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Chapter 1451: Pure Spirit Peony!

Fang Mu was not bothered at all by the inability to choose treasures from the other two wooden racks.

On the wooden rack in front of Fang Mu, there were over a thousand brocade boxes, each emitting faint spatial energy, clearly indicating that these boxes contained independent spaces within!

Among these thousands of brocade boxes, Fang Mu was certain he could find what he was looking for!

Treasures collected by Starwheel, this mysterious organization, into the Heritage Land were most certainly extraordinary.

Fang Mu opened the ancient book in front of him that had been sealed for an unknown amount of time.

Inside the book's pages was a line of small text: [May the one who opens the Star Wheel Treasury succeed; even if unable to rescue humanity, do not bring calamity upon the world.]

[I am honored, as a predecessor, to leave something for the inheritor. I hope the inheritor carefully selects the supplies within the treasury.]

[Each Star Scar Angel can only unlock one key, and each key can only retrieve one item of inheritance.]

Beneath this line of text was a name.

Fang Mu focused his gaze and saw the name written in ancient Chinese from five or six epochs ago: Wen Yu.

Fang Mu did not know who Wen Yu was, but for someone to leave their name on this book, they must be extraordinary—likely a significant figure within Starwheel!

Turning to the second page, Fang Mu found that it was not a catalog of supplies, but rather a diagram.

The diagram depicted twelve clusters of nebulae, each representing one of twelve golden chairs.

Whether intentional or not, the Leo Nebula was positioned at the topmost spot among all the nebulae.

Below the Leo Nebula was the Libra Nebula, parallel to the Virgo Nebula, while all other nebulae were positioned beneath these three clusters.

Fang Mu wondered whether Wen Yu—the person who left their name on this book—had once been seated on one of these twelve golden thrones. Regardless, Fang Mu himself was now sitting on the chair representing Libra, making him one of the key figures in Starwheel at present!

Turning to the third page, Fang Mu finally saw the item catalog for the wooden rack's treasures.

The first item on the catalog startled Fang Mu—it was a Nine-headed Sea Dragon's egg!

Each item in the catalog was paired with a corresponding brocade box number.

Fang Mu lifted his gaze toward the brocade boxes on the wooden rack and was able to locate the corresponding numbered box.

Fang Mu unconsciously swallowed hard. The Nine-headed Sea Dragon was an extinct legendary Guardian Beast. It was said that during its time, the Nine-headed Sea Dragon had ruled the Sea Clan and was one of the royal families among the top three clans.

The Nine-headed Sea Dragon had only ever appeared in legends.

To this day, humanity had never found any remains of these creatures. Many believed the Nine-headed Sea Dragon might not have existed at all.

After all, fossils and remnants of various Guardian Beasts extinct since the fourth or fifth epoch had already been discovered by humans.

This had sparked debates among many Creators within humanity.

Now, this Nine-headed Sea Dragon egg confirmed that the creature had indeed existed during the fourth or fifth epoch!

Fang Mu couldn't help but be curious about how stable the spatial equipment inside this brocade box must be to preserve the egg without any abnormalities.

Fang Mu could use Covenant Blood Essence to contract Guardian Beasts without limitation, and he was very interested in the Nine-headed Sea Dragon egg.

Although Fang Mu already had the Sea Flame Twins and the Subduing Dragon Nightmare Tiger, both of which were aquatic sovereign beasts, these creatures could at best fight on the ocean surface; underwater battles could not compare to purebred Sea Clan beings!

However, the Nine-headed Sea Dragon was famously skilled in underwater combat.

Despite his interest in the Nine-headed Sea Dragon, Fang Mu did not immediately decide on the egg and continued browsing out of curiosity.

The second item listed in the catalog was three drops of Splendid Phoenix's essence blood. The True Phoenix had a bloodline level superior to regular Phoenixes.

Three drops of Splendid Phoenix essence blood, if given to three Guardian Beasts with ordinary Phoenix bloodlines, could undoubtedly allow them to evolve into primary Phoenix-types, becoming powerful Phoenix-lineage Guardian Beasts!

If given to an already primary Phoenix-type Guardian Beast, it could significantly increase the chance for that Guardian Beast to ascend to the True Phoenix bloodline, soaring to new heights.

At the True Phoenix bloodline level, Guardian Beasts' strength would be at least at the Peak of Order, and with some effort, they could easily step into Gods' Domain.

However, Fang Mu did not own any beasts of this type. When selecting resources, Fang Mu not only considered rarity but also whether he could actually use them.

Resources he couldn't utilize had no value to him!

From just these two items in the catalog, Fang Mu could already tell the extraordinary level of the supplies within the Star Wheel Treasury.

Fang Mu continued scrolling through the catalog for a while before finally deciding on a functional Guardian Beast that suited him well.

The Guardian Beast was called Pure Spirit Peony.

The Pure Spirit Peony's ability was to absorb spiritual energy from its environment and continuously purify it.

Even though Xi Xi was advancing in rank quickly, Fang Mu's territory continued to expand, and he also aimed to control other dimensional worlds.

This situation required Xi Xi to constantly use its Skill Garbage Collection to produce resources.

Xi Xi not only had to generate Life Crystals but also purify and process extraterrestrial embryos, contaminants, and pollution sources to enhance Fang Mu's power and that of his Guardian Beasts.

As a result, Xi Xi hardly had any time to purify spiritual energy, and its speed of purifying spiritual energy was far slower than its speed of purifying Life Energy.

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Spirit Realm Pupae can produce spiritual energy through life energy, but they cannot meet the required purity of this energy.

However, high-purity spiritual energy is being used increasingly frequently by Fang Mu in transactions with other factions.

Pure Spiritual Peony, when planted in a specific spiritual energy environment, can absorb the surrounding energy and purify it.

Given enough time, the Pure Spiritual Peony can even refine the spiritual energy to a hundred percent purity!

Although this process consumes a large amount of spiritual energy, since Spirit Realm Pupae can convert life energy into spiritual energy, no matter how much energy is consumed, as long as Fang Mu ensures an even purer output, it's never a loss!

Besides considering personal strength, Fang Mu must also factor in the cultivation of his faction.

Currently, Fang Mu's Guardian Beast has not yet stepped into the Sequential ranks, so its demand for spiritual energy is not significant.

But eventually, Fang Mu's Guardian Beast will reach that level, at which point even Fang Mu himself will need to consume vast amounts of pure spiritual energy.

All things considered, the Pure Spiritual Peony is the ideal choice for Fang Mu.

While selecting the Pure Spiritual Peony, Fang Mu thought to himself that as long as he trains a Messenger into an Angel, he can gain access to the Starwheel Treasury.

The Starwheel Treasury holds resources of such exceptional quality, making it highly worthwhile for Fang Mu to invest in cultivating Messengers.

By nurturing Messengers into Star Scar Angels, Fang Mu could then acquire the desired resources from the Starwheel Treasury.

Following the instructions, Fang Mu located the brocade box containing the Pure Spiritual Peony and opened it.

Inside the brocade box was a stable space measuring five cubic meters.

In this space, a Pure Spiritual Peony with deep pink leaves was leisurely blooming.

Fang Mu used his Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] from Fool's Shadow to examine the Pure Spiritual Peony, and the discovery immediately filled his heart with immense joy.

The Pure Spiritual Peony could be propagated through cuttings!

Under conditions of high-concentration spiritual energy, by segmenting the leaf stems and planting them in Restoration Soil, these segmented stems could take root and grow into entirely new Pure Spiritual Peony plants.

Through Xi Xi, Fang Mu could even produce spiritual energy with an outright purity of one hundred percent!

He clearly possessed the ability and the necessary qualifications to enable the Pure Spiritual Peony to multiply.

With this, Fang Mu only needed to propagate more Pure Spiritual Peonies, and he'd never have to worry about a shortage of pure spiritual energy again.

After obtaining the Pure Spiritual Peony, Fang Mu was about ready to leave the Starwheel Heritage Land.

As Fang Mu prepared for the teleportation to exit Starwheel Land, the key in his hands turned into three juvenile Messengers.

The three young Messengers were teleported out of the Heritage Land alongside Fang Mu, back to the Star Pond. Gazing at the three Messengers in his hand, Fang Mu's eyes glimmered thoughtfully.

If every visit to the Starwheel Heritage Land results in obtaining three Messengers, Fang Mu could even consider assembling a formidable Angel army.

But alas, Fang Mu lacked sufficient Covenant Blood Essence to contract new Messengers, and as Messengers represent the emblem of the Starwheel organization, Fang Mu couldn't simply allow others to contract them recklessly.

If he wants to secure more treasures from the Starwheel Heritage Land in the future, he will need a carefully crafted strategy!

The other members of Starwheel were very curious about the situation inside the Heritage Land after Fang Mu left it.

Jin Ya, who was acquainted with Fang Mu, couldn't help but be the first to ask him.

"Libra, since you've just exited the Starwheel Heritage Land, could you share what it's like inside the Heritage Land?"

The handbook for Starwheel Land didn't prohibit sharing information about its interior with outsiders, so Fang Mu felt no hesitation.

"The Gemini Starwheel Heritage Land contains six wooden racks, and if each brocade box within those racks is filled, there'd be no less than ten thousand treasures inside in total!"

“I took just one item and was immediately teleported out.”

As Fang Mu spoke, there was regret evident in his tone.

His tone alone conveyed to everyone how precious the resources within the Starwheel Heritage Land must be.

It was rare to see someone like Fang Mu, a Saint Creator’s disciple, display such an expression.

Understanding the personal nature of Fang Mu’s choice of resource, no one probed further.

Exchanging resources is a private matter, and most assumed Fang Mu chose his resource with his Guardian Beast Qixing in mind.

After conversing briefly about the Heritage Land, the Starwheel gathering concluded.

Shortly after the Starwheel gathering, a Grandmaster Creator proactively requested to organize a Contract Garden meeting.

Fang Mu thought for a moment but decided not to attend this Contract Garden meeting organized by someone unfamiliar to him.

After all, this meeting wasn’t hosted by Han Ming or Eternal Mother Yongle, the two Saint Creators.

Even if something significant were to happen, Yi Han, Ning Hongshu, Zhang Yue, Yang Paiyun, or Du Rui would inform Fang Mu promptly.

Fang Mu personally set off from JA City to the Capital, intending to organize the existing resources of the Jianmu Commerce Association and advance its ventures in the Second World.

When launching Jianmu Commerce Association's Second World operations, Fang Mu aimed to make the event as grand and imposing as possible.

Neither Fang Mu nor Fang Yuan were ostentatious by nature; both typically preferred understated approaches.

Especially Fang Yuan, who consistently played the role of a meticulous steward, managing the Jianmu Commerce Association with careful dedication.

He constantly worried that any oversight might upset Qixing and thereby affect Fang Mu's standing in Qixing's eyes.

Fang Yuan understood how much Qixing, the Saint Creator, adored Fang Mu, but no one could guarantee that Qixing would continue favoring Fang Mu exclusively!

While Fang Yuan acknowledged he might be overthinking, there was no harm in considering every possibility.

It was precisely Fang Yuan's humility and diligence that allowed the Jianmu Commerce Association to flourish under Fang Mu's influence!

Lately, aside from strengthening his own abilities, Fang Yuan had been exhausting his efforts on preparations for the Second World launch of the Jianmu Commerce Association.

Previously, Fang Yuan had been worried about issues regarding the Jianmu Observations project. Fortunately, Tang Lingxi took over management of Jianmu Observations.

Under Tang Lingxi's careful handling, everything remained orderly with no disruptions.

Otherwise, Fang Yuan might've been plagued by headaches!

Seeing Fang Mu, the typically serious-faced Fang Yuan revealed a rare smile.

“Little Wood, what brings you here? Have you finished all your tasks?”

Fang Mu smiled warmly in response.

“Second Brother, my tasks are finally wrapped up for now. Everything has been progressing smoothly.”

Hearing Fang Mu’s words, Fang Yuan’s smile grew even broader.

“Little Wood, this past year, you’ve been the pillar of our family. The pressure upon you is the greatest.”

“You always remind me to rest and not overwork myself; now I must remind you to take care and rest as well!”

Fang Yuan could see that Fang Mu, already slim, seemed even thinner than before but also more resilient and strong.

Fang Mu smiled warmly at his brother’s concern, knowing that no matter what challenges he faced outside, his siblings’ caring presence would always await him at home.

This sense of family was something Fang Mu deeply cherished and vowed to protect!

“Second Brother, the entire Beastmaster world is about to undergo significant changes. Resources like metal spiritual materials for construction will see a steady price increase in the coming decades.”

“Our Jianmu Commerce Association must continue implementing a strategy to gather various spiritual materials.”

Fang Yuan froze at Fang Mu’s words. A year ago, if Fang Mu had said the Beastmaster World was on the brink of a transformation, Fang Yuan would have dismissed it without a second thought.

But now, Fang Mu, as a Saint Creator's disciple, stood among the most influential figures in the Beastmaster World.

Fang Yuan knew his brother well. Fang Mu's personality was exceedingly composed, never prone to exaggerating facts.

If the Beastmaster World was truly about to change, then the factions that timely adapted would undoubtedly reap the greatest benefits and secure the largest share of the profits!

Chapter 1453: Jiang Weng's Results!

The news that the Beastmaster world is about to undergo a transformation has not spread yet; otherwise, the various powers within the Federations, big and small, would descend into a state of panic.

The prices of various goods would also experience severe fluctuations.

Fang Mu pointed out that the prices of metallic construction-type spiritual materials would skyrocket, and Fang Yuan would focus on collecting such materials in the future.

"Little Wood, I understand your intentions. Rest assured, the Jianmu Commerce Association has been stockpiling various spiritual materials. The emergence of the second world has significantly reduced our material collection costs."

"However, because materials are now easier to collect, the funding gap has expanded considerably compared to before."

Fang Mu took out a Spirit Capturing Box and handed it to Fang Yuan.

"Second Brother, when the Jianmu Commerce Association officially begins operations in the second world, release the elixirs and Guardian Beasts inside this Spirit Capturing Box."

"Soon, a continuous flow of World Coins will pour into the Jianmu Commerce Association!"

Ever since acquiring the Spirit Capturing Box, Fang Mu had grown to prefer using these compact and exquisite boxes over Space Spirit Tools.

Within the Jianmu Commerce Association, Spirit Capturing Boxes had already been widely adopted.

The box Fang Mu handed to Fang Yuan contained not only the various elixirs Fang Mu had accumulated but hadn't had the chance to use, but also Spiritual Elixirs of varying concentrations and Flower Spirits purchased during trades at Heavy Flower Palace, which had been nurtured in his Abdominal Space but served no purpose for him.

Upon seeing the contents of the Spirit Capturing Box, Fang Yuan realized that the funding pressure he had mentioned earlier was now completely resolved.

Fang Yuan had always been curious why Fang Mu would release so many high-end resources in exchange for those low-tier ones, but he didn't press further.

The materials Fang Mu handed over also addressed the Jianmu Commerce Association's development issues in the second world.

Just like the Beast Collection Merchants' Association, every commerce association has its own unique path of business and development.

The Beast Collection Merchants' Association specializes in Guardian Beasts, while the Gold Stone Commerce focuses on various types of stones, including expensive gemstones for decorative purposes.

Comprehensive commerce associations, lacking distinctive features, often find themselves at a disadvantage in competition with specialized associations.

However, with these materials, the Jianmu Commerce Association could pioneer a new direction by focusing on high-end Creator resources.

In the realm of high-end Creator resources, where many factions must rely on personal connections to obtain them, the Jianmu Commerce Association would directly sell these resources.

Even if the prices were slightly higher, major factions would still pay.

“Second Brother, when is the official opening date for the Jianmu Commerce Association? I’ll make arrangements for the occasion.”

“Let’s try to get a few Grandmaster Creators to participate in our opening ceremony!”

Fang Yuan was inwardly shocked at Fang Mu’s influence but, upon reflection, found it unsurprising.

Fang Mu being able to invite Grandmaster Creators to the Jianmu Commerce Association’s opening ceremony would undoubtedly have Qixing’s support!

With Qixing’s backing, if an invitation were extended, even Saint Creators like Eternal Mother Yongle and Han Ming might attend!

“The Keystone Construction team won’t complete the full setup for the Jianmu Commerce Association until the third of next month. I’m planning for the formal opening to be held on the seventh.”

“On the first day, I’ll have Lu Bo personally lead a team to oversee everything and ensure no issues arise!”

Fang Mu nodded with satisfaction.

Fang Yuan was consistently meticulous in his work, making Fang Mu completely confident in him.

With anyone else, Fang Mu wouldn’t feel at ease entrusting such substantial family affairs to them!

“Second Brother, let me review the current inventory of the Jianmu Commerce Association. I want to select some materials.”

“Additionally, once the Jianmu Commerce Association begins operations in the second world, please help me acquire more Epoch Relics and Guardian Beasts that can produce Spiritual Energy.”

“No matter how expensive those Guardian Beasts capable of producing Spiritual Energy are, as long as the price isn’t exorbitantly unreasonable, just buy them all!”

Fang Yuan carefully noted Fang Mu’s requests.

After selecting materials from the inventory, Fang Mu went to meet Jiang Weng, the Forging Spirit Grandmaster.

Jiang Weng had contacted Fang Mu many times before, always seeking a face-to-face meeting.

However, due to his overwhelming schedule, Fang Mu hadn’t found the time to meet Jiang Weng.

Now that he was at the Jianmu Commerce Association, Fang Mu believed it was finally time to meet Jiang Weng.

Most likely, Jiang Weng wanted to discuss matters related to the Spirit Capturing Box trade.

Fang Mu arrived at Jiang Weng’s workshop within the Jianmu Commerce Association. At that moment, the workshop had gathered over two hundred Spirit-smithing Masters, and Jiang Weng was holding a meeting with them.

Standing at the door, Fang Mu overheard Jiang Weng speaking in an extremely solemn tone.

“Gathering you all here is not to bury your talents. I believe you should all feel it by now.”

“You have pledged loyalty to me, and I, in turn, have fulfilled my promise of providing you with the resources you desired, allowing you to fully enhance your Spirit-smithing skills.”

“But remember this: although you’ve sworn allegiance to me, your ultimate loyalty should be to the Infinite Tower and to Sir Jianmu, disciple of the current Saint Creator!”

“Do you understand!?”

As soon as Jiang Weng finished speaking, someone responded to his statement.

“Boss, we understand we should be loyal to Sir Jianmu, but shouldn’t we pledge allegiance to Master Qixing as well?!”

Jiang Weng froze for a moment upon hearing this. The one he had always dealt with was Fang Mu, not Qixing, and throughout their interactions, Fang Mu rarely mentioned Qixing.

After thinking it over, Jiang Tuo realized he might need to revise the thoughts of the Spirit-smithing Masters present.

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“Master Qixing is occupied with countless pressing matters, diligently working to eliminate those Outer Realm Embryos for the welfare of humanity.”

“How could he have the time or inclination to concern himself with whether or not you swear allegiance?!”

“You need not think too much about it—just swear your loyalty to Sir Jianmu.”

Elder Jiang had never explicitly addressed this matter in the past, and now that he finally did, it set the tone firmly.

Standing by the doorway, Fang Mu listened intently to the rest of the meeting. Elder Jiang's plans for the Spirit-smithing Masters aligned perfectly with Fang Mu's own vision.

The number of Spirit-smithing Masters under Elder Jiang's command was growing, as was the demand for resources.

Fang Mu resolved to provide Elder Jiang with more support in terms of resources.

Supplying resources to these Spirit-smithing Masters shouldn't be considered an expense—every resource invested in their hands would immediately yield significant returns.

After the meeting concluded, Elder Jiang did not leave the workshop immediately.

He had been under great pressure recently and had many things he wanted to clarify with Fang Mu.

However, Fang Mu's busy schedule left no time for discussions.

But without these clarifications, Elder Jiang found it difficult to proceed with his work effectively.

At that moment, Elder Jiang saw Fang Mu enter the room.

Seeing this, Elder Jiang's face lit up with joy, while Fang Mu, with an apologetic expression, addressed him.

"Elder Jiang, I've indeed been preoccupied with important matters lately and haven't had the time to visit you. Please forgive me!"

Although Elder Jiang understood Fang Mu's workload, he couldn't help but feel a little neglected during this period of no contact.

He couldn't shake off the impression that Fang Mu perhaps didn't value him as much.

Now that Fang Mu was here, taking the time to express such words, it showed that he held Elder Jiang in high regard, which made Elder Jiang deeply pleased.

From the depths of his heart, Elder Jiang felt immense gratitude toward Fang Mu. Though he was working for Fang Mu, he no longer had to run around for Jiang Tuo's sake and could instead focus on honing his skills as a Spirit Forger.

Elder Jiang could clearly feel his Spirit-smithing abilities improving significantly.

What mattered most to Elder Jiang was Jiang Tuo. As long as Fang Mu slightly nurtured Jiang Tuo, Elder Jiang would be content.

Yet Fang Mu had not only kept his promise by providing Jiang Tuo with Grandmaster-level and even Saint Creator-level resources, but he also cared for Jiang Tuo as an elder brother would.

Every week, Jiang Tuo would stay at Elder Jiang's place for two days, and Elder Jiang could sense that Jiang Tuo was genuinely happy.

The gloom that had once clouded his brow was now completely gone.

Fang Mu's care for Jiang Tuo made Elder Jiang view him as a benefactor. Otherwise, Elder Jiang wouldn't have gone to such lengths for Fang Mu.

"Little Mu, working under Master Qixing must be no easy feat. With Master Qixing currently in seclusion, all matters inside and out must fall to you to coordinate."

With these words, Elder Jiang bowed deeply to Fang Mu, his tone exceedingly earnest.

"Little Mu, thank you for everything you've done for Jiang Tuo. As his grandfather, I deeply appreciate it."

“I will dedicate the rest of my life to repaying you!”

Elder Jiang hadn't initially paid much attention to Jiang Tuo's growth in strength, thinking that Jiang Tuo's Destiny Guardian Beast had only just awakened and would need a year or two of accumulation to truly mature.

However, during Jiang Tuo's last few visits, Elder Jiang was shocked to discover that Jiang Tuo had already bonded with four Ice Ghosts, all of which had reached the Platinum rank.

Such rapid progress startled Elder Jiang—this was growth he could never have facilitated himself!

Fang Mu stepped forward and helped Elder Jiang to his feet.

“Elder Jiang, I've told you before—I regard Little Tuo as both a brother and a teammate. With his innate talent and the resources I've provided, his future growth will undoubtedly be limitless!”

“Little Tuo's potential is immense, Elder Jiang, so there's no need for such formalities between us!”

“Now, tell me what it was you wanted to discuss. Later on, once I get busy again, you might not be able to find me.”

Fang Mu was being serious when he said this—if he ventured to the Dimensional World, Elder Jiang wouldn't be able to contact him at all.

Seeing someone so young already juggling so many responsibilities, Elder Jiang marveled at Fang Mu's growth and abilities while also feeling a touch of concern for him.

“Little Mu, I currently have 264 Spirit-smithing Masters under my command. Among them, only two are Forging Spirit Grandmasters like myself.”

“I recruited these two through unorthodox methods, and with the Covenant Servant Soul Ant Queen you provided, they are now fully under my control and entirely trustworthy.”

“The remaining 37 Spirit Forging Masters have been divided into two teams, each reporting to one of these Grandmasters.”

“As for the other 200 or so intermediate and advanced Spirit-smithing Masters, I am personally overseeing their training. Over 120 of them are capable of independently crafting Spirit Capturing Boxes, having mastered the necessary techniques.”

“However, the quality of their Spirit Capturing Boxes varies.”

“I plan to select 80 of them to specialize in Spirit Capturing Box production, while the others—those less skilled at crafting Spirit Capturing Boxes—will be assigned to crafting traditional spiritual instruments instead.”

“You’ve mentioned that you need Spiritual Energy Fragments. Crafting traditional spiritual instruments not only produces a substantial amount of these fragments but also provides valuable training for the intermediate and advanced Spirit-smithing Masters.”

“Though it doesn’t generate as much revenue as Spirit Capturing Boxes, at least it’s not a losing proposition.”

Before joining Fang Mu, Elder Jiang had never affiliated himself with any organization. But he understood that for a force to truly thrive, one must look beyond immediate gains and adopt a long-term perspective.

Fang Mu pondered Elder Jiang’s arrangements thoughtfully and, after careful consideration, spoke to him solemnly.

“Elder Jiang, your plan looks excellent. Let’s proceed according to your layout!”

“We already agreed that the management of the Spirit-smithing Masters would be entrusted entirely to you. Any resources they require can be obtained from my second brother—he will ensure you have everything you need.”

Elder Jiang felt a wave of relief upon hearing Fang Mu's words. He had been worried that Fang Mu might have a completely different vision for the Spirit-smithing Masters.

If that had happened, Elder Jiang would undoubtedly have had to align his work with Fang Mu's perspective.

However, Elder Jiang firmly believed that his current plan was the best course of action. Being forced to deviate from it would stifle the enthusiasm and meticulous care he had invested in his work.

"Little Mu, thank you for supporting my work. I will continue expanding the Spirit-smithing Master team."

Fang Mu smiled and, considering the upcoming development of the Dimensional World, responded to Elder Jiang with a tone of gravity.

"Elder Jiang, for now, stockpile all the spiritual instruments being crafted. We'll wait for the right time to sell them."

This puzzled Elder Jiang. He didn't understand why Fang Mu would make such a request. Crafting spiritual instruments consumed a significant amount of spiritual materials, and not selling them would place a heavy financial burden on their operations.

However, financial concerns didn't fall under Elder Jiang's purview. All the resources he required were supplied by Fang Yuan, and the financial stress was borne entirely by the Jianmu Commerce Association.

If Fang Mu made such a request, he must have a good reason.

"Little Mu, I'll hand over all crafted spiritual instruments to Fang Yuan, who will categorize and store them accordingly."

"With nearly 200 people crafting spiritual instruments, the daily output is around 20 to 30 items."

“As for the Spiritual Energy Fragments produced weekly, I will have Little Tuo deliver them to you.”

At this point, Elder Jiang shifted the topic.

“Little Mu, aside from confirming my development plan with you, I also wanted to discuss my ideas for custom Ghost Devices.”

“Recently, Shui Miao, the Pavilion Master of the Twelve Pavilion, contacted me with a large supply of Ghost System Beast remains.”

“You’ve mentioned your urgency in creating Ghost Devices before—now the necessary spiritual materials are basically all in place.”

In the past, Fang Mu had indeed been eager to craft a Ghost Device of his own. But lately, that urgency had diminished.

Yan Yubanruo’s newly acquired skill, ****Sacrifice the Body for Martial Arts****, allowed him to use his own body as a vessel, absorbing the spiritual materials for crafting Ghost Devices and the bloodline essence of the intended user.

Through consuming his own essence, along with the Souls of Death and Dead Qi as raw materials, Yan Yubanruo could forge a Ghost Device.

This technique enabled the user’s bloodline to perfectly integrate with the Ghost Device, maximizing the efficacy of these Ghost Type Spiritual Materials.

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If he truly wanted to craft a Ghost Device, Fang Mu would choose to craft it himself using his Ghost Type Beast Yama Pragma, rather than asking Jiang Weng or Shui Miao to help him.

Fang Mu communicated with Yama Pragma, intending to create a Ghost Device. After confirming the primary material, the more thoroughly prepared the auxiliary materials, the better.

Yama Pragma could perfectly determine the quantity of auxiliary materials needed.

Fang Mu spoke to Jiang Weng.

“Elder Jiang, please do keep in mind my intention to craft a Ghost Device.”

“Elder Jiang, focus on leading this newly formed Spirit Refining Master Team. Just hand over the collected auxiliary materials to me!”

Jiang Weng, upon hearing Fang Mu’s decision not to involve him in crafting the Ghost Device, wasn’t displeased at all; instead, he felt relieved.

In Jiang Weng’s understanding, a Beast Master could only contract one Ghost Device.

Although he was a Forging Spirit Grandmaster, he was merely an Intermediate Forging Spirit Master, and his crafting abilities were inferior to Shui Miao’s.

Considering Fang Mu’s kindness to Jiang Tuo, if he didn’t craft a satisfactory Ghost Device, wouldn’t he let Fang Mu down?

Jiang Weng had long wanted to resign from this task. With Fang Mu’s status as a disciple of the Saint Creator, even inviting the top Forging Spirit Grandmaster, Cao Xianbing, to craft the Ghost Device wouldn’t face any refusal.

However, the resignation was not easy to express; voicing such thoughts could easily lead to misunderstandings.

Now that Fang Mu had taken the initiative, it resolved Jiang Weng’s concerns.

“Little Wood, the complete corpse of Zhi Ge Luo Cha you gave me earlier, along with all the Ghost Type Spiritual Materials collected during this period, are in this Space Spirit Tool.”

“If additional Ghost Type Spiritual Materials are obtained later on, I’ll accumulate them and notify you!”

Fang Mu took the Space Spirit Tool handed over by Jiang Weng and inspected the Ghost Type Spiritual Materials inside.

The interior was piled high with Ghost Type Spiritual Materials, resembling a small mountain, and included many Ghost System Beast remains that could serve as primary materials.

With Jiang Weng, a Forging Spirit Grandmaster, utilizing his resources to help collect these materials, it was far easier for Fang Mu than relying on the Jianmu Commerce Association.

Jiang Weng mentioned that Shui Miao, upon learning of Fang Mu’s intent to craft a Ghost Device, had specially delivered a substantial batch of Ghost Type Spiritual Materials.

This indicated that Shui Miao kept Fang Mu’s words in mind.

Moreover, Shui Miao hadn’t deliberately informed Fang Mu about these actions, which was precisely why Fang Mu was willing to assist Shui Miao whenever resources were needed.

After concluding his conversation with Jiang Weng, Fang Mu stayed overnight at the Jianmu Commerce Association, dining with his family in the evening.

This family meal wasn’t as formal as the last one, as Mo Shang and Tang Lingxi were both occupied, and Fang Qin and Fang Yuan hadn’t specifically called them back.

Fang Mu had been out of contact for several days recently, leaving Fang Qin, Fang Yuan, and Yan Wood deeply worried about his safety, though they hadn’t openly expressed their concerns.

The three were striving hard to improve themselves.

Especially Yan Wood, who had been battling consecutively against several hired instructors at the club guild—powerful sequential experts.

During the battles, these sequential experts passed on their experience to Yan Wood and constantly pointed out weaknesses in her combat abilities.

Yan Wood's combat capabilities had improved rapidly, even surprising Yi Han with her growth.

Yi Han discovered that Yan Wood possessed some latent talent for becoming a Creator, though it hadn't been developed previously.

Although training as a Creator at over twenty years old might seem late, Yi Han believed that with his guidance, Yan Wood could become an Intermediate Crafting Master by thirty.

Yan Wood, Fang Qin, and Fang Yuan each shared their recent progress with Fang Mu in detail.

When Fang Mu heard about Yi Han's plan to uncover Yan Wood's Creator talent and groom her into a Creator, Fang Mu furrowed his brows slightly before seriously addressing Yan Wood.

"Third Sister, you'll never lack Creator resources in your lifetime. Even if you train under Yi Han, a Grandmaster Creator, you don't necessarily have to become one."

"You should choose based on what truly interests you!"

If outsiders heard Fang Mu's words, they would undoubtedly consider him unconventional, as he seemed to express a disdain for traditional Creators in his tone.

Indeed, Fang Mu held some disregard for conventional Creators at this point, finding their resource generation rates unacceptably slow.

Even as prestigious as Creators may be, unless they ascend to becoming Grandmaster Creators, they ultimately wouldn't garner respect from major powers.

Yan Wood's master, Yi Han, had only recently crossed that threshold with Fang Mu's assistance. Fang Mu's outlook on Creators stemmed from his extraordinary talents exceeding standard Creators.

Fang Mu feared Yan Wood might get fixated on the title of Creator, expending excessive time on tasks she didn't genuinely enjoy.

Yan Wood was momentarily stunned by Fang Mu's words, but then she responded with deep seriousness.

"Little Wood, I haven't been exposed to Creator-related knowledge for long, but I find it highly fascinating and am eager to dedicate time to it!"

"Additionally, I've discovered that being a Creator allows better insights into enemy Guardian Beasts during battles."

"Though learning Creator-related knowledge takes up at least six hours of my day, I truly enjoy this sense of fulfillment!"

Hearing Yan Wood's response put Fang Mu's mind at ease, and he refrained from further persuasion.

After dinner, while the Fang siblings chatted, the attendants from the Jianmu Commerce Association cleared the table of leftovers and tidied it up.

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Prepared a cup of Buddha's Hand Pine Needle Tea to cleanse the palate, along with a variety of different desserts for a post-meal treat.

Yan Wood thought of something and said to Fang Mu.

“Little Wood, my Ghost System Royal Beast has been nurtured successfully. I’ve upgraded its strength to Diamond Rank Legendary Quality using the resources you gave me.”

“I never expected that pouring resources into it would lead to such rapid improvement in the strength of the Ghost System Royal Beast!”

“When I transferred to The Capital for school, I was curious about how one of the boys in my class managed to have a new beast contracted just a week ago, yet its strength had already leveled up to match his original primary battle beast a week later!”

“So that’s how it works!”

At this moment, there were no outsiders in the dining room. Yan Wood directly summoned her Ghost System Beast: Massacre Fire Yan Ba.

Fang Mu had seen Massacre Fire Yan Ba when it had first broken out of its egg. The current evolved Massacre Fire Yan Ba didn’t look much different from its original appearance — it remained cloaked in vivid red Ghost Flame, adorned with brilliant golden-orange accents.

Its towering black wings showed multiple scars that echoed across its body.

From the wounds, rivulets of molten lava resembling blood poured out. The lava turned ash-gray upon dripping to the ground, with shimmering orange-red Ghost Aura contained within.

The shadows of spears emanating around the fierce Massacre Fire Yan Ba floated, hidden within the Ghost Flame, carrying an unparalleled sharp energy!

A long spear, gleaming like obsidian, danced masterfully within Massacre Fire Yan Ba’s grip.

Different from before, Massacre Fire Yan Ba now wore a layer of crystal-like crimson armor, with many red crystal thorns growing out from its body.

These red crystal thorns similarly manifested in a crystalline state, surrounded by Ghost Aura, emitting an intimidating scarlet glow.

Yan Wood was incredibly satisfied with the enhanced Massacre Fire Yan Ba.

Summoning her Ghost System Beast, Massacre Fire Yan Ba, directly now was because Yan Wood wanted to share her joy with her family.

Previously, Yan Wood had to restrain her enthusiasm for sharing around Fang Mu because of his inability to become a Beast Master.

She didn't want her eagerness to share to inadvertently hurt Fang Mu.

But now, Yan Wood had no lingering concerns about this.

Fang Mu activated the Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] from his Fool's Shadow talent to thoroughly inspect the upgraded rank and qualities of Massacre Fire Yan Ba.

[Beast Name]: Massacre Fire Yan Ba

[Beast Species]: Ghost King Order / Battle Ghost Subspecies

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

[Beast Attribute]: Fire

[Beast Potential]: Diamond Rank

[Beast Quality]: Legendary Quality

Skills:

[Wedge of Death]: Always remains in a severely wounded state. Its injuries amplify its combat power. Upon killing a target, it heals its own injuries by utilizing the target's damage. Every opponent engaging with it begins the battle with synchronized injuries identical to its own.

[Translucent Spear Shadow]: During battles, spear shadows enveloped in Ghost Aura randomly attack the opponent's weak points. The damage dealt can be used to heal its wounds or enhance its next attack.

[Crystal Thorn Unsealed]: Unleashes the crystalline thorns growing on its body, transforming these thorns into multiple Ghost Puppets. The Ghost Puppets can coordinate with the main body in battle, with each Puppet augmenting the beast's overall abilities. If the Ghost Puppets are destroyed, they automatically reconstruct as long as the main beast remains alive.

[Forbidden Flame Spear]: Channels Ghost Flame with energy-sealing effects into its weapon. If inflicted, the energy flow within the target's body slows, while the wounded area is sealed off, preventing energy from entering.

[Body Replacement Revival]: Upon sustaining a fatal injury in battle, it can conceal itself within the body of another Fire System Royal Beast. After a period of incubation, it revives and emerges from the host to rejoin battle.

Unique Traits:

[Battle Flame Slayer Gun]: Whenever its spear kills a target, the surrounding Fire Elemental Energy becomes highly active, enabling rapid self-replication of the energy.

[Multi-Target Battle Arena]: Enables it to designate multiple opponents simultaneously, placing them in direct battle against itself. The number of targeted opponents depends on its rank (currently five targets).

[Flame Offering Blessing]: While inhabiting other Fire Attribute lifeforms, it enhances their abilities, particularly those related to fire-based skills.

Seeing the new skills and unique traits acquired by Massacre Fire Yan Ba, Fang Mu couldn't help but marvel at the exceptional quality of this Heaven-disaster-level Fire Attribute Ghost Series Beast.

Massacre Fire Yan Ba easily ranked as the strongest single-unit Beast Fang Mu had ever encountered, possessing not only unparalleled combat prowess but also unique augmentative effects.

The Silver Grade Skill [Translucent Spear Shadow] autonomously deployed spear shadows from the Ghost Flame to attack the enemy's weak points.

Beasts of the same rank or of slightly higher ranks found themselves struggling to handle Massacre Fire Yan Ba's ferocious offense during battle.

In such situations, the translucent spear shadows released through its Ghost Flame rendered the enemy utterly defenseless!

Even in prolonged battles, these [Translucent Spear Shadows] allowed Massacre Fire Yan Ba to outlast and destroy opponents.

This granted Massacre Fire Yan Ba dominance over beasts of the same rank and even the ability to defeat higher-ranked foes.

The Gold Grade Skill [Crystal Thorn Unsealed] revolved around its newly grown crystalline thorns.

The crystals assembled into Ghost Puppets, akin to summoned entities that assisted in battle.

Each Ghost Puppet substantially boosted Massacre Fire Yan Ba's combat capabilities.

Destroying the Ghost Puppets during battle proved futile, as long as the core beast stayed alive, the Puppets would continuously regenerate!

From the sharp edges of these crimson thorns, it was clear the Ghost Puppets were offensively formidable.

The Platinum Grade Skill [Forbidden Flame Spear] combined relentless assault with control capabilities.

Anyone fighting against Massacre Fire Yan Ba, unless vastly overpowering it, inevitably suffered injuries from its attacks.

Once wounded by Massacre Fire Yan Ba, the affected area became sealed, preventing energy flow.

Beyond that, the enemy's overall energy flow slowed considerably.

Even challengers slightly stronger than Massacre Fire Yan Ba found their strength drastically weakened after taking a few hits from [Forbidden Flame Spear].

For example, Fang Mu's Subduing Dragon Nightmare Tiger, if struck on its dragon tail, even with its Master Dragon lineage, would find its tail restricted by the energy level of the Heaven-disaster-level Ghost Flame.

Massacre Fire Yan Ba's Diamond Rank Skill [Body Replacement Revival] synergized perfectly with its unique trait [Flame Offering Blessing].

If overwhelmed and critically injured, Massacre Fire Yan Ba could hide inside a nearby Fire System Beast to heal.

This revival process wouldn't consume the energy of its host Fire System Beast. All of Yan Wood's contracted beasts were Fire Attribute beings.

Yan Wood's team members all possessed Fire System Beasts that served as optimal hosts for Massacre Fire Yan Ba.

Even within her club team, due to the Xi Hui Reflective Crane, everyone contracted Fire System Royal Beasts.

Massacre Fire Yan Ba could also enhance the fire-related skills of its host Royal Beasts during its parasitic revival.

If hosted within Xi Hui Reflective Crane, the crane's value would multiply manifold.

The Xi Hui Reflective Crane was the cornerstone of Yan Wood's status as a top-tier talent, and Massacre Fire Yan Ba greatly amplified its abilities.

If Dragon Rising Federation's official authorities discovered the capabilities of Yan Wood's Ghost System Beast, her rating would surely rise even further!

Fang Mu personally favored Massacre Fire Yan Ba's Epic Quality unique trait [Multi-Target Battle Arena].

Now that its rank had reached Diamond, Massacre Fire Yan Ba could designate five opponents, drawing them all into battle.

This allowed its basic skill [Wedge of Death] to be applied simultaneously against multiple targets.

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[Wedge of Death] can be considered the fundamental skill of the Massacre Fire Yan Ba. The mere fact that it can designate only one target already makes its value immeasurable.

Now, targeting five entities simultaneously and rendering all five into the same critical state as the Massacre Fire Yan Ba at the onset is equivalent to instantly locking down five opponents.

The exclusive trait [Multi-Arena Platform] exponentially elevates the overall combat capability of Massacre Fire Yan Ba by at least threefold.

After being summoned by Yan Wood, Massacre Fire Yan Ba stood behind her with an expression of utmost reverence.

Unlike Fang Mu, Fang Yuan and Fang Qin couldn't directly discern the exclusive traits of Massacre Fire Yan Ba. What surprised them was Yan Wood's impressive speed in cultivating it.

Fang Yuan was the first to speak.

"Xiao Yan, my Ghost System Beast, Illusory Thunder Tengu, is only at the Platinum rank for now. Your progress in enhancing Ghost System Beast strength is pretty remarkable!"

Fang Qin, having already decided not to represent the Dragon Rising Federation in competitions against other Federations' elites aged 20 to 30, wasn't in a hurry to cultivate her Guardian Beast, the Impure Rain Girl.

The Impure Rain Girl still hadn't reached the Gold rank.

In truth, even if Fang Qin and Fang Yuan had cultivated their Ghost System Beasts, they wouldn't summon them in the same casual manner as Yan Wood.

Fang Qin cautioned Yan Wood earnestly.

"Xiao Yan, summoning your Ghost System Beast in front of the three of us is fine, but you absolutely mustn't be so reckless when you're out!"

"A Ghost System Beast is as crucial as a Destiny Guardian Beast for a Beast Master. If others discover it, you might face malicious targeting in many combat situations."

"Especially since you'll be forming a club and participating in battles. Facing opponents who plan countermeasures against you would be the biggest disadvantage in many formats."

Yan Wood stuck her tongue out at those words, understanding that Fang Qin's admonitions were for her own good.

"Big Sis, I understand! I just wanted to let you, Second Brother, and Little Wood see my Ghost System Beast!"

"From now on, I won't summon my Ghost System Beast so carelessly again!"

With that, Yan Wood quickly stored her Massacre Fire Yan Ba away.

The trio—Fang Yuan, Fang Qin, and Yan Wood—were extraordinarily gifted. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to gain admission to Jinghai Tianyu University with so few resources.

Moreover, at Jinghai Tianyu University, they achieved such exceptional results that they earned the title of Honorary Alumni!

Even Fang Mu, despite not being a Beast Master, could attend Jinghai Tianyu University solely because of their connections.

In the past, the three siblings only had latent talent but lacked resources. Now, thanks to Fang Mu's dedicated efforts, the gaps in resources they'd experienced since childhood had been filled.

At present, the three had indisputably become the cream of the crop among their peers!

Fang Mu, witnessing the trio's growth, felt immense joy as he departed from the Jianmu Commerce Association and returned to JA City.

Initially, Fang Mu had planned to use the exclusive trait of Fool's Shadow, [Order Realm Peeking], to explore higher-dimensional worlds.

Since Capricorn intended to meet him, Fang Mu decided to postpone using the exclusive trait [Order Realm Peeking].

Exploring higher-dimensional worlds through [Order Realm Peeking], even if it didn't go smoothly, would take a considerable amount of time.

If the exploration went well, it could last as long as a month!

During the use of [Order Realm Peeking], Fang Mu's soul would leave its physical body, rendering him unable to interact with others.

There was no way Fang Mu would make Capricorn wait for over half a month for no good reason. He resolved to meet Capricorn first and undertake [Order Realm Peeking] afterward.

In the interim, Lian Dai had contacted Fang Mu multiple times to brief him on the Dimensional World situation.

Longze, being an efficient individual, had been organizing and gathering intelligence within the Dimensional World investigation corps.

Before leaving the Jianmu Commerce Association, Fang Mu had already informed Fang Yuan to collect Radar Akio and Magic Mirror Banana Tree through the Beast Collection Merchants' Association.

Radar Akio and Magic Mirror Banana Tree naturally originated in the Beast Language Federation, where the Beast Collection Merchants' Association operated.

Given that functional plant-type Guardian Beasts were involved, the Beast Collection Merchants' Association undoubtedly had a substantial stockpile.

The quantity of Radar Akio and Magic Mirror Banana Trees Fang Mu required could be procured with the Association's efforts.

By the following day, Fang Yuan had already messaged Fang Mu, confirming that the Beast Collection Merchants' Association could deliver all the Radar Akio and Magic Mirror Banana Trees he needed within five days.

The Association's president, Gu Ting, would personally deliver these resources to the Dragon Rising Federation.

Fang Yuan had specifically told Gu Ting that there was no need to go to such trouble.

Nevertheless, Gu Ting insisted, claiming that this trip to the Dragon Rising Federation would also involve further discussions with the Federation's officials about collaborations.

Fang Yuan, hearing this, found it hard to argue further. After all, during Gu Ting's previous visit to the Dragon Rising Federation, multiple agreements for cooperative ventures had indeed been negotiated with Federation representatives.

However, Fang Yuan was well aware of Gu Ting's real motives.

Even if it involved official discussions, with all existing agreements finalized, there was no need for Gu Ting to personally handle negotiations with the Federation.

Upon learning that the Beast Collection Merchants' Association could amass 200,000 units of Radar Akio and Magic Mirror Banana Tree within such a short period, Fang Mu couldn't help but internally praise his decision to incorporate the Association as an ally!

Otherwise, relying solely on the Jianmu Commerce Association's channels would have taken over a month to obtain such large quantities of Radar Akio and Magic Mirror Banana Trees.

This would have significantly slowed down the exploration and development of the Dimensional World.

Capricorn didn't keep Fang Mu waiting. By the fourth day, Capricorn had arrived in the Dragon Rising Federation and successfully met with Fang Mu.

Capricorn's attire in reality differed from his strange look at the Starwheel gathering, yet he still donned a black robe, exuding a thoroughly mysterious aura.

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Fang Mu, Shu Liangjun, and Capricorn sat in the conference room as Shu Liangjun took the lead in introducing himself to Capricorn.

"I am Golden Bull. You're probably not unfamiliar with me—after all, we've had more than a few dealings before."

"Since we've now met in reality, it wouldn't be proper to keep using the names we call each other during Starwheel gatherings."

"My name is Shu Liangjun, and I've been staying with Little Wood here for more than half a year now."

As he spoke, Shu Liangjun deliberately observed Capricorn's expression for any changes.

Previously, Shu Liangjun had been tirelessly searching for a solution to his limited lifespan. Capricorn had traded him some spiritual materials that could extend his life, enabling Shu Liangjun to live at least two more years.

For this, Shu Liangjun was deeply grateful to Capricorn.

Shu Liangjun believed that Capricorn's visit to see Fang Mu was likely also related to extending lifespan.

Whether Capricorn was an Evil King from Ancient Genesis or a Weaver of Worlds, their strength was almost certainly at the level of a God Territory Powerhouse.

The experts from Ancient Genesis typically didn't have Contract Beasts and weren't overly reliant on resources from Creators.

Yet Shu Liangjun noticed that his words didn't elicit any noticeable reaction from Capricorn.

Capricorn lifted the hand concealed beneath his robe, showing the same peculiar doll he wore during Starwheel gatherings, but just as he raised his hand, he lowered it again.

A soft yet raspy voice, Capricorn's natural tone, came muffled from beneath the robe.

"My name is Qi Qi. It hasn't been used since the moment I contracted the pollutant."

As Capricorn continued speaking, his tone carried a tinge of reminiscence.

"Ever since I made some name for myself, the world began calling me the Weaver of Worlds."

Capricorn not only revealed his real name to Shu Liangjun and Fang Mu but also disclosed his identity.

This was undoubtedly a gesture of goodwill toward the two of them—or perhaps, Capricorn valued the bonds they shared as fellow Starwheel members.

Fang Mu smiled as he introduced himself.

"My name is Fang Mu, and to Senior Qi Qi, I am merely a junior."

After speaking, Fang Mu proactively poured Capricorn a cup of tea and handed it to him.

Ancient Genesis had been branded a public enemy by countless factions. As one of its two leaders, Qi Qi, the Weaver of Worlds, always maintained a high degree of vigilance.

This vigilance had greatly benefited Qi Qi before he solidified himself within Order.

Yet, facing Fang Mu now, Qi Qi slowly lowered his guard; otherwise, he would never have dared to drink tea that wasn't brewed right under his nose.

Even as Qi Qi set aside his wariness, his hand hesitated momentarily when lifting his hood to drink.

But in the end, Qi Qi still pulled back the hood and brought the tea to his lips.

Fang Mu noticed that Qi Qi's face was split into two starkly different halves: one side was old and wrinkled like weathered tree bark, while the other was youthful and dignified, as if sculpted from elegance.

Fang Mu surmised silently that this was either the backlash from the pollutant or a curse from an earlier exposure to toxins, causing the premature aging of one side of his visage.

Such significant facial deterioration couldn't be effectively mitigated with small amounts of Still-Face Palm Oil found in Peach Beguile's products.

However, directly applying Still-Face Palm Oil to the area three times daily for about a month would yield visible results!

Even if it couldn't make both sides of Qi Qi's face identical, it could at least prevent his face from remaining as unnerving as it currently appeared!

Though Fang Mu could assist Qi Qi in addressing this issue, he did not broach the topic immediately, nor did he allow his gaze to linger on Qi Qi's disfigured face.

Instead, Fang Mu listened as Qi Qi spoke in a low, solemn tone.

"Your tea tastes splendid; it's rare to find a brew that combines such rich fragrance with an underlying cool clarity!"

Fang Mu smiled in response to his remark and said, "Senior Qi Qi, if you like this tea, I'll have someone pack a pound of it for you to take along when you leave!"

“This tea is brewed using spiritual materials produced by a few special Guardian Beasts of mine. It’s impossible to find it outside.”

Fang Mu understood well that Qi Qi had come to him with a matter of significance to discuss.

Since Qi Qi seemed hesitant to bring it up, Fang Mu decided to take the initiative instead.

He couldn’t help but feel curious about what exactly Qi Qi needed from him.

“Senior Qi Qi, if there’s anything you’d like to cooperate on during this visit, just say the word!”

“If it’s within my power to assist, I will surely do so!”

When a God Territory Powerhouse extended goodwill, Fang Mu was more than willing to forge a connection with them.

After all, forming ties with such a figure could be immensely beneficial, especially since they were both fellow Starwheel members, naturally bonded by shared ties.

Fang Mu’s words made Qi Qi keenly aware of his sincerity.

Initially, Qi Qi had not known how to approach the subject with Fang Mu, but since Fang Mu had brought it up, Qi Qi followed suit.

“Fang Mu, though our Ancient Genesis is infamous, those who join us and contract pollutants are usually tragic souls; I am no exception.”

“This time, I sought you out hoping you could help me request Saint Creator Qixing to assist the Evil King of Ancient Genesis by enabling his special-grade pollutant to successfully absorb the sixth pollution source, removing its influence on his emotions!”

“Unlike me, he wasn’t as fortunate. During the fifth absorption, backlash occurred, delaying the sixth absorption indefinitely.”

Fang Mu’s lips tightened slightly at this. He had anticipated that Qi Qi’s request would be no simple task, but he didn’t expect it to be this challenging!

As a contractor of special-grade pollutants who had undergone only one absorption, Fang Mu deeply understood the risks involved in the process.

Helping a powerhouse like the Evil King navigate the sixth absorption—especially knowing his essence had already suffered backlash from the previous attempt—was no minor undertaking.

Fang Mu couldn’t be certain that he could even take on such a responsibility!

Based on Qi Qi’s explanation, the Evil King had already located a compatible pollution source for the sixth absorption.

If things went awry under Fang Mu’s help—not only failing but jeopardizing the Evil King’s safety—wouldn’t Fang Mu end up taking the blame!?

Should the Evil King fail to absorb the sixth pollution source and lose control due to its influence, Fang Mu’s safety would also be at risk.

Seeing Fang Mu furrow his brow in deep contemplation, a heavy expression on his face, Qi Qi placed the teacup down and spoke with genuine sincerity.

“Truth be told, over a decade ago, I approached Han Ming with this request. Even after he was promised significant benefits, he declared himself unable to assist the Evil King.”

“When Eternal Mother Yongle ascended to Saint Creator, I sought her out as well, but after assessing the Evil King’s condition, she too claimed she was powerless.”

“I am merely trying to help a companion who once showed me kindness. I will do my best and leave the rest to fate. You needn’t feel pressured.”

“Even if you can’t help, I’ll still owe you gratitude for your willingness to try!”

Hearing these words, Fang Mu glanced at the time and directly replied.

“Senior Qi Qi, I cannot give you an immediate answer. I need to meet the Evil King and properly assess his situation first.”

“Currently, my mentor is fully focused on clearing extraterrestrial embryos and cannot spare the time.”

“Once I’ve met the Evil King and relayed the details to my mentor, I’ll know whether we can provide assistance or not!”

“I promise to speak well on your behalf. I can assure you, we won’t refuse assistance on something we’re capable of handling!”

“My mentor holds immense goodwill toward Starwheel members.”

Qi Qi had not expected Fang Mu to give an outright commitment. On matters like this, Fang Mu, as a disciple of a Saint Creator, lacked true decision-making power.

Ultimately, approval would still depend on Qixing’s judgment.

“Fang Mu, thank you for your willingness to help. When might you be available? I’ll arrange for the Evil King to meet you.”

Fang Mu stood as he replied.

“Why delay when we can act now? I’ll go with you this instant to meet the Evil King.”

“Given that the Evil King suffered backlash during his fifth absorption and already carries damage to his essence, further delays will only make his situation worse, complicating the sixth absorption.”

These words demonstrated Fang Mu’s deep consideration for the Evil King’s condition, further amplifying Qi Qi’s gratitude toward him.

In the past, when Qi Qi sought help from Han Ming and Eternal Mother Yongle, neither of them had shown Fang Mu’s level of concern.

Qi Qi’s admiration for Fang Mu grew even further.

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“Then I won’t stand on ceremony. Thank you for reaching out with a helping hand!”

“If the Evil King truly completes the absorption of the sixth pollution source and regains his emotions, I’ll make sure to tell him about your assistance!”

“The Evil King will surely be grateful to you from the bottom of his heart!”

Fang Mu spoke to Qi Qi with an extremely serious tone.

“Senior Qi Qi, my willingness to help with this matter is entirely because of you. You don’t need to be so formal with me.”

“As members of Starwheel, it’s natural that we help one another.”

“Besides, you showed understanding when I was exploring the ancient battlefield and refrained from competing with me after learning about the situation.”

“If you had chosen to compete, I would’ve left this ancient battlefield empty-handed!”

Fang Mu spoke with no trace of pretension, recalling how he had invited Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun to protect him during his exploration of the ancient battlefield.

Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun were indeed highly skilled, but their power only rested within the realm of Order, while Qi Qi's power had already ventured into the Divine Realm.

If Qi Qi had decided to head to the ancient battlefield that opened within the Panfeng Federation, even with the map of the relics, Fang Mu wouldn't have been able to obtain the ancient battlefield's inheritances.

The Crescent Moon Pendant and the purple-black Small Tower had provided Fang Mu immense assistance. Without the Crescent Moon Pendant, even with the aid of Brilliant Golden Honey and Sacred Objects: Heavy Sakura Cleansing Carp, Fang Mu wouldn't have been able to become a Biproong Star Tamer so quickly!

Nor would he have been able to control Yisi, the Blood Race Queen.

Every step Fang Mu had taken in his development was tied to the outcomes and achievements of future matters, and he truly felt indebted to Qi Qi.

Qi Qi rubbed the plain ring on his finger, remaining silent for a while before speaking.

"Fang Mu, even if you can't assist this time, if you ever need my help in the future, I will go through fire and water to repay today's favor!"

Getting a powerhouse at the Divine Realm level to owe you a favor wasn't easy, making Qi Qi's words exceptionally significant.

Three months ago, Shu Liangjun might have been shocked by this, but now, with Lian Dai also becoming Fang Mu's protector as a Divine Realm powerhouse, things had changed.

Even without the Saint Creator Qixing, Fang Mu still had two Divine Realm powerhouses by his side.

Furthermore, Fang Mu could command a dimension creature above King level that rivaled Divine Realm powerhouses.

Shu Liangjun had witnessed the rank advancement of the Swallow Gorge Waggle firsthand.

“Capricorn, give me the specific location so I can use my Guardian Beast to transport myself and save a lot of travel time.”

Shu Liangjun preferred using Qi Qi’s Starwheel codename, Capricorn, over calling him by name.

The two had been Starwheel members for centuries, unlike Fang Mu, who had only interacted with Qi Qi within Starwheel for a few months.

Additionally, given that Qi Qi’s strength surpassed Shu Liangjun’s by an entire level, referring to Qi Qi as ‘senior’ wouldn’t be fitting, nor did addressing him as ‘your excellency’ seem appropriate, as it would make their relationship feel overly distant.

Qi Qi shared the location with Shu Liangjun. Shu Liangjun then summoned his Guardian Beast Kong Zhiluoman, enabling quick transportation for Qi Qi and Fang Mu to the inner city of Sprouting City, where the Ancient Genesis was located.

Sprouting City’s outer city resembled a black market, bustling with various factions selling off banned supplies prohibited by the major powers.

In stark contrast to the chaos of the outer city, the inner city was predominantly occupied by Ancient Genesis headquarters members who had forged contracts with pollution artifacts.

Shu Liangjun’s bold decision to set the transport location there drew many curious glances.

It was as though someone had directly entered your house through the window!

The headquarters members of Ancient Genesis immediately unleashed their pollution artifacts, preparing to besiege anyone stepping out of the spatial portal.

Qi Qi stepped out of the portal first, with Fang Mu and Shu Liangjun following closely behind.

Qi Qi frowned at the elite members of Ancient Genesis residing in the inner city. Without uttering a word, he waved his hand, prompting the elite members to quickly bow to Qi Qi before dispersing.

Within Ancient Genesis, only the Weaver of Worlds and the Evil King were entitled to act freely. Even the members of the Eight Evil Seed had to report their arrival in the inner city when bringing others!

“Fang Mu, the Evil King’s situation is somewhat unique. His entire being is enshrouded in polluted energy, and under the influence of pollution artifacts, he has entered into a half-beast form.”

“Although his consciousness remains intact, he’s unable to control his corrupted energy.”

“When investigating the Evil King’s condition, I’ll personally protect you and ensure you’re not impacted by the polluted energy leaking from his body!”

After speaking to Fang Mu, Qi Qi turned to Shu Liangjun and said.

“Golden Bull, let me take Fang Mu myself. I’ll arrange for a few people to host you and show you around the inner city of Sprouting City.”

Qi Qi’s intent was clear—other than Fang Mu, who needed to examine the Evil King, Qi Qi didn’t wish for Shu Liangjun to learn about the Evil King’s condition.

Under normal circumstances, Shu Liangjun would have readily agreed. The Evil King’s situation was considered top-secret within Ancient Genesis, and as an outsider, it was inappropriate to delve into the organization’s highest confidential matters.

However, this time Shu Liangjun wasn't here in his capacity as a Starwheel member; instead, he had come as Fang Mu's protector—a detail Qi Qi wasn't aware of.

Shu Liangjun glanced at Fang Mu, and only when Fang Mu gave him a nod did Shu Liangjun respond.

"Alright, Capricorn, I'll let you make the arrangements."

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"You must remember to protect Fang Mu at all costs. The corrosive effects of pollution energy on living beings are immense. You absolutely cannot allow this energy to endanger Fang Mu's safety!"

Qi Qi had long sensed that Shu Liangjun's attitude toward Fang Mu was quite unusual, but he did not ask further. Instead, he nodded solemnly at Shu Liangjun, signaling his understanding.

Qi Qi arranged for three of his personal attendants to receive Shu Liangjun. As attendants of the Weaver of Worlds, their status was not lower than that of the Eight Evil Seeds.

After the attendants took Shu Liangjun away, Qi Qi pointed toward a distant palace.

"Fangmu the Evil King resides inside. We'll go there now."

"After you have assessed the Evil King's condition and consulted with your master upon returning, I hope you can give me a direct response!"

"The Evil King can't hold on for much longer. If external forces cannot assist him, I need to prepare in advance!"

Qi Qi's tone was extremely serious, tinged with a resolute urgency, as if he were pleading with Fang Mu.

"Senior Qi Qi, take me to assess the Evil King's condition now. I will be able to give you an answer before tonight."

“However, even if my master can assist the Evil King, it will likely take at least a week before anything can be done.”

Fang Mu could choose to delay his exploration of higher-dimensional worlds through the Fool’s Shadow’s exclusive trait [Order Realm Peeking], but he had to prioritize the four corps stationed within the dimensional world, led by Longze.

Apart from transporting the Radar Akio and Magic Mirror Banana Tree sent by the Beast Collection Merchants’ Association to accelerate infrastructure development for the four corps in the dimensional world, Fang Mu also needed to deliver the supplies Lian Dai had previously failed to organize. This task could not be delayed.

Qi Qi feared most the tactic of endless procrastination, avoiding a definite response for an extended period.

Most Creators Qi Qi had dealt with exhibited this irritating habit; Han Ming had stalled for a full year and a half before giving an answer.

In Qi Qi’s mind, Qixing providing a response within half a month was already considered fast. He hadn’t anticipated receiving an answer by tonight.

Qi Qi had already exhausted every possible idea before, so regardless of Qixing’s verdict, Qi Qi felt he could finally lay down the burden in his heart.

If Qixing could not help the Evil King either, Qi Qi would have no choice but to use his own God Territory Powerhouse’s essence to protect the Evil King, gambling with his own life for the latter!

Even though this would adversely impact Qi Qi himself, he couldn’t bear the thought of his old ally turning into mere dust of the world at such a crucial juncture.

“Fang Mu, one week is a bit too fast. The Evil King will also need some time for preparation, and the pollution needs to stabilize as much as possible!”

“Right now, the pollution within his body is in an active phase. Absorbing the pollution source during this stage is highly dangerous. It would be better to schedule for one to two months later.”

Fang Mu secretly agreed, thinking this timeline was perfect. If he could free up one to two months, not only could he complete all his current obligations, but he could also finish his exploration of higher-dimensional worlds.

As he entered the enclosed space, Fang Mu sensed a wild and violent surge of evil energy relentlessly washing over him.

Although Qi Qi’s energy was likewise wicked, it enveloped Qi Qi in a stable and protective layer, ensuring Fang Mu was not affected.

Ascending the spiral staircase toward the higher floors, the external energy fluctuations grew increasingly intense.

Fang Mu could faintly feel that if his body came into contact with this energy without proper protection, it might undergo drastic mutations in an extraordinarily short time.

Qi Qi raised his hand to push open a heavy door. As Fang Mu looked at the scene inside, his pupils contracted sharply.

Inside the room lay a towering creature, curled up, nearly a kilometer tall.

No wonder the vast building was devoid of people—this was where the Evil King dwelled.

The gigantic beast was sheathed in thick, purplish-black wrinkled skin covered in uneven scales growing irregularly between the folds.

Its enormous head resembled a hybrid of crocodile and calf, with two winding horns, one in front and one behind, perched atop its skull.

The pollution energy emanating from this eerie giant beast had already taken on a rippling texture.

“Qi Qi, you’ve come?”

A raspy yet magnetic voice emerged from the beast’s maw. Merely from the tone, Fang Mu could feel the heavy suppression plaguing the Evil King.

The special-grade pollutant’s pollution energy, resulting from absorbing five pollution sources, was currently corroding the Evil King’s mind.

After assessing the Evil King’s condition, Qi Qi furrowed his brows.

“Ling Kang, your condition has worsened again!”

“Is it because your Chaos Devouring Nightmare Beast has deepened its fusion with you?”

“What is the current fusion percentage between you and the Chaos Devouring Nightmare Beast?”

The Evil King didn’t immediately reply to Qi Qi but instead turned his gaze to Fang Mu, who stood beside Qi Qi.

“Qi Qi, you’ve brought a guest without giving me a proper introduction?”

Qi Qi silently chastised himself for worrying too much about Ling Kang’s condition, to the point of neglecting proper introductions between Fang Mu and Ling Kang.

“Ling Kang, this is Jianmu, a disciple of Saint Creator Qixing and also my friend.”

After speaking to Ling Kang, Qi Qi turned to Fang Mu and introduced him.

“Fang Mu, this is the Evil King, Ling Kang. His current state is due to his essence being affected by his special-grade pollutant, the Chaos Devouring Nightmare Beast.”

“When you conduct your investigation later, I’ll ensure Ling Kang cooperates with you!”

Upon hearing Qi Qi’s introduction, the Evil King shed his hostility toward Fang Mu. Even in the absence of personal sentiment, the Evil King understood Fang Mu was here to help him.

Still, the Evil King was well-aware of his own condition. He held little hope for recovery.

Especially now that his fusion with his Chaos Devouring Nightmare Beast had deepened further.

Fang Mu was somewhat astonished. Using Covenant Blood Essence, Fang Mu’s special-grade pollutants always remained unusually docile, never posing any threats to him.

Yet, the impact of pollutants on a top-tier powerhouse was shockingly severe!

Those who contracted pollutants were indeed treading the sharp edge of a blade.

Without engaging in excessive small talk, Fang Mu directly addressed the issue, knowing that resolving the Evil King’s plight would earn far more favor from Qi Qi and the Evil King.

Unlike traditional Creators, Fang Mu knew he wouldn’t discern much by simply investigating the Evil King’s condition.

He decided to employ the Eye of Omniscience to probe the Evil King.

As he witnessed the severity of the Evil King’s situation, Fang Mu felt a flicker of nervousness, fearing his capabilities might prove inadequate.

But after using the Eye of Omniscience, pinpointing the reason for the Evil King's adverse fusion with his pollutant, Fang Mu's heart settled considerably.

The Evil King's merger with his Chaos Devouring Nightmare Beast had faltered because, during its absorption of the fifth pollution source, it failed to fully dominate the new source.

Since the fifth pollution source hadn't completely fused with the Chaos Devouring Nightmare Beast, it continued emitting pollution energy.

This prolonged release of energy had progressively damaged the Evil King's body, leading to his current state.

The solution was straightforward: strengthen the Evil King's special-grade pollutant Chaos Devouring Nightmare Beast so it could once again suppress and fuse with the fifth pollution source completely.

To accomplish this, Fang Mu only needed the high-purity contamination energy he had extracted from numerous pollution sources and pollutant entities.

Once the Chaos Devouring Nightmare Beast was fortified enough to fully dominate the fifth pollution source, everything else would resolve naturally!

The Evil King's remarkable strength would allow his body to recover over time.

Although Fang Mu had already discerned the Evil King's predicament using the Eye of Omniscience, he knew better than to blurt out a solution immediately.

Feigning meticulous investigation, he had the Evil King cooperate with him before speaking with convincing assurance.

"This situation must be due to the inability of the Evil King's contracted special-grade pollutant to fully merge with the pollution source."

“The problem can be resolved as soon as the contracted pollutant regains mastery over the pollution source!”