesitate to comply with whatever Master Qixing requests, as long as it is within my power!"

Fang Mu blinked at her words.

Through what Lian Dai had said, Fang Mu understood just how desperate she was for a bloodline enhancement.

Assisting Lian Dai with her bloodline would indeed allow Fang Mu to have leverage over her, but he had no intention of doing so.

Whether it was a God-Realm expert or the king of a Sea Country, respect was due.

“Senior Lian Dai, I will relay your exact words to my master.”

“I will accept this Ocean Spirit Marrow, but I cannot guarantee what my master’s reaction will be.”

“I will notify you as soon as I receive a reply from my master!”

Lian Dai smiled at this.

She did not insist on gaining a bloodline advancement through Master Qixing alone; her bloodline was far stronger than that of the mermaid stripped of its scales.

Lian Dai’s earnest request to Master Qixing was merely to ascertain the possibility of promotion.

Since she could not meet Master Qixing in person to have him assess her condition directly, Lian Dai simply pulled a bright pink scale from her fish tail.

She handed her scale to Fang Mu.

“If Master Qixing is willing to help me elevate my bloodline, please give him this scale.”

“Master Qixing will understand my condition better!”

“If Master Qixing declines my request, then let this scale be a gift to him!”

Having said her piece, Lian Dai did not linger any longer with Fang Mu.

As the king of the Han Yang Empire, Lian Dai had many matters to attend to; the other three Sea Countries and the Sea Lord needed to communicate with King Lian Dai after receiving the news from the Han Yang Empire to grasp the specifics of the human situation.

Since the disaster had not occurred in the domains of the other three Sea Countries and the Sea Lord, they who were not eyewitnesses to this catastrophe had little interest in collaborating with the Contract Garden.

It was up to Lian Dai to mediate these affairs.

Fang Mu, holding Lian Dai’s scale, could feel an immense life energy emanating from it.

This power was of an incredibly high level; Fang Mu could sense through the Lifelong Beasmaster’s Blood of Abundance, which he used to brew the Blood Aged Wine, whether the Blood Aged Wine could affect other life forms.

Fang Mu was convinced that the Blood of Abundance would be highly effective for Lian Dai!

Now, Fang Mu needed to consider how he would proceed in helping Lian Dai advance her bloodline should he agree to do so in his capacity as Master Qixing.

On one hand, Lian Dai’s bloodline improvement would inevitably lead to a breakthrough in strength, and Fang Mu needed to impose restrictions to ensure that Lian Dai wouldn’t endanger humans once she became more powerful.

On the other hand, Fang Mu wanted to leverage Lian Dai’s strength for a future transaction, for which he needed a clear plan.

After storing away Lian Dai's scale, Fang Mu contacted Zhuang Herui of the Ten-thousand Nations Federation, who was responsible for the handover of the Extraterrestrial Embryos, and informed him of his negotiations with the Sea Clan.

Fang Mu, now setting his sights on other Dimensional Worlds, dispensed with the idea of competing with Han Ming.

Informing Han Ming of these developments through Zhuang Herui was a gesture of goodwill.

Han Ming had many schemes, but when it came to major issues, he was a man of clear understanding, and the Ten-thousand Nations Federation was indeed the group most accountable for the cost of this tide.

Of course, the main reason Fang Mu chose to inform Han Ming was to spare himself the time and effort in future dealings.

Fang Mu held the key to cleansing the Extraterrestrial Embryos and was the linchpin in the collaboration between the Sea Clan and the Contract Garden.

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Fang Mu didn't have to do much to reap the greatest benefits, and in such circumstances, keeping a low profile was better than making high-profile moves.

Han Ming would surely respond based on his own intelligence after receiving the message.

These days, Hu Tao had been continuously managing her channel on the Battle Network, but with the opening of the Second World, Beast Masters from the Dragon Rising Federation began logging into the Second World.

This caused a massive exodus of users from the Dragon Rising Federation's Battle Network.

At first, Hu Tao was quite disheartened and irritated; her channel on the Battle Network was a venture she had cultivated with care.

With the departure of users from the Battle Network, Hu Tao's channel's popularity also rapidly declined.

Only a few days after the Second World had opened, the popularity of Hu Tao's livestream had halved.

Hu Tao's channel was one of the better ones on the Battle Network, while the channels of other smaller streamers were now basically unwatched.

Hu Tao watched with her own eyes as the channel she had nurtured to prosperity suddenly began to decline.

At first, Hu Tao didn't speak to Fang Mu about her troubles. It was Jiang Tuo who noticed Hu Tao's off state and informed Fang Mu, prompting Fang Mu to encourage Hu Tao.

"The opening of the Second World is a good thing for all humanity," Fang Mu consoled Hu Tao. "It allows all the citizens of various federations to interact with one another."

"Even if the Battle Network doesn't close, it will eventually serve a different purpose and won't always overlap with the Second World!"

Fang Mu was trying to encourage Hu Tao, but Hu Tao felt even worse after hearing his words.

"Ah Mu, are you saying that our livestream will never have a chance to rise again!?" Hu Tao asked.

Hu Tao was a smart person, but due to her youth and lack of experience, she had a rather narrow perspective.

But once she gave it some thought, Hu Tao wouldn't keep dwelling on this issue.

"The opening of the Second World is also a good thing for you," Fang Mu continued.

“In the Battle Network, your livestream only faces the Beast Masters of the Dragon Rising Federation. The Second World has just opened, and many of its systems are incomplete; it is still undergoing rapid development.”

“Within a month or two, the Second World will launch a livestreaming feature. If you like, you can create a channel there and face Beast Masters from all over the human world.”

“Don’t you want to realize your own value on a broader platform!?”

Upon hearing Fang Mu’s words, Hu Tao’s eyes lit up. She was someone who relished challenges.

These words from Fang Mu immediately reignited Hu Tao’s fighting spirit, and she was no longer bothered by the drop in popularity of her Battle Network stream.

Seeing the change in Hu Tao’s demeanor, a smile spread across Fang Mu’s face.

As a defensive Beast Master, Hu Tao wasn’t particularly skilled in individual combat, and her Bird Armor Puppet wasn’t suitable for public display unless absolutely necessary.

Relying solely on the Barrier Silver Phoenix and the Backtracking Bell Sparrow wasn’t enough for Hu Tao to stand out amongst a crowd of talents. Hu Tao needed to have her own niche.

Hu Tao’s actual strength lay in her ability to Comprehend Mysterious Patterns.

Her family was moderately well-off, and the reason Hu Tao could visit the Contemplation Hall or go on trips with her parents once or twice a year was because they were willing to invest resources in her.

In reality, the chance for Hu Tao to awaken Mysterious Patterns through external stimuli was very slim, while the children from major powers often spent a great deal of time immersed in the Contemplation Hall.

Despite that, Hu Tao was still not left behind by these scions of great powers—in fact, in Comprehending Mysterious Patterns, she had even surpassed some of these children from powerful factions!

Fang Mu had cultivated six Heaven Fragrance Peonies, which could absorb moonlight and contribute about sixty flower beads each month for him.

Before leaving the Mountain Manor, Fang Mu left a full thirty flower beads with Hu Tao.

Now that the Jianmu Contemplation Hall in JA City had been completely constructed, Fang Mu planned for Hu Tao to use one flower bead every week to stimulate her spiritual power and enhance her comprehension.

Hu Tao would try to Comprehend Mysterious Patterns that suited her in the Contemplation Hall.

No one could guarantee success in Comprehending Mysterious Patterns; it was entirely possible for someone of modest talent to keep Comprehending Mysterious Patterns in the Contemplation Hall.

While someone with great giftedness might not gain anything!

Fang Mu had created the best conditions for Hu Tao; how much she would eventually improve was now up to Hu Tao's own destiny!

Hu Tao must first comprehend a variety of Mysterious Patterns and Chapters before Fang Mu gives her the Scenery Fantasy Pearl, even enabling Hu Tao to consecutively condense several high-level Mysterious Chapters!

The understanding of Mysterious Patterns and Chapters is the genius pathway Fang Mu had set for Hu Tao.

After Fang Mu finished guiding Hu Tao and arranging her tasks, he inquired about Jiang Tuo's situation.

Jiang Tuo was practically immersed in the Two Lives world all day like an internet-addicted teenager, participating in at least ten ranked matches every day in the virtual world.

Jiang Tuo had been continuously victorious, and during this time he encountered several tough opponents but ultimately secured victory.

He fought his way to the promotion match from Silver to Gold Ranking with an undefeated record.

After several days of intense battles, Jiang Tuo finally began to feel tired.

Jiang Tuo wasn't in a hurry to advance his ranking but planned to rest properly and digest the improvements in battle skills and insights he had gained during this period.

While Jiang Tuo always maintained a calm attitude, he had unknowingly gained significant fame in the Second World.

Many were discussing that youth who had contracted several Ice Ghosts in the Second World's social zone.

Fang Mu had long seen through Jiang Tuo's enthusiasm and craving for battle; in the Second World, Jiang Tuo was like a wildly raging beast.

Even before becoming a Biprong Star Tamer, Jiang Tuo had already contracted four Ice Ghosts and the powerful Destiny Guardian Beast Bingxiao.

Jiang Tuo, being under twenty, could not say for certain that he dominated his age group. It was very possible that if Jiang Tuo encountered a strong opponent, he might face a sudden defeat.

Rather than smooth sailing, Fang Mu hoped that Jiang Tuo would face some setbacks!

Being overly successful as a youngster isn't necessarily good for subsequent growth; this was a fact Fang Mu, having lived Two Lives, understood, but Jiang Tuo did not.

Only by experiencing failure and recognizing his shortcomings could Jiang Tuo proceed further and smoother!

After another two or three days, Fang Mu felt it was time to seek out Lian Dai.

Ever since Lian Dai handed over the Scale to him, she had been waiting for his response.

In these few days, Fang Mu had also thought of the conditions he would propose to Lian Dai.

Lian Dai, who had just finished negotiating with the kings and Sea Lords of the other three great Sea Countries, rubbed her forehead tiredly.

The negotiation with the Sea Lords went smoothly, but problems arose with the kings of the other three empires.

Lian Dai was tremendously assertive and managed to fight for a chance to meet with the Contract Garden Creators jointly with the other three great Sea Country kings.

Whether the two sides could achieve cooperation did not depend on her effort but on the attitude of the Contract Garden.

When her maid reported that Fang Mu had come to see her, Lian Dai's heart immediately became apprehensive.

Fang Mu's visit meant that he had relayed her message to Qixing and that Qixing had responded to her request.

Lian Dai did not let her maid lead Fang Mu to her bedroom but personally went to receive Fang Mu.

After sending her maid away, Lian Dai looked at Fang Mu with an urgent expression.

Fang Mu didn't dare to presume over Lian Dai, a strong individual who had stepped into the Gods' Domain, nor did he find it necessary.

Fang Mu, not waiting for Lian Dai to ask him, spoke directly to her, "Lendai senior, I have conveyed the message and Scale you asked me to deliver to my master."

"My master, after investigating your Scale, has clearly expressed that he can help enhance your Bloodline."

Upon hearing Fang Mu's words, Lian Dai's excitement was palpably revealed.

Fortunately, Lian Dai immediately reined in her excitement the moment it emerged, otherwise Fang Mu could have been seriously injured by the outburst!

If that had happened, Lian Dai would not only feel sorry towards Fang Mu but also be unable to explain it to Qixing.

"Jianmu, I'm truly sorry, I was a little uncontrolled!"

"Now that Master Qixing has said he can help enhance my Bloodline, may I ask what Master Qixing requires from me!?"

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Lendai had already prepared to pay compensation before making her request.

However, even if Lendai wished to enhance her Bloodline and achieve a Bloodline Transformation, not all prices could be paid!

Firstly, as the King of the Han Yang Empire, Lendai could not do anything that would harm the Han Yang Empire or even endanger the entire Sea Clan.

Fang Mu, having already thought of what he wanted Lendai to do, spoke to her with sincere tones.

“Lendai senior, you must be aware that helping you enhance your Bloodline is not an easy task, and my master, being a Saint Creator of the humans, might get affected if the news of him helping the King of the Sea Clan enhance her Bloodline gets out.”

“Therefore, my first request is that you must ensure that you do not disclose the matter of my master helping you enhance your Bloodline.”

Upon hearing this, Lendai nodded and said,

“It is only natural, I would never allow Master Qixing to be placed in an unjust position!”

This first request from Qixing made Lendai realize that her requests were being taken seriously by Qixing, rather than him merely throwing impossible demands to brush her off.

Having received Lendai’s response, Fang Mu continued,

“The second request is that I hope the Infinite Tower can form a defensive and offensive alliance with the Han Yang Empire, with both parties becoming allies.”

Fang Mu paused before adding,

“The Infinite Tower is a force created by my master.”

Upon hearing this second request relayed by Fang Mu, Lendai agreed without hesitation.

If Fang Mu had suggested forming an alliance with the Contract Garden or the entire Human Forces, Lendai would have hesitated or even refused.

Facing the Contract Garden or all of humanity, with many forces in the grand scheme, the Han Yang Empire might have to lobby for the Contract Garden and the entirety of humanity, essentially placing the Han Yang Empire in an unfavorable position.

However, forming an alliance exclusively with the force established by Saint Creator Qixing would indeed be beneficial to the Han Yang Empire.

Lendai had not heard of the power known as the Infinite Tower before. As one of the three grand Saint Creators, it was unlikely that Qixing's founded force had not made a significant impact unless it was purposely maintaining a low profile.

After forming a defensive and offensive alliance with the Infinite Tower, there would indeed be many tasks for the Han Yang Empire to handle.

Yet, the Han Yang Empire would also have the opportunity to obtain resources equivalent to those of a Saint Creator from the Infinite Tower.

"It is an honor for me and the Han Yang Empire to form a defensive and offensive alliance with the Infinite Tower. I believe both parties will indeed become close partners in the future!"

"Master Qixing must have other requests, right? As long as it doesn't harm the interests of the Sea Clan, I am willing to agree!"

Fang Mu's tone became solemn.

"The requirement put forward by my master will certainly not force Lendai junior to betray the Sea Clan, but this request will impose a certain restraint on you."

"It is said that Merfolk can bless other creatures through their Bloodline. My master hopes you can bless me."

"And that when needed, I might be able to draw upon the strength of Lendai senior!"

"Every time Lendai senior aids us, we will provide you with resources corresponding to a Saint Creator level to help continue your Bloodline breakthroughs!"

“Lendai senior has always emphasized not endangering the Sea Clan, and I also need you to assure me.”

“Lendai senior must not harm humans after enhancing your strength through your Bloodline!”

Fang Mu, having read ancient texts before, knew that Merfolk could bless other creatures through their Bloodline.

The creatures blessed would receive great benefits.

Fang Mu thought to seize this opportunity to secure this advantage from Lendai!

Lendai remained silent for a long while after hearing Fang Mu’s words, all of Fang Mu’s requests fell within her expectations.

For Saint Creator Qixing, the most useful aspect was strength.

If Qixing did not value her strength, there was nothing else worth scheming for!

Lendai indeed had not expected Qixing to ask her to bless Fang Mu, his Disciple.

Indeed, Merfolk could bless other creatures, but a Mermaid could only bless one creature in their lifetime.

Normally, Merfolk saved their blessings for their Direct Descendants to aid in their growth.

After receiving a blessing, the living creature’s physical condition, spiritual power, and affinity with the Water Element all improved rapidly.

It even partially increased their Soul Energy, and this kind of blessing was most significant for marine creatures.

After blessing a human, it would at least allow the human to breathe and move in water as freely as on land.

Lendai had no offspring, otherwise, she might have already bestowed her blessing.

As for granting the blessing to Fang Mu, Lendai was not resistant internally; her ongoing hesitation without response was because she needed time to resolve her thoughts.

After stating his demands, Fang Mu locked his gaze onto Lendai without a hint of retreat.

Fang Mu's requests were not made waiting for Lendai to bargain; if Lendai was unwilling, Fang Mu would no longer continue to help Lendai enhance her Bloodline.

The length of Lendai's contemplation did not seem like bad news to Fang Mu.

If Lendai was dissatisfied with his conditions, she could directly refuse him. Lendai's hesitation indicated that his request fell into a gray area for her.

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Fang Mu believed that Lian Dai would ultimately be unable to resist the temptation of undergoing Bloodline Transformation to increase her strength!

Indeed, just as Fang Mu had expected, Lian Dai nodded to him.

"Master Qixing has made three requests, all of which I can fulfill. It's clear that Master Qixing's protection for you comes from the heart."

"The requests I've made are for the sake of Humanity, and for considering your own prospects."

“The Mermaid Blessing will take me several days to prepare; this way, the effects of the blessing can be maximized!”

“You must cultivate as much as possible these next few days and maintain your soul in the most vibrant state.”

“The longer you withstand the process during the blessing, the more benefits you will gain.”

“If you can endure until the end, a totem of the Merfolk Tribe will be etched onto your body, ensuring you will no longer suffer any attacks from the Sea Clan in the sea!”

Fang Mu nodded at Lian Dai’s words, understanding the importance of seizing the opportunity of receiving her blessing.

Lian Dai gave Fang Mu a few more instructions, hoping that the only blessing she bestowed wouldn’t be wasted by Fang Mu and fail to manifest its true effects.

Lian Dai had experienced the Mermaid Blessing herself, a beautiful-sounding but painstakingly transformative ordeal.

“Little Wood, you will eventually return to the Human World, which is far removed from the Sea Clan.”

“Communication with the Communication Beast can be somewhat inconvenient; at critical moments, you might be unable to reach me.”

“Young direct descendants from powerful human families are usually assigned a Dao Protector by their family—how about I act as your protector?”

Lian Dai’s words caught Fang Mu completely off guard, never having considered that Lian Dai might wish to become his Dao Protector.

Lian Dai becoming his Dao Protector meant the formation of an intimate Bond with Fang Mu, which was of great benefit to him.

In the entire younger generation of the Human World, there was probably no one else privileged enough to have a God-Realm Expert as their Dao Protector!

However, Fang Mu already had a Dao Protector.

Shu Liangjun had been faithfully protecting Fang Mu's safety, and he was not the sort who would abandon Shu Liangjun for a better option.

Fang Mu spoke truthfully to Lian Dai.

"I must not hide from you, Lian Dai senior, that I already have a Dao Protector."

Upon hearing Fang Mu's words, Lian Dai's eyes crinkled with a smile; his response confirmed to her that Fang Mu was a person who valued relationships.

Compared to those driven solely by self-interest, Lian Dai decidedly preferred dealing with those who valued emotions.

Had Lian Dai discovered that Fang Mu was someone motivated purely by profit, she would not have offered to become his Dao Protector!

"Little Wood, a person can have more than one Dao Protector."

"Because a Dao Protector needs to leave traces within the soul of their charge, a powerful individual can only act as the protector for one subject, as doing so for multiple individuals could harm the soul!"

"You, as the recipient, can have many Dao Protectors!"

“However, to conserve the resources of powerful individuals, almost no force would allocate more than one Dao Protector to the younger generation.”

“You can discuss it with your master and current Dao Protector. After you’ve received the blessing, you can respond to me!”

Initially, Lian Dai wasn’t harboring any thoughts of becoming Fang Mu’s Dao Protector.

The idea of becoming Fang Mu’s Dao Protector only emerged after she realized she would be providing him with the Mermaid Blessing!

Without any descendants, bestowing the Mermaid Blessing on Fang Mu meant forming a deep Bond between them.

Becoming a Dao Protector would undoubtedly deepen this Bond and Lian Dai was confident that Master Qixing would not refuse her becoming Fang Mu’s protector—such was her self-assurance!

By becoming Little Wood’s protector, she would essentially become one of Master Qixing’s own people, indirectly bridging her relationship with Master Qixing.

This would allow Master Qixing to help her with her Bloodline advancement more wholeheartedly.

Even though she was already a God Territory Powerhouse, becoming closer to a Saint Creator could only be beneficial to her without any drawbacks!

“Thank you, Lendai senior, for your understanding, and for your generous affection.”

“Just that, as a junior, it is really inconvenient for me to decide on such matters myself; I must consult my master first!”

Fang Mu’s master Qixing was a fabricated mentor that Fang Mu created—Qixing was Fang Mu himself.

In reality, what Fang Mu truly wanted to ask was Shu Liangjun's opinion, as this was the least respect he owed to his current Dao Protector, Shu Liangjun.

Lian Dai then gave Fang Mu a few more words of advice and sent him away after he had rested well in her own sleeping chambers.

Even though Fang Mu had not yet confirmed Lian Dai as his Dao Protector, the bond between Lian Dai and Fang Mu had already deepened.

Upon returning to his own residence, Fang Mu contacted Shu Liangjun through the Legend Butterfly.

Fang Mu did not ask Shu Liangjun to come over but went to see Shu Liangjun in person.

Normally, it was Shu Liangjun who came to see Fang Mu; knowing that Fang Mu had taken the initiative to come over, she was sure that Fang Mu must have something important to discuss with her!

"Little Wood, if you have something, you could have just asked me to come over. It's not as safe here in the Sea Clan as it is in the Human World."

"Within the Han Yang Empire, there must be people from the other three of the Four Great Sea Nations and the Sea Lord. Although there is no major friction between the four great sea nations of the Sea Clan and the Sea Lord, minor conflicts are incessant."

"Being in the Han Yang Empire, the people of the Han Yang Empire will not only not target you but will even protect your safety, yet those from the other three great sea nations and the Sea Lord might very well take action against you."

"If your safety within the Han Yang Empire were to be compromised, it would inevitably affect the cooperation between the Contract Garden and the Sea Clan!"

Shu Liangjun was an individual who had lived for a lifetime; if it hadn't been for Fang Mu extending her life, Shu Liangjun would most likely already be dead.

Shu Liangjun deeply contemplated many matters, and Fang Mu realized that he had indeed not considered some of the issues Shu Liangjun pointed out.

Indeed, the Han Yang Empire was the most severely affected by this tidal disaster, and the other three great empires of the Sea Clan and the Sea Lord might not necessarily be willing to cooperate with the Contract Garden.

Taking some actions in secret was also within reason!

However, Shu Liangjun was unaware that Fang Mu was engaging in a transaction with Lian Dai, who had been closely monitoring his situation.

Under Lian Dai's watch, unless there were God-Realm Experts involved, it was simply impossible for anyone to harm him!

Shu Liangjun had considered the situation, and Lian Dai must have considered it too.

"Elder Shu, I will pay attention to my safety. I indeed have something to discuss with you this time."

"King Lian Dai of the Han Yang Empire has expressed a wish to become my Dao Protector; may I know your thoughts on this, Elder Shu?"

Fang Mu was very direct in explaining the situation to Shu Liangjun, as there was no need to hide such a matter.

Contracting with a Dao Protector was not like dating a boyfriend or girlfriend; having an additional Dao Protector did not make Fang Mu out to be a cheating scoundrel.

Hearing this, Shu Liangjun was taken aback and felt an extraordinary surprise in her heart—how had Fang Mu managed to get someone like Lian Dai to become his Dao Protector?

This was, in Shu Liangjun's eyes, an extremely fortunate event.

At the beginning, Shu Liangjun was full of confidence as Fang Mu's Dao Protector, believing she was fully capable of the responsibility and could protect Fang Mu's safety.

However, as Fang Mu grew stronger, Shu Liangjun felt increasingly incapable of fulfilling the duties of a Dao Protector.

The duty of a Dao Protector is to safeguard Fang Mu's safety; currently, Jun Feng was the one by Fang Mu's side, protecting his safety.

Her own role was increasingly becoming more like She Wan's.

Having Lian Dai, the King of a Sea Nation, become Fang Mu's Dao Protector meant that her strength could surpass Jun Feng's and ensure Fang Mu's safety, which also alleviated some of Shu Liangjun's burden.

Had Fang Mu let Lian Dai become his Dao Protector without even mentioning it to her, Shu Liangjun would have felt somewhat hurt.

Now, Fang Mu demonstrated extraordinary respect by explaining the situation to her, and in these circumstances, Shu Liangjun felt truly respected by Fang Mu.

Shu Liangjun sincerely said to Fang Mu.

"Little Wood, congratulations. A God-Realm Expert is arguably the best choice for a Dao Protector."

"By forming a Dao Protector contract, the King of the Han Yang Empire will imprint her Soul Mark into your soul. Even if she has her own intentions, you need not worry about her using you!"