

Beast Tamer 1351

Chapter 1351: Before Fang Mu had a chance to react, Wang Fengjian had already made his move.

Since there was no cooperation between Wang Fengjian and the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, he could not directly affect them.

Wang Fengjian then informed all forces associated with the Wang Family of their hostility towards the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, causing a huge stir.

This made many forces on good terms with the Wang Family think that Wang Fengjian had gone mad.

There was no competitive relationship between the Beast Collection Merchants' Association and the Wang Family,

one mainly dealt in trading Guardian Beasts, while the other primarily sold spiritual instruments externally.

Forces without competition between them should be on good terms with each other.

The Wang Family needed to use a large amount of Spiritual Materials from Guardian Beasts to craft spiritual instruments, and the Beast Collection Merchants' Association just happened to have the capability and conditions to trade such materials to the Wang Family.

It was utterly incomprehensible for the Wang Family to unilaterally declare hostility towards the Beast Collection Merchants' Association; Wang Fengjian, the head of the Wang Family, was not an impulsive person, so he surely had his reasons for doing so.

The forces on good terms with the Wang Family were unwilling to offend the Beast Collection Merchants' Association just because of their close ties to the Wang Family. They mostly tried to distance themselves from the Beast Collection Merchants' Association until they could clarify why Wang Fengjian had acted so rashly.

After understanding the real situation, they would then make appropriate decisions.

If the Wang Family failed to explain their actions, many forces would consider whether there was still a necessity to cooperate with the Wang Family.

If Wang Fengjian had a valid reason for making such a decision, and this “reason” brought more benefits to their own force than the cost of severing ties with the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association.

These forces would make suitable choices.

Wang Fengjian had made this choice without explicitly informing Fang Mu, as doing so would seem too deliberate.

Fang Mu would eventually find out about the situation sooner or later.

Regardless of whether Fang Mu appreciated it, this was the Wang Family’s way of showing goodwill towards Fang Mu and also demonstrated their attitude.

Fang Mu was not affected emotionally by the incident within the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association.

Now, very few things could directly influence Fang Mu’s mood.

However, Fang Mu would not let go of the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association, because ever since he had declared himself Saint Creator Qixing, he had never had an open conflict with any force.

But as Saint Creator Qixing, he needed to establish his authority; only after establishing his might could he truly inspire fear.

Otherwise, the major forces would only submit to the title of Qixing, rather than fearing Qixing himself.

Fang Mu didn't need to do much to target the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, he just needed to spread the news of his dislike for them in his capacity as Qixing.

Once Fang Mu sent this message, other Grandmaster Creators would pressurize the Beast Collection Merchants' Association to curry favor with him, and soon the Beast Language Federation would be affected.

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association, being a force supported by the Beast Language Federation, naturally had to come to apologize to him.

Fang Mu summoned Yi Han, whom he hadn't seen in quite a while. During the last gathering at the Contract Garden, Fang Mu spoke many words through Yi Han's mouth, making all the major forces aware that Yi Han was the official spokesperson for Qixing.

It made sense for Fang Mu to have Yi Han spread the news of his dislike for the Beast Collection Merchants' Association.

Otherwise, if Fang Mu directly attacked the Beast Collection Merchants' Association in his capacity as a Qixing Disciple, it would have been making a mountain out of a molehill.

When Yi Han received Fang Mu's message, he was in a cultivation room mixing elixirs, and Yi Han always hated being disturbed while working on his elixirs.

Fang Mu transmitted his message suddenly through the Legend Butterfly, causing the elixir Yi Han was mixing to fail.

Normally, Yi Han would probably have been furiously yelling.

Every member of the Yi Family, even those older than Yi Han, had been scolded by him.

But now, Yi Han, who should have been furious, was instead beaming with joy.

Regardless of the reason, Fang Mu contacting him was a good thing for Yi Han.

At first, when Yi Han had just joined under Qixing through Fang Mu, he thought Qixing was just a highly skilled Grandmaster Creator.

He never expected Qixing to be a genuine Saint Creator.

Over these past few months, so many Grandmaster Creators stronger than himself had gathered around Qixing, with Float Yue Grandmaster even staying by Qixing's side.

Shuoyang Grandmaster also took the initiative to contact Fang Mu, which added a lot of pressure on Yi Han.

Yi Han was worried about being marginalized by Fang Mu.

With excitement, after communicating with Fang Mu and learning that Qixing had tasks for him, Yi Han hurried from the Capital to Fang Mu's Half Mountain Manor in JA City.

Yi Han knew all commands from Qixing were conveyed through Fang Mu, and Yi Han didn't think about meeting Qixing.

Yi Han had always been in contact with Fang Mu, and interacting with Fang Mu made Yi Han more at ease.

Upon seeing Fang Mu, Yi Han quickly stepped forward and bowed, saying,

"Young Master, it has been a long time since we last met. Upon seeing you again, I find your aura has become much more refined than before!"

"This trip to the Han Yang Empire must have been taxing!"

Fang Mu responded with a smile.

“Uncle Yi, you should just call me Little Wood like before. There is no need for such formality between us, as you are an elder.”

Previously, Yi Han had called Fang Mu Little Wood, truly treating Fang Mu as a junior.

But over time, as Fang Mu performed many actions far beyond Yi Han’s expectations, it made Yi Han realize he had underestimated Fang Mu’s position in Qixing’s esteem.

Chapter 1352: Fang Mu’s Counterattack!_2 Master Qixing was practically raising Fang Mu as if he were his own son!

This is what caused Yi Han’s way of addressing Fang Mu to change.

For others, Fang Mu could accept such an address with peace of mind, but within the Dragon Rising Federation, Fang Mu couldn’t possibly allow Yi Han and “Dragon Mother” to address him in such a manner.

This was because Yi Han and “Dragon Mother” were the mentors of Yan Wood and Fang Qin, respectively.

Toward the mentors of his two sisters, Fang Mu still held exceptional respect.

Upon hearing Fang Mu speak in such a way, Yi Han knew that Fang Mu was not distancing himself, which brought Yi Han a great deal of joy.

He was very glad about his past decision to take Yan Wood as a disciple.

“Little Wood, is there anything Master Qixing needs me to do?”

“Since joining Master Qixing’s ranks, I don’t believe I have ever really helped to alleviate any of Master Qixing’s worries.”

“Now, I finally see an opportunity to share Master Qixing’s concerns and to show my gratitude for Master Qixing’s cultivation of me!”

Yi Han spoke these words with sincere earnestness. Yi Han’s becoming a Grandmaster Creator truly had nothing to do with Master Qixing.

However, Yi Han’s growth after becoming a Grandmaster Creator had a significant relationship with Master Qixing.

Master Qixing never directly taught Yi Han, but first used resources to improve Yi Han’s strength.

Then, he arranged for Yi Han to have opportunities to exchange ideas with Grandmaster Creators such as Xu Fengnian and Wang Mi.

Zhang Yue had also visited the Yi Family more than once to engage in exchanges with Yi Han.

Yi Han was well aware that it was not his own influence that prompted such care from these individuals; it was entirely because of Master Qixing.

Fang Mu directly spoke to Yi Han, saying,

“Uncle Yi, the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association has offended the Master, and I need you to help spread the word. Just make sure that the other Grandmaster Creators in the Contract Garden are aware of it.”

Yi Han was utterly trustworthy, and Fang Mu could say anything to Yi Han without the need for any concealment.

Before coming, Yi Han had heard the news that the Wang Family had declared hostility toward the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association. The Yi Family and the Wang Family were both top forces in the Dragon Rising Federation, with close cooperation between them.

Eighty percent of the spiritual instruments used by the members of the Yi Family were obtained from the Wang Family.

Yi Han had been curious about what made Wang Fengjian go mad for no good reason and now Yi Han understood that the Wang Family had quietly hitched themselves to Master Qixing's huge wheel.

From Fang Mu's words, Yi Han astutely caught that the Beast Collection Merchants' Association had offended Master Qixing and had actually made him genuinely angry.

Otherwise, there would be no need for Master Qixing to let all the Grandmaster Creators in the Contract Garden know about the matter.

If one was to explain Master Qixing's actions, it could be interpreted as, "I have a grudge against the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, and if you Grandmaster Creators want to please me, go put pressure on them."

If any of you have collaborations with the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, break them off quickly.

Otherwise, I will be coming for you!

Master Qixing's current position in the Contract Garden is enough to parley on equal terms with Han Ming, and even command somewhat higher authority than Eternal Mother Yongle.

All Grandmaster Creators were thinking about how they might flatter Master Qixing; by putting this word out there, it was like giving the present Grandmaster Creators an opportunity to brown-nose Master Qixing legitimately.

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association was probably in for a tough time!

Yi Han did know some background information about the Beast Collection Merchants' Association; aside from being a force supported by the Beast Language Federation, there were two Grandmaster Creators standing behind it.

These two Grandmaster Creators were supporting the Beast Collection Merchants' Association by cooperating with the Beast Language Federation, who would give them considerable returns, making these two Grandmaster Creators willing to allocate some of their resources to the Beast Collection Merchants' Association.

No matter how the other Grandmaster Creators reacted, these two Grandmaster Creators must have been filled with extreme regret.

In the Contract Garden, there were no shortage of cases where Grandmaster Creators stood firm against a Saint Creator, but the core reason for such firmness was generally because another Saint Creator supported them from behind.

According to what Yi Han knew, neither of these two Grandmaster Creators had a Saint Creator backing them; in fact, one of them had previously shown a clear intention of wanting to seek the support of Master Qixing.

"Little Wood, I'll go take care of this matter right now, and it won't take long before other Grandmaster Creators in the Contract Garden know about this event."

Having said that, Yi Han did not linger in the Half Mountain Manor but immediately set out to complete the task arranged by Fang Mu.

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association was unaware that, because of the actions of one of its representatives in the second world, the entire force was about to face an unprecedented crisis.

The previous conflict in the second world between Fang Mu and Wang Longfei and the Beast Collection Merchants' Association was like an interlude.

Such disputes were insignificant and wouldn't become the talk of outsiders.

Both Fang Mu and Jiang Tuo had left the second world, but Hu Tao remained there helping Fang Mu and Jiang Tuo conduct lotteries in the fan groups.

Currently, the number of members in Fang Mu's fan group had skyrocketed, reaching a fan base of 820,000.

However, the number of fans in Fang Mu's fan group was still far less than that of Jiang Tuo's fans.

Even though the number of fans had increased, each person still had only a one in several hundred thousand chance of drawing a Life Elixir with ninety percent purity.

This opportunity to become rich overnight, worth nearly eighty million World Coins, was not available to each person only once.

If one was lucky, it was not impossible for the Life Elixirs to be drawn by the same person five times in a row.

If a fan happened to join both Fang Mu's and Jiang Tuo's fan groups, they could have ten such opportunities.

Initially, both Fang Mu and Jiang Tuo had the potential to become phenomenon-level streamers in the second world within their age group under twenty.

Now, due to this lottery, Fang Mu and Jiang Tuo's popularity had surged once again.

Because the fan group lottery was controlled by the officials of the second world, fairness was absolutely guaranteed.

Fang Mu's and Jiang Tuo's fan groups had already boiled over with excitement after Hu Tao announced the lottery prizes.

[Crane Return Knowledge]: My God, are you kidding me? Just starting the broadcast and already setting up such high-level prizes for fan benefits?! Life Elixirs with ninety percent purity sell for nearly seven hundred million in my Federation, which is almost eighty-five million World Coins when converted!

[The Novice on the Right]: Hahaha, I've realized I'm not here just to be a fan; I'm here to get rich!

[Once There Was a Small Fish]: This is the closest I've ever been to becoming a multi-millionaire; whoever draws it will get rich overnight! I hope it's me.

[Watching the Clouds Rise]: The number of fans in Yan Luo's live stream has already been increasing rapidly, and after this, the fans are probably going to break the ten million barrier soon, becoming a streamer that can hit the ranking board within the under twenty age group!

[Wood Junhao]: I really admire Yan Luo's cash ability, but I just can't understand why someone in such a good situation would want to contract with Undead Creatures? Undead Creatures are just too niche!

[Too Lazy to Slow Down]: Am I the only one who has noticed the detail? Why are Yan Luo and the Cold-faced Ghost King conducting the same type of lottery? Could it be that the two streamers I like are related in some way? I've already got scenarios in my head.

The lottery was quickly completed; Hu Tao had previously contacted the authorities of the second world and handed over the ten Life Elixirs with ninety percent purity to the officials managing the second world as prizes.

After the lottery was drawn, these ten bottles of Life Elixirs would soon be distributed to the winners through the channels of the second world.

In just the span of half a day, the news had just begun to spread, and a large number of fans already chose to join the fan groups of Fang Mu and Jiang Tuo.

After half a day, when the winners showcased their Life Elixirs on forums, even more people would join the fan groups.

After ensuring she had managed Fang Mu's and Jiang Tuo's live streams well, Hu Tao left the second world.

Fang Mu had initially planned to check on the Lotus Fish Life Lotus and its evolution scenario, but just as he approached the porcelain basin, before he had time to call upon the Eye of Omniscience to inspect the Lotus Fish Life Lotus, he received a message from Lian Dai.

Lian Dai, the King of the Han Yang Empire and a God-Realm Expert, had personally come to the Dragon Rising Federation to escort this King-level Exotic Body for him.

Chapter 1353: Offering Lotus as Tribute! Fang Mu always felt that besides escorting the King-level Exotic Body, Lian Dai personally sought him out most likely because she had something to tell him.

Otherwise, there was no need for Lian Dai to make the trip herself.

Fang Mu pondered for a moment and didn't ask too many questions during the conversation through the Legend Butterfly, deciding to wait and ask Lian Dai when he saw her in reality.

This visit from Lian Dai gave Fang Mu an opportunity to give her a portion of Nuwa Blood produced by the Original Blood Nuwa Female which could absorb impurities in Lian Dai's body, aiding the advancement of her Mermaid Bloodline.

Fang Mu also wanted to inquire directly from Lian Dai about the cooperation situation between humans and the Sea Clan.

It would still take some time for Lian Dai to reach the Dragon Rising Federation, and despite being a God Territory Powerhouse, she did not possess spatial teleportation abilities like Shu Liangjun.

This waiting period was an excellent time for Fang Mu to thoroughly investigate the evolution of the Lotus Fish Life Lotus.

[Beast Name]: Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus

[Beast Species]: Nymphaeaceae/Nelumbo

[Beast Level]: Platinum Tier (2/10)

[Beast Element]: Wood

[Beast Potential]: Diamond

[Beast Quality]: Legendary

Skills:

[Lotus Endowment Fish]: Utilizes its unique characteristics to link with Fish Beasts, upon linking, the linked Fish Beast's functionality is enhanced, and when at the same tier, the amplification effect can stably reach double. The amplification ability decreases if the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus's level is lower than the target (it may cause acute damage if its tier is higher than the target's).

[Swift Lotus Growth]: Can effectively use the energy in a suitable environment to rapidly enhance its own strength, the more abundant the energy in the environment, the faster its strength improves.

[Water-wood Lotus Rhyme]: The Lotus leaves splash the water surface, creating ripples that help elevate linked Fish Beast's life as well as other wood-element creatures around it.

[Sacrificial Lotus Offering]: When the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus's tier and quality are about to surpass the linked Fish Beast's life, it sacrifices part of its body to forcibly lower its level, using the energy obtained from the sacrifice to enhance the Fish Beast's life.

Exclusive Traits:

[Healing Fish Knot Lotus]: The lotus root produced by itself has the effect of restoring the origin of linked Fish Beasts, and the healing effect is greatly enhanced when healing a linked Fish Beast.

[Pure Water Lotus Powder]: The pollen from blooming flowers cleans the water bodies, creating the most comfortable environment for aquatic creatures and also detecting water quality; if the water is contaminated and the pollen cannot clear it, the pollen will spoil and emit a fishy smell akin to dead fish.

[Nirvana Lotus Seed]: The lotus pod it forms does not grow lotus seeds, and when it cannot feel the linked Fish Beast, it enters a nirvana state and reverts back to a lotus seed form, severing the link with the original Fish Beast.

Evolution Directions:

① Lotus Fish Eternal Life Lotus, ② Fierce Arrow Lotus Fish, ③ Fish Abundant Green Lotus.

Under the investigation of the Eye of Omniscience, Fang Mu discovered that the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus had been elevated to Platinum Legendary Quality, just one step away from advancing to Diamond Rank.

Just one step away and the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus would reach the level of the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp.

The tier of the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus must not exceed the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp, otherwise, it would cause acute damage to it using the skill [Lotus Endowment Fish].

Since its advancement from Copper Level to Platinum Tier, the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus had not changed much, except that its leaves and flowers had grown a bit larger, with little else that had changed.

It was still that solitary lotus standing out on the water surface.

The appearance of the lotus had a lot to do with the body color of the Sacred Objects: Heavy Sakura Cleansing Carp.

The environment suitable for the Sacred Objects: Heavy Sakura Cleansing Carp had not yet been set up, and Lu Jifeng had just been brought back by She Wan to start arranging a suitable environment for it.

Once a variety of cherry blossoms are planted in the pool, the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus will be totally overshadowed by these cherry blossoms, and it won't look nearly as dazzling as they do.

During its promotion to Platinum Tier, the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus had acquired three skills.

The Silver Grade Skill [Swift Lotus Growth] enabled the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus to enhance its own growth rate, allowing it to swiftly improve its rank and quality in a suitable environment.

Before investigating the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus, Fang Mu hadn't expected that its rank could be elevated to the Platinum Tier in such a short time.

Now Fang Mu had figured out the specific reason.

Because of the skill [Swift Lotus Growth], once the Silver Rank was advanced, the speed of the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus's own strength enhancement was significantly boosted.

Otherwise, the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus would have only been elevated to around Golden Stage Level 5-6 at most.

[Swift Lotus Growth] not only doubled the rate of enhancement, this skill, if considered alone, would be an excellent one for any Beast, but it wasn't particularly good for the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus itself.

However, the Platinum Tier skill [Sacrificial Lotus Offering] had revitalized the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus's Silver Grade Skill.

It allowed the Silver Grade Skill of the Lotus Fish Ascending Lotus to unleash great value.

Chapter 1354: Offering the Lotus Tribute!_2 The reason why the skill "Swift Lotus Growth" was not suitable for the Ascending Lotus Fish was that the ranking of the Ascending Lotus Fish had to keep pace with the speed of ranking advancement of the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp.

Fang Mu could not possibly let the Ascending Lotus Fish threaten the safety of the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp during its enhancement process.

The slow pace of ranking advancement for the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp rendered the Ascending Lotus Fish's skill "Swift Lotus Growth" useless.

However, the appearance of the Platinum Tier skill "Lotus Offering Ritual" allowed the enhancement of its own power to be transformed into the ranking and quality enhancement of the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp.

This suddenly made the Ascending Lotus Fish's skill "Swift Lotus Growth" useful.

Beyond these two skills, the Ascending Lotus Fish also acquired a skill named "Water-wood Lotus Rhyme."

"Water-wood Lotus Rhyme" could promote the strength enhancement of cherry-type Guardian Beasts in aquatic environments that work well with the Heavy Cherry Washing Carp, which was very compatible with the functional nature of the Ascending Lotus Fish.

For a purely Support Type Guardian Beast like the Ascending Lotus Fish, it would be unfavorable if it developed offensive-type skills during evolution.

Overall, Fang Mu was quite satisfied with the skills that the Ascending Lotus Fish gained from its ranking advancement.

It was not in vain that Fang Mu provided the best possible living environment for the Ascending Lotus Fish.

Just as Fang Mu's thoughts shifted away from the Ascending Lotus Fish, he saw Hu Tao standing not far away, watching him.

Fang Mu waved to Hu Tao, signaling that he had finished his work.

Since learning that Fang Mu was a disciple of the Saint Creator Qixing, Hu Tao had subconsciously begun to regard Fang Mu as a Creator in her mind.

She was afraid of disturbing Fang Mu in her daily life.

Indeed, Hu Tao had acknowledged Fang Mu's abilities while they were studying together, believing that a Creator would surely take note of Fang Mu and take him on as an assistant one day.

"Ah Mu, I've taken care of all the matters related to yours and Xiao Tuo's accounts in the Second World," Hu Tao said.

"The prizes drawn will reach the winners by tomorrow morning."

"After this draw, both your and Xiao Tuo's popularity will skyrocket in a short period of time."

"Even if you plan to do another giveaway in the future, there's no need to do it so frequently with such precious items!"

Hu Tao knew that Fang Mu had an abundance of resources, but she still felt it was somewhat wasteful to give them away as gifts like this, squandering the resources of a Grandmaster Creator.

Hu Tao truly considered Fang Mu a friend, otherwise, she wouldn't be thinking about saving resources for him.

Fang Mu smiled and nodded in response.

He could feel Hu Tao's concern and how seriously she took the arrangements he entrusted to her.

While Fang Mu was not one to pinch pennies, pinching pennies required a time cost.

The time cost for Fang Mu was far more expensive than the resources spent.

However, Fang Mu was not a spendthrift who would squander his resources like water.

The giveaways for his and Jiang Tuo's fan group would continue in the future, but they wouldn't be as senseless as this time, simply drawing prizes without a reason.

Instead, he would wait for meaningful moments to do so.

"Ah Tao, I appreciate your handling the matters in the Second World. Once you've used the 'Prayers to Heaven's Tears,' you should be able to make a contract with a Ghost System Guardian Beast," Fang Mu said.

"Do you have any thoughts on your contract with a Ghost System Guardian Beast?"

"Rather than me directly finding you a suitable Heaven Calamity Ghost Series Beast, it's better for you to decide whether you want your Ghost System Guardian Beast to be support-oriented or offensively oriented."

"Even if it's support-oriented, there are still many different focuses."

"Healing, defense, control — all these support-type abilities could potentially appear on a Ghost System Guardian Beast!"

Fang Mu's words made Hu Tao fall into deep thought. It was not the first time Fang Mu had spoken to Hu Tao about Ghost System Guardian Beasts.

But until now, Hu Tao had not had the opportunity to come into contact with such creatures and did not understand much about Ghost System Guardian Beasts.

Moreover, ever since moving into Half Mountain Manor, Hu Tao had usually let Fang Mu take charge of matters, and subconsciously, she had grown accustomed to relying on Fang Mu.

However, when Fang Mu seriously asked for her opinion, Hu Tao would still clearly express her thoughts to him.

This is Hu Tao's professionalism as a Beast Master.

"Ah Mu, I want to choose an offensive Ghost System Beast!"

No sooner had she voiced her choice than Hu Tao subconsciously felt she had misspoken.

In her bones, Hu Tao was a Beast Master who preferred offense over defense; the belief in attack was etched into her very marrow.

But Hu Tao had not forgotten the role and expectations Fang Mu had for her: Fang Mu hoped she would be responsible for the team's defense, becoming a solid shield among the members.

This was Fang Mu's expectation for her.

Under such expectations from Fang Mu, choosing an offensive Ghost System Beast seemed somewhat inappropriate.

This wasn't the first time Hu Tao had realized her own choices differed from Fang Mu's expectations.

Just as Hu Tao was about to correct herself, she heard Fang Mu speak.

"An offensive Ghost System Beast does indeed suit you, judging by the performance of your Retrace Sparrow Demon, Barrier Phoenix, and your Destiny Guardian Beast, Bird Armor Puppet."

"Your defense capability is already sufficient within the team."

"While further improving your defense capability would indeed be of some help to the team, it would greatly limit your own growth, something I don't want to see!"

“A good Beast Master should not only be useful within a team but also be able to stand alone.”

“A Catastrophe Class, Metal Attribute Ghost System Beast might be found in the Subterranean Dimensional Rift, I’ll keep an eye out for you.”

Hearing Fang Mu’s words, Hu Tao felt extremely happy, and a sweet smile spread across her face.

Ghost System Beasts could be used in the Second World, with Jiang Tuo being an exception, all of his contracted Guardian Beasts were Ghost System Beasts.

Aside from Jiang Tuo, many others revealed their Ghost System Beasts in pursuit of advancing from Platinum Rank to Diamond Rank.

They fought using their Ghost System Beasts.

The strategic level of a Destiny Guardian Beast is higher than that of a Ghost System Beast, and Hu Tao had now become a Two Mang Star Beast Master.

After undergoing a ranking upgrade with the Infinite Silver Silkworm, all of Hu Tao’s Guardian Beasts’ rankings had reached Platinum Tier.

With a Platinum Tier offensive Ghost System Beast paired with her Destiny Guardian Beast, Bird Armor Puppet, Hu Tao would likely be able to advance to the Platinum Ranking.

After chatting with Fang Mu for a while, Hu Tao went back to her room to rest, leaving Fang Mu alone in the vast training room.

At that moment, a familiar fluctuation spread out beside Fang Mu, and Lian Dai’s figure appeared beside him.

It hadn’t been long since Fang Mu last saw Lian Dai, but she had undergone significant changes since then.

The grey scales on Lian Dai's face had noticeably decreased.

The pinkish-gold scales on Lian Dai's body had become even more pronounced, and even her aura had become more lively than before.

It seemed that the high-concentration Spiritual Elixirs Fang Mu had provided to Lian Dai had greatly assisted in the advancement of her bloodline.

Fang Mu, smiling, said to Lian Dai,

"Aunt Dai, congratulations on your bloodline advancing further than before!"

Hearing this, Lian Dai replied to Fang Mu with a smile,

"Little Far, my bloodline has advanced further still, and isn't it all thanks to you?"

"Now my bloodline has reached a level I never dared to dream of before, and I have you and Master Qixing to thank for that!"

Lian Dai had never been one for empty pleasantries, but the words she spoke now came sincerely from her heart.

Lian Dai was grateful to Master Qixing because he was the one who concocted the Spiritual Elixirs, and she was thankful to Fang Mu because it was he who had facilitated these opportunities for her.

Without Fang Mu speaking up for her, Master Qixing might not have given her so many Spiritual Elixirs.

Lian Dai had come to regard Fang Mu as her lucky star.

Otherwise, she would not have uttered such words!

Chapter 1355: Contract for King Level Fetus! As a God-Realm expert and the ruler of the Han Ocean Empire, one of the Four Great Ocean Nations, Lian Dai always attached great importance to her dignity.

To casually express gratitude was an act that greatly undermined one's dignity.

Fang Mu could hear from Lian Dai's words that she genuinely meant her thanks, and Fang Mu smiled as he said to her,

"Aunt Dai, helping you enhance your Bloodline was something we had agreed upon long ago, you truly don't need to thank me this much."

"Otherwise, it seems too distant!"

"Truly, you are still my Dao Protector!"

"I never thought I would thank you every single time you help me!"

Lian Dai laughed upon hearing Fang Mu's words. Although Fang Mu clearly didn't regard all this as a favor to himself, Lian Dai wouldn't think of it that way.

Lian Dai was indeed sincerely grateful to Fang Mu from the bottom of her heart.

"Little Wood, I am your Dao Protector, you don't need to be polite with me."

"Until now, I haven't really been of any help to you!"

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu shook his head and spoke very seriously,

"Aunt Dai, you might not know how critical that King-level Exotic Body is for Master!"

"If it weren't for the Han Ocean Empire securing that King-level Exotic Body from the beginning, it would most definitely be in the possession of Han Ming, who is also a Saint Creator like Master."

"Just from this fact alone, you've already helped me a great deal!"

Fang Mu aimed to use the newly acquired trait [Dimension Monarch] of Fool's Shadow to control the Dimensional World on the other side of the Sea of Domains, and this King-level Exotic Body was crucial to his plan.

If Lian Dai had not decisively rejected the people from the Ten-thousand Nations Federation, this King-level Exotic Body would have had no chance of remaining in Fang Mu's hands.

By turning down the request of the Ten-thousand Nations Federation, Lian Dai inevitably invited hostilities from them.

This wasn't good news either for Lian Dai or the Han Ocean Empire.

Fang Mu deeply appreciated Lian Dai's efforts, and after hearing his words, Lian Dai just smiled without saying anything more.

Lian Dai had always been puzzled by Han Ming's frantic demands for this Exotic Body.

The Exotic Body was of no use to the Sea Clan, and it should likewise be the same for humans.

Yet why was Saint Creator Qixing so determined to secure this King-level Exotic Body while discussing cooperation between humans and the Sea Clan, even at the cost of renouncing many vested human interests?

Had it not been for knowing that Fang Mu wanted this Exotic Body, and that it was of immense use to Saint Creator Qixing, Lian Dai might have actually handed over this King-level Exotic Body to Han Ming, putting up with a tremendous amount of pressure.

At the final moment when Lian Dai rejected Han Ming, his words even contained a hint of threat.

This irritated and yet piqued Lian Dai's curiosity, as to what use humans could possibly have for this Exotic Body.

Though Lian Dai had become Fang Mu's Dao Protector, she still represented the interests of the Sea Clan.

She was determined and had the idea to investigate the situation but decided not to probe Fang Mu about it.

First, even if Fang Mu knew, it certainly wasn't appropriate to disclose human information to her.

Secondly, Lian Dai didn't want to put Fang Mu in a difficult position, as if becoming his Dao Protector was done with an ulterior motive.

After chatting casually for a while, Lian Dai shifted the conversation to the main topic.

"Little Wood, I've noticed that the energy within this King-level Exotic Body is constantly throbbing; such a state indicates that this Exotic Body is attempting to regenerate."

"Resurrecting such an Exotic Body poses great risks. This Exotic Body was subdued by the Ten-thousand Nations Federation, whose strength has already reached the Peak of Order, nearly touching the Divine Realm."

"Yet even such a powerful expert was still unable to get the upper hand in a battle against this Exotic Body within the waters!"

"Otherwise, this King-level Extraterrestrial Being wouldn't have entered the waters under the jurisdiction of the Han Ocean Empire."

"I have personally escorted this King-level Exotic Body to prevent any safety issues that might occur if the Soul Whale Princess were to escort it."

"And also for fear that the Ten-thousand Nations Federation might covet this Exotic Body, unable to demand it from the Han Ocean Empire, and thus turn into robbers who want to snatch it!"

If not for this necessity, Lian Dai really wouldn't have made such a trip for no reason.

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu became even more grateful to Lian Dai, whose consideration could be described as comprehensive.

"Aunt Dai, you just mentioned that you hadn't imagined your Bloodline could be enhanced to its current level, but actually, you could set your goals even higher!"

"Your Bloodline still has the potential for further enhancement!"

Lian Dai was momentarily taken aback by Fang Mu's words, then asked him excitedly,

"Little Wood, are you saying that there is still a way for Master Qixing to enhance my Bloodline!?"

Indeed, Lian Dai had said that being able to achieve the current level of her Bloodline was already quite satisfying for her.

But that didn't mean Lian Dai lacked further ambition and aspirations.

Lian Dai had enough ambition and drive; it was only her capabilities that limited her and prevented her from aspiring to more.

Otherwise, why wouldn't Lian Dai desire to elevate her Bloodline to a higher level again?

Fang Mu's words reignited new hope in her heart.

Lian Dai was extremely eager to secure another opportunity to transform her Bloodline.

Chapter 1356: Contract for King Level Fetus! _2 As long as her own bloodline could be further enhanced, Lian Dai was confident she could take her strength to the next level above her current one!

If Lian Dai could improve her strength further, she would surpass the rulers of the other Four Great Sea Nations, with her strength only slightly weaker than the Sea Lord.

This undoubtedly would grant Lian Dai more influence within the Sea Clan.

This crisis had dealt a heavy blow to the Han Yang Empire, and many forces within the Sea Clan were mocking the Han Yang Empire.

Lian Dai was well aware that the other three great Sea Countries did not genuinely wish to be on good terms with humans, but had made concessions due to treaties within the Sea Clan.

The increase in influence would allow Lian Dai to effectively avoid this situation.

Moreover, the improvement of her strength would allow Lian Dai to have bigger goals and needs.

Fang Mu spoke with extreme seriousness,

“Aunt Dai Master holds you in high regard, so much that upon learning of your situation, he especially researched your bloodline in depth.”

“Ultimately, Master decided to bring out a treasure he has cherished for many years to help you advance further!”

“This item will help you, Aunt Dai, to absorb impurities in your bloodline, cleansing it inside and out!”

“You had previously told me that your biggest problem at the moment is the inability to cleanse the impurities in your body. Now you finally have the chance to clear those impurities!”

Lian Dai had indeed very seriously discussed her condition with Fang Mu.

When Lian Dai talked about these issues with Fang Mu, it was partly because she truly trusted Fang Mu, and partly because she hoped to convey this news to Qixing through Fang Mu.

Otherwise, without meeting Qixing personally, Qixing would not be able to grasp her true situation!

Now that Qixing was willing to use the treasure mentioned by Fang Mu, it indicated that Fang Mu must have relayed her situation to Qixing exactly as it was.

It's more accurate to say that the favor was from Fang Mu rather than Qixing.

"Little Wood, I can't thank you enough. Hereafter, if there is anything you need me to do, just ask. I am ready to go through fire and water for you and will not shirk from death!"

Lian Dai was indeed Fang Mu's Dao Protector, but her words were not merely from the perspective of a Dao Protector.

Lian Dai felt that Fang Mu's help was so substantial that in addition to acknowledging their relationship, she planned to reciprocate in other ways to express her gratitude for his kindness.

Fang Mu, upon hearing this, did not refuse Lian Dai's offer. He had his own reasons for helping Lian Dai so decisively.

The deeds Fang Mu was about to embark on could be characterized by anyone as sheer madness.

Fang Mu would indubitably need Lian Dai's assistance in the future.

"Aunt Dai, as a junior, there is much I hesitate to promise to you, an elder, but one thing I am sure of is that your bloodline will continue to advance!"

"Once Master's Creator level is enhanced, he will be able to refine even purer Spiritual Energy."

"I will provide that purer Spiritual Energy to you!"

Fang Mu had always been using Saint Creator Qixing as a front, taking action under the banner of Saint Creator Qixing.

Fang Mu did not mind shocking Lian Dai further, a strongman who had already reached the Divine Realm level.

The time would inevitably come for Fang Mu to reveal more refined Spiritual Energy, and these energies could not always remain hidden, unseen in his hands.

In terms of enhancing Lian Dai's strength and bloodline, Fang Mu would need to reveal that more refined Spiritual Energy.

Thus, Fang Mu might as well enhance his own value now, to avoid having to later explain to Lian Dai the existence of more refined Spiritual Energy.

Fang Mu's words brought a tremendous shock to Lian Dai's heart.

At first, Lian Dai thought that Fang Mu's master, also a Saint Creator like Qixing, should be similar in strength and capabilities to other Saint Creators like Han Ming and Eternal Mother Yongle.

Because Han Ming, being a Saint Creator, had a reputation so renowned that he appeared more prestigious than Qixing!

So, Han Ming's abilities could very likely be stronger than those of Saint Creator Qixing.

However, comparing the abundant Pure Spiritual Energy previously provided to him by Fang Mu, Saint Creator Qixing likely had access to more resources than Han Ming, who was also a Saint Creator.

Fang Mu's words greatly boosted Lian Dai's confidence and assured her she would steadfastly support Fang Mu in any future endeavors.

"Little Wood, to have such assurance from you is immensely valuable to me."

“Whether from the perspective of a Dao Protector or any other, I will fulfill my duties and responsibilities!”

“I came here mainly to escort this King-level Exotic Body, and now that this King-level Exotic Body is safely in your hands, I can almost return!”

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu directly asked Lian Dai,

“Aunt Dai, do you have a lot of things to deal with when you return?”

“If you are not too busy, why not stay at my Half Mountain Manor for about five days?”

“No unrelated people will disturb you during these five days!”

“After five days, the item your master has prepared should be ready for you to receive!”

“Using this item here will also make it convenient for me to understand its specific effects.”

Even if Lian Dai had previously been excited and thrilled, she had managed to keep her facial expressions under control.

But now, Lian Dai truly lost the ability to manage her expressions.

Lian Dai did not expect that, having just enhanced her bloodline, she would have the chance to elevate it further within a short span of five days.

Not to mention that the Han Yang Empire had overcome its crisis and didn’t have many issues for Lian Dai to handle—even if it had, Lian Dai would have stayed right here, waiting for the chance to undergo another Bloodline Transformation.

“Little Wood, then I’ll impose on you for a few days. If my bloodline transforms again, it should shed a piece of Mermaid Scale.”

“This Mermaid Scale has the ability to enhance the life bloodline of other Mermaids or grant a chance for an Aquatic Sovereign Beast to partially awaken the Mermaid Bloodline.”

“In my opinion, it’s better to let other beings who have awakened the Mermaid Bloodline use this Mermaid Scale.”

“If I successfully condense a Mermaid Scale, I will give it to you.”

“Even if you don’t use it to strengthen and enhance other beings with a Mermaid Bloodline, since you have undergone a Mermaid Baptism yourself, you could also use the Mermaid Scale to enhance your own physical condition.”

“Previously, there were hardly any humans who used Mermaid Scales, so there hasn’t been a case of humans acquiring Mermaid Bloodline.”

The latter part of Lian Dai’s statement was said in a teasing tone, but compared to Fang Mu using the Mermaid Scale to enhance other Guardian Beasts, Lian Dai truly believed that Fang Mu himself using the Mermaid Scale would maximize its value.

The physically frail bodies of Human Beast Tamers are an indisputable fact.

Any resource that can enhance the physical condition of a Human Beast Tamer could give the Beast Tamer a higher chance of survival when facing danger.

Fang Mu talked with Lian Dai for a long time before finally having Liu Er lead Lian Dai to a tidy guest room to rest.

Fang Mu intentionally created an opportunity for Jun Feng to interact with Lian Dai, as Jun Feng was the most likely under Fang Mu’s command to reach the Divine Realm level.

Being in contact with Lian Dai, a genuine Gods' Domain Level Expert, would benefit Jun Feng.

Perhaps something Lian Dai said could inspire Jun Feng and advance his strength further!

Fang Mu had just condensed a drop of Contracting Blood and not yet used it.

Now, Fang Mu harbored the idea of using this drop of Contracting Blood to contract the King-level Exotic Body.

Fang Mu wanted to see what exactly this King-level Exotic Body, which was a dilemma even for an Order peak level strongman, was like.

Before Fang Mu formally used the Contracting Blood to contract the King-level Exotic Body, he did not have a particularly clear understanding of the beings from the Outer Realm.

Now, Fang Mu finally had the chance to delve into the nature of these extraterrestrial beings!

Chapter 1357: Xi Xi's Transformation! Fang Mu, having contracted this King-level Exotic Body, was bound to achieve complete control over Outer Domain Spirits.

Even when compared to a Grandmaster Creator who devoted himself to the study of Outer Domain Spirits, his understanding would never match that of Fang Mu.

Fang Mu needed to understand Outer Domain Spirits thoroughly.

Only by grasping the evolution and reproduction of these beings could he skillfully intervene in the Dimensional World on the other side of the Sea of Domains!

Fang Mu returned to his room and took out the King-level Exotic Body.

In Fang Mu's hands, the body, resembling a work of art, constantly shimmered with radiance.

Fang Mu could readily perceive the delightful Life Energy within the Extraterrestrial Embryo.

When Fang Mu's gaze fell upon the King-level Exotic Body, it seemed to return the look, as if engaging in a staring contest with him.

City Lord Pan Tao from Guardian City had once mentioned that all Outer Domain Spirits evolved from creatures like the Touch Dog, Swallow, and Sting Antelope.

Yet from the appearance of this particular King-level Exotic Body, Fang Mu couldn't tell which creature it had evolved from.

This King-level Exotic Body had transcended its original form, unlike the S-class Alien Embryos.

Fang Mu could faintly feel the Energy Fluctuations emanating from the King-level Exotic Body growing stronger.

He directly applied the saved drop of Covenant Blood Essence to the King-level Exotic Body.

The Covenant Blood Essence evaporated into the King-level Exotic Body's interior. However, contracting this King-level Exotic Body with Covenant Blood Essence was not as smooth as with other Guardian Beasts.

Fang Mu could acutely sense that upon detecting something amiss, the King-level Exotic Body was strenuously resisting the Covenant Blood Essence.

Clearly, however, Covenant Blood Essence was not something that could easily be expelled.

After resisting, as the Covenant Blood Essence completely merged with the bloodline of the Extraterrestrial Embryo, a distinct blood bond formed between it and Fang Mu, generating a feeling of closeness with him.

It was only then that the King-level Exotic Body ceased its resistance entirely and became a bonded entity to Fang Mu.

During the process of resisting the Covenant Blood Essence, the King-level Exotic Body also benefited.

The single eye that had initially lit up on the surface of the Extraterrestrial Embryo became seven, and the colors of these eyes solidified further.

A starburst-shaped pupil even appeared in the center of each eye.

The once semi-dormant embryo violently squirmed, like an excessively pulsating heart.

Fang Mu felt that this King-level Exotic Body was about to hatch and reveal the true form of the being inside.

He was exceedingly expectant of this!

Now blood-bound to the King-level Exotic Body, Fang Mu could feel an intense sense of kinship and dependency emanating from within.

This sense of closeness and dependency was deeper than that of any Guardian Beast he had contracted with the use of Contracting Blood before.

Only Xi Xi's dependency on Fang Mu could be considered comparable.

Normally as an Extraterrestrial Embryo was about to hatch, it would trigger an internal energy surge, causing the embryo to expand.

However, this King-level Exotic Body did not show any signs of expansion.

After a moment of contemplation, Fang Mu took out some Blood Aged Wine and poured it over the nearly hatching Extraterrestrial Embryo.

He could sense that the embryo was at a critical juncture of transformation, needing an infusion of energy.

If the positive energy infused hastened the Bloodline Transformation of this King-level Extraterrestrial Being, it would greatly benefit Fang Mu himself.

The King-level Exotic Body squirmed and absorbed the Blood Aged Wine Fang Mu poured over it.

As it took in the Blood Aged Wine, the being's craving for life that Fang Mu felt was diminishing.

When Fang Mu had used nearly three liters of Blood Aged Wine and was about to continue pouring it over, the King-level Exotic Body suddenly burst open, revealing a Strange Creature the size of two of Fang Mu's palms with a large umbrella-shaped canopy.

This creature fluttered its tentacles beneath the canopy and floated midair, its seven radiant eyes looking at Fang Mu with adoration,
as if Fang Mu were its mother.

If one were to deduce the features of this King-level Extraterrestrial Being, its abundance of tentacles would lead many to assume it evolved from the Touch Dog.

But through the contract, Fang Mu understood it had evolved from the Sting Antelope.

Upon contracting with this King-level Extraterrestrial Being, Fang Mu could feel the part of the information it relayed back to him.

Scenes from when the powerhouses of the Ten-thousand Nations Federation pursued and fought this King-level Outer Domain Spirit flashed through Fang Mu's mind.

Fang Mu confirmed that this King-level Dimensional Creature, no bigger than two palms and named Tianyuan Qiongyan, was indeed responsible for sinking several of the Federation's fleets.

Those fleets had already been refined away within the Eye of the Dome's space.

Had Tianyuan Qiongyan not accumulated a vast amount of energy using this method after crossing the Sea of Domains, it would not have been able to escape the Federation's powerhouses over thousands of miles and ultimately fall into Fang Mu's hands within the waters of the Han Yang Empire.

Chapter 1358: Xi Xi's Transformation!_2 Clearly, as a King-level Extraterrestrial Being, the Tianyuan Qiongyan had the ability to communicate with people.

Fang Mu's soul was filled with an oddly chaotic sound, which was transmitted into his soul by the Tianyuan Qiongyan.

These sounds were like the language of extraterrestrial beings.

Fang Mu couldn't understand this language, but by relying on the bloodline connection with the Tianyuan Qiongyan, Fang Mu could decipher the meaning behind the Tianyuan Qiongyan's words.

The Tianyuan Qiongyan was requesting Fang Mu to look for the unique contamination energy of extraterrestrial beings, as well as living creatures rich in Life Energy.

Both were not only the food of extraterrestrial beings but also the substances that these beings relied on to maintain their essence.

The newly hatched Tianyuan Qiongyan was extremely hungry and needed energy replenishment.

Fang Mu took out a Spirit Capturing Box full of Extraterrestrial Embryos, which the Tianyuan Qiongyan could use as food.

Xi Xi was now focusing all its energy on producing both Life Crystals and Contamination Crystals.

Life Crystals were related to the number of Life Elixirs Fang Mu had, while Contamination Crystals were obtained through Xi Xi's consumption and digestion of pollutants and sources of contamination.

The energy derived from pollutants and contamination sources was entirely different from the contamination energy produced within the bodies of extraterrestrial beings, making them irreplaceable by each other.

Fang Mu had Xi Xi consume pollutants and their sources in order to strengthen his contracted Sacred Radiance Bone Fragment contaminated object and, in turn, improve his own strength.

After the Tianyuan Qiongyan replenished sufficient contamination energy and Life Energy, its consumption of movement energy would be exceedingly slow as long as it remained inactive.

Fortunately, whether it was the Ten-thousand Nations Federation or the Han Yang Empire, both were still transporting Extraterrestrial Embryos to Fang Mu.

The number of Extraterrestrial Embryos Fang Mu had on hand was enough for both the Tianyuan Qiongyan and Fool's Shadow to use. Now, Fool's Shadow became increasingly significant with each digestion and absorption of the Extraterrestrial Embryos.

This indicated one thing: Fool's Shadow was getting closer and closer to attaining a godlike quality.

The forces Fang Mu was collaborating with were increasing, and so were the powerful individuals coming under his command.

In addition to producing Contamination Crystals and Life Crystals, Xi Xi was also responsible for purifying Spiritual Energy.

Otherwise, the Spiritual Energy produced within the Abdomen Environment of the Mysterious Bug Cocoon would not meet the necessary concentration standards.

It was a pity that Xi Xi's rate of ascension was exceedingly slow.

While Fang Mu was inwardly lamenting, he received a Soul Sound Transmission from Xi Xi.

“Fang Mu, the speed at which Xi Xi is ascending in rank isn’t really that slow, you know!”

“If Xi Xi’s strength is still evolving this slowly after consuming Gold Level Spiritual Energy, wouldn’t Xi Xi become a fool!?”

“Xi Xi has now ascended from the Golden Stage to the Platinum Tier!”

Fang Mu quickly released Xi Xi from his mental space at these words.

Fang Mu used Fool’s Shadow’s Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] to examine Xi Xi.

[Beast Name]: Xi Xi (A creature created by the Contractor, who has the liberty to name it.)

[Beast Species]: Weapon Holder / Broom Holder Species

[Beast Level]: Platinum (1/10)

[Beast Element]: Mechanical

[Beast Potential]: Platinum

[Beast Quality]: Legendary

Skill:

[Garbage Recycling]: Refines and extracts the absorbed trash within the body, digests the useless parts, purifies the useful parts, and stores them in a space outside the Mechanical Heart.

[Sealing Scenery]: It absorbs the surrounding scenery and imagery through free-floating whiskers into the body, condensing them into concentrated Scenery Fantasy Pearls. These pearls can be absorbed by living beings, and the degree of absorption is related to mental strength and comprehension power.

[Spirit Weapon Fusion]: It fuses itself onto a specified weapon to enhance the weapon's strength, tier, and compatibility with the user, and adds energy-breaking effects to the weapon.

[Machine Heart Amplification]: When there are other Mechanical Guardian Beasts empowering, it can draw energy from the Mechanical Hearts of other Mechanical Guardian Beasts for its own use to improve its work efficiency. The number of beasts that can be drawn from per day is related to its own tier (Draw quantity: 0/4).

Exclusive Traits:

[Electronic Butterfly]: The mechanical heart can solidify an Electronic Butterfly after a certain period. The Electronic Butterfly infiltrates objects deemed as trash that have lost life, reactivating the life form's strength from its lifetime (The infiltration time is related to the life form's strength).

[Machinery Granted]: It produces a type of Gear embodying the origin of machinery that can be adapted to any Mechanical Guardian Beast, through the metal spiritual materials containing spirituality absorbed by itself. This Mechanical Gear can be provided to other Mechanical Guardian Beasts, helping them expand their original potential.

[Machinery Spirit Steel Jade]: In the process of decomposing waste, it uses energy dissipating from waste to charge the Steel Jade. Once charged, the Steel Jade automatically detaches and, when embedded into flesh, it transforms the fleshy body towards a mechanical body by dismantling the flesh into Flesh and Blood Gears to reassemble the organism perfectly. The Steel Jade can increase the Electronic Butterfly's speed of infiltration into living beings.

Evolutionary Path: ???

Xi Xi indeed evolved from Golden Stage to Platinum Tier. Fang Mu had just returned from Boundless City when Xi Xi was promoted to Golden Stage.

Whether the Sea of Domains had encountered extraterrestrial beings at that time, Fang Mu wasn't sure, and if they had, the Ten-thousand Nations Federation was suppressing the news.

It was indeed Fang Mu who changed Xi Xi's diet at that time.

Jiang Weng, as a Forging Spirit Grandmaster, gave Fang Mu a large number of spiritual instrument fragments because Jiang Weng began to work on the Spirit Capturing Box, which was extremely expensive and in high demand.

Jiang Weng had no plans to continue refining usable spiritual materials from these Gold and Platinum spiritual instrument fragments.

Otherwise, even with ample resources, Fang Mu would have had difficulty obtaining a large number of Gold spiritual instrument fragments.

Such fragments were of great value; a Spirit Forging Master crafting spiritual instruments would keep at least five or six apprentices around.

These apprentices' daily work involved helping to break down Silver Stage and higher spiritual instrument fragments and recycle resources.

Xi Xi's strength had improved so quickly after changing its diet that Fang Mu was indeed very surprised, but all of this was within reason.

After all, Xi Xi was previously stuck, evolving very slowly, which was related to Fang Mu's desire for Xi Xi to first reach Legendary Quality.

Otherwise, Xi Xi would have ascended tiers long ago, and reaching Diamond Rank would not have been impossible!

Fang Mu was extremely pleased with Xi Xi's advancement to Platinum Tier.

Xi Xi's form changed at Platinum Tier; the metal filaments at the front did not grow thicker or longer, but were now covered with dense Gear teeth.

These teeth can easily crush hard substances.

In addition, Xi Xi's Mechanical Heart, compared to the Golden Stage, had grown larger, containing even more abundant energy within it.

This allowed Xi Xi to greatly improve the efficiency when performing the skill [Garbage Recycling].

Xi Xi wriggled its metal filaments, happily placing its handle into Fang Mu's hand and said,

"Fang Mu, compared to before reaching Gold, my speed of dealing with trash has at least doubled on the original basis!"

"My Platinum Tier skills can also increase the speed at which I produce resources. With me around, you'll never have to worry about resource shortages again!"

"Xi Xi will strive to make you the richest person!"

Hearing this, Fang Mu couldn't help but laugh and stroked Xi Xi a few times. Even without trying too hard, just by relying on Xi Xi's previous abilities, Xi Xi had already made Fang Mu the richest person in the world.

It was just that Fang Mu was consuming resources too quickly.

The new skill that Xi Xi obtained upon advancing to Diamond Rank seemed ordinary and would be a useless skill for other Guardian Beasts.

But this skill, when given to Xi Xi, became a divine ability, ensuring that no matter how Fang Mu consumed resources, Xi Xi could keep up with the consumption.

Fang Mu would no longer need to balance Xi Xi's productivity or research which resources Xi Xi should focus on producing!

From now on, Fang Mu could have Xi Xi produce all the needed resources simultaneously.

Chapter 1359: The Liquidated Beast Collection Merchants' Association! Fang Mu needed to cultivate some Mechanical Beasts focused on energy storage, which could empower Xi Xi and ensure the use of the Skill [Machine Heart Amplification].

Currently, at the Platinum Tier, there were four Mechanical Beasts available to Xi Xi, which, besides empowering Xi Xi, needed to ensure their own mechanical energy recovered quickly.

Fang Mu didn't have many good options for this type of Mechanical Beasts at the moment.

However, finding suitable Mechanical Beasts was not a difficult task for Fang Mu.

Moreover, Xi Xi, with the help of the Skill [Machine Heart Amplification] for empowerment, faced no significant restrictions.

Xi Xi could swap out the Mechanical Beasts empowering it at any time, and the improvement in Xi Xi's tier greatly reduced Fang Mu's pressure.

Fang Mu said to Xi Xi with a smile,

"Xi Xi, I really owe a lot to you for acquiring resources. In the future, apart from absorbing the carcasses of exotic beasts, pollutants, sources of pollution, Spiritual Energy, and special Spiritual Materials like before, absorb more Extraterrestrial Embryos."

"These Extraterrestrial Embryos not only allow you to produce Life Crystals but also enable you to produce high-purity pollution energy useful for the Eye of the Dome."

"For a long while, we'll focus on cultivating the Eye of the Dome."

Upon hearing this, Xi Xi responded cheerfully,
“No problem, Xi Xi’s work efficiency will definitely surprise you!”

Fang Mu here was unusually calm, enjoying this quiet and leisurely living atmosphere.

However, the outside world was in turmoil due to the news released by Yi Han, who was one of the earliest Grandmaster Creators to reveal his role as a spokesperson for Qixing at the Contract Garden gathering.

Yi Han had the authority to share and display information related to Qixing externally.

Even though Qixing had never formally acknowledged Yi Han as a spokesperson, Yi Han would never dare to falsely express Qixing’s intentions.

All the major powers were speculating about what the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association had done to offend Qixing.

The Beast Collection Merchants’ Association, a local force of the Beast Language Federation, was always cautious in dealing with powerful or influential entities and was very skilled at ingratiating itself.

The Association made great efforts to woo Grandmaster Creators.

Many Grandmaster Creators in the Contract Garden had been approached by the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association, and yet, they managed to offend the worst possible person!

Clearly, Qixing was not a troublesome person; otherwise, they wouldn’t be targeting only the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association by now.

Qixing was currently working on clearing Extraterrestrial Embryos to prevent them from polluting the Main World.

Offending Qixing at such a critical time was tantamount to standing against all Humanity!?

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association had two Grandmaster Creators, who at this moment probably wanted to sever ties with the Association and then settle the accounts.

Yang Paiyun, known as Master Yun Tian, held a very high status between the Rouge Willow Mountain Range and the Shocking Flood Marine Area near the Beast Language Federation.

Particularly near the Rouge Willow Mountain Range, his status was comparable to Zhang Yue's in Boundless City!

Yang Paiyun was generous-natured and liked forming good relationships with potential forces.

Establishing good relationships with potential forces allowed Yang Paiyun to receive offerings from these forces.

Yang Paiyun was most invested in the Beast Collection Merchants' Association among all the potential forces.

Yang Paiyun greatly valued the development of the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, and indeed, they had not disappointed Yang Paiyun's expectations.

Yang Paiyun never expected the Beast Collection Merchants' Association he favored could bring him such trouble!

Yang Paiyun was about to prepare Spiritual Liquid, and three forces with whom he had long cooperated wanted to buy some Elixirs from him.

Yang Paiyun never refused requests from forces with which he had close ties, as Yang Paiyun was well aware that every time he concocted Elixirs, he would gain satisfactory feedback.

Yang Paiyun was interrupted by his assistant just as he was about to enter the cultivation room.

Every time before concocting Elixirs, Yang Paiyun would spend some time ensuring his mind was as quiet as a still well; his assistant, who had been with Yang Paiyun for nearly a hundred years, knew this very well.

Especially when he saw the panicky expression on his assistant's face.

Yang Paiyun hated it when his assistant was fretful, as being agitated could very much cause accidents at critical moments of concocting Elixirs.

"Little Wu, what dignity is there in you being so flustered!?"

"How can I confidently entrust you with interfacing tasks with other forces?"

"I am occupied with important matters now, please leave. We can talk after I finish concocting the Elixirs."

"What could be more important than me concocting Elixirs!?"

Yang Paiyun's tone was thick with anger, and Wu Liang could feel Yang Paiyun's rage.

If it were anything else, Wu Liang would have already left, and he certainly wouldn't have disturbed Yang Paiyun at such a crucial time.

But this matter was of great importance, and it was necessary for Yang Paiyun to understand the situation immediately.

"Lord Yun Tian, this matter happening right now is of great importance; I must inform you immediately!"

"Master Yi Han has informed us that the Beast Collection Merchants' Association has offended the Saint Creator Qixing. How should we respond to this situation?"

Chapter 1360: The Liquidated Beast Collection Merchants' Association!_2 Yang Paiyun, upon seeing Wu Liang not immediately leaving but choosing to continue explaining the situation, was about to explode with anger. After hearing Wu Liang's words, Yang Paiyun's expression suddenly stiffened.

The news shocked Yang Paiyun so much that he momentarily forgot his anger, but it quickly surged back into his chest.

However, Yang Paiyun's rage was no longer directed at Wu Liang, but at the Beast Collection Merchants' Association.

Was the Beast Collection Merchants' Association not content with their beast trading business? Did they find their growth too successful, or their lives too long, that they dared to offend Lord Qixing, a Saint Creator?

How could one easily offend Saint Creator Qixing?

Given Qixing's current influence, even the other Saint Creators Han Ming and the Eternal Mother Yongle had to avoid confrontation, at least until Qixing finished dealing with the Extraterrestrial Embryos.

If Qixing were to abandon his duties, neither Han Ming nor the Eternal Mother Yongle could bear such a heavy burden!

Qixing expressing his dissatisfaction towards the Beast Collection Merchants' Association openly meant he would certainly demand an explanation from them.

It was no big secret that he had been helping the Beast Collection Merchants' Association with their management and development behind the scenes.

If Qixing directed his fury toward him, then he would truly be an innocent victim!

Yang Paiyun had dealt with Han Ming and the Eternal Mother Yongle. Han Ming was too controlling, and the Eternal Mother Yongle generally only cared about those within Bliss Palace.

Yang Paiyun was not interested in joining Bliss Palace without sufficient benefits.

In this situation, as the Eternal Mother Yongle wouldn't offer him any protection, Qixing had become the most suitable Grandmaster Creator for Yang Paiyun to rely on.

But even now, Yang Paiyun had not found a suitable opportunity to rely on Qixing.

He wanted to get closer to Qixing but had no way to do so, and now the Beast Collection Merchants' Association had made him a target for Qixing!

Where in the world did such things happen?

"Little Wu, is what you said true? Did the Beast Collection Merchants' Association contact you in advance for reporting?"

Wu Liang, upon hearing this, quickly knelt on one knee and spoke very earnestly.

"Lord Yun Tian, how dare I talk nonsense about such a matter? It was Master Yi Han who personally sent the message!"

"If it were not so, I would not have hurried to tell you without verifying it first."

"As for the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, there has been no response, and I didn't inquire them."

"Lord, is it necessary to inquire the Beast Collection Merchants' Association right away and have them explain?"

Yang Paiyun was silent for a long while and then forcefully slapped the table in front of him, creating a loud "bang."

“Inquiries must be made; how could the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association not provide an explanation!”

“Go now and find the president of the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association, let the president explain clearly how exactly they have offended Lord Qixing!”

After saying this, Yang Paiyun paused and then spoke with a determined tone.

“Also, inform the Beast Language Federation that I will no longer continue cooperation with them.”

Having said that, Yang Paiyun stood up, prepared to go to Master Wu Xin, Du Rui, to discuss this matter.

He had received the message, and likely, Du Rui had received it as well.

Du Rui and Yang Paiyun both supported the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association, being the backers behind it.

Du Rui’s support for the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association had a certain connection with him.

Now that the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association had caused trouble, Yang Paiyun was afraid that Du Rui would blame him.

Du Rui was never one to hold back, and failing to clearly explain himself could taint his reputation among the Grandmaster Creators!

Initially, Yang Paiyun feared that Wu Liang had received false information, but the word coming from Master Yi Han, a Grandmaster Creator, could not be fake!

Externally, the situation was turbulent, with nearly all the Grandmaster Creators curious about how exactly the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association had offended Qixing, a Saint Creator.

However, inside the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, there was no such atmosphere.

Currently, the focus of the Beast Collection Merchants' Association was still primarily on managing their store in the second world.

Due to the rotation system adopted by the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, Yu Yi had already started his rest.

On the first day of the opening of the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, Yu Yi sold a large number of Guardian Beasts, including two exhibits that were sold by him.

These two exhibits earned the Beast Collection Merchants' Association a substantial amount of supplies, and such a brilliant achievement on the first day made the other managers very polite to Yu Yi.

This greatly satisfied Yu Yi's vanity and made him forget a few unpleasant incidents.

President Gu Ting of the Beast Collection Merchants' Association highly valued the Association's development in the Second World.

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association had numerous Beast Resources; however, due to its geographical location, there were not many forces that could trade with the Association.

These forces would try their best to push down the transaction prices, which, although wouldn't cause the Association to lose money, would affect its profits.

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association was a direct descendant of the Beast Language Federation, and over the years, it had gradually evolved into one of the Federation's pillar industries.

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association not only had to give back to the Beast Language Federation but also had to support the two Grandmaster Creators behind the Federation.

President Gu Ting of the Beast Collection Merchants' Association was under great pressure, and operating in the Second World was undoubtedly the best opportunity to open up the situation for the Association.

Gu Ting, looking at Yu Yi who was bowing before him, said,

"Yu Yi, you did very well, the sales on the first day were more than twice what I had anticipated!"

"I will commend you after the sales data from the second day comes in."

Yu Yi had already guessed why the normally calm Gu Ting wanted to commend him; usually, Gu Ting would just give him some resource rewards for good performance.

The fact that Gu Ting was making a big show of commending him now was to motivate the other managers.

Yu Yi quite liked this kind of opportunity that allowed him to stand out, which further solidified his intention to maintain good relations with his clients.

It was fortunate that he had firmly reserved that Heaven-disaster-level Fire Attribute Ghost Series Beast for his clients, otherwise, the relationship between them might have thinned due to his inaction!

As for whether his actions would offend other clients, Yu Yi didn't care at all, wondering if they could still trouble him afterwards!

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association was a large and important organization; even if you were bullied, you could only endure it.

Gu Ting had wanted to say more to Yu Yi. Just then, the conference room door was knocked on.

Gu Ting secretly thought that being disturbed at this time must mostly involve matters related to the two Grandmaster Creators.

Gu Ting had once instructed that any matter concerning the two Grandmaster Creators should be reported to him immediately and under no circumstances should those two Grandmaster Creators feel slighted while they supported the Beast Collection Merchants' Association.

Discussing matters concerning the two Grandmaster Creators while having Yu Yi remain there was inappropriate.

Yu Yi tactfully said,

"President, if you are busy, I will take my leave first; it will still be a few days until my turn for duty."

"I assure you, when it's my turn, I will manage the Beast Collection Merchants' Association well and ensure it forms more good relationships!"

Gu Ting escorted Yu Yi to the door, and as he opened the door, he discovered that not only his own attendant was standing there but also Master Yun Tian's assistant, Wu Liang.

In Gu Ting's memory, Wu Liang was a very dignified person, always concerned with maintaining a good appearance.

Usually, even if there were matters to attend to, he would wait in the guest room and let Gu Ting come to him for a discussion. Why had Wu Liang changed his attitude now?

Could it be that Master Yun Tian, having learned about the achievements of the Beast Collection Merchants' Association in the Second World, had placed greater importance on it, influencing Wu Liang to change as well?

Wu Liang did not wait for Yu Yi to walk far before he suddenly grabbed Gu Ting's neck.

With no regard for dignity, he shoved Gu Ting against the wall.

This sequence of actions stunned both Yu Yi and Gu Ting's attendant and made Gu Ting extremely confused.

As the president of the Beast Collection Merchants' Association and a highly respected figure within the Beast Language Federation, Gu Ting was dumbfounded by such treatment.

While Gu Ting was furiously angry internally, he did not lash out but instead broke out in a cold sweat.

Gu Ting knew that Wu Liang's actions were the result of some significant incident that had impacted the relationship between the Beast Collection Merchants' Association and Master Yun Tian.