

Beast Tamer 851

Chapter 851:

Fang Mu felt that the Neashore Trading Company must have a powerful backer.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for Neashore Trading Company to rise suddenly and release so many resources into the market to enhance its own reputation.

No matter what the backer of Neashore Trading Company was, Fang Mu wouldn't take it to heart.

Under normal circumstances, only trading companies would support one another.

A large trading company would provide resources, allowing a newly emerging trading company to develop.

This time, Fang Mu thought of taking Hu Tao to the exhibition hosted by Neashore Trading Company because he wanted to buy some metal spiritual materials for Hu Tao.

To use them for everyday cultivation of Hu Tao's Destiny Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet.

At the Neashore Trading Company's exhibition, Fang Mu just wanted to be a regular buyer and had no intention of interacting with Neashore Trading Company.

Previously, when Fang Mu revealed his identity as the disciple of a Grandmaster Creator, Neashore Trading Company had tried to curry favor with him more than once.

They had sent him invitations, hoping Fang Mu would become a distinguished guest at their auction.

Auctions were far more prestigious than product exhibitions, but Fang Mu had refused them all.

"Neashore Trading Company must have some influence, but no matter what, it's not important," Fang Mu said.

“I’ll go call for a Beast Car with a large carriage now.”

“Once you’re inside the carriage, summon the Bird Armor Puppet for me to see.”

Normally, it would be incredibly rude for a Beast Master to even mention wanting to see another Beast Master’s Destiny Guardian Beast, let alone actually look at it!

But Fang Mu and Hu Tao didn’t need to worry about such taboos.

Hu Tao had shown her Destiny Guardian Beast to Fang Mu in their freshman year of high school, and Fang Mu had been designing its diet ever since.

Now, Fang Mu wanted to see Hu Tao’s Destiny Guardian Beast to adjust its diet through Mobius’s Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience].

He aimed to guide the Bird Armor Puppet’s evolution in the most optimal direction.

The evolutionary path of a Destiny Guardian Beast was extremely important. If a Destiny Guardian Beast took the wrong path in its early stages, trying to correct it later would waste some of its evolutionary potential.

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao spoke with a hint of pride.

“Fang Mu, my Destiny Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet, has finally reached Perfect Quality!”

“It’s far more difficult to improve the quality of a Destiny Guardian Beast than that of an ordinary Guardian Beast.”

“It’s just that I’m not sure how to evaluate the new exclusive trait it has acquired.”

“I don’t know whether this exclusive trait is good or bad.”

While speaking, Hu Tao’s expression showed some dilemma, piquing Fang Mu’s curiosity.

He wondered what exclusive trait Hu Tao’s Destiny Guardian Beast had developed to make the typically carefree Hu Tao show such an expression.

Beast Cars with large carriages were very common in JA City.

Typically, if a family chose to rent a vehicle for a trip, they would opt for a Beast Car with a large carriage.

Compared to cars with smaller carriages, these large Beast Cars were only slightly more expensive and were a great deal.

In no time, a Beast Car pulled by three Spiral-Horned Sheep appeared before Fang Mu.

Fang Mu could have asked He Qing to pick him up, but considering he was taking Hu Tao to the exhibition that day...

Despite Hu Tao’s seemingly outgoing and straightforward demeanor, she was somewhat socially anxious.

She would become particularly quiet and shy around strangers.

Before getting to know He Qing well, it would definitely make Hu Tao uncomfortable to have him come over.

Gentlemanly, Fang Mu opened the car door for Hu Tao. After Hu Tao boarded, he then sat inside.

The driver headed toward Fountain Square, where Neashore Trading Company was holding the product exhibition, according to the destination set on Fang Mu's phone.

Fountain Square was a very famous landmark in JA City.

The fact that Neashore Trading Company could hold a product exhibition there indicated that they must have provided JA City with significant resource subsidies.

Otherwise, using a scenic spot as a venue for a product exhibition would generally be very difficult to secure.

On the Beast Car, Hu Tao, without any hesitation, summoned her Destiny Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet, in front of Fang Mu.

The Bird Armor Puppet, when not possessed by a Bird Beast Master, looked like an unremarkable suit of armor.

Although it shone with a faint metallic luster, it looked very patchy, like cracked old tree bark.

All parts of the puppet armor were connected to each other by transparent threads.

As these threads moved, the whole puppet armor seemed to come alive, breathing as if it had a life of its own.

Fang Mu used the Fool's Shadow's Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] to examine the Bird Armor Puppet.

This was the first time Fang Mu had observed the data-form of the Bird Armor Puppet since awakening Fool's Shadow.

[Beast Name]: Bird Armor Puppet

[Beast Species]: Puppet Family/Mechanical Puppet Type

[Beast Level]: Silver (5/10)

[Beast Element]: Puppeteer

[Beast Potential]: Gold

[Beast Quality]: Perfect

Skills:

[Perfect Pentad Dance]: Achieves perfect integration with a designated Bird Beast Master, providing energy to the Bird Beast Master and boosting its defenses against physical, elemental, and curse attacks. It offers up to two death-prevention effects in the face of fatal attacks; once these effects have been used up, it enters a dormant state and requires Mechanical Gears for repair.

[Performative Decapitation Dance]: During combat, the puppet body will automatically discover the target's weakness, repeatedly slashing at it with decapitation strikes possessing a rending feature. After killing its target, the defense capabilities of the target are transferred to the puppet body.

Exclusive Traits:

[Puppet Metallurgy Vein]: Absorbs various metal spiritual materials and uses their properties to amplify the puppet body's features. The characteristics of the metal spiritual materials will influence the future abilities of the Bird Armor Puppet while casting the puppet's veins.

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Innate Divine Ability:

"Reversal Puppet Veil": It nourishes inferior puppet bodies, which can impose restrictions on the enemy's environment and transform effects targeted at oneself into weakening effects on the enemy.

When an inferior puppet body is shattered by the opponent, a disintegration effect is triggered, decomposing the target within the puppet body.

Following his investigation, Fang Mu understood why Hu Tao exhibited such an expression when talking about the exclusive trait obtained from the Bird Armor Puppet.

The exclusive trait that the Bird Armor Puppet gains upon ascending to Perfect Quality is called “Puppet Metallurgy Vein,” which allows it to absorb various metal spiritual materials to strengthen its own puppet body.

The characteristics and performance contained in these metal spiritual materials will influence the future abilities of the Bird Armor Puppet.

This meant that Hu Tao could subjectively modify the capabilities of the Bird Armor Puppet through this exclusive trait, shaping it into the form that best suited her needs.

Based solely on its ability to guide its own evolution, “Puppet Metallurgy Vein” can be regarded as a basic level skill.

Moreover, the act of enhancing itself by devouring metal spiritual materials offers significant operational flexibility.

Different metal spiritual materials have varying performances, and some of the rare ones enrich the functionality of the Bird Armor Puppet in combat.

It can be said that the Bird Armor Puppet has also become a significant consumer of resources, and Hu Tao’s family would find it difficult to acquire a large quantity of rare metal spiritual materials to cultivate the Bird Armor Puppet in the optimum direction.

Even if a family is willing to devote resources to their children, aiding them in nurturing Guardian Beasts to bolster their strength, there will be differences in the allocation of resources, making it hard to achieve comprehensiveness.

There is only so much money, and if it is spent on comprehending mysterious patterns in the Contemplation Hall, it is bound to be unavailable for purchasing beast-controlling spirit materials.

Hu Tao's dilemma was something Fang Qin, Fang Yuan, and Yan Wood had also experienced.

Hu Tao knew well the benefits that this exclusive trait could bring her, yet she could only sigh helplessly.

Fang Mu had a certain understanding of the Bird Armor Puppet.

But now, after visualization of the abilities of the Bird Armor Puppet, Fang Mu realized his previous understanding was insufficient.

The data-driven abilities made Fang Mu someone who might know the Bird Armor Puppet even better than Hu Tao did.

The Copper Level and Silver Stage skills of the Bird Armor Puppet, "Perfect Pentad Dance" and "Performative Decapitation Dance," are both abilities that amplify Guardian Beasts and provide offensive measures against the enemy.

Fang Mu believed that the core ability of "Perfect Pentad Dance" isn't to give Bird Beasts physical, elemental, and curse defenses.

In a battle, it is very unlikely for an enemy Guardian Beast to cover all bases with its abilities.

In a one-to-many situation, defenses on three levels can actually take effect.

The core enhancement method of the Bird Armor Puppet is to provide energy and two life-saving effects for Bird Beasts.

The energy provided by the Bird Armor Puppet to Hu Tao's Iron Winged Green Pigeon tripled its combat duration.

This was the key factor for Hu Tao to achieve first place in practical combat at Janghai Sky Domain University.

The two life-saving effects increased the margin of error in Hu Tao's combat system, allowing her to be bold in battles.

Although triggering the two life-saving effects would put the Bird Armor Puppet into a dormant state,

It could still repair itself through mechanical gears.

This made Fang Mu feel that Hu Tao was very suitable for a contract with a Guardian Beast that coexisted as both bird and mechanical types.

Most mechanical beasts possess the ability to produce mechanical gears on their own.

This bird and mechanical dual-type beast could synergize with Hu Tao's main battle Mystic Beast, the Iron Winged Green Pigeon, to provide an auxiliary effect.

Mechanical Beasts are already rare, and such special dual-type beasts can only be found through deliberate searching.

Mobius's skill "Creation of Blood and Life" is incapable of creating mechanical beasts.

Otherwise, Fang Mu could have relied on "Creation of Blood and Life" to create such a Guardian Beast for Hu Tao.

"Performative Decapitation Dance" allows the Bird Armor Puppet to penetrate the enemy's weaknesses and absorb their defensive capabilities.

It then bestows this defense onto the Guardian Beast it possesses.

This provided Hu Tao with the capacity to remain undefeated among Copper Level Beast Masters.

Many senior students at Jinghai High School for Beast Masters couldn't defeat Hu Tao.

After a few confrontations with Hu Tao, these older scholars were no longer willing to spar with her.

It was because of Hu Tao's Destiny Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet, and its Innate Divine Ability, "Reversal Puppet Veil."

"The Reversal Puppet Veil" allows the Bird Armor Puppet, through its own created Inferior Puppet Body, to restrict the enemy.

Under its own enhancement and the enemy's restriction, it can widen the gap significantly between two evenly matched sides.

Moreover, those Inferior Puppet Bodies possess a one-for-one extreme capability when they disassemble.

Even if the Guardian Beast wrapped by the Inferior Puppet Body has extremely strong life-saving skills and doesn't get exchanged, it will definitely be injured.

Hu Tao saw Fang Mu examining her Bird Armor Puppet with earnest attention. Thinking that Fang Mu had only recently become a Grandmaster Disciple and was not yet a true Creator,

she decided to explain the abilities of her Destiny Guardian Beast to him.

Just then, Hu Tao heard Fang Mu say to her very seriously,

"Hu Tao, your Destiny Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet, has the potential to make you one of the top young prodigies."

“When I say top young prodigies, I mean not just in the Dragon Rising Federation, but in the entire world!”

Hu Tao’s breathing hitched upon hearing Fang Mu’s words, and a look of surprise appeared on her face.

Hu Tao had long since been aware of Fang Mu’s identity as a Grandmaster Disciple.

Fang Mu had protected Jinghai High School for Beast Masters, and Hu Tao had returned with him to the villa in the mountains.

In a sense, they had been through life and death together.

However, Hu Tao had never been opportunistic in her attitude toward Fang Mu, always maintaining her original enthusiastic heart.

This made her attitude toward Fang Mu the same as it had been before.

After learning about the exclusive trait that her Bird Armor Puppet had gained upon reaching Perfect Quality, Hu Tao felt more helplessness than joy in her heart.

It’s said that a child from a poor family must take on responsibilities early, but Hu Tao, who hadn’t been brought up in poverty, understood one thing very well.

And that was that she couldn’t afford the exclusive trait of her Bird Armor Puppet.

Hu Tao had estimated the value of her Bird Armor Puppet’s exclusive trait as high as possible but hadn’t imagined it to be as grand as what Fang Mu thought.

Fang Mu even said that with the exclusive trait of her Bird Armor Puppet, the “Puppet Metallurgy Vein,” she had the chance to stand at the pinnacle among the younger generation in the world, which was beyond Hu Tao’s imagination.

However, knowing Fang Mu as she did, Hu Tao was aware that he was not one to boast or exaggerate.

This made the regret in Hu Tao's heart grow even more.

At that moment, Hu Tao heard Fang Mu continue.

"Tao, from now on, I'll provide you with the resources for becoming a Beast Master," he said.

"Be my teammate, also the vice-captain of our future team."

"I wouldn't be at ease with someone else as our team's vice-captain."

Hu Tao knew about Fang Mu's aspiration to be a Beast Master the moment she found out he had become one, as he had spoken to her about his plans before.

The individual competition of the High School Beast Tamer Alliance was never Fang Mu's true goal.

His real ambition was on the Janghai Sky Domain University's world collegiate professional league.

Competing in this world collegiate professional league required gathering a five-person team.

Hu Tao was delighted by Fang Mu's trust in her and was very willing to stand with him at the pinnacle.

But she doubted her own strength considerably.

After all, Hu Tao was still a high school student who had never left campus.

Seeing the expression on Hu Tao's face, Fang Mu stretched out his hand and patted her shoulder.

“I originally went to the goods exhibition held by the nearby merchants’ association to buy some precious Metal Spiritual Materials for your Bird Armor Puppet to tailor a new diet.”

“If you let your Bird Armor Puppet absorb those Metal Spiritual Materials according to the new diet I have created, I will help you enhance the Iron Winged Green Pigeon.”

“Take your enhanced Bird Armor Puppet and Iron Winged Green Pigeon to fight in the Battle Network rankings and see how far your strength can evolve from its original basis!”

“Then I’ll help you find a Bird/Mechanical Beasts dual-type Guardian Beast to contract with.”

“In the short term, two contracted Guardian Beasts paired with your Destiny Guardian Beast will be enough for you to use!”

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Fang Mu’s individual strength was not considered strong; he was merely a One-point Star Beast Master.

However, Fang Mu’s level of operation was extremely high.

At this level, Fang Mu could expand his horizons to the greatest extent possible.

Even a true Grandmaster Creator couldn’t utilize data provided by the Destiny Beast, Fool’s Shadow, as accurately as Fang Mu to provide resources for the growth of Guardian Beasts.

Firstly, because of the immense strength of the Innate Divine Skill [Eye of Omniscience] of Fool’s Shadow.

Secondly, even if a Grandmaster Creator could produce resources independently, they still had to consider whether the consumption of resources was reasonable.

Fang Mu never pursued reasonableness, only ensuring that the resources spent would have the best effect.

A Saint Creator mixing Life Elixirs and Element Potions with a purity of ninety-eight percent would certainly find it much more difficult than a Top Creation Master mixing elixirs with a ninety-six percent purity.

But with Xi Xi's help, Life Elixirs and Element Potions with one hundred percent purity were also within Fang Mu's easy reach.

This allowed Fang Mu to never have to compromise when cultivating Guardian Beasts; he could squander resources as he pleased.

Fang Mu had already made his intentions clear to Hu Tao by saying so.

Fang Mu intended to treat Hu Tao as a teammate and cultivate her accordingly.

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao hurriedly waved her hands and said,

“This... this is not good!”

“My Destiny Guardian Beast, Bird Armor Puppet, consumes a lot of resources, and cultivating it is too difficult, I...”

Hu Tao hadn’t finished speaking when she was interrupted by Fang Mu.

Fang Mu’s eyes earnestly looked over at Hu Tao, and he spoke very seriously,

“Hu Tao, I’ve already shared my thoughts with you, and you are clear about my goals,”

“To achieve this goal, what we should fear is not how many resources we need to consume, but what the limit of a person’s ability to tame beasts is.”

“Even if you refuse me, I will have to find other teammates.”

“Let’s work hard together from now on!”

Fang Mu extended his left hand towards Hu Tao.

Hu Tao pondered deeply upon hearing Fang Mu's words.

She could detect the determination in Fang Mu's words, and Fang Mu himself was a person who took his work extremely seriously.

Rather than letting Fang Mu spend resources on other teammates, Hu Tao preferred him to invest the resources in her.

At the very least, she would always stand by Fang Mu's side!

Hu Tao took Fang Mu's extended left hand with her right hand.

Hu Tao had intended to shake it lightly, but she did not expect Fang Mu's large hand to completely envelop her own.

It was only after a while that Fang Mu released her hand.

Hu Tao could still feel the warmth that had passed from Fang Mu's hand through her palm.

Hu Tao's heartbeat skipped a few beats.

By the time Hu Tao regained her composure, the driver had already opened the door of the Beast Car.

“We have arrived at Fountain Square. My car can only stop at the entrance of Fountain Square; it’s not possible to go any further,”

“It’s not that I don’t want to drive further in.”

“There’s still about half an hour until the product exhibition officially starts, so you can take a walk inside Fountain Square and enjoy the scenery along the way.”

“The recent natural disaster did not affect Fountain Square at all.”

The driver was a talkative person, and during the process of opening the door, he had chatted up Fang Mu and Hu Tao as if pouring beans from a bamboo tube.

It didn’t matter to him whether Fang Mu and Hu Tao responded or not.

Having been to Fountain Square before with his family for a stroll, Fang Mu was somewhat familiar with the place and knew that Beast Cars were not allowed to enter Fountain Square.

There were concerns that the Beast Cars would damage the special landscape within Fountain Square.

That the Evil Heart Sect's attack on JA City did not affect Fountain Square was likely because the location of Fountain Square was somewhat remote.

As a scenic spot, it held no strategic significance.

Fang Mu had a brief chat with the driver before leading Hu Tao into Fountain Square.

Upon entering Fountain Square, Fang Mu noticed the air had become more moist.

The damp air refreshed Fang Mu's skin, making every breath feel very comfortable in his nostrils.

Fang Mu and Hu Tao were surrounded by customers coming to the coastal trade association's product exhibition, as well as JA City's own well-dressed power members.

These well-dressed members from JA City's local forces were either high-profile figures invited by the coastal trade association,

Or they were those wanting to ingratiate themselves and get to know the coastal trade association.

In the throng of guests coming and going, Fang Mu and Hu Tao appeared to be out of place due to their young age.

The eyes of many landed on Fang Mu and Hu Tao,

For Fang Mu, who had grown accustomed to being the focus of attention wherever he went, this was no longer strange.

However, Hu Tao involuntarily shrank her neck under the gaze of the crowd, feeling somewhat stage-frightened.

Yet soon, the scenery along the way caught Hu Tao's attention.

"Fang Mu, look at the fountain over there; it just sprayed water more than ten meters high!"

At Hu Tao's direction, Fang Mu looked to see a burst of water shooting up from the ground.

Just as Hu Tao was about to point out another fountain spraying even higher, she noticed Fang Mu had entered a special state.

Hu Tao was all too familiar with this state, a precursor to an epiphany on Mystic Patterns!

Hu Tao was somewhat at a loss whether to feel happy or worried at this moment.

There were just too many people here; with the noise and commotion, it was inevitable that someone might bump into Fang Mu, disrupting his enlightenment on Mystic Patterns.

Thinking this, Hu Tao gritted her teeth and summoned her Iron Winged Green Pigeon.

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The Iron Winged Green Pigeon had a habit of screeching intensely as soon as it appeared.

However, Hu Tao forcibly curbed the habit of the Iron Winged Green Pigeon, causing its wings to encircle Fang Mu.

She then made a prohibiting gesture with the index finger of her left hand and the ring finger of her right hand towards the people around them.

This prohibiting gesture was an internationally recognized gesture, created jointly by several Grandmaster Creators of the Ten-thousand Nations Federation.

It was said that the Shuoyang Grandmaster of the Dragon Rising Federation also participated in its creation.

When performed in a public area, this gesture indicated that someone nearby was comprehending a Mysterious Pattern and was in a state of Epiphany.

A Beast Master comprehending Mysterious Patterns would be in a state of Epiphany for, at most, a few minutes.

This period was reckoned as the most vulnerable time for a Beast Master.

If interrupted, it would waste the hard-won opportunity.

Under normal circumstances, other Beast Masters, upon seeing such a universal gesture, would accommodate the individual.

After all, who can assure they would never need such a moment themselves?

Yet, this girl had summoned her Guardian Beast to protect the young man beside her, thus breaking the rules of the nearby traders' association.

In effect, she had slighted the face of the traders' association.

Normally, summoning a Guardian Beast at Fountain Square to prevent someone comprehending Mysterious Patterns from being disturbed would not matter at all.

But doing so on the grounds of the traders' association's product display was likely to be perceived as a provocation.

The traders' association had been developing rapidly over these few months, and it was clear to the discerning observer that they had been trying to establish their authority.

Previously, the traders' association had picked troubles with other trading houses, but those houses had not responded.

This prevented the traders' association from successfully continuing their behavior to establish authority.

However, given its significant size and wealth, the traders' association likely wouldn't trouble a young girl who had not yet reached adulthood.

Just then, a series of light laughter rang out not far from Hu Tao.

“Dragon Bro, your traders’ association’s presence isn’t as big as you claimed!”

“I just arrived at Fountain Square and saw someone summoning a Guardian Beast.”

“Wow, the young lad comprehending Mysterious Patterns is quite handsome; he must be a top student from Jinghai High School for Beast Masters, right!?”

“Last time auntie visited my house, she said you were also going to comprehend Mysterious Patterns, Dragon Bro, I don’t know if you were successful or not!?”

Upon hearing this, Hu Tao’s face stiffened, showing a look of panic and nervousness.

She had not expected to encounter a member of the traders’ association here.

It seemed that the young man present held some position within the traders’ association, otherwise, he would not be standing with six or seven attendants from the traders’ association.

He was extremely careful, his demeanor exceptionally respectful.

At the same time, Hu Tao’s forehead furrowed, sensing a provoking tone in the woman’s words.

What did she mean by saying the traders’ association’s presence wasn’t that big?

She had summoned the Guardian Beast fearing that Fang Mu might be disturbed, not with any intention of provoking the traders’ association.

Compared to Hu Tao’s family, the traders’ association was an enormous entity.

Even if she were insane, Hu Tao would not dare to trouble the traders’ association.

Hu Tao was somewhat shocked by Fang Mu's comprehension ability, as he had managed to comprehend a Mysterious Rune with such ease.

Yet, this woman was using the issue of Fang Mu comprehending a Mysterious Pattern to provoke the young man nearby.

Hu Tao had already seen the young man's face turn cold.

Just as Hu Tao was about to look away, she noticed that her gaze met the young man's.

A sinister look flashed through the young man's eyes.

This young man wouldn't be swayed into disrupting Fang Mu's comprehension of the Mysterious Pattern, would he?

In Fang Mu's spiritual world, a stream of water emerged, deeply buried underground.

It continuously rotated, trying to burst through the ground and leap into the sky.

The stream was growing larger and the force stronger, showing a tendency to break through the surface.

But to truly break through the ground still needed some incubation.

Fang Mu sighed inwardly, thinking that this probably counted as an unsuccessful comprehension of a Mysterious Pattern.

Feeling the scene emerging in his spiritual world, Fang Mu thought that if this Mysterious Rune were to be condensed, it would fit very well with the Gemini of Lake Flame.

Just as Fang Mu regretted, Xi Xi's voice resonated in his mind.

“Fang Mu, Xi Xi has already applied ‘Sealed Landscape’ to the previous scene!”

“Give Xi Xi some time, Xi Xi can help you condense the ‘Scenery Fantasy Pearl’ of the scene you just witnessed!”

Fang Mu felt a surge of joy upon hearing this.

Xi Xi’s Skill [Sealed Landscape] could definitely be regarded as the best assistance for a Beast Master comprehending mysterious patterns.

Just as Fang Mu was about to open his eyes, a shout like thunder exploded beside his ear.

“If you want to comprehend mysterious patterns, just stay obediently at home. What are you doing at our coastal Chamber’s product exhibition!?”

“This Little Bichi broke the rules. Take down the wings of her lousy bird, and throw both her and the bird out of Fountain Square!”

“Put the two of them on the coastal Chamber’s blacklist, they are no longer allowed on any properties held by our Chamber.”

“Otherwise, every time I spot them, I’ll give them a beating!”

Hu Tao had no experience handling such matters, but with Fang Mu by her side, she adopted a combative stance.

She even unleashed her spiritual power to summon her Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet.

Being thrown out hurt, but these people would not dare hurt her Iron Winged Green Pigeon too severely.

Otherwise, she could report this incident to the School, and the School would indeed step in to resolve the issue!

What Hu Tao needed to do now was wait for Fang Mu to come to his senses.

Hu Tao was somewhat anxious, uncertain if the young man's shout had affected Fang Mu who was next to her, engrossed in comprehending the mysterious pattern.

At that moment, Hu Tao felt a firm and warm hand on her shoulder.

Then, the figure of a young man stepped in front of her.

"Sounds like you can represent the coastal Chamber, the coastal Chamber indeed has great influence!"

"Fountain Square is a famous sight in JA City. Just because we lent it to you for an expo, it doesn't mean it's your turf!"

"I'm a ranked Scavenger."

"Affecting a Scavenger's comprehension of mysterious patterns in unnecessary circumstances requires an explanation from your Chamber!"

Fang Mu brought Hu Tao to the expo to pick spiritual materials, not intending to attract too much attention.

Fang Mu felt that just by bringing up his status as a Scavenger, the other party would back off.

Before he became a Scavenger, Fang Mu held them in high regard.

After becoming a Scavenger, Fang Mu's respect for them remained unchanged.

Fang Mu just wanted to quickly resolve this farce, and then help Hu Tao pick spiritual materials.

Actually, Fang Mu didn't need to come to the coastal Chamber's expo at all.

He came here mainly because he knew Hu Tao enjoyed lively atmospheres.

With Fang Mu's resources, finding spiritual materials was an easy task.

If Fang Mu let the word out, the top ten chambers of the Dragon Rising Federation would compete to present rare spiritual materials before him.

The young man's loud shout had not affected his comprehension of the mysterious pattern.

Otherwise, even if he could have comprehended the pattern through Xi Xi's Skill [Sealed Landscape], Fang Mu would not have remained as calm as he was now.

Upon hearing Fang Mu's words, surprise appeared on the faces of those around.

No one expected that Fang Mu, at such a young age, had already become a ranked Scavenger!

It's not easy to rise to a rank among Scavengers and become a formal member!

However, no one in the crowd doubted Fang Mu's words.

Because in the Dragon Rising Federation, impersonating a Scavenger was a serious crime, one that could lead to legal consequences.

But the coastal Chamber was notorious for its arrogance, especially towards those without a powerful backing.

Originally, these youths being chased out of Fountain Square and their Guardian Beast getting hurt would have been the end of it.

But now, after this threat, how could the young master of the coastal Chamber just let it go?

As soon as Fang Mu finished speaking, a barrage of foul language uncontrollably spilled from the mouth of one called Dragon Less.

Immediately, a large python with two golden stripes on its body lunged towards Fang Mu.

The python's head had a prominent bump, clearly only a step away from its transformation!

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The Guardian Beast of the python type which contained the Dragon Bloodline was much stronger than the Insect Beast that contained the dragon type's Bloodline.

This Golden Ridge Python had been purchased by the Coastal Commerce Chamber not long ago at an auction with almost fifty million Dragon Soaring Coins.

It was the most precious item at the entire private auction.

However, it still fell short compared to the Frost Language Snow Dragon auctioned by the Lionheart Journey previously.

By now, this Golden Ridge Python had grown over five meters long, clearly indicating that its strength had reached above the Golden Stage.

A teenager around sixteen or seventeen could own at most one Guardian Beast.

If the young teen failed to summon his Guardian Beast in time and was hit by the ferociously wild Golden Ridge Python, he would suffer at least five broken ribs, if not death.

This young master of the Coastal Commerce Chamber was acting too arrogantly.

Considering the teenager was an official member of the Garbage Man Guild, wasn't this young master of the Coastal Commerce Chamber afraid that the Garbage Man Guild would hold him accountable?

However, thinking about the Coastal Commerce Chamber's recent actions, they have always bullied the lower and charmed the upper.

When dealing with powerful individuals or forces, the Coastal Commerce Chamber was as pleasant as spring weather.

Yet when it came to the Spiritual Materials Cultivation Bases, the Coastal Commerce Chamber would brutally suppress prices to create profit for themselves.

It was rumored that two Spiritual Materials Cultivation Bases, dissatisfied with the price suppression by the Coastal Commerce Chamber, refused to cooperate with them.

Within a week, these two bases encountered many troubles.

Later, the heads of these two bases approached the Coastal Commerce Chamber, agreed to their acquisition demands,

and gave several hefty envelopes to the responsible person managing the acquisition at the Coastal Commerce Chamber before the troubles disappeared.

The surrounding guests, faced with such an event, let out screams of alarm.

They feared seeing Fang Mu and Hu Tao crushed into a bloody mess by this Golden Ridge Python.

Hu Tao, in the face of this turn of events, trembled slightly, but still had the Iron Winged Green Pigeon spread its wings in front of herself and Fang Mu as a shield.

Fang Mu bent his left leg slightly, leaned his body forward, and then smashed his fist toward the Golden Ridge Python, which clearly had reached the Golden Stage in strength.

In the Beastmaster world, the bodies of Beast Masters were always frail.

Even a Hexagram Beastmaster would not use his own body to contend against a Guardian Beast.

Fang Mu's punch was filled with the youthful vigor of defiant resistance, but no one believed that this punch could change the situation.

His arm was likely to explode into fragments soon in the process of confronting the Golden Ridge Python.

Fang Mu's movements caught Li Qilong by surprise.

Li Qilong had unleashed his Guardian Beast because he was provoked to fury by the words of a woman by his side.

Fang Mu and Hu Tao were just the outlets for his anger.

As the young master of the Coastal Commerce Chamber, Li Qilong never wanted for anything since childhood; what he lacked was the comprehension of Mysterious Patterns.

Li Qilong visited the Contemplation Hall twice a week, but still had not managed to comprehend even one Mysterious Rune after almost a year and a half.

Seeing the young man before him effortlessly enter a state of Epiphany, Li Qilong felt an inexplicable surge of jealousy.

That was why Li Qilong intended to deliberately interrupt Fang Mu's Epiphany.

Even though Li Qilong was wary of the Garbage Man Guild, just a minor member of the Garbage Man Guild wouldn't dare to report the situation to the Sanitation Workers Headquarters even if something went wrong.

Even if the injuries were severe, the Coastal Commerce Chamber had the money to settle them privately!

Li Qilong didn't plan to grievously injure Fang Mu and Hu Tao but aimed to let the Golden Ridge Python give each of them a swat with its tail.

This way, he could regain the face he had just lost.

Fang Mu dashed forward and punched the Golden Ridge Python, which entered into combat mode spontaneously.

It was already too late for Li Qilong to control the Golden Ridge Python.

If a life was indeed lost at the merchandise display, even he would have a hard time explaining it!

Just as Li Qilong felt a surge of panic, he fell to his knees clutching his head as if it was about to split.

Large beads of cold sweat seeped out from his forehead.

The continuously screeching Golden Ridge Python had now collapsed softly onto the ground.

Fang Mu's punch had landed on the Golden Ridge Python's jaw, astonishingly breaking its spine completely.

A very promising Golden Stage Guardian Beast had just died by Fang Mu's hand.

Hu Tao stood staring at the scene, utterly stunned.

At that moment, Hu Tao felt as if Fang Mu's stature had grown magnificent.

Looking at the man standing in front of her, Hu Tao's heartbeat quickened.

Fang Mu, as if shaking off something dirty, flicked his hand and looked sharply at Li Qilong.

"It was one thing for you to interrupt my comprehension of the Mysterious Pattern, but you actually launched an attack against me and my friend,"

"This matter must be addressed by your Coastal Commerce Chamber!"

Before Fang Mu's words had even settled, Li Qilong let out a pig-like scream from his mouth.

The guards accompanying Li Qilong hadn't anticipated this turn of events.

Otherwise, the guards sent by the Coastal Commerce Chamber at great expense to protect Li Qilong would have definitely tried to stop Fang Mu.

Li Qilong was devastated by the death of a fifty million-valued Guardian Beast.

Unless he found a Master Creator to carefully nurse him, he might be able to mitigate the aftermath.

But at least two years of his time would be wasted, putting him directly behind others at the starting line!

Faced with this situation, the guards didn't know how to explain this to the higher-ups of the Coastal Commerce Chamber.

The only solution at hand was to take control of the young man and girl before them.

As the guards beside Li Qilong stepped forward, Fang Mu coldly said.

Chapter 856: Fang Xiaomu's Confidence!_2

"The six of you are guards hired by the Cyan Stone Business Association, not really part of it."

"I advise you not to get involved."

"If after my warning you continue to serve the Cyan Stone Business Association, I will not be courteous!"

"What you should do now is find someone in charge from the Cyan Stone Business Association and bring them here, and I will wait here for them to explain things to me!"

Having said that, Fang Mu coldly watched the guards.

If these guards were really determined, Fang Mu would directly release the Blood Race Prince Carlos, controlled and modified by the Electronic Butterfly.

Fang Mu was very clear that, if it had been him from six months ago, invited to casually stroll through the exhibition, encountering this situation, both he and Hu Tao wouldn't have gotten out without being carried horizontally.

The moment the young man opposite summoned his Guardian Beast and attacked him and Hu Tao, Fang Mu had already harbored a killing intent in his heart.

Today, if it had been anyone else, unless they had a background daunting enough to frighten Li Qilong, they would certainly have suffered a grave injury.

Handling this depraved offshoot without humanity, attacking was the least that could be done!

Among them, two guards still prepared to strike Fang Mu but were immediately pulled back by their leader.

The leader spoke gravely to Fang Mu.

“I’ll go and find our person in charge of the Cyan Stone Business Association’s exhibition right now, but could you allow us to take young master Dragon Less to get his injuries treated?”

“I...”

The guard had not finished his sentence when Fang Mu interrupted him.

“All you need to do is notify the person in charge from the Cyan Stone Business Association to come over.”

“As for treating the injuries, I think that’s unnecessary!”

Having said that, Fang Mu naturally took Hu Tao’s hand and led her to sit on a bench nearby.

Hu Tao had been led by the hand by Fang Mu before, but this time she felt his palm was exceptionally hot.

“Fang Mu, we’ve made a big scene.”

“This Cyan Stone Business Association must be very influential, how about we stop wandering around here and leave!”

“We should report this incident to the school and ask the school to mediate and handle it!”

In dealing with such matters, Hu Tao was just a naïve girl, having not yet experienced real hardship.

Let alone a young direct descendant of the Cyan Stone Business Association.

For Fang Mu now, even if Li Qilong were a disciple of a Master Creator, Li Qilong would meet the same fate.

“Hu Tao, don’t worry, once the people from the Cyan Stone Business Association get here, they will definitely provide us with a satisfactory solution!”

“Let’s just wait here a little longer; once the Cyan Stone Business Association has handled things, we can continue our tour of the exhibition.”

At this moment, Fang Mu was the focus of the crowd.

The words between Fang Mu and Hu Tao were overheard by many people around, who couldn’t help but be deeply concerned for Fang Mu internally.

Although the crowd couldn’t understand how this young man had killed the Golden Ridge Python with a single punch.

Perhaps it was due to some ability granted to the young man by one of his Guardian Beasts or his Destiny Guardian Beast.

The people were more concerned about how the person in charge from the Cyan Stone Business Association would react upon seeing the dead Golden Ridge Python.

From the sounds of it, the young lord Li Qilong of the Cyan Stone Business Association was just a minor episode.

After injuring a young direct descendant of a family at their exhibition, he still intended to continue browsing the exhibition.

What confidence is that!?

Not even daring to have the guards take Li Qilong away for treatment of his psychic trauma, this young man was ready to confront the Cyan Stone Business Association head-on!

An old man standing in the crowd observed Fang Mu carefully for a while, then a sly smile appeared on his lips.

Hehe, the Cyan Stone Business Association has kicked an iron plate!

The elder was certain that this young man was indeed Jianmu, whom he had seen before at the Lion Heart Garden.

The Cyan Stone Business Association had been trying to connect with Jianmu for the past two months, hoping to invite him to a banquet, but Jianmu had not responded.

Now, Jianmu had gone to their exhibition of his own accord, and coincidentally grasped the Will Rune.

The people from the Cyan Stone Business Association not only interrupted Jianmu's comprehension of the Will Rune but also attacked the Jianmu Commerce Association.

Such acts of ruining one's moment of breakthrough are despised deeply by Beast Masters.

The girl by Jianmu's side, even if not Jianmu's girlfriend, must be deeply connected to Jianmu.

Any man would not allow his woman to be bullied.

Li Qilong had violated two taboos, and Jianmu's handling of him was already quite restrained.

Even if Jianmu had killed Li Qilong on the spot, the Coastal Commerce Association would not dare to show any dissatisfaction.

Li Qilong was the proudest among the juniors of the Coastal Commerce Association.

But now, he didn't even have the capital to be proud!

Jianmu personally killed one of Li Qilong's Guardian Beasts, leaving Li Qilong mentally traumatized.

Would the Coastal Commerce Association dare to let Li Qilong's mental state recover?

This incident occurred in full view of everyone, and Li Qilong's death of the Guardian Beast was entirely his own fault.

In every aspect, Jianmu was not at fault at all.

Offending a disciple of a Grandmaster Creator, the Coastal Commerce Association's good days are probably over!

As a cousin of the Cyan Stone Business Association, the Coastal Commerce Association had the power to dominate JA City and become the biggest commerce association there.

It was even possible for them to extend their influence over the entire Jinghai Province.

But now, the Coastal Commerce Association was likely to decline.

An old man was standing next to a middle-aged woman.

This middle-aged woman was holding a chubby baby not even a year old.

The chubby baby was looking around with round eyes, its small hands constantly scribbling in the air.

The woman was gently patting the baby in her arms while she turned her head, ready to call the old man to follow her inside.

Their commerce association had just been suppressed by the Coastal Commerce Association, and it would inevitably feel awkward encountering them now.

As soon as she turned her head, the woman saw a smile tugging at the corners of the old man's mouth, which was somewhat surprising to her.

Even the turnover of their own commerce association had become a problem, and the old man had been so worried that he hadn't eaten for two days.

They had sought help from many old relations, but those powers were unwilling to intervene and protect their commerce association, fearing they would anger the Coastal Commerce Association.

Why was the old man suddenly so happy now? Could it be because the junior of the Coastal Commerce Association had suffered a loss?

Wasn't it beneath the old man's dignity to take delight in this!?

"Dad, what's wrong?"

"We need to hurry inside and see if there's anything we want."

"Otherwise, our hard-won opportunity will be cancelled by Lord Ma Shuo!"

In JA City, scheduling a meeting with a Senior Creator was not an easy task.

The middle-aged woman did not want to miss this chance, and certainly did not want to stand up a Senior Creator.

If she caused the Senior Creator's dissatisfaction, and he chose not to cooperate with them years later, it would be disastrous!

Upon hearing this, the old man waved his hand and then stood there with his hands behind his back.

"Lord Ma Shuo had his eye on those two plots of land belonging to our family early this morning."

"If we offer one of those plots, Lord Ma Shuo will at least strengthen three Guardian Beasts for us!"

"The main reason I brought you here isn't to find spiritual materials, as such things wouldn't likely be put on display for sale by the Coastal Commerce Association."

"I mainly wanted you to see the business model of the Coastal Commerce Association, to see what we can learn."

"But I didn't expect to see such a spectacle!"

"We've watched the Coastal Commerce Association rise, we've seen them entertain guests, and now it's time to watch them collapse!"

The woman beside the old man was utterly confused.

The Coastal Commerce Association had always been operating relationships, and their foundation in JA City was extremely stable.

How could such a firmly built edifice collapse so easily?

Could it be because of the conflict between the junior, Li Qilong, of the Coastal Commerce Association and this young man here!?

If the old man spoke like this, he must have already known the identity of this young man.

Just as the woman was about to inquire, she heard a burst of hurried footsteps coming from afar.

The middle-aged woman looked into the distance and saw a middle-aged man at the forefront with an angry expression.

The guards, who had just gone to relay the message, either had blue at the corners of their mouths or their eyes; it was clear they had been beaten!

The group from the Coastal Commerce Association was clearly here for revenge.

Could these two teenagers, a young man and woman, really handle such an aggressive situation!?

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The middle-aged woman was bewildered for a moment.

There were many people on the opposite side, but the young man and woman before her remained so calm.

If the other side were to make a move, it was inevitable that the young man and woman would be at a disadvantage.

Even if the young man could deal with a Golden Stage Guardian Beast, facing a Platinum Tier one, he likely only had the option to surrender without a fight.

Ever since Li Bo Hai's sister married into the Cyan Stone Business Association's Cai Family, he, with the support of his brother-in-law, began to run his business smoothly and prosperously.

This was partly because the Cyan Stone Business Association provided resources and channels for near-coast Associations.

Li Bo Hai's sister had secured many resources and channels for him in Jinghai Province.

These resources and channels allowed the near-coast Association to grow continuously; put plainly, Li Bo Hai rose to success by leveraging his connections to drain resources from the Cyan Stone Business Association.

The Cyan Stone Business Association, being large and prosperous, didn't care about a smaller relative tapping into its wealth.

These smaller relatives who rose up through connections were considered part of the strength controlled by the Cyan Stone Business Association.

All powers would indulge these connective forces, allowing them to grow unchecked, thus building a network centered around the main family.

This network was designed to serve the main family's interests.

Especially in business associations, building such networks was highly valued.

The Jianmu Commerce Association did not establish such a network, simply because it didn't need to.

With its exceptionally stable channels for resource acquisition,

if the Jianmu Commerce Association wished to build such a network, they could easily link hundreds or thousands of powers together.

On the other hand, Li Bo Hai was very skilled at ingratiating himself. He was flattering with superiors and harsh with subordinates, and he had made connections with many Senior Creators.

The Beast Taming Bases that produced supplies were intimidated by Li Bo Hai's power and were willing to make less profit in order to cooperate with the near-coast Association.

Fearing that the near-coast Association would cause trouble for them.

After developing the near-coast Association, Li Bo Hai did not forget who he had relied on to rise to power.

He always sent resources to his brother-in-law in the Cyan Stone Business Association.

With the reciprocation, his brother-in-law became much more willing to pour resources into him than before!

Access to more resources allowed Li Bo Hai to attempt connections with disciples and followers of Grandmaster Creators.

Li Bo Hai was no longer content with just networking among Senior Creators.

When life is at its most successful, people tend to become more arrogant.

Once such nouveau riche mentality takes root in smart people, even they can easily lose their sense of proportion.

A few years ago, when Li Bo Hai was advising his younger son, Li Qilong, he had just mentioned that Li Qilong should keep a low profile and not cause trouble.

During the years Li Qilong studied in The Capital, living at the Cai Mansion,

Li Qilong had always fawned over Cai Boshen, who was several years younger than him, like a lackey.

Cai Boshen detested these toady relatives from side branches.

These individuals, not even considered part of the side branches, were taking up his family's resources, which greatly annoyed Cai Boshen.

This caused Cai Boshen to frequently create trouble for Li Qilong.

Each time trouble arose, Li Qilong had to obligingly ingratiate himself with Cai Boshen.

After a few incidents, Cai Boshen indeed began to treat him like a lackey at his side.

By Li Qilong's side, not only did he fail to learn the polite manners of big commerce family children during social interactions, but he also picked up all the bad habits exclusive to spoiled brats!

After he was brought back to JA City by Li Bo Hai, Li Qilong started acting like a little tyrant.

Li Bo Hai was aware of this.

Li Qilong caused quite a few problems, all of which were dealt with by Li Bo Hai.

Li Bo Hai had a philosophy: As a father, if he had the capability, what was the big deal if his son stirred up some trouble?

It was Li Bo Hai's indulgence and his wife's pampering that were the root reasons for Li Qilong's decision to summon his Guardian Beast and initiate an attack when facing Fang Mu and Hu Tao.

A person who knows no fear will naturally dare to do anything.

Upon hearing that his son's newly contracted Main Battle Mystic Beast had died, Li Bo Hai was instantly furious.

Li Qilong was the most gifted fighter among the direct descendants and side branch youths of the Li family.

Li Bo Hai planned to use resources to forcefully cultivate Li Qilong into a Sequential powerhouse.

Cultivating his own son was far more assuring to Li Bo Hai than cultivating other family members.

Now that the Main Battle Mystic Beast was dead, it would take at least two years to heal the mental trauma.

Two years of delay and the opportunity would be gone!

Reluctant as he was, Li Bo Hai had no choice but to select another junior from the Li family to cultivate.

He could no longer focus on nurturing his own flesh and blood.

The more he thought about it, the angrier Li Bo Hai became, preparing to vent his rage on the two ignorant juniors.

In JA City, he couldn't believe someone dared to strike such a harsh blow against his own son—it was utterly audacious and presumptuous!

But the moment Li Bo Hai saw Fang Mu's face, the fierce aura around him instantly retracted, and his backbone immediately bent.

His angry expression turned into a smile, completely ignoring Li Qilong, who was sitting on the ground, sweating coldly and wailing.

"Sir Jianmu, I've always wanted to invite you, but you've been so busy,"

"I never expected you to honor us with your presence at our near-coast Commerce Association's product exhibition!"

"If you wish to select some precious supplies, just send someone to inform me."

"I will lay out all the best resources of the near-coast Commerce Association for your free selection!"

For the past two months, Li Bo Hai had been considering how to connect with Jianmu, the Grandmaster Disciple and Creator, which is why he displayed such an attitude upon seeing Fang Mu.

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But soon, Li Bo Hai realized that there was a woman by Jianmu's side.

Could it be that his son had gotten into a conflict with Jianmu!?

If that was the case, it would truly be like a flood washing over the Dragon King's Temple!

Thinking of this, cold sweat had already started seeping out from Li Bo Hai's forehead.

Fang Mu heard this and let out a cold snort.

"You say your Coast Commerce Association invited me, but is this the attitude your Coast Commerce Association shows me?"

"I happened to be inspired by the scenery in Fountain Square and was on the verge of an epiphany to awaken the Mysterious Pattern."

"My companion called upon a Guardian Beast to protect me, yet your young master insisted on interrupting my comprehension of the Mysterious Pattern and also dealt a ruthless hand to my companion."

“I now need your Coast Commerce Association to give me an explanation!”

As Fang Mu spoke, Shu Liangjun appeared out of thin air behind him.

Shu Liangjun had been paying close attention to Fang Mu, and before, felt that Fang Mu had the temperament of a little kitten, too much like a pushover.

Now, seeing how Fang Mu dealt with the situation, Shu Liangjun realized that Fang Mu was not a little kitty.

But a little leopard showing its claws.

Fang Mu’s words confirmed the guess in Li Bo Hai’s heart.

Li Bo Hai, looking at Li Qilong kneeling on the ground wailing, no longer had any sympathetic feelings in his heart.

Instead, he felt like rushing up and giving Li Qilong a few hard kicks.

His own rise, to be frank, mainly depended on the relationship with the Cyan Stone Business Association.

The Cyan Stone Business Association would likely not offend a Grandmaster Creator’s disciple for his sake.

As a small power in Jinghai Province that rose with the support of other commerce associations.

Li Bo Hai claimed externally that he went to The Capital to attend the Merchant Festival, but in reality, he only visited the headquarters of the Cyan Stone Business Association and took a short tour.

Without an invitation, he naturally didn’t have the credentials to attend the Merchant Festival.

A commerce association often chooses the most prestigious allies or powerful figures to bring to the Merchant Festival, to stand for their association and showcase their foundation.

If the Cyan Stone Business Association were to bring Li Bo Hai, this minor in-law, it would certainly become the laughingstock of The Capital's commerce circles.

In JA City, he wasn't well informed, and it was even worse in The Capital.

Li Bo Hai didn't know that the Jianmu Commerce Association, which was favored by all the major associations at the Merchant Festival, was actually related to the young man before him.

If he had known, Li Bo Hai would have probably already gone weak at the knees and fallen to the ground upon seeing Fang Mu.

"Jian... Sir Jianmu, this... all of this is a misunderstanding!"

"You..."

Li Bo Hai hadn't finished speaking when he heard the young man's cold and aloof voice beside his ear.

"A misunderstanding? Are you saying that your young master interrupting my comprehension of the Mysterious Pattern is a misunderstanding, or is it a misunderstanding that he struck at me and my companion?"

"If you think all this is a misunderstanding, could the downfall of your Coast Commerce Association also be treated as just a misunderstanding?"

Fang Mu's face did not show anger, but in reality, he was seething with rage.

Such actions as interrupting someone's comprehension of the Mysterious Pattern were tantamount to cutting off someone's future, and summoning a Guardian Beast to launch an attack was effectively an assault.

Had it not been for this, Fang Mu would not have killed Li Qilong's Guardian Beast at the outset, nor would he have cut off Li Qilong's future path.

Li Bo Hai, after all, was the chairman of a major commerce association.

If Li Bo Hai had shown a proper attitude to resolve the issue right from the start, Fang Mu would not have made it difficult for the Coast Commerce Association.

As the saying goes, calamity should not spill over to one's family.

Fang Mu would not have the Coast Commerce Association sent to its funeral because of Li Qilong's actions.

But Li Bo Hai showed not the slightest sincerity in resolving the issue.

Misunderstanding!?

If Fang Mu could consider all this a mere misunderstanding, then even if Fang Mu's family were destroyed and he were left with nothing, he would probably still be expected to face it all with a smile!

Li Bo Hai feared Fang Mu, the disciple of a Grandmaster Creator, for one thing, but also felt a rising anger because of Fang Mu's words.

In Li Bo Hai's eyes, the Cyan Stone Business Association was a colossal entity, even having the opportunity to attend the Merchant Festival.

Li Bo Hai had heard from his sister that the Cyan Stone Business Association had Master Creators they cooperated with steadily and could access resources from these Master Creators.

The family patriarch also had some influence with Sect Master Xiao Xiang and had once obtained a Grandmaster-level potion.

Li Bo Hai felt that a Grandmaster Creator, no matter how much he doted on his newly accepted disciple, would have his limits.

As this thought crossed Li Bo Hai's mind, he somehow found the courage to speak, driven by a headache-inducing swelling in his brain.

"Jian... Jianmu, if you do anything to our Near Shore Commerce Association, the Cyan Stone Business Association will not stand idly by!"

"If this leads to a conflict with the Cyan Stone Business Association, even you, I think, will need to seriously consider the repercussions!"

Fang Mu's expression revealed surprise, and he nearly burst into laughter at Li Bo Hai's words.

Fang Mu had not expected to hear the words "Cyan Stone Business Association" in this place.

It was known that in The Capital, Fang Mu had just met with Chairman Cai Gui Li of the Cyan Stone Business Association and traded for a Spirit Mayfly.

That Spirit Mayfly had transformed Fang Mu's strength.

Acquiring the Spirit Mayfly, Fang Mu owed Cai Gui Li a favor.

Yet, Fang Mu had not anticipated that the Near Shore Commerce Association would have a connection with the Cyan Stone Business Association!

Fang Mu sneered.

“I do know the chairman of the Cyan Stone Business Association, Cai Gui Li. Surely, you must know who Cai Gui Li is, right?”

“Since you claim that the Near Shore Commerce Association has the backing of the Cyan Stone Business Association, I will now call Cai Gui Li over.”

“Let him come and explain himself to me!”

Instead of immediately taking action against the Near Shore Commerce Association, Fang Mu had given Li Bo Hai the opportunity to invoke the Cyan Stone Business Association in an attempt to pressure himself.

Since Li Bo Hai did not treasure this opportunity, Fang Mu saw no need to hold back any longer.

Having said that, Fang Mu took out his phone and dialed Cai Gui Li’s number.

The number was one that Cai Gui Li had hesitantly and cautiously given to Fang Mu that night.

Fang Mu, who usually used his phone only to chat with family, seldom had the opportunity to call outsiders.

The fact that he was calling Cai Gui Li now for this reason seemed somewhat ironic to Fang Mu.

However, calling Cai Gui Li over was indeed the fastest way to resolve the issue.

Fang Mu did not wish to waste time here with Hu Tao.

With the capabilities of the Cyan Stone Business Association, they were qualified to use the Beastmaster Alliance’s Teleportation Array.

It would only take a few minutes to get to JA City through the Teleportation Array.

Since Cai Gui Li would certainly bring a specialized driver to JA City, he would be able to arrive here within ten minutes.

The phone was answered after only a few rings.

It wasn't because Cai Gui Li had plenty of time to spare, but due to Fang Mu, Cai Gui Li had managed to establish a relationship with Yi Han, becoming a partner of the Yi Family.

The Yi Family had entrusted part of their elixir sales channels to the management of the Cyan Stone Business Association; fearing any mistakes, Cai Gui Li personally oversaw the development.

He had barely closed his eyes for two days and two nights.

Cai Gui Li had just closed his eyes for less than two hours.

If it had been anyone else disturbing him at this time, Cai Gui Li would have already been furious.

But seeing the call was from Fang Mu, Cai Gui Li felt pleasantly surprised.

He cleared his throat in two seconds, regaining his social composure, and then warmly greeted Fang Mu.

Fang Mu, ignoring Cai Gui Li's greeting, directly asked him.

"I hear the Near Shore Commerce Association in JA City has a rather deep relationship with your Cyan Stone Business Association?"

"Come over to Fountain Square in JA City now!"

“I hope this is just a misunderstanding between me and the Cyan Stone Business Association as I do not like to have misunderstandings with partners!”

After speaking, Fang Mu hung up the phone.

Fang Mu’s words shocked Cai Gui Li out of the last bit of drowsiness.

Fang Mu in JA City was likely having a conflict with the Near Shore Commerce Association, which brought up the Cyan Stone Business Association during the conflict with Fang Mu.

Cai Gui Li was most likely being contacted by Fang Mu in hopes that he would resolve the issue and give Fang Mu an explanation.

If a chairman of a commerce association couldn’t understand such a matter, Cai Gui Li would have already stepped down to make way for someone more capable.

After pondering for a long while, Cai Gui Li still couldn’t recall the name of the Near Shore Commerce Association.

However, facing Fang Mu’s words, Cai Gui Li did not dare to neglect the matter and quickly had someone inquire about it.

After some inquiries, Cai Gui Li finally understood how the Near Shore Commerce Association was related to the Cyan Stone Business Association!

This minor relationship had indeed tied the Near Shore Commerce Association to the Cyan Stone Business Association.

This certainly complicated matters!

Chapter 859: Cai Guili’s Instructions!

The relationships between powers are divided into five levels.

The first level is the relationship between the main branch with blood relations and the subsidiary branches; if a subsidiary branch's power is attached to the main branch, it will be entirely controlled by the main branch.

The second type is this kind of minor marital relationship.

A minor marital relationship can seem close but also distant.

However, due to kinship, the boundaries are hard to distinguish.

Compared to the third type of partnership and the fourth type of employment relationship, minor marital relations cannot be dissolved.

Cai Guili knew that if he wanted to continue cooperating with Fang Mu and gain access to the resources Fang Mu provided,

he had to make this trip.

If the Cai Family broke off with Fang Mu for any reason, Yi Han's promised cooperation with the Cai Family would also come to an immediate halt.

About this, Cai Guili had no doubt whatsoever.

What's giving Cai Guili a headache now is trying to figure out through which relative's connection the Cyan Stone Business Association is clinging to the Greenstone Commercial Association.

Cai Guili suddenly smashed his fist onto the wooden table in front of him.

Hearing the noise inside, a middle-aged man outside rushed to push open the door and poked his head in.

Seeing Cai Guili standing in front of the table with an angry face, the middle-aged man quickly took two steps in three strides to Cai Guili's side and asked.

"President, you haven't rested properly for such a long time. If you don't rest, your body will not be able to bear it!"

Hearing this, Cai Guili snorted coldly.

"Ah Du, go and investigate the details of the Jin'an Business Association!"

“I need you to thoroughly check out the Jin’an Business Association within ten minutes and then inform me by phone!”

After saying that, Cai Guili grabbed his coat and put it on, then hurriedly rushed towards the door.

Cai Guili wanted to get to the Beastmaster Alliance as soon as possible and then take the Teleportation Array to JA City.

The sooner he could appear before Fang Mu in JA City under Fang Mu’s anger, the more it would show his sincerity.

As for which line Jin’an Business Association was climbing up to Greenstone Commercial Association, Cai Guili couldn’t care less.

Even if it was an influence personally supported by his son Cai Boshen, Cai Guili would cut it off without hesitation.

Even if Fang Mu generously did not hold it against him, Cai Guili would still care.

Because Jin’an Business Association had involved the Greenstone Commercial Association in trouble it had caused.

To think of wielding power through intimidation and nearly destabilizing the foundation of the Greenstone Commercial Association.

If such a power was kept around, who knows what greater troubles might come to the Cai Family!

The middle-aged man called Ah Du was Cai Guili's assistant, who had been following Cai Guili for nearly twenty years and was very familiar with Cai Guili's temper and nature.

Cai Guili is a very proud man who likes to maintain his status and is unwilling to do anything that would demean it.

This means that Cai Guili never loses his composure in front of his subordinates.

But now, Cai Guili has lost his composure in front of him!

Cai Du had never seen Cai Guili like this before.

Cai Du could be certain he had heard the name Jin'an Business Association somewhere, but Jin'an Business Association must not be important.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have forgotten it.

Cai Du dared not delay and hurriedly went to investigate.

If he couldn't report the situation of Jin'an Business Association to Cai Guili by phone within ten minutes, it would delay Cai Guili's affairs.

After Cai Guili returned, he'd probably replace his assistant without hesitation.

So it turns out that Jin'an Business Association is associated with the people from the Second Master's side!

They are slightly related to a distant nephew of the Second Master.

After Cai Du understood the situation, he glanced at the time, which had just passed six minutes.

When Cai Du was calling Cai Guili, just as the phone was about to stop ringing, he heard Cai Guili's grave voice.

"Ah Du, have you found out what's going on?"

Cai Du quickly reported his findings to Cai Guili.

Upon hearing this, Cai Guili's back teeth clenched abruptly.

Cai Guili strictly managed the Greenstone Commercial Association, not allowing the main branch members to misbehave.

He was afraid they would develop an arrogant temperament and cause trouble for the Cai Family in The Capital.

Despite all the precautions, he never expected that a minor relative from his own main branch would bring such a big problem!

For the moment, Cai Guili truly could not think of what kind of explanation Fang Mu would expect from him, nor how he could strive to please Fang Mu.

Cai Guili brought his private driver, with six Qingyan Armored Dragons wearing green stone armor with a huge three-pronged stone horn on top of their heads, the horn transparent and lustrous like jade.

These horns, imbued with Wind element, could easily accelerate the Qingyan Armored Dragons.

This allowed the Qingyan Armored Dragons not to be hindered by their size on land but to be even better than other Guardian Beasts!

The Qingyan Armored Dragons, Sequential Guardian Beasts, were rare even in The Capital.

Normally, they attracted the gaze of countless passersby on the streets of JA City.

This Beast Car is considered a symbol of the President of Greenstone Commercial Association, usually used only by Cai Guili.

Cai Guili does not act low-key, and this time he traveled in a high-profile manner purely to save time.

It was exactly ten minutes by the time he arrived at Fountain Square.

Cai Guili, breathless with haste, arrived alongside Fang Mu and bowed to him with clasped hands.

“Mr. Jianmu, I apologize for having you wait here!”

“I rushed over as fast as I could after receiving your call. Thankfully, I didn’t exceed the time limit you set!”

While speaking, Cai Guili didn’t even glance at Li Bo Hai who was kneeling beside him.

But Li Bo Hai could feel a thick aura of Evil Qi emanating from Cai Guili.

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Cai Guili and Li Bo Hai had once seen from a distance and knew of Cai Guili's status as the President of Greenstone Commercial Association.

Li Bo Hai had only just tried to use the Greenstone Commercial Association to pressure the young man before him, but to his surprise, the young man had called over the Association's President without a second word.

The dramatic scene was not only hard for Li Bo Hai to accept, but it also left the crowd that had gathered to watch the commotion stunned.

Fang Mu was quite courteous to Cai Guili.

Seeing Cai Guili salute him, Fang Mu nodded at Cai Guili and then whispered to Hu Tao at his side,

"Tao, I was comprehending the Will Rune at the time and didn't understand the specifics of the situation."

"You tell President Cai what exactly happened just now!"

Hu Tao was shocked by Fang Mu's strength, filled with a mixture of fear and fury.

Hu Tao truly believed that Fang Mu's epiphany was interrupted by Li Qilong's angry shout; otherwise, it made no sense for Fang Mu to suddenly wake up.

Missing just one Mysterious Rune had a significant impact on Fang Mu.

Fang Mu's recent ordeal had truly frightened Hu Tao, making her tone somewhat agitated.

“I presume you are the President of Greenstone Commercial Association that the President of the Coastal Business Association just referred to?”

“We intended only to browse the product exhibition, but unexpectedly, he entered into an epiphany upon seeing the gushing spring.”

“Thinking the place was crowded and someone might disturb him, I summoned my Guardian Beast.”

“I just had my Guardian Beast surround Fang Mu to protect him from harm,”

“Yet these people from the Coastal Business Association, without any understanding, shouted out and interrupted Fang Mu’s contemplation of the Mysterious Rune!”

“When Fang Mu stood up for me, the people from the Coastal Business Association went so far as to directly release their Guardian Beasts, attempting to attack Fang Mu!”

The more Cai Guili listened to Hu Tao, the more sweat beaded on his forehead.

If it were just a matter of clashing physically, it wouldn’t be too bad, as Fang Mu didn’t suffer any loss during the altercation.

But for this junior from the Coastal Business Association to have the audacity to interrupt Fang Mu’s contemplation of the Mysterious Rune!

Cai Guili was well aware of how much Grandmaster Creator Qixing valued Fang Mu through their previous trade.

If Qixing were to learn that the Mysterious Rune Fang Mu was about to comprehend was ruined because of the meddling of his family’s young relative,

the fury of such a Grandmaster Creator might very well burn down upon the Coastal Business Association!

Once Hu Tao saw the way Cai Guili treated Fang Mu, she knew that whatever she said, there would be no retaliation from the Coastal Business Association.

Hu Tao became bold and laid out the situation in detail.

Cai Guili discreetly wiped his sweat, already deciding how he would deal with the Coastal Business Association.

“Sir Jianmu, I have understood the specifics of the incident. I will handle this matter and will soon provide you with a satisfactory response,”

“I know you have other matters to attend to, so please allow me to handle it here!”

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu looked up at Cai Guili.

Cai Guili felt a tingle in his scalp under Fang Mu’s gaze.

Fang Mu placed his hand on Hu Tao’s shoulder.

“Let’s go inside and have a look,”

“If there are no Metal Spiritual Materials you need here, I believe President Cai will be willing to prepare them for me once he has settled this matter!”

Having said that, Fang Mu led Hu Tao towards the exhibition area.

Hu Tao reached out and tugged at Fang Mu’s sleeve.

She had never experienced such a situation before.

At that moment, Hu Tao felt a strange sense of unfamiliarity toward Fang Mu once again.

But seeing the familiar smile on Fang Mu's face, that feeling of unfamiliarity quickly vanished from her heart.

No matter what, Fang Mu was still Fang Mu, and she would continue to be his teammate, the vice-captain of the team.

Together with Fang Mu, participating in a world-level tournament.

Fang Mu and Hu Tao did find several good Metal Spiritual Materials at the Coastal Business Association's product exhibition.

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These Metal Spiritual Materials were useful for Hu Tao's Destiny Guardian Beast, the Bird Armor Puppet.

Besides that, Fang Mu also purchased an exceptionally expensive plant-type Guardian Beast for Hu Tao, called the Earth Sparrow Crystal Berry.

When supported on a frame, the Earth Sparrow Crystal Berry could climb up the wooden structure and potentially grow to a height of two meters.

The crystalline fruit it bore resembled a bird ready to take flight, brimming with vibrant Earth Element Energy.

This fruit could enhance the essence of Earth Attribute bird-type Guardian Beasts, and could even facilitate comprehension for those of Metal Attribute, serving as the best feed for the Iron Winged Green Pigeon.

Fang Mu could clearly sense that Hu Tao's eyes lit up upon seeing the Earth Sparrow Crystal Berry.

When it finally came time for Fang Mu to give it to Hu Tao, it took quite an effort to convince her to accept the gift.

Fang Mu had planned to invite Hu Tao to a nearby restaurant for a meal, but she insisted on using her own savings to treat him.

Fang Mu could feel that Hu Tao didn't like to take advantage of him and was quick to compensate for the help she had received.

Had it been any other girl who learned of his circumstances, she would have likely started making demands left and right.

The current situation showed that Hu Tao didn't let Fang Mu's status affect their friendship.

Fang Mu didn't stop Hu Tao from paying the bill.

Hu Tao was a very independent and strong-willed girl, and by letting her pay for the meal, she was more willing to accept his help.

Before they could even finish lunch, Fang Mu's phone began to ring.

Answering the call, he saw that it was from Cai Guili.

After Fang Mu picked up the phone, Cai Guili immediately started reporting to him even before Fang Mu could speak.

"Sir Jianmu, I am very sorry to have kept you waiting!"

"The entire senior management of the nearby Commercial Association has been called back to The Capital for two months of training."

“After two months, the Commercial Association will be managed by a new team sent by the Cyan Stone Business Association.”

“By that time, the Commercial Association will serve Sir Jianmu with all its might!”

“The foundation of the Commercial Association is still decent. All profits of the Commercial Association over the next ten years will be delivered to you every June. What do you think of this?”

Upon saying this, Cai Guili let out a chuckle, which was his way of showing his sincerity.

“To tell you the truth, Sir Jianmu, I had never even heard of the Commercial Association before my arrival.”

“It’s true that the Commercial Association came up by capitalizing on the resources that fell through the cracks of the Cyan Stone Business Association, and you must be aware that any large commercial association has scores, if not hundreds, of such affiliated minor powers under its wing.”

“Some have thousands of these lesser alliances.”

“If my apology does not satisfy you, and if you have any demands, please feel free to state them. I will make sure to fulfill your requirements!”

Cai Guili’s words sounded like mere pleasantries, but to him, they were anything but simple.

As long as Fang Mu was willing to make requests, Cai Guili would spare no effort to satisfy them, whatever they might be.

Nowadays, there was likely no one in The Capital who did not wish to forge ties with the Fang Family.

The four sons of the Fang Family included the president of one of The Capital's top commercial associations, two disciples of the Grandmaster Creators, and one disciple of the Sweepers' Flower Bishop.

The status of any one of these individuals could command respect anywhere.

Whether Cai Guili liked it or not, his association with Fang Mu had placed the Cyan Stone Business Association in a position where other powers in The Capital were eager to court them.

In recent times, the Cai Family had also intentionally spread news of their connection.

If they were to fall out with Fang Mu over something like this within a few days, who knows how many powers in The Capital would laugh at the Cyan Stone Business Association.

So, before making this call to Fang Mu, Cai Guili came with full sincerity.

On his end of the phone, Fang Mu could sense Cai Guili's sincerity.

Fang Mu only wanted a show of attitude from Cai Guili, and since he had demonstrated it, Fang Mu saw no need to trouble him further.

However, the people of the Commercial Association were truly detestable, and Fang Mu did not doubt for a second that they would dare let the Golden Ridge Python kill Hu Tao's Iron Winged Green Pigeon.

Facing someone who would strike with deadly force, Fang Mu was equally unyielding.

"President Cai, your people from the Commercial Association attempted to murder me and my friend."

"During their training, I hope you will seek justice for me and my friend!"